# State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office **Intensive Level Survey**

## **Rochester Hills Historic Districts Survey**

### Address

Street: 1005

Runyon Rd.

City: Rochester Hills

County: Oakland

ZIP: 48306

**Current Name:** Historic Name:

**Evaluations** 

Contributes to:

Stoney Creek Historic District

NR Eligible:

Not NR Eligible Non-Contributing Site

Contributing: **SHPO Evaluation:** 

Photo

Filename: RHPhotos\Runyon\1005 Runyon.JPG

Roll: View:

Frame:

Historic Use: Current Use: D/single dwelling

Resources on Property/Status

D/single dwelling

Credit: Burke Jenkins

Caption: 1005 Runyon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

Owner Type:

Private

Main Building

Period of Significance:

Northwest

Foundation: 1.

Roof: 1. Asphalt

2.

3.

2.

3.

3. Wall:

Other:

1. Wood: Weatherboard

1. Brick

2.

3.

Area of Significance:

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Arch/Builder: Date Built: ca. 1835

Architectural Classification:

**Material Notes:** 

**Description:** 

1 1/2 story side gabled frame house. Front façade has fluted pilasters at door, corners, and windows. Dentillated cornice over door and roof line. Square frieze windows. Cornice returns on gable ends. Small sunbursts over windows on gable ends. Rear ell has wing addition on east with two car garage attached to wing. Porches on both sides of rear ell and on front of east wing. Two brick chimneys. Cupola on garage.

Other Buildings/Features:

Playhouse on stilts in rear, east. Outbuilding in rear, west, near alley. Stone wall in front.

Significant Persons:

Bertha Van Hoosen

Statement of Significance:

The 1844 Avon Township assessment roll lists this lot--lot 41--as owned by Weltz and Stoton with an assessed value of \$100. By comparison with other village lot assessments it is evident that the house was built by this date. In 1993 the owners of the house found a newspaper dated August 19, 1835 on an interior wall beam. The 1872 atlas map shows this parcel owned by J. Van Hoosen and family history states that Bertha Van Hoosen was born in this house in March 1863. The appearance of the house was altered radically in the 1980s and 1990s. In 1984 six or eight new windows were added to the front façade of the house. The original two windows were either moved over or replaced. The classical detailing may have been added at this time. A series of rear additions followed. A stone wall with no historical precedent was constructed in front.

References:

Avon Township Assessment Roll, 1844; 1005 Runyon Rd., Rochester/Rochester Hills Historical Homes/Sites, Rochester Hills Museum Archives; Rochester Hills Museum Photo Archives.

**Surveyor's Comments:** 

Although the rear additions and the non-historic classical detailing diminish the integrity of the house, the historic appearance of the house would still be evident if not for the complete change in fenestration on the front façade. The house today bears no resemblance to its historic appearance beyond the side gabled, 1 1/2 story form of the front section. That is not enough to consider a

building a historic resource.

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Historic Use:

D/secondary structure

Current Use:

D/secondary structure

Owner Type:

Foundation:

1. Concrete

Main Building

Roof:

1. Asphalt

2. 2.

3. 3.

Other: Wall:

1. Wood: Weatherboard 1. Brick

2. Wood 2.

3. 3.

Architectural Classification:

**Material Notes:** 

**Description:** 

Gable roof outbuilding, mostly weatherboard siding plus some horizontal plank siding. Decorative

paneled doors and shutters. Exposed rafter tails. White brick chimney.

Other Buildings/Features:

Significant Persons:

Statement of Significance:

References:

Surveyor's Comments:

Photo Photo

Filename: RHPhotos\Runyon\1005ob Runyon SE.jpg

Roll:

Frame:

Southeast View:

Credit: Burke Jenkins Caption: 1005 Runyon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

Period of Significance:

Area of Significance:

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Arch/Builder:

Date Built: ca. 1905-25

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Burke Jenkins

Main Building

Resources on Property/Status

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Roof:
1. Asphalt

2.

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3. Wall: 3.

Other:

1. Wood

2.

3. Architectural Classification:

**Material Notes:** 

**Description:** 

Large playhouse on platform supported by stilts.

Other Buildings/Features:

**Significant Persons:** 

Statement of Significance:

References:

Surveyor's Comments:

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