

The revised Final Report is included in your packet for review. It incorporates the changes discussed at the last meeting. In addition, additional information has been discussed and provided by both Kristine and members of the Committee through email exchange. That information is included below, we understand that you were privy to these emails however, we wanted to make sure the information was included in the packet for review by the public as well.

Initial Questions

- Where did John find the architect for 1812 S. Rochester Rd? It's not listed on Jane's survey sheet and I don't have any other information on that property, so I'm not sure if John Burns is the same as Jack Burns or not. The dates don't quite work if 1812 was built about 1910, unless that was very early in his career.
- When I went to the National Automotive History collection the librarian wasn't in, but their biography file didn't have a listing for Eddy. They referred me to the GM Heritage Collection and when I called there they said they don't release personnel information except for top executives. They said they have the first Pontiac as part of their collection and it has always been GM's car as far as they knew. I forgot to ask them about Allen Heating, I'll try to go or call back there on Friday

Response

The question about the name of the farm listed in the 1930s property map for Avon Township as "Fairview Farm", which is the same name for the farm that was located north of Tienken and west of Livernois - Pat McKay wrote me a note that in the very early 1930s this property was listed as Fairview Farms, and that it was probably the most common name for a farm at the time and that we shouldn't be surprised that there were two farms with the same name and not having any relationship to one another.

Pat's response was based on the following comments that I sent:

The descriptive write-up for each of our historic sites states the following for 1585:

- *E.C. Kraut farm on 64 acres, known as Fairview Farm, was built about 1902. The farm was purchased by the Eddy's in 1934 and following major cleaning and restoration, the family moved in two years later. Pat McKay is listed as the surveyor for this information.*
- *The F. Edward Rice House is located at 1470 W. Tienken Road. States in part "...This house was part of the Fairview Farm from 1936 - 1965. This was the tenant house. Milk separating room was located in the garage.*

Why these two sites both state they were part of Fairview Farms is a mystery. The area north and west of the intersection of Livernois and Tienken Road is what I always understood to had been the location for Fairview Farms. The Rice House is located there and the subdivision there is called Fairview Farms.

Although the plat for Avon Township for 1930s does list the property at 1585 as Fairview Farm. But the granddaughter (Sara Johnson) told me that the farm was never called Fairview Farms.

The questions from Kristine about John (Jack) Burns being the architect, relates to the written description from the HDC historic resources information sheets prior to Jane's survey, all of these survey sheets identify the surveyor as Pat McKay; and the information from Sara Johnson (Wayne Eddy's granddaughter). Kristine should have a copy of these as well, since they do contain additional information - specifically for all the original resources listed in the 1970s. Why Jane did not include these items in the update is unknown to me. Attached are three pages from the 1994 survey - Eddy Farm 1585 S. Rochester Road; Classic Greek Revival 1812 S. Rochester Road and Louis Berklich Resident 2371 Livernois Road.

This is what Sara Johnson told me about John/Jack Burns: • *The architect who designed the renovation (she could not remember his name) was also the architect for 1812 S. Rochester Road (The Greek Revival across the street also on the register). According to the write up for 1812 S. Rochester Road the architect was John Burns and state he was "of some renown". Sara also told me that he designed a lot of the homes in Romeo. She remembered the huge fireplace in the kitchen and all the details throughout the home, including a three season porch.*

I have corresponded with Janine Saputo (Oakland Township historian and City of Romeo DDA Director) the following is what she told me: *Got your message at work in Romeo. The name does not ring a bell with me but....I have tapped my contacts at the Romeo District Library and Romeo Historical Society. May take a few days we are recouping after a major weekend festival and marker ceremony. I also contacted the Oakland Twp. Historical Societysome overlap with Romeo up here. Will let you know..Does AIA in Detroit have a file on him? I have gotten some great information on several architects from their files. Lynn Francis still works there I believe... in fact ask Ed Frances, FAIA, about Burns..*

I have also done some research about John/Jack Burns on the internet and have found a reference for a John A. Burns who is one of three authors who wrote Yesterday's Houses of Tomorrow: Innovative American Homes 1850 to 1950. Washington, DC: Preservation Press, 1991. Might be a connection since it relates to these buildings. I suggest Kristine also contact AIA Detroit and Ed Francis FAIA as noted by Janine. Another item relating to the Burns name I found was listed under the Macomb County Historical Commission. Basically, it was stated that...."The Wellers named the house Roseburn Place for Mabelle's mother Rose Burns" It appears that the Roseburn house and property adjoin the Rochester-Utica State Recreation Area. This might have a connection with John/Jack Burns, since it is located within the original Avon Township area.

One of the residents of Eddington Farms (who spoke at the last meeting) Lisa Winarski 248-561-7425 told me that evening that the Burns family moved to Petoskey many years ago and were related to the founder for the Burns Clinic (in Petoskey). I did do a quick check and discovered that a Dean C. Burns MD founded the Burns Medical Center in 1931. Kristine should contact Lisa as a follow-up.

As for the dates that Kristine mentioned "...don't quite work if 1812 was built about 1910, unless that was very early in his career." John/Jack Burns designed the renovation for 1585 in the 1930s - he didn't design the original house. As stated in the surveyor sheet for 1812 S. Rochester Road - John and Anne Burns purchased the 1812 S. Rochester house for their residence in 1931.

As for Kristine's comments "...When I went to the National Automotive History collection the librarian wasn't in, but their biography file didn't have a listing for Eddy. They referred me to the GM Heritage Collection and when I called there they said they don't release personnel information except

for top executives. They said they have the first Pontiac as part of their collection and it has always been GM's car as far as they knew. I forgot to ask them about Allen Heating, I'll try to go or call back there on Friday". I have not had the time to assist with this aspect of what Sara Johnson told me.