

**State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office**  
**Intensive Level Survey**  
**Rochester Hills Historic Districts Survey**

**Address**

Street: 1841 Crooks Rd.  
City: Rochester Hills County: Oakland ZIP 48309  
Current Name: Helen O'Neil Pottery House  
Historic Name:



**Evaluations**

Contributes to: 1841 Crooks Road  
NR Eligible: More Data Needed  
Contributing: Contributing Site  
SHPO Evaluation:

**Photo**

Filename: RHPhotos\Crooks\1841 Crooks.jpg  
Roll: Frame:  
View: Northeast  
Credit: Burke Jenkins  
Caption: 1841 Crooks Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

**Resources on Property/Status**

Historic Use: D/single dwelling  
Current Use: D/single dwelling  
Owner Type: Private

**Main Building**

<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Roof:</b>
1. Stone: Granite	1. Asphalt
2. Concrete	2.
3.	3.
<b>Wall:</b>	<b>Other:</b>
1. Wood: Weatherboard	1. Brick
2.	2.
3.	3.

**Period of Significance:**  
ca. 1860s-70s.

**Area of Significance:**  
1 Architecture  
2 Agriculture  
3

**Arch/Builder:**  
**Date Built:** ca. 1860s-1870s

**Architectural Classification:**

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** Upright and wing gable roof frame house with 2 story upright and 1 story wing. Recessed porch in wing and small addition to south end. Three rear ell additions have concrete foundations. Last addition is a screened porch. Two brick chimneys. 4/4 windows with decorative trim. Decorative corner brackets on porch.

**Other Buildings/Features:** Barn in rear north. Small outbuilding rear south. Split rail fence.

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance** Good, intact example of upright and wing house type popular in Avon Township and Oakland County in 19th century. 1872 atlas map--A.C. Parker, 230 acres, shows house and sawmill. 1896--Deborah Tucker, 98 acres, shows house. 1908--Wm. McKinstrey, 98a, shows house. 1938 rural property inventory, E.J. Beattie, 29 acres, does not give date built for house; indicates remodeling in 1910.

**References:** Michigan Rural Property Inventory, Avon Township, 20G: 1993 survey form

**Surveyor's Comments:**

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Roll: Frame:  
View: East  
Credit: Burke Jenkins  
Caption: 1841 Crooks Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

**Resources on Property/Status**

Historic Use: AS/animal facility  
Current Use:  
Owner Type: Private

**Main Building**

<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Roof:</b>
1. Stone	1. Asphalt
2.	2.
3.	3.
<b>Wall:</b>	<b>Other:</b>
1. Wood	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

**Period of Significance:**

**Area of Significance:**

- 1 Agriculture
- 2 Architecture
- 3

**Arch/Builder:**

**Date Built:**

**Architectural Classification:**

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** Large gambrel roof barn with vertical plank siding.

**Other Buildings/Features:**

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance**

**References:**

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SHPO Evaluation:

**Photo**

Filename: RHPhotos\Crooks\1841 Crooks b.jpg  
Roll: Frame:  
View: South  
Credit: Burke Jenkins  
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**Resources on Property/Status**

Historic Use:  
Current Use:  
Owner Type: Private

**Main Building**

<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Roof:</b>	<b>Period of Significance:</b>
1.	1. Wood: Shingle	
2.	2.	<b>Area of Significance:</b>
3.	3.	1
<b>Wall:</b>	<b>Other:</b>	2
1. Wood	1.	3
2.	2.	<b>Arch/Builder:</b>
3.	3.	<b>Date Built:</b>

**Architectural Classification:**

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** Small gable roof outbuilding. Vertical plank siding.

**Other Buildings/Features:**

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance:** Pump house? Can't tell from street if tall enough for outhouse.

**References:**

**Surveyor's Comments:** Need to determine rough date and function of building.