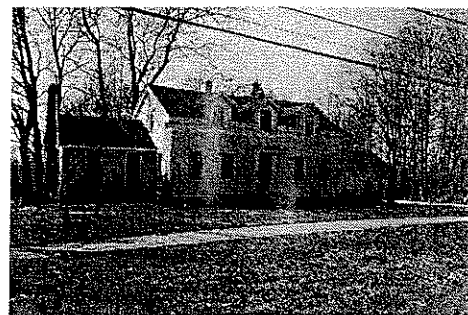


**State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office**  
**Intensive Level Survey**  
**Rochester Hills Historic Districts Survey**

**Address**

**Street:** 2040 S Livernois Rd.  
**City:** Rochester Hills **County :** Oakland **ZIP:** 48307  
**Current Name:**  
**Historic Name:** Adams, William House



**Evaluations**

**Contributes to:** William Adams House  
**NR Eligible:** NR Eligible  
**Contributing:** Contributing Site  
**SHPO Evaluation:**

**Photo**

**Filename:** RHPhotos\Livernois\S Livernois\2040 S Livernois 3.  
**Roll:** **Frame:**  
**View:** Northwest  
**Credit:** Burke Jenkins  
**Caption:** William Adams House, 2040 S. Livernois 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>	<b>Period of Significance:</b>
1. Stone: Granite	1. Asphalt	
2.	2.	<b>Area of Significance:</b>
3.	3.	1 Architecture
<b>Wall:</b>	<b>Other:</b>	2
1. Wood: Weatherboard	1. Brick	3
2.	2. Concrete	<b>Arch/Builder:</b>
3.	3.	<b>Date Built:</b> ca. 1835-60

**Architectural Classification:** Greek Revival

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** 1 1/2 story side gabled frame house with one story early wing addition on south. French doors on wing (steps missing). Exterior brick chimney at end of wing. Roughly two foot extension to rear of wing has exposed rafter tails. Added breezeway on north connects to three car garage. Main house has 6/6 windows and wall dormers with exposed rafter tails. Wide band of trim, cornice returns, and beaded cornerboard. Front doorway surround with reeded pilasters, pulvinated frieze, and dentillated cornice. Brick and concrete front steps. Newer white brick chimney in rear. Shed roof rear porch addition, later enclosed. Three dormer windows on rear of house.

**Other Buildings/Features:** Concrete foundation/basement in rear of lot remaining from barn.

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance:** This is one of only a few examples in Rochester Hills of a classic cottage, a 1 1/2 story side gabled Greek Revival house. The wall dormers added in the early 20th century are compatible with the original architecture and have gained significance in their own right. The 1938 rural property inventory shows a covered front porch that has since been removed. The garage addition post-dates 1938. Paint layering indicates that the elaborate front door treatment is not original. It is likely that the original front door surround was simpler. James Brown bought 80 acres including this parcel from the government in 1823. In 1825 he deeded the property to Benjamin Horton. William Adams purchased the land in April 1827. A large increase in the assessed value of the property, from \$430 in 1850 to \$1900 in 1855 suggests that the house may have been built during that interval.

**References:**

Michael Sinclair, personal communication 9 April 2002; Michigan Rural Property Inventory, Avon Township, 28A; Atlas maps 1872, 1896, 1908; Avon Township Assessment Roll, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1865.

**Surveyor's Comments:**

During section 106 review of the proposed widening of Hamlin Road, the Michigan SHPO identified this property as NR eligible.