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Chris;

This is Linda Monks, owner of 1921 Washington Road, following up on our conversation at the Open House regarding the rezoning of the Winkler Mill Historic District yesterday. Without overloading you with too much information, here are a few items that we received upon closing when we purchased the property in 1991. Please pass these along to the Historic District Committee Members.

There are 2 versions of "Auntie's Cottage" from 1920, and 2 photos of "Auntie's House" from 1934.

There is a history sheet from the Historical Society which includes owners up to the Albyn family. We purchased our home from the Janes, who purchased from the Albyn's.

There is also a historic real estate listing that shows the original 5 acre listing.

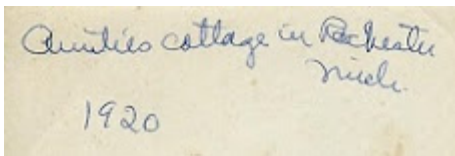
Additionally, but not included in this email, I have a letter written by a former home owner with responses to several questions; a real estate brochure that accompanied the above listing; an article from the Pontiac newspaper naming this the "house of the week" (from back in the 1950's), story written by a former homeowner who had researched the property; notes that I summarized from speaking to a former resident that grew up in the house. I can bring those documents to the meeting in October if they will **help keep our home historically significant**. As I indicated previously, I have grouped the historical documents for our home into a Shutterfly picture book, and I can bring that to the meeting as well.

Thanks for your time,

Linda and Tom Monks
[1921 Washington Rd.](#)
[Rochester Hills, MI 48306](#)

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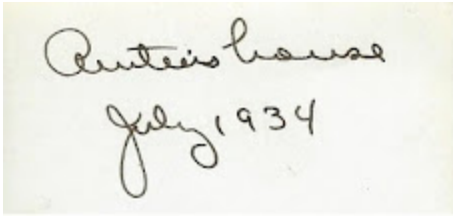
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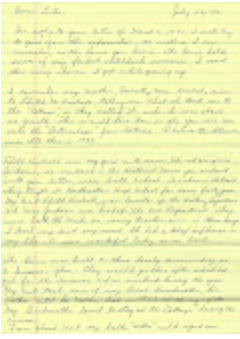
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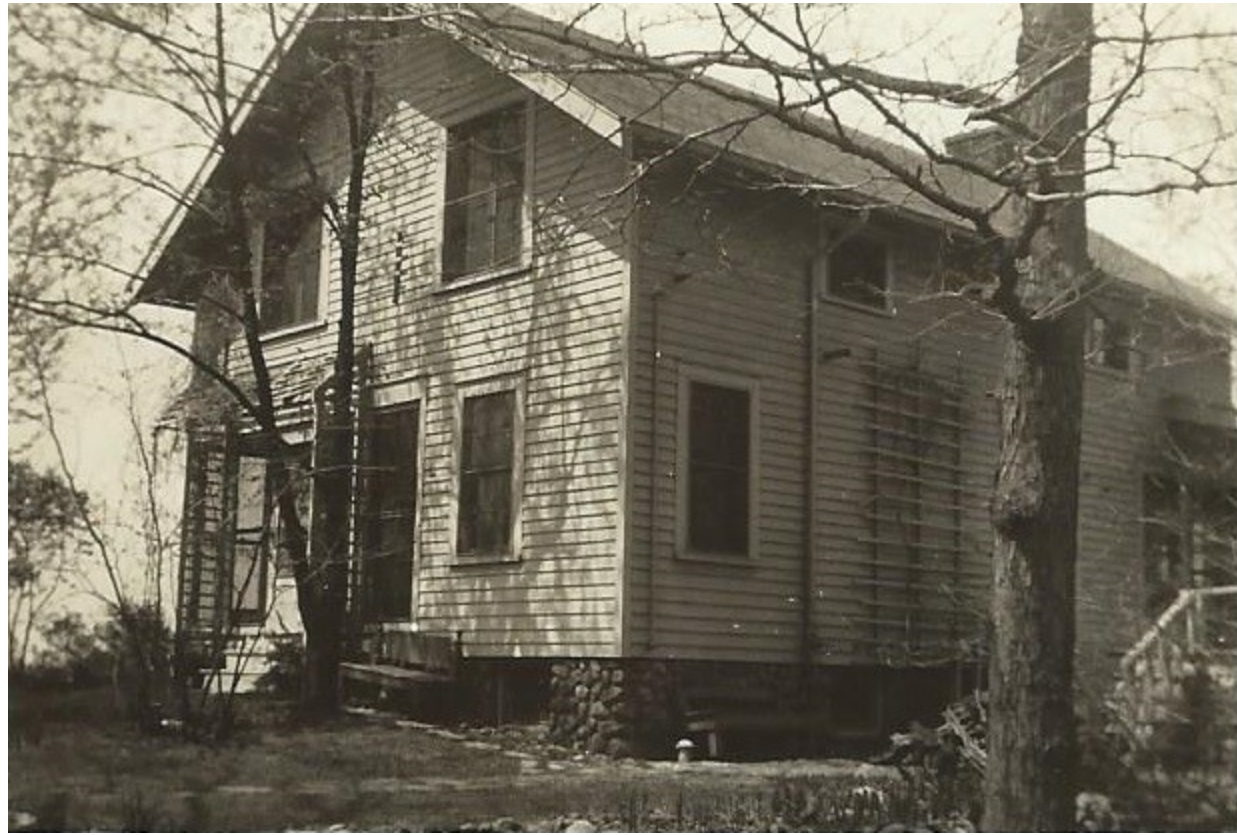
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Quint's cottage in Rochester
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1920





Ante's house

July 1934





TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: Wood Frame with Fieldstone Veneer

LOCATION: 1921 Washington Road

CURRENT OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Richard K. Albyn

ADDRESS: 1921 Washington Road, Rochester, MI 48063



HISTORICAL DATA:

First transaction: United States to James Brice, 175 acres, February 23, 1824.

The Detroit, Rochester, Romeo and Lake Orion Railway ran along the front of the property paralleling Washington Road from 1901 to 1919. This was later designated as the Detroit United Railway. The D.U.R. Right-of-Way was abandoned and the trails torn up about 1930.

Two maiden Detroit schoolteachers purchased a portion of the property in February, 1921 from one Ada Freeman. The two teachers, Edith M. Kimball and Virginia M. Jackson, may have built the present house as a summer place in Winkler Mill Pond.

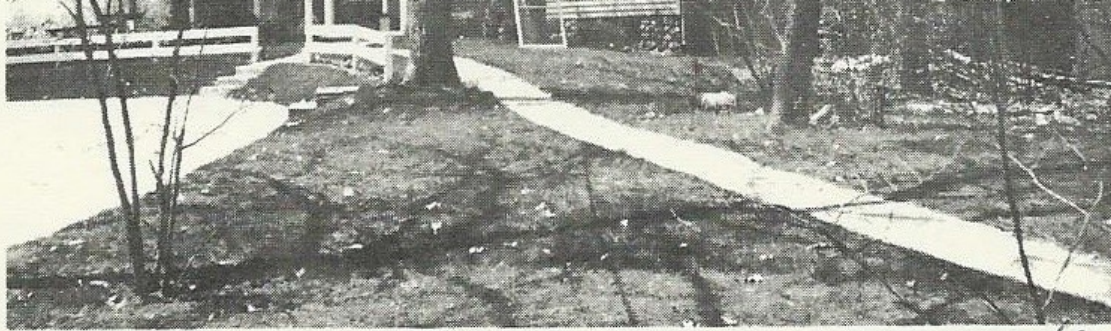
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ADDITIONAL REMARKS:

Very good exterior condition. Historically significant.

Karl and Dorothy Seiffert of Birmingham, Michigan, bought the house and 9.138 acres on December 11, 1948 and a one-story "family room" addition was added by the Seifferts. Karl committed suicide on September 3, 1954 at age 43. Dorothy sold 2.8 acres to Otto Frank in 1955, 0.8 acres to Alex Duffield in April, 1956 and the balance, with the house, to Robert Kruse on July 31, 1956. Various interior remodeling projects and installation of some new window sash was accomplished by the Kruses.

Robert and Geraldine Kruse sold the house and 5.53 acres to



49,500.00
53,000.00

Address..... 1921 Washington Road Price.....
 Located..... Near Dequindre Schl. North Hill Parish. St. Andrews
 Legal Desc. Metes and bounds

Lot Size - Front... 269.5 ... Rear. 340 ... Side. 732 ... Side. 803 ... Acres (5.53 acres)

Approximately 300 ft. Winkler Mill Pond frontage (Wooded) /

Type..... Farm colonial Const. Frame Bamt. Part

Sq. Ftg. 2500 approx. Yes Yr. Blt. Older Cond. Excellent

Heat..... Oil FA Heat Cost. 2 Wtr. Htr. Propane Wtr. Sftnr. Auto

Plaster..... Yes Drywall. Storms. Yes Screens. Yes

Sewer..... Available Septic. Yes City Wtr. No Well Wtr. Yes

Carpet..... Thruout Drapes. Yes Bullt-ins. H and F Fireplace. L.R.

Lv. Rm. 24 x 16 Bdrm. (2) 14 x 13 Bath (2) 8 x 8

Dn. Rm. in F. R. Bdrm. (2) 11 x 9 Bath (2) 8 x 7

Kitchen. 23 x 12 Bdrm. (2) 9 x 9 Lav. (1) 4 x 4

Fam. Rm. 25 x 15 Bdrm. (2) 13 x 10 Patio. 20 x 10 brick

Den. Bdrm. () Grge. 2 car Att. No

Vest. Clos. Other () Laundry 12 x 6 Bkwy. ~~xxxx~~

screened porch 12 x 12

Down Pymt. \$20,000.00 Terms. L/C \$330/mo. inc. 6% Taxes. \$255.75 12

Encumb. None Paymts. Sp. Assmts. None

to give you the information, as well as I can remember, on the house you live in. The house holds some of my fondest childhood memories. I went there every chance I got while growing up.

I remember my mother, Dorothy Mae Kimball, niece to Edith M. Kimball, telling me that she took me to the "Cottage", as they called it, when I was about one year old. This would have been in the year 1921. We rode the "Interurban" from Detroit. I believe the Interurban was still there in 1933.

Edith Kimball was my great-aunt's name. She and Virginia Jackson, as mentioned in the Historical News you enclosed with your letter, were both school teachers in Detroit. They taught at Northeastern High School for some forty years. My Aunt Edith Kimball was Director of the History Department and Miss Jackson was head of the Art Department. They were both Old Maids as many teachers were in those days. I loved my Aunt very much. She had a lot of influence on my life. A more wonderful lady never lived.

The house was built on those lovely surroundings as a summer place. They would go there after school let out for the summer and on weekends during the year. My Aunt took care of my Great Grandmother, her