

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

Address

Street: 3976 S Livernois Rd.
City: Rochester Hills **County :** Oakland **ZIP:** 48307
Current Name: Oakland Steiner School
Historic Name: Stiles School



Evaluations

Contributes to: Stiles School
NR Eligible: Not NR Eligible
Contributing: Contributing Site
SHPO Evaluation:

Photo

Filename: RHPhotos\Livernois\S Livernois\3976 S Livernois.JPG
Roll: **Frame:**
View: Northwest
Credit: Burke Jenkins
Caption: Stiles School, 3976 S. Livernois Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

Resources on Property/Status

Historic Use: E/school
Current Use: E/school
Owner Type: Private

Main Building

Foundation:
 1. Brick
 2. Concrete
 3.
Wall:
 1. Brick
 2. Concrete
 3. Stone: Limestone

Roof:
 1. Asphalt
 2.
 3.
Other:
 1. Brick
 2.
 3.

Period of Significance:

Area of Significance:

- 1 Architecture
- 2 Education
- 3

Arch/Builder:

Date Built: ca. 1930

Architectural Classification: Late Gothic Revival

Material Notes:

Description:

Two story gable roof school building, L-plan plus additions. Two story flat roof addition on west and one story brick and concrete additions on north and west. Original building is brick with limestone trim, with decorative brickwork in spandrels. Gothic details include Tudor arch and drip mold over front door, buttresses. Bay window south side. Exterior brick chimney on west side and three brick chimneys on center ridge. Stone brackets under cornice. Newer, smaller metal windows in original window openings.

Other Buildings/Features:

Asphalt paved playground on west side. Parking lots north side with grass play area north of parking lot.

Significant Persons:

Statement of Significance:

This was fractional school district #1 in 1896 but appears to have been renumbered fractional school district #11 by the 1940s. In 1923 it became a two room school and in 1931 had nine teachers, two in the old building and seven in the new brick building. A good example of Collegiate Gothic school architecture with good (not great--windows have been changed; additions) integrity. Historic schools such as Stiles serve as community landmarks.

References:

Michigan Rural Property Inventory, Avon Township, 33DD; Atlas maps, 1872, 1896; Pray, History of Avon Township, 96.

Surveyor's Comments: