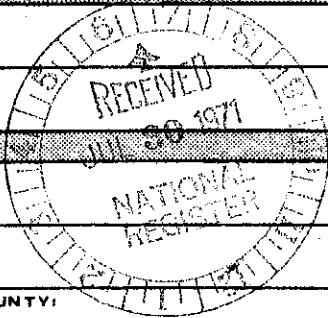


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Michigan	
COUNTY: Oakland	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Brooks Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Washington Stanley Farm

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3521 Big Beaver Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Troy

STATE: Michigan CODE: 26 COUNTY: Oakland CODE: 125

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Comments: _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Miss Mabel A. Brooks

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3521 Big Beaver Road

CITY OR TOWN: Troy STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Oakland County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 North Telegraph

CITY OR TOWN: Pontiac STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Michigan Historical Commission Registered Local Site No. 127

DATE OF SURVEY: 6-19-71  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Michigan Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3405 North Logan

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

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**DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Brooks Farm features a handsome 1852 farmhouse of cut fieldstone, original stone machine shop with attached smoke house, as well as hog and dairy barns, corncrib, silo, well-house, chicken coop, and windmill. Most of these are original.

The two-story house has a gable roof and shuttered windows 6 over 6. At the top of the building is a cement slab with the date "1852." Gothic detailing appears in the front and side entrances while the cornice is a Greek Revival feature. To the back of the house a one-story porch has been screened in and the attached woodshed has been enclosed. Only minor alterations have been made in the house which is in excellent condition.

The area around the Brooks Farm is rapidly developing. Across Big Beaver Road the sprawling Kresge International Headquarters is nearly completed. On the other side of Coolidge Road a new shopping mall containing Saks Fifth Avenue and Bonwit Teller stores has recently opened. The house and outbuildings in their tree shaded setting are a marked contrast to the bustling real estate development taking place around them.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 20th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** 1852

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
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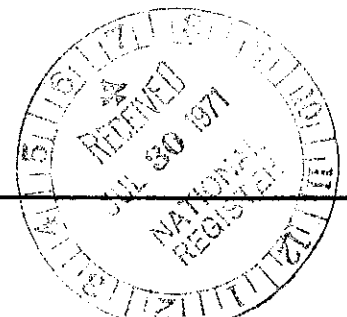
Washington Stanley was born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, in 1807, the youngest of twenty-one children. As a young man he grew dissatisfied with working conditions in the mountains, and one day "he threw his axe into a brush pile and declared he would not do another day's work in Vermont." He removed his young wife, Lydia, and widowed mother to Troy Township in Michigan, where they settled one hundred and sixty acres in 1826.

The rude log house which was on the land when they bought it probably served the family for a time. The farm prospered, and in 1852 Stanley built a fine two-story house of cut fieldstone. By then he had six children, Lydia had died, and he had remarried.

In 1873 when he sold the farm to his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Frank Ford it totaled four hundred acres. It was Stanley's granddaughter Alta Peabody who sold the farm to William Brooks in 1911.

William Brooks and his wife and eleven children developed the farm into a thriving dairy farm. It operated as such until the mid 1960s when all but three acres was sold to land developers. Surviving members of the Brooks family still reside in the home.

Within commuting distance of Detroit, Troy is rapidly losing its rural character. The Brooks Farm contains a handsome fieldstone house, a stone machine shop with attached smoke house, and other original farm structures. The farm is already a contrast to its surroundings, but buildings like these will become increasingly rare as further urbanization takes place.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Catherine B. Ellis, Assistant Historian

ORGANIZATION: Michigan Historical Commission DATE: June 18, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3405 North Logan

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Samuel A. Mlotnick  
Deputy Director and SLO  
Title Dept. of Natural Resources  
Date 7/26/71 Acting

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

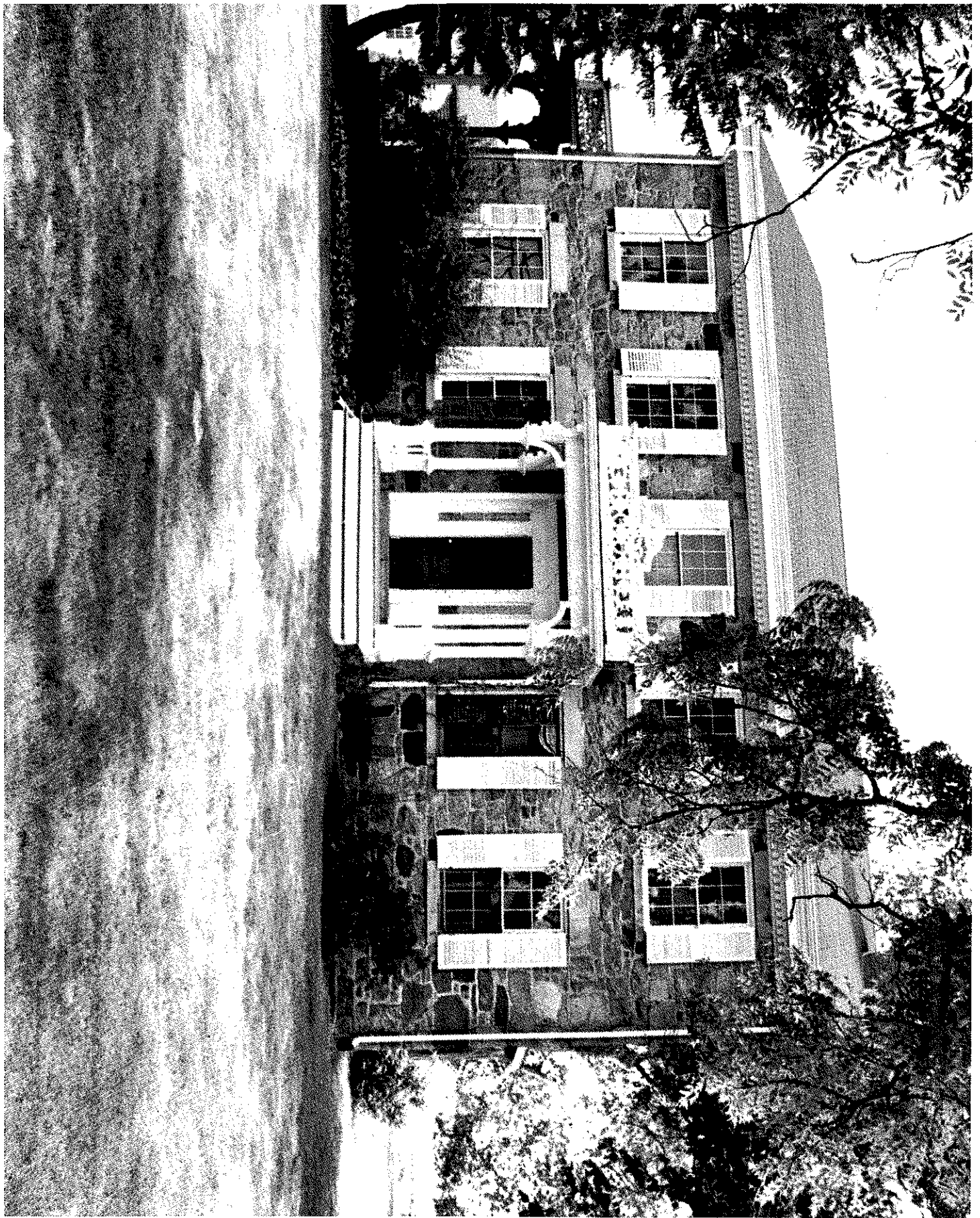
Ernest A. Connelly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
MAR 16 1972

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
Samuel A. Mlotnick  
Keeper of The National Register  
Date January 14, 1972

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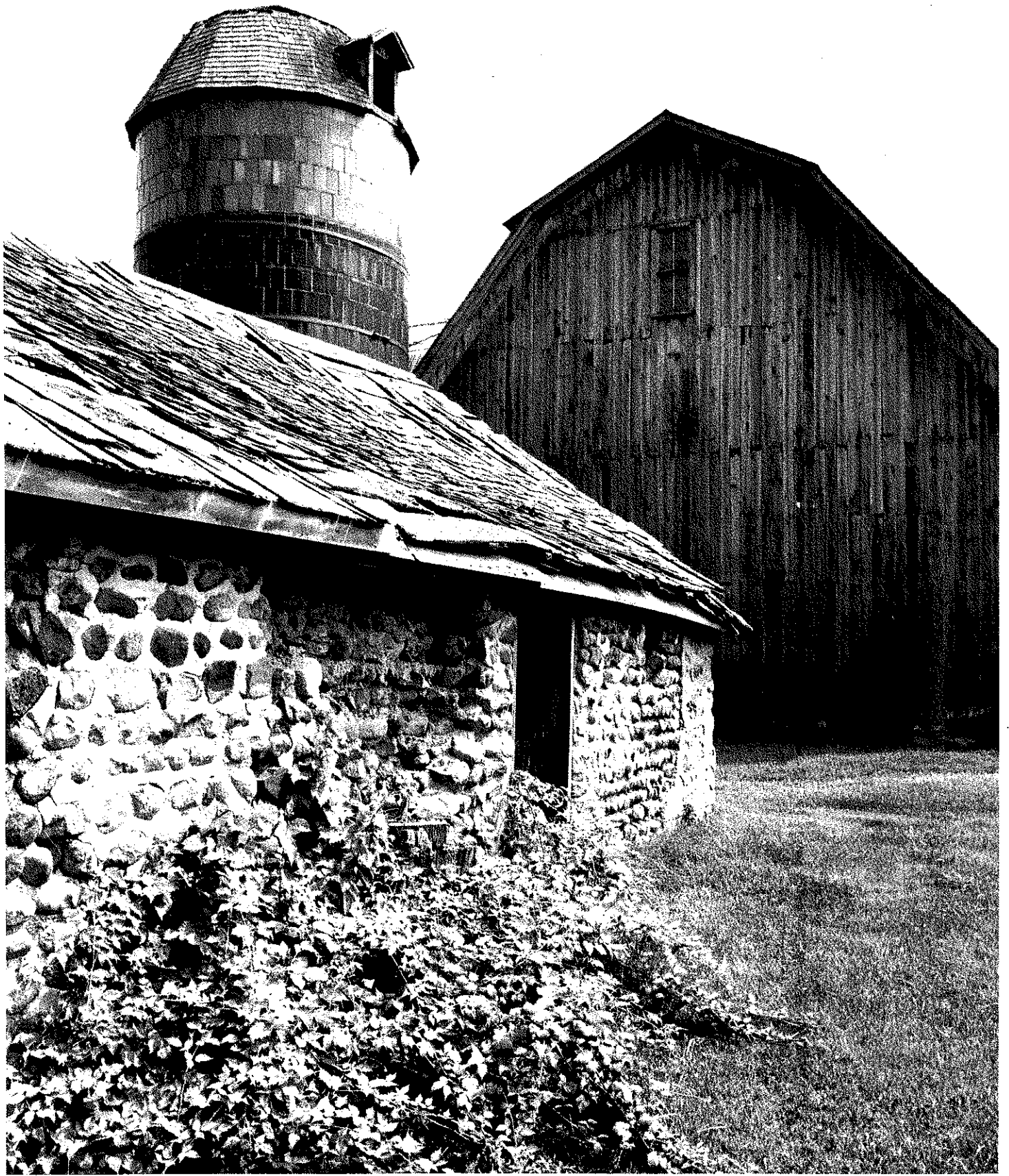
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Livingston, site 4

Stone outbuilding

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