

Keeton Home



21. 5850 Millikin Road, D2010-027.000-015

An example of Italianate design, outbuildings consist of a brick smokehouse, brick privy with pointed arch windows, and a gable roof barn with pointed arch windows and board and batten siding.

This substantial residence features an Eastlake porch on the southwest corner and a turn-of-the century one with Corinthian columns on the rear of the east side. A stone stoop is found at the front entrance. 1/1 windows have segmental arched stone lintels with keystones. Wood entablature around building is decorated with modillions, brackets and panels with small

segmental arched attic windows. A two-story bay can be found on the east side. Transom and panel doors in front have frosted glass with etched designs. The home has a large board-and-batten addition on the rear with gable roof. According to Howard Elliot, a descendant of the Elliot family that built this house, this residence was constructed in 1875 for Mary Frances Elliot, who was a widow at the time. Prior to the construction of this house, there was another house on the property which was set further back. The 1875 map shows this earlier house, which at this time was in the name of J. Elliot. The 1880 Auditor's record lists a \$3,000 house on the property (outbuildings valued at \$1,500), by far the most expensive house in the township. The property is in the name of Mary Frances Elliot. The 1880 census shows the household to be headed by James Elliot, 35 years old, with Mary Frances Elliot listed as 32 years old (although relationship to the head of households is not listed in this census, it appears that James is Mary Frances' husband). Both were born in Ohio; James' occupation is farming. The house is one of the few late nineteenth century buildings seen in the township; it is one of the most sophisticated buildings seen in the township and one of the few whose architectural integrity and setting have been preserved. Fearing the 137 acre parcel would become yet another sea of homes and asphalt, the property was purchased in 1990 by Gayle and Otto Keeton, who began the arduous process of restoring the home and buildings to their original splendor.

1836 Map	Stephen Scudder Sect 33
1868 Map	S Scudder
1875 Map	J Elliott
1914 Map	J Elliot
1875 Atlas	J Elliot