Historical Marker - L1278A - John Almon Starr / Saginaw Trail (Marker ID#:L1278A)





Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1985 Erected Date: 1988

Marker Location

Address: 3123 Crooks Road

City: Royal Oak

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Oakland

Township: Royal Oak

Lat: 42.51687600 / Long: -83.16497400

Web URL:

Front - Title/Description

John Almon Starr

John Almon Starr (1828-1895) and his wife, Nancy Quick (1831-1895), built this house in 1868 from bricks fired in Almon's tile factory. Almon and his parents had emigrated to Michigan from Richmond, New York, in 1831, the same year Nancy was born in Royal Oak Township. Almon and his father, Orson Starr, manufactured animal bells until 1866, when Almon started his brickyard and tile works at this location, later known as Starr Corners. The house was occupied by the Starr family until 1967.

Back - Title/Description

Saginaw Trail

The Saginaw Trail, running from Detroit to Saginaw through Pontiac and Flint, was originally an Indian trail. In 1816 [the] Michigan territorial government authorized the building of a road from Detroit to Saginaw along the trail. Part of the trail in Oakland County is now Woodward Avenue and Dixie Highway. Evidence of the original Saginaw Trail's path through Royal Oak is still visible as a depression in the ground running northwesterly across the property adjacent to the John Almon Starr House.