# Historical Marker - L606 - Merrill-Morris House / Merrill-Morris House (Marker ID#:L606)



## NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1978 Erected Date: 1980

Marker Location

Address: 13880 Huron River Drive South

City: Romulus

**State:** MI ZipCode:

County: Wayne

Township: Romulus

Lat: 42.20142400 / Long: -83.40429200

Web URL:

### Front - Title/Description

#### Merrill-Morris House

Constructed in 1846, this Greek Revival residence was erected just nineteen years after Romulus was first settled. Originally the home of pioneer Harvey W. Merrill, the house is believed to be the oldest still standing in the city. Large walnut beams, hewn with an adz (a cutting tool), support the wood frame structure. Small frieze windows with grilles decorate the front entrance. This refined farmhouse became the home of Ray V. Morris and family in 1912.

#### Back - Title/Description

#### **Merrill-Morris House**

The Morris family made several additions to the house and surrounding grounds, including a large barn, which was the center of many social activities for the community. Fire destroyed the barn in later years. In 1931 the family erected a fruit and vegetable stand on the southeast corner of the property. Produce, dairy products and maple syrup were available. During the 1930s the family stand attracted hundreds of weekend visitors from Detroit.