Kline Walnut-Grove Farm

13. Kline-Walnut Grove Farm, 5968 Eight Mile Road

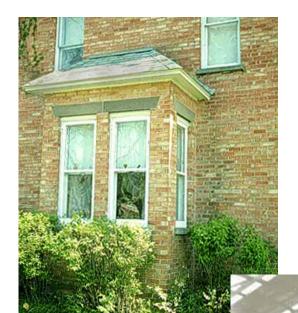


Walnut Grove Farmhouse

Milkhouse with Centennial Farm Sign



In 1861, Henry August Kline purchased the land for what later became Walnut Grove Farm. Henry's son, William Henry Kline, built this brick house in 1907.



Bay Window of Walnut Grove Farmhouse

Farm Brickyard



Steam-Powered
Equipment at
Work on the Farm

Everyone Helped on the Farm



The dwelling was the first to have electric lights in the area, with the generator being run by a waterwheel on the land across Eight Mile Road (Onekama did not have public electricity until 1927). To cool dairy products, artesian well water ran through the milkhouse, which like the early house is built of brick made in William Henry Kline's brickyard that was on the backlot of the Farm. The farmhouse has been renovated by John H. (William Henry's grandson) and Virginia Kline.

The Kline Walnut Grove Farm has received the Michigan Centennial Farm designation.