

History of Maple Lane Golf Course

Maple Lane Golf Course is located on 14 Mile Road and Maple Lane Drive in the city. It consists of 296.8 acres that encompasses the current standing club and the links. However, a portion of the property has historic roots in the community as an operable farm. During 1834, the Stickney family, consisting of two brothers, David and Jonathan, purchased 160 acres of property. David bought 80 acres on the east side of Maple Lane, commonly known as section 35, and Jonathan purchased the other 80 acres on the west side, known as section 34.



Eventually, David purchased his brother's interest and owned the property until turning it over to his son Levi. Not much is known about the Stickney farm; however, records for the community show sales of items from the farm such as apples and oak lumber.

No property records exist from 1895 to 1914 when the Stickney farm was transferred to the Wieg family, who were Sterling Township natives. The Wiegs operated the farm until it was sold. A portion was sold to Maple Lane Golf Course during 1926, when the original course was developed by Clarence Wolfrom.

There is no sales price on record for the purchase by the Stickney or Wieg families; however, the property had a value of \$10,000 on the 1870 census which would equate to \$62.50 per acre and less than one cent per square foot. Today, a property of that size would sell for development for about \$1,760,000 or \$11,000 an acre.

The Maple Lane property was farmed by at least two noted Sterling Township families and eventually a portion became the Maple Lane Golf Club, which has been a source of entertainment in Sterling Heights for the past 82 years. As time goes on there may be many changes to Section 34 and 35, but those changes will only add to the history of the property.