



Gordon Hall

built for

Judge Samuel W. Dexter

8341 Island Lake Road

Webster Township, Washtenaw County

Historic District Study Committee

Final Report

September 10, 2001

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