The Pittsfield Township Historical Society

is working to preserve and restore the farmstead. The “era” for restoration may be the 1850s, by which time most of the extant outbuildings had been built. The 1850s also was an active time on the underground railroad, for which this property may have played a supportive role.

The Pittsfield Township Historical Society

invites you to become a member and to actively contribute to the restoration work and subsequent programming activities.

Please become a Friend of Sutherland-Wilson Farmstead and all that it represents.

We don’t want you to give a million; we just want a million to give.

Langford and Lydia Sutherland were a pioneer family in Pittsfield Township.

Langford Sutherland was born in Ontario County, New York in 1802. He came to Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County in 1832 with his wife Lydia and two children. It is known that he first built a log cabin and subsequently built the house, although the exact date of construction has not been determined. The Sutherlands raised a large family of at least eight children in the house.

Langford Sutherland died in 1865.

(Note: After the log cabin, the barn and several other outbuildings may have been the next structures built, because they were essential to the farming enterprise.)

This property is designated as a Michigan Sesquicentennial Farm.

Through his mother, Mr. Harold Wilson, the last owner, was a direct descendant of Langford and Lydia Sutherland. His son was the sixth generation of Sutherlands to live in the home.

For further details, please see the Pittsfield Township Historical Society Website: www.pittsfieldhistory.org

The historic Sutherland-Wilson Farmstead, located at 797 Textile Road, has been acquired by Pittsfield Township to be preserved as an historic site.

Restoration of the site—and related programming—is being undertaken by the Pittsfield Township Historical Society.