

## RICHARD T. CUDMORE HOUSE



This 1916 country estate was built around a 1830 farmhouse which belonged to Farmington pioneer, John Gibson.

Richard T. Cudmore was an officer of the Union Guardian Bank of Detroit, a major banking institution. He was also the treasurer of the Detroit United Railroad that had headquarters in Farmington at the turn of the century, when street cars covered the greater Detroit metropolitan area.

Cudmore brought carpenters in from Detroit to build his estate around the farmhouse that was on his land. He hired a farmer to farm the estate. In 1927 he excavated the man-made lake which is at the entrance to Woodcreek Hills subdivision.

In 1937 Hugh Dean became the owner, doing much of the interesting carpentry work now evident, including the pagoda-style porch. Local carpenter James Tolman did that work. Half a century later, Tolman did renovation work on the house.