



70-010 Crandell-Cook House

9310 Crandall Road

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Also known as Bald Hill Farm, the Crandell-Cook House was originally a simple farmhouse on a stone foundation when it was purchased by George Crandell in 1883. A larger three-story section with a two-story veranda was built in 1901 by botanist Orator F. Cook and attached to the earlier cross-gabled farmhouse at the blank-walled corner shown above. Three more families of research scientists built homes in the immediate area and the house became the nucleus of a unique suburban scientific community working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Much of the large 23-room house, nearly three stories tall, was destroyed by fire in 1995, and now only the smaller, older sections survive.