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YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN 48197

March 19, 1981

Dear Friend:

Ypsilanti's great history began in 1809 when three French explorers -- Gabriel Godfroy, Romaine LaChambre and Francois Pepin -- established a trading post on the west bank of the Huron River, 100 yards north of the Old Sauk Trail (Michigan Avenue).

Their enterprise in laying out 2632 acres in 1811 for 4 French Claims is a splendid example to all generations to come.

The efforts of the Ypsilanti Historical Society, organized in 1960, have made us all aware of Ypsilanti's remarkable Heritage. Ypsilanti citizens as well as former residents of our area have become interested in the city's history and learning where their families fitted into scenes of the past.

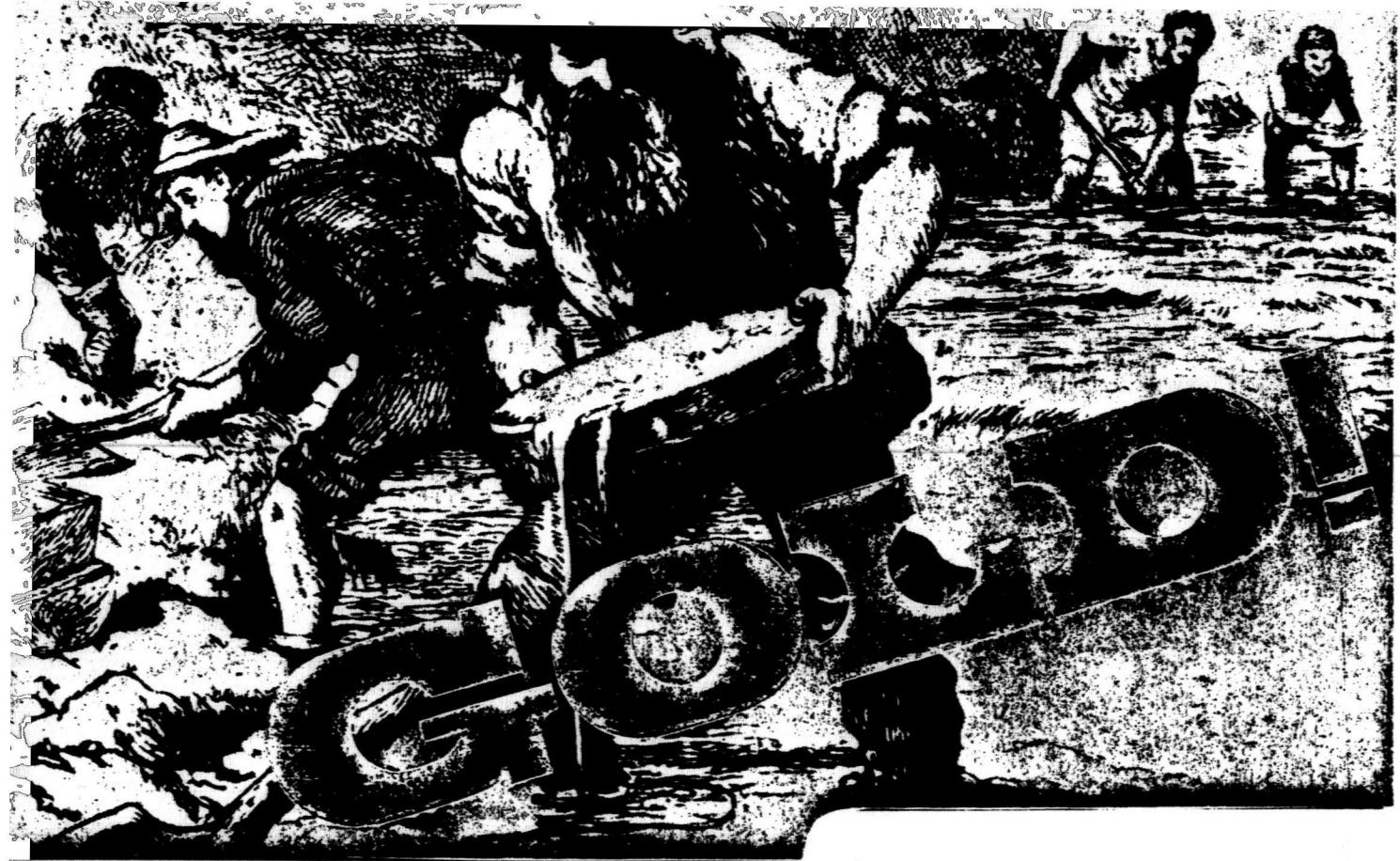
Ypsilanti now has a fine Historical Museum at 222 N. Huron Street, expertly staffed by volunteers, which is visited every year by more and more people. The Society has a membership of more than 375 and publishes a quarterly known as "Gleanings".

If our Historical Museum is to continue to grow, we need continued financial support and additional family records, photos, diaries, letters and memorabilia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George D. Goodman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

George D. Goodman
Mayor



HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

at

Masonic Temple - 76 N. Huron

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1981 - 6 O'CLOCK

The Eastern Star will serve their excellent Roast Beef Dinner!

JOHN CUMMING

will be our guest speaker and will talk about the men from Michigan in the days of the Gold Rush, "Wolverines in Search of Eldorado".

John is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University in 1940 when it was Michigan State Normal College. He is an authority on History, Antiques and old Documents. For several years he has been Director of the Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and has served on the Board of the Michigan State Historical Society.

Tickets are available at the Museum and from any Board Member. October 21st is the cut off date for reservations.

Price \$5.00 Adults Children under 12 \$3.00

Office phone 482-4990

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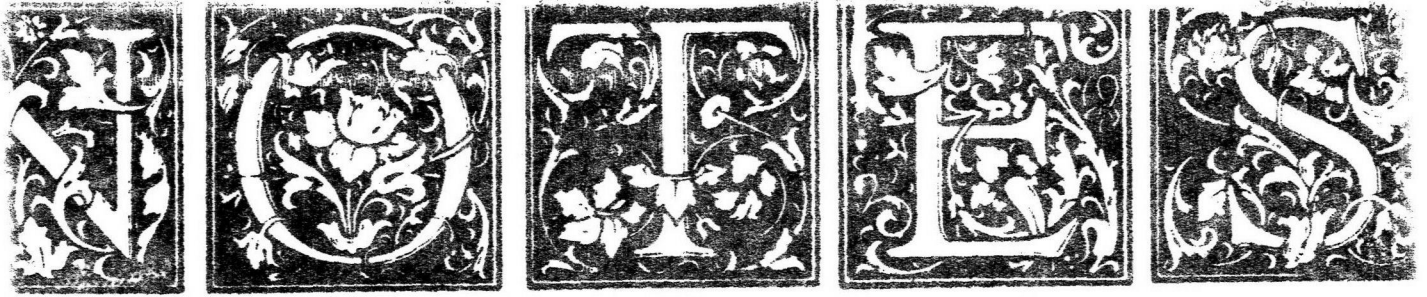
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CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 25th YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
to be held at the MASONIC TEMPLE.
Information on tickets and reservations will be
available soon. Save the date for a wonderful
dinner and an interesting speaker!
- DECEMBER 13th YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY
2 - 5 PM This is a Special time to share a
Victorian Christmas in this charming and elegant
house.

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The early morning of August 28th started out as though it would be a fine misty summer day. Weather reports kept saying it would rain, but the parade units began assembling with high spirits in their numbered places. By nine thirty, it clouded over. At ten thirty it began to mist and as the parade started (promptly at eleven) the rain began.

The crowds lining the streets were undaunted. Fortunately it was a warm rain, but very wet. Few people left. For an hour and a half they watched and applauded the great variety of interesting units--local marching bands plus Canadians handsomely dressed in fur-trimmed pioneer uniforms and a bagpipe group of kilbed Highlanders, two caliope and a fife and drum corps from Detroit. For the first time in many years, horses in great numbers were scattered thru the parade--elegant beauties that could have come right out of Hollywood. There were two covered wagons, one accompanied by very professional-looking cowboys who might have been with Wagon Train waiting to go West.

The small circus added a elephant, a solemn, majestic looking camel indifferent to the applause, a llama and a team of dappled ponies.

Men and women in 19th century clothes rode the route in surreys and gigs. Clowns followed on unicycles and several styles of bicycles and high wheelers showing such clever balance going thru their intricate maneuvers.

And the rains came. By twelve o'clock it poured. But the crowd and the people in the parade all accepted it with such good nature.

The Ypsilanti Historical Society was represented in the parade by Rene Moran and Vawnee Gilbert, our Victorian bathing beauties. The Burgess and Roger Moran were instrumental in designing and constructing the cabana. Beauty and talent are always a winning combination.

The sun came out in the early afternoon and so did the people.

Great crowds came and spent time looking and admiring our Museum. Registrations were from 65 towns in Michigan. One registrant was from Sweden, one from West Germany, England and also New South Wales, Australia. Texas, Florida and cities such as Toledo, Chicago, and Philadelphia were noted in the guest book. Visitors left more than \$200 in contributions and they bought more than \$200 from our show case with Eileen Harrison's exquisite dolls the most popular item.

The Antique Show sponsored and promoted by the Ypsilanti Historical Society was an unqualified success. Twenty-four dealers did very well and enjoyed the hospitality corner with coffee and TLC. Planning for the show began in February by the following committee: Eill Edmunds, LaVern Howard, Linda Hohlbrook, Don Miller, Mike Miller, Elnora Miller, Grace and Herb Cornish and Ann McCarthy. It was a well organized effort. Congratulations and thanks to each of them. Ethel O'Connor was assisted by Marge Whittlett and Flora Block in scheduling the guide for the Museum, eighteen volunteers every day.

The National Bank and the Ypsilanti Savings Bank borrowed extensively from the Museum Archives to add to their exhibits. Doris Milliman, our distinguished Historical Society member, was on the General Heritage Festival Committee. When it was all over, Doris said she had served on many and various committees but never on one like this one. All members were so devoted and talented, making it an Ypsilanti event to be long remembered. And again, perhaps the greatest praise must be given to Nathalie Edmunds, Chairman of the Committee. Donna Carpenter was Parade Chairman and gave Ypsilanti the greatest parade it has ever had and Ypsilanti is famous throughout the State and thru more than a Century for its Parades.

There are many Society members names we have omitted and we ask them to pardon the oversight.

MAYORS OF YPSILANTI
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1. CHAUNCEY JOSLIN 1858-59

He was born June 28, 1813, in Throopville, New York, son of Lindsay and Mary Waite Joslin. Came to Ypsilanti in 1837 where he studied a year in the office of Lawyer W.A. Bucklin and then another year in the office of Lawyer Marcus Lane. He passed the State Bar Examination and was elected Judge of Probate in 1852.

He served on Sault Ste Marie Canal Commission 1853-1855.

Married Mrs. Emmaline Lane, widow of Marcus Lane, September 6, 1841

Children: Fred C. b. June 18, 1842.

Frank b. November 25, 1843.

George b. December 11, 1846, d. May 1, 1862

Emmaline Lane Joslin died December 28, 1846, and was buried in the 'Old Summit' Cemetery, corner of South Summit and West Michigan.

Married Sarah Maria Silsby March 15, 1849

Children: Elvira Chase b. August 29, 1851

Ella b. January 9, 1853

Benjamin b. December 4, 1860

Hattie b. August 13, 1857

The family home was on South Huron Street where the Gilbert Residence now stands at 203 South Huron.

Chauncey served for 20 years on the Ypsilanti School Board and in 1842 he was Recorder for the Village of Ypsilanti becoming Ypsilanti's first Mayor in 1858, the year Ypsilanti became a City

He died October 31, 1889.

2. ARDEN H. BALLARD 1859-1860

He was born April 7, 1799, in Franklin County, Vermont, son of William and Cynthia Woodruff Ballard. Came to Ypsilanti area before 1828.

He served as President of Ypsilanti Village in 1847 to 1857 and then as Ypsilanti's 2nd Mayor. He invested in land and early banks. He built the pillared mansion at the SW corner of old Ellis (Washtenaw) and North Huron Street. It was his home until his death on July 23, 1867.

3. BENJAMIN FOLLETT 1860-1861

Born August 10, 1819 in Batavia, New York, son of Nathan and Nancy K. Follett. He came to Ypsilanti in 1838. Married Elvira Norris on September 23, 1841, daughter of Mark and Rowena Vaill Norris.

Mr. Follett was active in banking, real estate and lumber in the area.

He died suddenly when on a visit to Elmira, New York on December 26, 1864.

He was Ypsilanti's 3rd Mayor and lived on the NE corner of River Street and Mill (Maple) Street in a very elegant home with flower gardens and a windmill to pump water up to a tank which furnished water for a lovely fountain.

4. PARMENIO DAVIS, M.D. 1861-1864 and 1868-1870

He was born on April 22, 1816, in Covington, New York, son of Jonathan Edwards and Hannah Curtis Davis, and came to Ypsilanti in 1840 after graduating in Medicine from Western Medical College, Willoughby, Ohio. Married Carlita Showerman, daughter of Timothy and Eunice Jones Showerman on October 24, 1841.

Dr. Davis had a medical practice as well as serving as first Alderman from the 5th Ward in 1858 and then elected the 4th Mayor of Ypsilanti serving three terms and re-elected in 1868-1870. He also served as County Supervisor in 1858-59. He and J.N. Wallace are said to have built 65 houses in Ypsilanti, several of them substantial bricks and two are still standing. He lived on



South Prospect.

He died November 17, 1883 of cancer.

5. DAVID EDWARDS 1864-1865 and 1867-1868

Mr. Edwards was born in Montpelier, Vermont on November 2, 1815 and died March 1, 1895 at the Hawkin's House Hotel. He came to Michigan and Ypsilanti Township about 1835.

Married Lucia Maria Fairchild on October 23, 1842. She was the daughter of Dr. Joel and Emma Bacon Fairchild.

b. January, 1826, Shelburn, Vermont

d. November 24, 1891

Their residence was at the NW corner of Congress (Michigan Avenue) and Hamilton Street and later at 126 North Huron St. with the Joel Fairchilds.

6. CAPT. EDGAR BOGARDUS 1865-1867

He was born on April 15, 1813 in Catskill, New York, son of Egbert and Elsie Bogardus. He died May 27, 1882.

He came to Ypsilanti in 1859 and served as Captain in the 14th Regiment in the Mexican War under General Winfield Scott. He was President of the First National Bank of Ypsilanti.

Married 1st Adeline Smith in 1833

d. 1844

Married 2nd Elizabeth Conklin Whiting in 1835.

His residence was on the SW corner of Huron and Michigan (Ferris).

7. FRANCIS P. BOGARDUS 1871-1873 and 1888-1889

He was born on May 9, 1837 in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, son of Edgar and Elizabeth Conklin Bogardus, and died April 2, 1900.

Married Sarah Elizabeth Hall on September 28, 1858, daughter of Charles Hall of Ypsilanti.

Sarah b. February 7, 1840 Massillon, Ohio d. January 11, 1906

He came to Ypsilanti in 1847. He was Cashier at the First National Bank of Ypsilanti in 1873 and instrumental in locating Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti. He was City Treasurer 1876-1880, and Postmaster 1895 to 1900.

He resided at 12 South Huron Street (SW corner of Ferris St.). Later his widow lived at 126 North Adams, the I.N. Conklin home. Mr. Conklin was her father.

8. WATSON SNYDER 1873-1875

Born in 1833 in Newark, New Jersey and died January 19, 1892 at Bay View, Michigan.

Married Anna Beaumont, daughter of Charles and Betsey Shier on July 26, 1867.

Anna was born in 1844 in New Jersey and died in Bay View.

The Snyders came to Ypsilanti in 1866 and resided in an elegant house on the north side of Forest Avenue near Perrin Street.

Watson was a very public spirited man and active in anti-saloon work. He was one of the promoters and founders of the Bay View Association in 1875 as a Methodist Camp meeting "for intellectual and scientific culture and the promotion of the cause of religion and morality".

He spent many of his years at Bay View and built several brick store buildings in Petoskey.

9. LAMBERT A. BARNES 1875-1880 except for one term.

Born February 5, 1827 in Cheshire, Conn. son of Diamond and Ann Blakely Barnes of South Durham, N.Y.

Lambert came to the Ypsilanti area by way of Geddes in the late 1850's. Married Jane Geddes on September 24, 1861, daughter of Robert and Mariah Lane Geddes. Jane was born August 11, 1830 on the Geddes farm.

Their home was about at the end of Earhart Road and overlooked the Huron River from the north side. It

was while residing there that he became President of the newly (1867) organized Peninsular Paper Co. Also served as Secretary and Superintendent of that company.

The Barnes family bought 220 N. Huron Street in 1875, the year Lambert A. Barnes became Mayor of Ypsilanti and was a great influence in the affairs of the City.

He died June 30, 1887 in Detroit where he had gone for treatment of an ulcerated tooth. At the time of his death, he was Vice President of the First National Bank. Mrs. Barnes died at the home July 9, 1893. The home remained in the Barnes family until 1922.

10. THOMAS NINDE 1878-1879

Born September 10, 1815 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was educated at Genesee College, Lima, New York, and admitted to the Bar at Rochester, N.Y.

He came to Ypsilanti in 1855 and was partner in the Law Office with Lyman D. Norris. Elected Washtenaw County Probate Judge in 1860.

His first marriage was to Matilda Moore who died March 1st, 1865.

His second marriage was to Lois Crane, daughter of George C. Crane, on December 26, 1867.

In 1864 the City voted to name the alley running from 44 East Cross Street to River Street after Judge Ninde. He made his home on the south edge of the alley at 307 River Street (this location was 14 South River St. under the original numbering).

He died on June 30, 1891 and is buried in Highland Cemetery.

11. EDWARD P. ALLEN 1880-81 and 1899-1900

Born October 28, 1839 in Sharon Township, son of Lewis and Eliza Allen.

Married Clara E. Cushman May 12, 1869. Clara was the daughter of Samuel Cushman of Sharon Township.

He graduated from Michigan State Normal College in 1864 and the University of Michigan Law School in 1867. He served as a Captain in the 29th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War. In 1872 and 1874, he was a City Alderman and later served as representative to the 50th and 51st Congress.

He lived at 40 Normal Street, 11 Adams Street and 213 Hamilton Street.

His law partner was Sullivan M. Cutcheon.

Mr. Allen died on November 25, 1909.

12. HENRY ROSWELL SCOVILLE 1881-1884

Born January 28, 1843 in Cleveland, Ohio, son of Amasa and Laura Ruggles Coville. Henry's father moved to Ypsilanti in the 1850's and several years later moved to Utah and became a Mormon.

Henry enlisted in the First Regiment of Volunteers on April 22, 1861, answering President Lincoln's call for 75,000 men.

After the Civil War, he married Mary A. Jarvis, daughter of William and Ann Watson Jarvis, February 15, 1868. Mary died on September 15, 1884. On January 25, 1888, Mr. Scoville married Nina Belle Mavis, daughter of John and Clara Peck Mavis.

He was the partner of Joseph Follmore in a Saw Mill and Lumber yard at the north end of Frog Island near Forest Avenue Bridge.

In the spring flood of 1904, the saw mill was destroyed and the partnership ceased. Scoville located a lumber yard at Jarvis Street and North Huron Street. He dealt in lumber but built the large brick home at 160 North Washington Street in the 1890's.

Mr. Scoville died on October 12, 1929.

13. CHESTER LESLIE YOST 1884-1886

Born March 10, 1838 in Waterloo, New York, the son of William and Melinda Yost.

He came to Ypsilanti in 1855 as an Auctioneer, harness maker and dealer in leather and animal skins. He married Anna Vreeland on May 11, 1862.

In the February 3, 1860 fire at Depot Town, his shop was destroyed. He resumed harness making in a shop east of the Follett House hotel.

It was while serving as Mayor, he promoted the plan to purchase acreage west of Summit Street on the south side of Congress Street for a race track and park, now known as Recreation Park.

He lived at 315 North Huron Street and died on September 10, 1908.

14. CLARK CORNWELL 1886-1888

Born October 8, 1843 at Foster's Mill (Newport), Ann Arbor, son of Cornelius Cornwell. He married Clara E. Taylor on November 3, 1864. Clara was born July 24, 1845 and died March 26, 1908.

He was one of the Cornwells who owned at least four paper mills, two on the Huron River in Ann Arbor, a large one at Lowell in Superior Township and also the one on the Southeast edge of Ypsilanti.

Clark served on the Ypsilanti School Board, as Alderman and then as Mayor of Ypsilanti. In 1901, he was President of the Ypsilanti Paper Co. and the Washtenaw Electric Co. and lived in the mansion at 223 River Street.

Mr. Cornwell died on May 24, 1903.

5. DANIEL PUTNAM 1889-1891

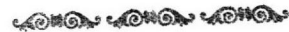
Born January 8, 1824 in Lyndboro, New Hampshire. Married Sarah E. Smith on July 27, 1852.

Mr. Putnam graduated from Dartmouth College in 1851 and came to Michigan in 1854 as a Professor of Latin at Kalamazoo College. He also served at the same time as Superintendent of the Kalamazoo Public Schools.

He came to Ypsilanti as a Professor at the Michigan State Normal College in 1867. He served as a 3rd Ward Alderman and then as Ypsilanti's mayor. His wife, Sarah, was active in the social life of Ypsilanti and was one of the organizers of

the Ladies Literary Club. There were five children in the family but Mrs. Putnam was blind for many years and never saw four of her children. The Putnams resided at 314 West Forest. He died on July 29, 1906 and she lived until March 9, 1909.

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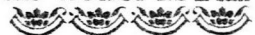
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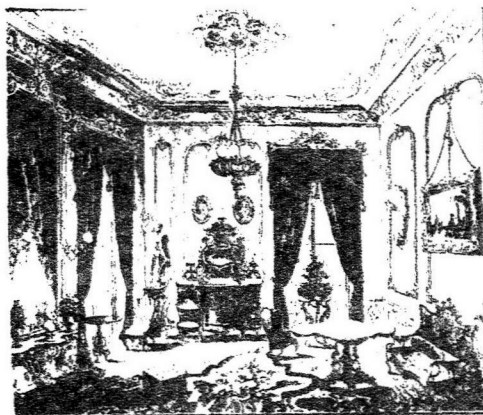
In the death of Mildred H. (Peg) Wildman, the Historical Society has lost another devoted member. Peg was a teacher in the Public Schools for many years and was always interested in the progress of the Historical Society, generously giving financial aid.

She was born July 25, 1900 in Youngstown, Ohio and came to Ypsilanti in 1944. Survivors include a son, Richard and a daughter, Mary Helen, and three grandsons.

#### An Honorarium



In honor of ADA HOLMES and her mother NORA HOLMES, deceased, Mr. Phillip L. Wiggle has made a generous contribution to the Ypsilanti Historical Society. Mr. Wiggle was visiting in Ypsilanti during the Heritage Festival and visited the Museum. His letter to us speaks of his strong family ties to Ypsilanti and his interest in the enthusiastic preservation of the history of our city. Mr. Wiggle makes his home in Williamsville, N.Y.





# YPSILANTI

ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

This early history first appeared in the Ypsilanti Commercial on May 23, 1874 and was written by Charles Rich Pattison. Mr. Pattison was Editor-Publisher of the Commercial 1864-87.

This is a continuation. Part I appeared in the April, 1981 and Part II followed in the July, 1981 Gleanings.

This is the final section in the series.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

While it has been our object to write more particularly of the religious, educational, and manufacturing interests of our city, we would not wholly ignore the general business of the place.

Dry goods, Groceries, Drugs, Books, Hardware, Boots & Shoes, in the latter department quite largely, and other classes of business are well represented, and goods bought in the eastern markets are sold here at prices which keep the purchaser from going elsewhere; it is conceded that our merchants constantly keep a large stock on hand from which to make selections. Our advertising columns indicate the enterprising merchants.

Our meat markets in general equipment and in the ambition to supply first quality of meats are not excelled in the State.

We have six hotels, one, the Follett House, the boast of all travelers who visit our city; and the Hawkins House has for many years been a favorite.

Invalids are offered the best of medical treatment. We have a first class hospital under the superintendency of Mrs. Ruth A. Gerry, M.D. A superior hydropathic institution most delightfully located upon the banks of the Huron, Mrs. Helen McAndrew, M.D., proprietor. And a medical institute, Dr. W.H. Hall proprietor; and physicians of all schools of first class reputation.

#### Railroads.

The Michigan Central Railroad was completed to this place in 1837. This road gives easy access to the outer world, and it is now joined at this place by the Detroit, Hillsdale & Indiana road which was completed in 1871.

The road to be built from here to Trenton and which will make direct connections with the Canada Southern has been surveyed and will doubtless be completed at an early day, making a connection north at some point with the Pere Marquette Railroad. The amount of shipments over the Michigan Central Railroad to and from this place amounted to 51,136 tons for the year ending March, 1874, and the number of passengers over the same road leaving here was 41,615.

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#### Resume.

It will be seen from what has been said concerning the subject, that we are by no means without a large manufacturing interest in our midst. Already is there more than \$1,000,000 invested in the manufacture of staple commodities, and these industries give employment to a large number of men and women. The woolen mill alone provides work for about sixty persons



when in operation. Thirteen firms employ steam to the aggregate of about two hundred horse power, and others employ the river to the amount of over one thousand horse power to run their machinery. This source of power last mentioned is but partially used, and there are excellent sites both above and below the city still unoccupied. Within three miles of its southern boundary several dams might be constructed which would afford power equal to that already employed, and the river is never so low as to prevent a waste of water at all the places where now used.

The aggregate sales of all these firms amounts to over \$2,000,000 per year. This last item is based upon the estimates of ten of the leading establishments.

The reader should remember that all that has been said about manufactures does not include the hardware stores, all of which are supplied with skilled laborers who are constantly engaged in the manufacture of sheet iron and tinned ware for cook stoves, etc., nor the dealers in shoes, all of whom keep from three to six workmen who are manufacturing thousands of pairs of boots and shoes per year for their regular customers. These dealers purchase many thousands of dollars worth of material each year for use in their own shops. Nor does this estimate include the dealers in clothing, who keep many pairs of hands constantly busy in the manufacture of clothing of the most desirable quality; neither does it include dress-making and kindred manufactures, which are more or less transient in their nature, and which require but a small, because a constantly changing capital, to conduct them.

#### Advantages of Locality, Climate, Residences, Etc.

Ypsilanti is about thirty miles from Detroit, to which it has ready access by rail at nearly all hours of the day. Many men who do business there have their homes here, and by an arrangement with the M.C.R.R. are enabled to go and come for not much above a mere nominal fare, while the reduced cost of living, and other advantages enjoyed here, render their annual expenses very much less than they would be did they live in Detroit. A train is run into Detroit before business hours, and leaves at the

close of business in the evening.

The city lies upon both sides of the Huron, which enters its limits near the northwest corner, and after describing a graceful curve to the East, leaves it near the middle of the southern boundary. The current of the stream is rapid, and there are no flooded flats or marshes to pour forth their pestilence over the country. The banks of the river rise in beautiful terraces, upon which lies the city, and the ascent from the river is so gradual that the grading of the streets has left on "steeps to climb". Of the streets it is ly necessary to say that in their grading, and consequent excellent conditon, they challenge inspection.

The business of the place is largely confined to Congress Street on the west side, and to Cross Street on the east side. The depot is on the east side, but the distance from one side to the other is so short that no inconvenience to the citizens or the public arises from the division. The old jealousy between the two portions long since died out.

The city is beautiful with shade trees, which have been planted with no stingy hand. Among the more beautiful streets may be mentioned Forest Avenue, Huron and River Streets. Many fine residences already exist--more perhaps than are usually to be found in towns of this size.

Our situation as regards Detroit, our healthful climate, the beautiful and highly productive country around, our excellent facilities for manufacturing purposes, the ready access to the place from abroad, our nearness to a good market, and the excellence of our religious and educational advantages, are every year adding to the number of those who are desirous of taking their families where they will be free from the dangers--both moral and physical--which infest a large city, and where they will have the advantages of the best schools, and yet be near enough to their business to give it their daily supervision without being absent from home more than the usual business hours of the day.

From what has already been said, it will be inferred that

an intelligent and moral tone permeates the social atmosphere, and this opinion is emphasized by the fact that the ladies of the place have through their own resources accumulated a public library of seventeen hundred volumes, and have secured for its reception large and tastefully furnished rooms. To the books already owned others are constantly being added, and not only the ladies immediately interested, but the whole town have reason to be proud of their success.

We have two first-class banks. The First National,-- its directors being among our most wealthy and reliable citizens; and Cornwell, Hemphill & Co., a solid, first class business firm.

There are several first class dentists in this city. For further information see special notice column.

Note--Ypsilanti is the headquarters of traveling commercial agents. Nearly forty at present making this city their home. They are drawn here for the reasons given elsewhere.

It is a striking fact that our shrewd men of means are buying up the valuable locations in the city and suburbs, confident of a big rise in real estate.

Frank Smith began advertising regularly in the Commercial five years ago, taking a half column. He has built up a marvelous trade.

There are several soda fountains in the city that would do credit to any city of ten times our size. Among the most notable are Lieut. Halleck's at the Central Drug Store, and the one at J.A. Wilson's Bakery.

Our News Depots are not surpassed in the State. James E. Seaver in the P.O. Room and J.H. Davis near the Railroad Depot.

#### AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

O.K. Thompson

has the largest establishment in the city. He keeps the Mowers and Reapers of the most celebrated manufactures. He occupies Norris block near the depot, one of the finest blocks in the city. His sales run up to nearly \$100,000 per annum, and it is comparatively a new enterprise. In the same block is the paint

shop of Thompson & Vaughan, one of the most extensive shops in the city or county. This firm has painted the Normal and Union school buildings and many of the finest public residences. They employ from twelve to fifteen hands.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our Fire Company recently organized compares favorably with any other in the State. It is composed of our best citizens. We have two Fire engines, one of them is a steam engine of which our firemen are justly proud. It is a beauty. Connected with it is a thousand feet of hose. F.P. Bogardus, Foreman.

#### MILITARY

##### Ypsilanti Light Guard

is the name of our city military organization armed and equipped at the law provides. The State Inspector General pronounces it the best drilled and finest company in the State. Capt. Cicero Newell is the commander.

#### PUBLIC HALLS.

##### Hewitt Hall.

The Ypsilanti Light Guard have rented for a term of years Hewitt Hall, one of the largest in the city, and have fitted it up in superb style. The Hall is provided with scenery and it will be rented for concerts, shows, etc.

##### Follett Hall

Connected with the Follett House is a neat tasty Hall. It is occupied Sunday evenings by the Spiritualists. Benjamin Todd, lecturer.

##### Batchelder's Hall.

Occupied by the Good Templars, Granges, and Temperance Sunday School. Rented for socials, parties, etc.

##### Samson's Hall

A neat place for social and festive gatherings.

##### The Post Office

Is in the efficient charge of Capt. C. Spencer, and few offices do as large business with the same amount of population. A proof of the intelligence of our people.

There are two telegraph offices here, with accomodating

operators, and a good amount of business.

The American Express Company, with Samuel J. Vail as agent, does an immense amount of business.

Charles E. Samson's "Temple of Music" furnishes musical instruments, and the latest music publications.

#### City Government.

Mayor--Watson Snyder

City Clerk--Charles M. Woodruff

Treasurer--Cornelius N. Ganson

Aldermen--Edward H. Jackson, George W. Kishlar, Charles Shier, J. Frank Smith, Charles Fleming, Daniel Putnam, Charles McCormick, Joseph Follmor, Clark Cornwell, Charles Woodruff.

#### Clothing.

There are seven clothing stores. They keep a general stock of clothing and furnishing goods, and manufacture clothing to order. The leading house in this line is Sanders & Wortley. They keep the most complete stock of men's, youths' and children's clothing, hat and caps, furnishing goods, and a full stock of cloths for custom trade. They make a specialty in fine ready-made garments, which for quality, style, and trimmings are equal to custom work. They are young men well posted in their business, and always make it a point to have the very latest styles direct from New York.

#### Jewelry.

In jewelry, S.H. Dodge takes the lead. His stock of watches, jewelry, silver and plated-ware is unequalled in extent and quality of goods in Washtenaw County. He buys for cash, of the largest manufacturers and imprters only, and can not be undersold by any house in the State. We were shown some beautiful goods of his own manufacture, consisting of rings, pins and sleeve buttons, set with amethyst, topaz and cameos, that for quality, style, and beauty of workmanship, could not be excelled. He also manufactures to order, in any style that my be desired, and at lower prices than could be purchased at wholesale of Eastern manufacturers. Mr. D. commenced business in 1861, and is now doing the largest business in this line in the county.

## Our Census Statistics

In 1850 we had a population of 3,052; in 1860, 3,956; 1870, 5,471--not a rapid, mushroom growth, but a healthy, stable improvement. We have kept pace with some of our sister cities, Ann Arbor for instance, which has an increase from 4,870 in 1850, to 7,369 in 1870. Our increase in twenty years is 2,419; Ann Arbor, 2,498. A close competition and a remarkable race on our part, when it is considered that the Michigan University is located there. Being only eight miles distant, not a few of our young men and women board at home in this city while attending the University.

### Surrounding country.

Immediately adjacent to the city, and stretching far away in all directions, is a country abounding in farms under the most approved state of cultivation, and supplied with every desirable natural feature. The older houses have largely been supplanted by elegant farm houses of modern design. The older resident farmers have quite uniformly become wealthy.

Beginning at the eastern boundary of the city is one of the loveliest plains to be found anywhere, about two miles wide and four long. For nursery purposes it is unequalled in the country. On this plain Mr. E.D. Lay established the pioneer nursery of the State. It is peculiarly adapted to fruit. Mr. T. Phillips, from a garden of only ten acres, sends thousands of baskets of luscious fruit to Detroit every year. This Spring he sold five thousand strawberry plants to one man and seven thousand to other parties, though a bad year for selling.

Ypsilanti town, and the adjoining towns of Superior, Pittsfield, York, Augusta, Van Buren and Canton, are rich in agricultural products, as well as first-class timber. It would astonish the stranger to see the enormous amount of apples bought in this market and exported to less favored communities. Also potatoes; Mr. J. Emerick, a farmer near the city, raised last Fall, as unpropitious as the season was, over four thousand bushels from fifteen acres.

There are several cheese factories near by, the most noted of which are in the town of Augusta, and near Rawsonville.

The butter of Washtenaw County is not excelled by the famous Orange County butter of New York.

Good farms can be bought for from \$25.00 to \$100.00 per acre.

There are beautiful rural residences on the plains and room for more. Adjoining the city on the northeast is a farm containing many hundreds of acres, which the proprietor, J.E. Sexton, proposes to lay out in ten acre lots for rural homes, convenient to the depot. Mr. E. Laible, and several others from Detroit, already have their palatial residences on these fertile plains, and daily attend to their business in Detroit.

R.W. Hemphill, and other parties, are making valuable improvements on the southwest boundaries of the city, and will ere long place upon the market some eligible lots for residences.

Excellent milk is furnished our citizens from the neighboring dairy farms, the most noted being those of Finley & Nygh, and A. Seymour.

#### Produce Exportations.

We give the reports of three of our produce dealers, from May 1st, '74.

S.G. Rowley & Co.--Eggs, 70,000; Butter, 60 tons; Turkeys, 14,000 lbs.; Chickens, Geese and Ducks, 22,000 lbs.

William H. Yost,--Butter, 50 tons; Eggs 60,000 dozen; green apples, 6000 barrels; Dried apples, 150,000 pounds; Wool, 28,000 pounds; Dressed Hogs, 1,000; Beans, 2000 bushels.

Homer Cady,--March 2st, 1873, to March 1st, 1874.--Butter 174,000 pounds,--25,000 pound to one man; Eggs, 50,000 dozen. Aggregate amount of his sales, \$47,000.

S. Robbins is dealing largely in hides and pelts, and exporting to eastern markets.

The Eastern Michigan Agricultural Society including several adjoining counties hold their annual fairs in this city, annually, about the last of September. Their grounds at the west limits of the city embrace twenty acres. Two grand stands, Floral Hall, Vegetable and Fruit Hall, and as good a half mile track as can be found in the State.

Several of our farmers raise blooded stock. D.M. Uhl, on the plains, does so on the largest scale. His stock is the pride of our local and State fairs, and sells at fabulous prices.

#### Livery Stables.

Of these there are four (Noble & Hutchinson ranking first), which furnish to citizen and stranger good rigs at reasonable rates. A ride down the river on its east bank to Rawsonville, four miles, and then its west bank to Belleville three miles farther is rarely equalled for fine scenery.

Our soil is well adapted to sweet potatoes, and a number of farmers are beginning their culture.

The farmers of the vicinity are united in a joint stock company, the Farmers' Store being the result which has proved a great success. Hon. J.W. Childs, President; J.M. Chidister, Superintendent.

#### Conclusion.

In view of all the advantages we possess we invite all who contemplate a change of residence, either for the sake of educating their children, to make profitable investments, or for the purpose of engaging in manufacture of any kind, or for pleasant homes where they may enjoy life and peacefully end their days, to visit our beautiful city and examine the facilities here offered before going elsewhere.

#### OBSERVATIONS

We are amply supplied with tradesmen of all kinds, physicians and lawyers, but in every line of manufacturing there is room for almost unlimited expansion. Fuel is cheap for those who prefer steam; and a number of good mill sites, near by, are waiting for some one to come and occupy them; building materials of all kinds and of excellent quality can be had at fair prices, being much cheaper than in many places whose advantages are much less than ours. Material for manufacture when not native, is easily and cheaply imported. No fact is more thoroughly established in the economic industries than the one, that material should be taken to be manufactured where it can be done at the least expense provided that by so doing it is not carried so far from market as to make the cost



of transportation equal the amount saved in manufacturing; and for the manufacture of cloth, leather, boots and shoes, paper, wood work of all descriptions, clothing, all kinds of machinery, hardware, tin ware, etc., etc., Ypsilanti answers the conditions of this principle. Besides a good home market, we have access, at all seasons of the year, to the markets of the east, west, north, and south. Another great advantage is also found in the low price of real estate, and the low rate of taxation. Owing to the fact that the value of many sites for the purpose of manufacture, is not appreciated because not known by their present owners, or if known, because there is lack of capital. Such property can be bought today for one-half the sum it will be worth in ten years.

Another and considerable advantage arises from the condition of the city. The streets are already graded, the public buildings are erected, and two fine iron bridges span the river. There is no heavy bonded debt hanging like a mill stone upon us.

The panic of last October struck us, as a community at a time when we was wholly unprepared, but the fact that so little check was given to those interests which were elsewhere most affected demonstrated their reliability.

It is an interesting fact that to a large extent our manufacture, and indeed it may be said of almost all kinds of business in our midst that they are owned by the men who built them up.

That so many men have already made their homes here while their business lies elsewhere, tends to demonstrate the belief already stated, that here is to be a town of more than ordinary beauty, owing to the taste and wealth that will be expended in the erection of beautiful residences, a goodly number of which we already possess.

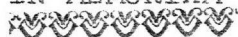
A little more attention paid to strangers looking for investments, and a disposition to aid and encourage them, would advantage both them and us.

Women here with willing hands to work are scarce. They

are quite largely employed in our manufactories, paper mills, etc., wherever they can be to advantage, and get good wages.



#### IN MEMORIAM



June 30th, 1981, death took Jay Seaver depriving the Ypsilanti Historical Society of a loyal member and a generous contributor.

Jay John Seaver, son of John Smith and Theresa Geis Seaver, was born January 6, 1885 on the family farm in Section 29 on Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti.

He attended Country School where in June, 1890, on the last day of school he used to say:

Here I stand ragged and dirty,  
When the girls come to kiss me  
I run like a turkey.

He graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1905 and after two years at Michigan State Normal College, he enrolled in the Engineering School at the University of Michigan, graduating in 1912. He was ready to go out into the industrial world.

Jay was soon designing and building blast furnace and steel mills not only in Chicago but also in many foreign countries. It is impossible to list all his accomplishments. We can say from knowing Jay Seaver personally, he was a pleasant, energetic, talented man.

He and his wife, Virginia, came to the Museum several times while visiting friends and relatives in Ypsilanti. He was always so charming and interested in what we were doing to commemorate Ypsilanti's Heritage.

A few years ago the Seavers retired to Green Valley, Arizona.



## CHALLENGE OF THE 80'S

Leisure World's men golfers have taken up the gauntlet and accepted the challenge of the 80's.

Now in golf that could mean they have all broken 80, and indeed the four duffers have, more than once, but their challenge involves the age of 80 and more.

The challenge came about because one young golfer, Al Hally, was sent a newspaper article from a friend back east, who presumably wanted to taunt Hally with a story about four golfers, playing together as a foursome, who have a combined age of 333.

The article to a Leisure World golfer was like a red cape in front of a bull. It teed Hally off. Somewhere, he figured, within the Men's Golf Club in Leisure World, there had to be four golfers whose combined ages could top that. And not only was he sure their ages could be bettered, he knew darn well so could the scores.

Hally knows the Country Club of York, Pa. well. He has played on it many times. He also knows at least a couple of the foursome who claim combined ages topping 333. He knew he could easily find four fellows who were both older and better.

So recently Hally lined up four elderly duffers, for a combined age of 341 years and scores that often even their individual ages or less.

DR. LLOYD OLDS is the oldest golfer at 88. Dr. Olds has been playing golf since 1915 and within the past five years at Leisure World he has scored his age or less more than any other golfer of any age.

But age, score and handicap are only part of the challenge to golfers from all over the country.

The four men believe in the adage that great golfers make great lovers. They have been married a combined total of 225 years, each of them presumably only once.

OLDS again leads the pack with 63 years of married life.

So egged on by Hally, the golfers have both taken up and issued challenge. And the challenge is not only to other men golfers. They wonder if the women can get together a foursome of older 80ish players who are still swinging...clubs that is.



Pictured at  
far left is  
DR. LLOYD OLDS

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Alton Amerman  
828 Cliffs Drive  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Rochelle Balkam  
222 Wildwood  
Ann Arbor, MI

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Brumfield  
1690 Stratfor St.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Natalie A. Lee  
1415 Long Lake Dr.  
Brighton, MI

Jean O. Scott  
908 Hillside Ct.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Margaret Brooks  
20881 Nernier  
Harper Woods, MI

Miss Gloria Alman  
170 Stevens Dr.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Mrs. Bancroft Brien  
1307 Westmoorland  
Ypsilanti, MI

Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Budinger  
1201 Pearl Street  
Ypsilanti, MI

Lucretia Cregar  
1059 Borgstrom  
Ypsilanti, MI

Winifred Gladney  
1066 Louise  
Ypsilanti, MI

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Cahours  
1311 West Cross St.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Eleanor B. Forlenza  
Cleary College  
2170 Washtenaw Ave.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Tom Francis  
702 Railroad St.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Mr. & Mrs. Wallace R. Hodges  
Route No. 3 Box 178-A  
Charlevoix, MI

Mrs. Boyd Ward  
914 5th St. NW  
Albuquerque, N.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Warner  
214 N. River St.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Robert Kerr  
1264 S. Harris Rd.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Scott G. Kunst  
318 Park St.  
Ypsilanti, MI

John E. Kyle  
963 West Cross St.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Edith Pinter  
1171 Levona St.  
Ypsilanti, MI

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Worley  
831 Helen Court  
Ypsilanti, MI

Our proudest announcement is always to WELCOME our new members!

ACQUISITIONS

Ruth Turner  
Ypsilanti, MI



Man's white pique vest, lined and starched, formal.  
Ladies fur muff  
Ladies hand-crocheted evening bag  
Ladies evening shoes, blue silk.

4th Grade Class  
Woodruff School  
Joan Carpenter, Teacher

"Woodruff Plate"

Mrs. Donald Cautois  
Ypsilanti, MI

1 Cotton Civil War Uniform with cap  
1 Wool Civil War Uniform with brass buttons  
1 Metal Helmet

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Congdon  
Ypsilanti, MI

Certificate #104453 issued 1917 from "American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Assoc.



5 small prints by A.M. Valerio

1927 A.R. Congdon & Sons calendar

2 Vol. Set Deeds of Valor

Copies of prints of Ypsilanti by Eloise Congdon: 87 of Water Tower, 28 of Ladies Library, 18 of Ypsilanti Savings Bank and 1 of Old Ypsilanti Seminary. (These are selling very rapidly at the salescase, although copies are also retained in the Archives.)

Mrs. Harry L. Smith  
St. Paul, MN

In Memoriam Edwin Atson Strong

Jay O. Bennett  
Ypsilanti, MI

Historical Atlas of Washtenaw County 1874

Jerry Fouchey  
Ypsilanti, MI

Plate, "Central Elementary"

Viola Blackenburg  
Colton, Oregon

Story of Willow Run

John Salcau  
Ypsilanti, MI

Adding Machine

ACQUISITIONS(con't)

Mrs. Alton Amerman  
Ypsilanti, MI

Letter to Mrs. W.A. Van Wegen from  
Florence S. Babbitt, dated September 1,  
1926. Photo of Florence Babbitt in  
historical Lincoln era costume. Copy  
of poem "To Florence S. Babbitt" by  
Martha Fleet.

Doris Milliman  
Ypsilanti, MI

"Eastern", Vol. 3, Number 2, 1979.

Bob Lyons  
Ypsilanti, MI

27 paper items dating from late 1800's  
including programs of Music Dept. of  
the Normal College, Advanced Music teach-  
ing notebook of Merry Louise Shaw, 4th  
of July program with advertisements, un-  
dated. Poetry by Merry Louise Shaw dated  
1888.

R.L. Boatwright  
Manchester, MI

Ypsilanti Opera House Program, April 27,  
1891.  
Article from the "Commercial" dated  
April 14, 1893 about the Cyclone.

Manley Lambie  
Ypsilanti, MI

High School Diploma 1913, William Lambie  
Diplomas - Manley Lambie  
MSNC Training School 1914  
High School 1918  
Michigan State Normal 1923  
Life Certificate, State Dept. of Educa-  
tion 1923.

Degree of Honor Receipts 1910-1938

5 American Legion Convention Badges

2 Tintypes of Robert Lambie and Will Todd

The Holy Bible - old, undated

Mission Oak Desk

2 Blanket Chests, one dating from 1839

Photo - panorama MSNC Training School ROTC  
dated 1918

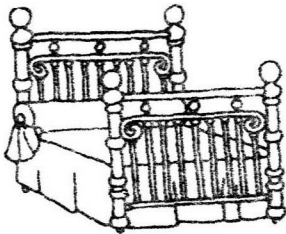
Hymnal from Methodist Episcopal Church

The Holy Bible dated 1859

Wonders of the Tropics

Holy Bible, undated

The Holy Bible presented to Bob and Hattie  
Lambie on their wedding day 12-31-1885 by  
Mother E. Younglove, 1883 Ed.



ACQUISITIONS(con't)

Ruth Brown  
Ypsilanti, MI



Brass Decanter, 9 inches, etched design of birds, curved handle decorated with cobra. This piece was a gift to Ruth from a Panamanian Government official during her stay in that country. She went there to teach in 1916. She tells of Sir Henry Morgan the British buccaneer who plundered Panama in 1671 and how the construction of the Canal turned up many such treasures that had been buried by the inhabitants.

John Waite  
Ypsilanti, MI

Pin for Railroad Link and Pin Coupler dating pre-1870, came to John through an uncle who worked for B & O in Indiana.

James Westfall  
Sarasota, Fla

Sesquicentennial Memory Book 1829-1979,  
First Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti.

MSNC Teacher's Certificate 6-18-1934

Sears Cassette Tape Recorder

Board of Health "Notice" dated 10-12-1918  
Ypsilanti, MI

Francis Bird  
Ypsilanti, MI

Photo of Walker Gravel Pits, Ann Arbor

Photo of Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor

Donna Michael  
Washington, PA

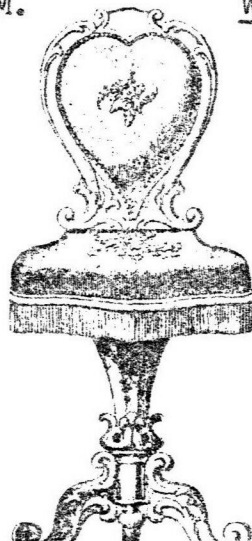
Silk Wedding dress with train dated approx. 1870. Original owner unknown.

Baby bonnet of fine wool, delicate embroidery and trim, from home of Margaret Gotts.

Mrs. Boyd Ward  
(Lois Gretzinger)  
Albuquerque, N.M.

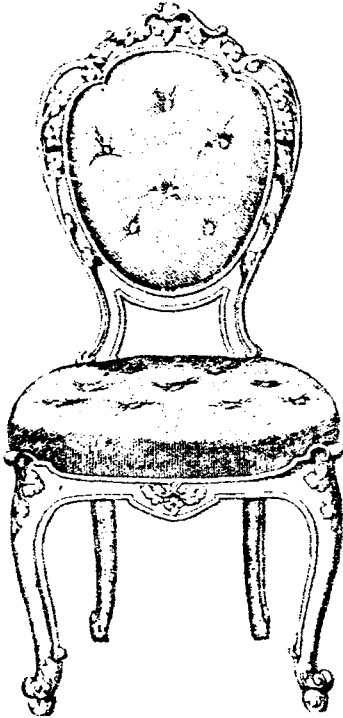
History of the Civil War in America, Vol. 1  
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ACQUISITIONS

Marlene Barr  
Ypsilanti, MI



Items from Mrs. Barr's aunt, Irma  
C. Bielenberg, missionary to India  
1924-27. Includes:  
Hemp woven rug  
White wool rug, embroidered blue floral  
Brown plaid wool throw  
White wool rug, embroidered green  
Ladies hand-embroidered sari  
Brass sugar and creamer  
2 silk shawls  
White on black long silk scarf  
Grey wool reversible blanket  
Wool woven child's poncho  
Blue and white wool woven rug  
Boy's Nehru jacket  
Bed cover, cotton  
Child's sari  
Brass vise  
2 leather shoes, turned-up toes and  
embroidered  
2 black suitcases  
wooden flute  
child's scooter  
Baby clothes  
Doll clothes  
Old wooden rolling pin  
Large, tin-lined packing Box  
Other paper items including prints

Mrs. Boyd Ward  
Albuquerque

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Richard Boatright  
Manchester, MI

"The Rose Maiden" a cantata by Frederick  
H. Cowen, performed by Ypsilanti High  
School Chior February 28, 1899

Mrs. Charles Sayre  
Ypsilanti, MI

22 old valentines

Wilma Bombenek Price  
Monroe, MI

"The Battle and Massacre of the River  
Raisen" compiled by Wilma B. Price in  
cooperation with the Monroe Co. Histor-  
ical Society and the Monroe County Library  
System. Lim. Ed. #140

"Souvenir Review for Gala Day" 10-29-1927  
M.S.N.C. Ypsilanti, MI

Program 75th Anniversary Celebration MSNC  
Gala Day souvenir Program

Agnes Dikeman  
Ann Arbor, MI

8 X 10 old glass plate of house at 9935  
Martz Rd. Ypsilanti, MI



## ACQUISITIONS

Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Budinger  
Ypsilanti, MI

History of Washtenaw County 1881 Ed.

Elsie Thomas  
Ann Arbor, MI

"Souvenir of Ypsilanti, Mich;" a photographic booklet, dates from approx. 1890.

Grant W. Pierce  
Farmington Hills, MI

Pinorama photo of the 17th Annual Reunion of Volunteer Infantry, 31st Co. G at Ypsilanti, MI. Taken on Michigan Ave. between Washington and Huron, on May 19, 1916.

Art Kramer  
Ypsilanti, MI

Old flat iron from the Chinese Laundry on Pearl St.

Flora Budd  
Ypsilanti, MI

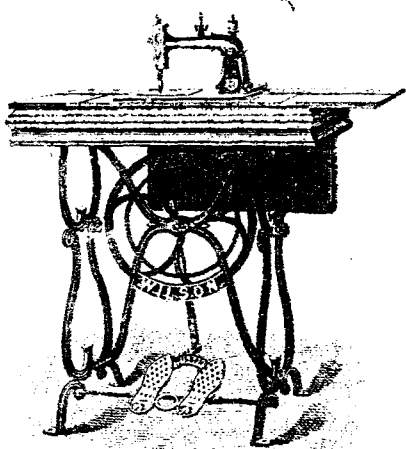
Bottle, "Dillon's PainEase, Ypsilanti, Mich.

David Blumberg  
Ypsilanti, MI

Iron nameplate 4" X 7½", "M. Clawson" from house at 207 N. Washington St.

Mrs. David Gauntlett  
Ypsilanti, MI

Kerosene oil-burning lamp, 10½"



The Administration Committee of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum would like to place an olde Butter Churn in the kitchen. As you know, everything in the house has been donated by Ypsilanti residents or pertains to the area. We are very grateful to those who continue this tradition as the Museum gets better and better!

**YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND ARCHIVES**

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Vice-President ..... La Verne Howard  
Secretary ..... Mrs. George (Sharon) Patterson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard, Plant Room  
Ruth Reynolds, Clothing Curator

**Lewis House Board**

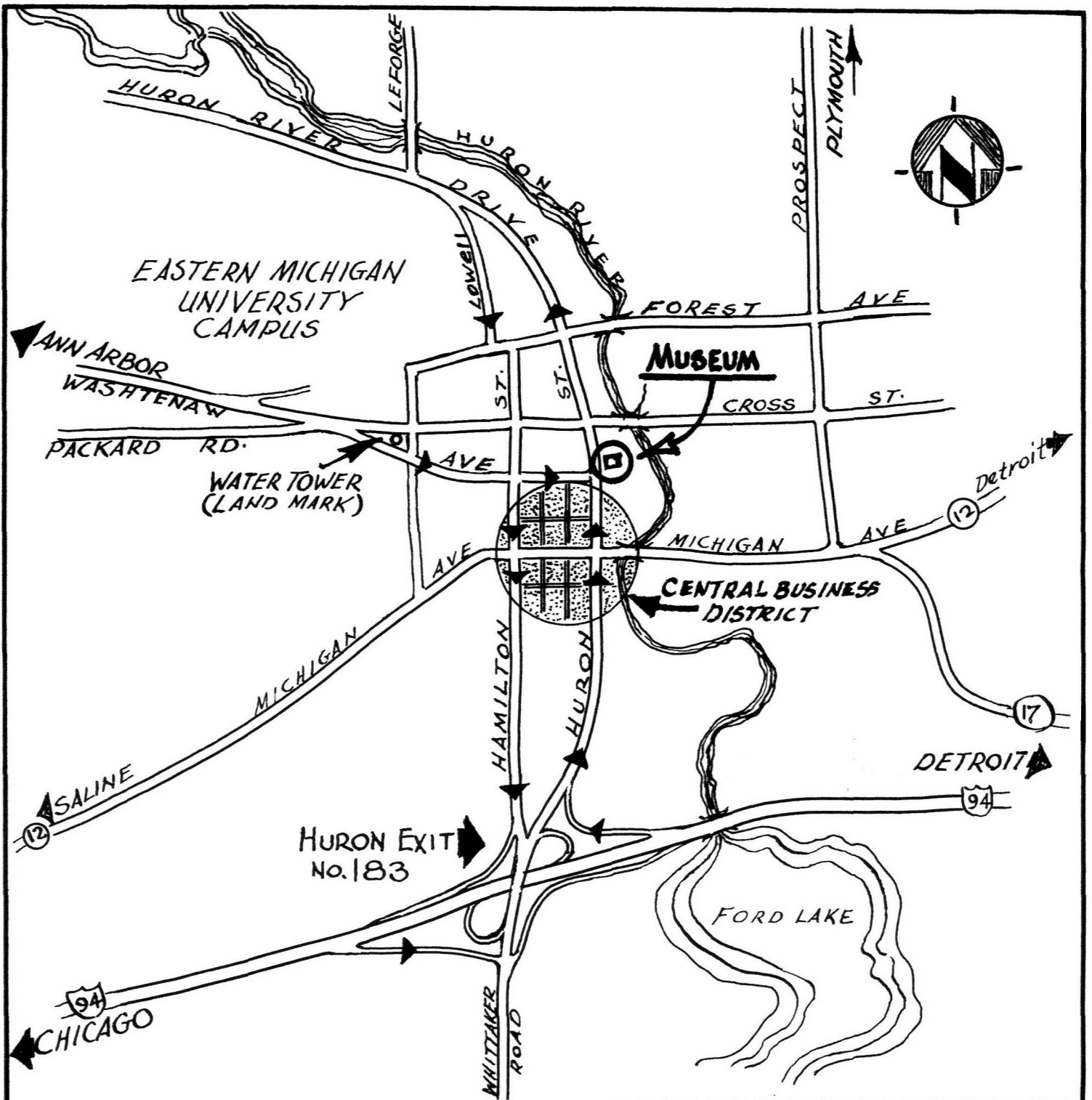
Arthur Howard, Chairman and Treasurer, Evangeline Lewis, La Verne Howard, William Edmunds, M.D., Secretary and Horatio Lewis



State legislation was passed in 1957 authorizing local governing bodies (Ypsilanti City Council) to "raise and appropriate money" and help with "any activity or project which...tends to advance historical interests" of the community. Public Act 213, 1957 applies to cities and villages.

February 2, 1960, Mayor Rodney E. Hutchinson appointed the following to serve as a Historical Committee: Mrs. H. Z. Wilber, Mrs. George Ennen, C.D. Bassett, T.S. Webber, Westly M. Dawson, Harry F. Shaefer, Miss Clara Sweet, Mrs. Elson (Ruth) Shaw, F.B. McKay, Mrs. M.I. Stadtmiller, E.R. Isbell, Albert W. Brown and the Mayor as Chairman with Louis S. White serving as City Historian.

October 10, 1960, the organizational meeting of the Ypsilanti Historical Society was held in the Estabrook School.



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