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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).

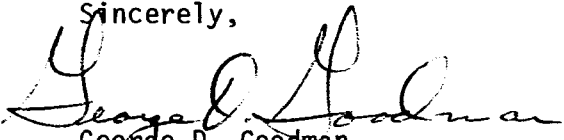
Their enterprise in laying out 2632 acres in 1811 for 4 French Claims is a splendid example to all generations to come.

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".

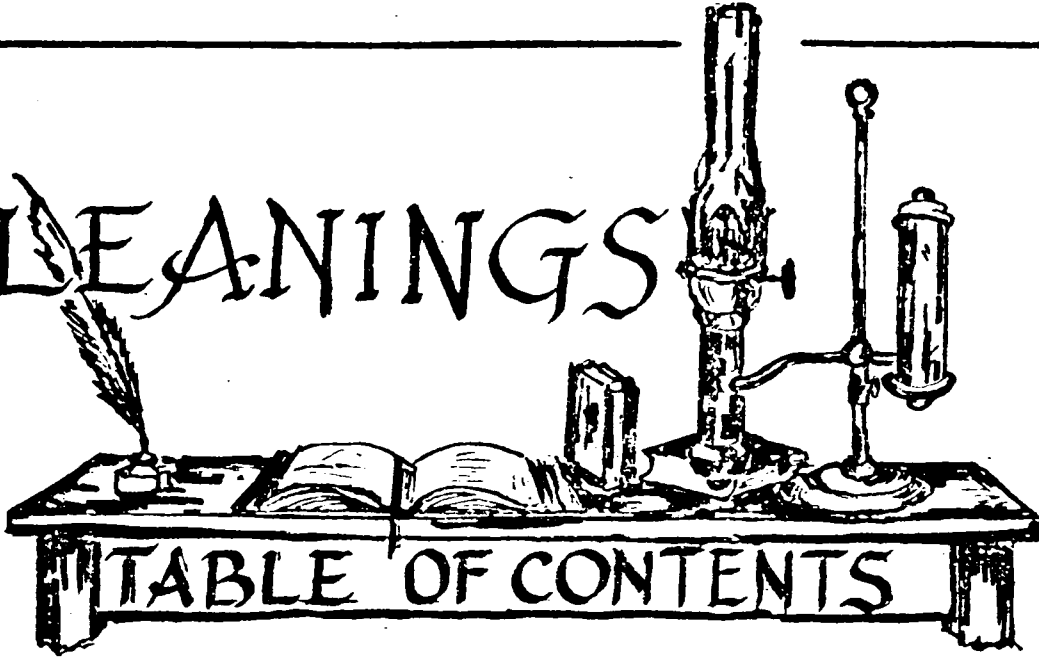
If our Historical Museum is to continue to grow, we need continued financial support and additional family records, photos, diaries, letters and memorabilia.

Sincerely,

  
George D. Goodman  
Mayor

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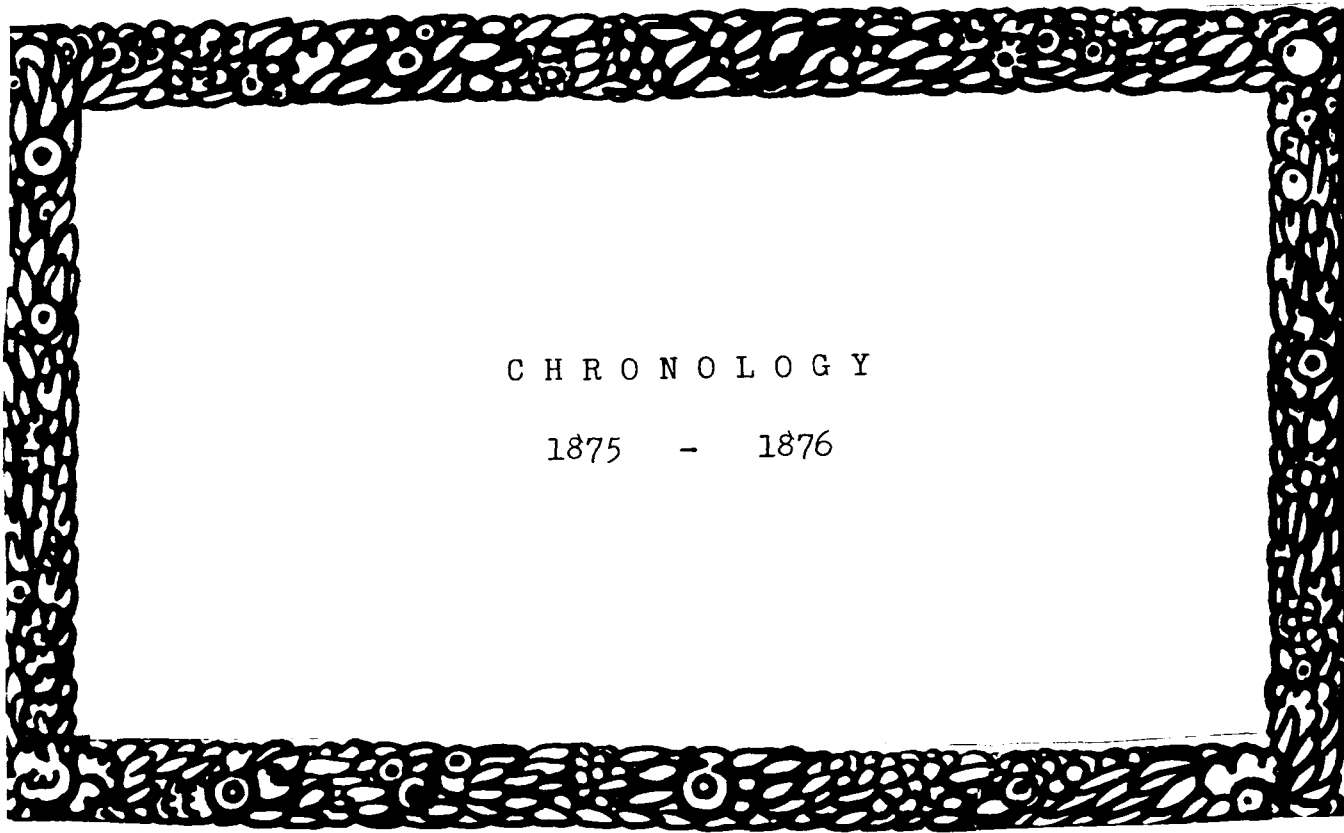
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C H R O N O L O G Y

1875 - 1876

Chronology 1875-1876

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March 6 - Ad: George A. Neat's Ypsilanti Grocery at 18 and 20 East Cross.

George H. Hann, Pastor of the A.M.E. Church has a long quote in the paper. Married by Rev. S.G. Betts, Mr. Insley LeFurge of Superior and Miss Eunice Scofield of Ypsilanti, March 3.

Concerning Women:

Miss Ada Sweet, Pension Agent in Chicago, receives the highest salary paid to any female employed by the Government.

Peoria, Illinois can claim to having a woman made a Director of a bank in that town. The first in the United States.

A Quote: Reference to a Doctor of Divinity-  
"I cannot praise the Doctor's eyes,  
I never saw his glance devine,  
He always shuts them when he prays  
And when he preaches he shuts mine".

Ad: Central Flour and Feed Store of D.A. Wise, 11 Congress (Michigan Avenue)  
Harrison A. Weeks and James E. Lawrence: Weeks is getting out and C. Homer Cady is taking his place, located south side of Congress Street (Michigan Ave.)  
Weeks now joins E.M. Comstock in his store.  
C. R. Champion has sold his Drug Store to John Belcher from Mississippi.

March 10 Salaries paid the Teachers for year of 1874:

Joseph Estabrook, Principal (10 months)	\$2500.
Daniel Putnam, Director of Training School	2500.
Lewis McLouth, Art and Drawing	2000.
F. H. Pease, Music	2000.
J. P. Vroman	2000.
A. Lodeman, German	2000.

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March 10	Bernard Bigsby (8 months)	\$ 690.
	W. Warren (2 months)	300.
	Ruth Hoppin (10 months)	1000.
	Anna M. Cutchen (10 months)	800.
	Mary Rice (10 months)	900.
	Alice Barr (10 months)	500.
	Helen Post (4 months)	240.
	Samuel B. Laird (1 month)	25.

All on the Faculty of The Michigan State Normal College.

March 14 Married by Rev. J.F. Sutton, Mr. F. H. Hutchinson of Ypsilanti and Miss H.C. Finch, Rawsonville.

Ad: 'Mrs. J.V. Cooke, Clairvoyant and Electrician for the cause of chronic diseases, at her residence, Forest Avenue near Perrin.'

The State Treasury paid out the following to Educational Institutions:

University of Michigan	\$1,149,655.46
Normal School, Ypsilanti	293,617.80
Agricultural College	455,642.02

Paid to Reformatory Institutions:

Jackson Prison	\$ 800,318.97
Reform School	562,968.67

March 20 Ad: H. Vinkle and George McElcheron having formed a partnership, are carrying on Furniture and Undertaking Business at the old stand of D. Coon and will at all times be prepared for Undertaking calls, and having a fine hearse, we also have a full line of Burial Robes and Shrouds, etc. Try us before purchasing furniture elsewhere...

March 24 Married at the house of J. Webster Childs, by Rev. W.S. Osborn, Mr. J. Selwyn Childs and Miss Charlotte A. Smith, all of Augusta Township.

April 3 Prof. J.M.B. Sill has entered upon his duties as Superintendent of the Public Schools of Detroit; he has been the popular President of the Detroit Female Seminary for years.

Died - Frances B. Shelmire, wife of B.F. Shelmire and daughter of Abram and Elvira Brumfield, age 36 years. In early life she embraced Religion and

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April 3 united with the Presbyterian Church of which she was a worthy and consistent member until death.

April 17 Died, Mrs. Catherine Miller, age 67 years, wife of Peter Miller, at their home on Huron Street. She died March 29. April 9, Peter Miller died, age 72 years. Mr. Miller was an early settler in Michigan having come to the State in 1830. Except for 3 years in Detroit he has always lived in Ypsilanti. He was a mason by trade and built the second brick building in the City. He built the Moorman Block on North Huron Street and the store occupied by Sherwood Bros. The Millers were faithful members of the Methodist Church.

May 1 Fifty years ago next May, Rev. Elias Pattee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, came to Ypsilanti and preached the first Gospel Sermon ever preached in all of Washtenaw County. He did it in Woodruff's Grove. The Methodist Church proposes to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the occasion by religious and social services to be held May 26 and 27. All former Elders, Pastors and members now living are Charles Shier; J.N. Wallace; and E.M. Comstock. Signed S. Reed, P.E. and J.M. Fuller, Pastor.

Under local matters; Footrace to be held between U.S. Champion sprinter, Ed. Morton and local colored boy named Oscar Parker at 100 yards.

May 8 From the Dexter Leader - Ypsilanti is the home of a nest of Quacks who pretend to be able to cure Cancer and chronic diseases. They are spreading their advertisements over the State and people should be on their guard against them. Somehow these Cancer Doctors seem to have very good success. How they came to concentrate on Ypsilanti has been somewhat a wonder to us. From the Ypsilanti Commercial Editor. There is a 12 inch single column Ad listing the names of people who have testified to the cure of cancer by Dr. H.S. Thomas and Co. However, most of the names are those people from Ohio and New York State.

November 27 Smith and Fairchild Meat Market, two doors west of King and Son Grocery.

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November 27 - Ad: Clark S. Wortley's New Clothing Store - in the store formerly occupied by D.B. Greene as clothier.

Married at the residence of the Bride's father, Gilbert P. Woodruff, Wednesday, November 24, 1875, by Rev. O.J. Perrin, Miss Emma E. Woodruff and Madison S.V. Cook.

From the Detroit Post: "Samuel Post, United States Pension Agent, has an office in Kanter's Block, and being a consistent advocate of Women's Rights, 6 of his 7 clerks are of the fair sex.

Ad: McAndrew and King Dealers in Furniture. Custom Work of all kinds solicited. William McAndrew and William King, South Huron Street, opposite the Engine House (23 South Huron).

December 4 - Ad: J.F. Sanders, former partner with Clark S. Wortley, now at the old stand of Sanders & Wortley, No. 14 Congress Street (Michigan Avenue).

Ad: Brick Yards and Meat Market opposite Farmers' store Charles McCormick.

December 7 Married William H. Deubel and Mary A. Voorhees, Ypsilanti.

December 18 The Ypsilanti Home Association entering its 18th year, report: "At our last meeting, our worthy President, Mrs. R.B. Norris, who has worked assiduously for the Association for the past 15 years, felt obliged to decline a re-election on account of increasing age and infirmities, greatly to the regret of all connected with us." With winter at hand, and scarce \$5.00 in our Treasury... we feel we will be unable to meet calls upon us.

December 18 "We the undersigned Merchants of the City of Ypsilanti, agree to close our places of business on Saturday the 25th of December, 1875, and January 1, 1876 at 10 A.M. and remain closed until the next business day."

C. King & Son  
Babcock & Harris  
Lawrence & Cady  
J. A. Williams  
John Cody

George Moorman  
George W. Jones  
A. Y. Jenkins  
Easterly & Ford  
C. M. Harris



Sometime ago, an intelligent colored gentleman was elected to Congress from Alabama. His reception in Washington lacked somewhat in cordiality. Inquiring about the cause, he was informed by some young men that Masonry was the Key that unlocked all hearts at the Capitol- that everyone would clasp his hand if he should give the Master Mason's Word. He desired to join the Order, applied and was regularly entered and raised. If anyone wishes to know how 'twas done", let him go to Light Guard Hall next Tuesday evening. Admission 25¢.

Ad: Wallace & Clark successors to McAndrew & Co. Furniture and Undertaking Dept. "Night calls attended by Mr. Clarke, residence next door south of the Episcopal Church; or by Mr. Wallace, residence East Congress (Michigan Ave.) and Prospect."

"The building of a fine brick schoolhouse is being contemplated by the Catholic Congregation in this City. Through the earnest labors and efforts of the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Murray, the Church is now nearly out of debt. The Sisters of Charity are to take charge of the school."

December 25 Ad: National Dining Oysters & lunch  
126 Jefferson Avenue - Detroit  
Single meals 30¢  
Four Meal Ticket \$1.00  
21 meal Ticket 4.00  
No intoxicating liquors

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January 8

"Yesterday we were shown an Invention we think will baffle the most experienced burglars... It can be seen at the First National Bank and is pronounced the best electric burglar alarm in existence. It is so arranged that after banking hours it cannot be molested without alarming the officers of the Bank at their residences. There is no way the burglar can prevent the alarm. This is the invention of W.D. Greene of this City."

The statue of St. John is to be placed in front of St. John's Church inserted in a niche. The Pastor Rev. Mr. Murray is a worker. His congregation as well as others in the City, is being awakened to the importance of greater religious effort.

January 15

Died - Eurotas Morton, January 7, 1876 of dropsy of the chest, age 70 years. He was born in Hatfield,

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January 15

Mass. While a young man he went to Georgia to manage a mercantile business and was there 8 years. At age 30, he married Miss Maria White and she survives. In 1838 they moved to Michigan, settling in Rawsonville. A merchant there until moving to Ypsilanti in 1850. Formed a partnership with Cicero Millington in the Banking business and when The First National Bank was organized, he became one of the Directors and continued until his death in 1876.

January 22

Messrs. Hay, Wing & Co. expect to close the Woolen Mill for two weeks to clean up and repair the machinery.

Clarke, the Photographer, is putting up a small frame building on the corner of Cross and Huron Street next to the Commercial.

The funeral of John Max occurred last Sunday afternoon. The German Laborer's Association turned out, and with a long line of carriages, constituted one of the largest funerals we have ever seen.

The new organ has arrived at last and the members of the St. Lukes Church announce a grand opening concert Thursday evening the 27th. The object is to raise funds to pay off the balance due on the instrument.

The big explosion occurred on Friday, January 14, 1876 about half past 12 o'clock at the Cornwell mill south of Ypsilanti. The time seemed providential as nearly the entire force of 30 hands being home at dinner. Austin Burbank and Edwin Warren were in the machine room. Burbank was injured but not seriously. John Sanders and John Walker were in the engine room. John Max, the fireman, had just begun his day's work at 12 noon and Charles Otto, a young man who had drawn a load of wood for the Mill, were in the boiler room. Max was literally blown to pieces, one portion being found nearly a hundred yards away. Young Otto was struck in the head and died instantly; John Farmer also a wood drawer, was outside the building but was struck by flying debris and scalded by escaping steam. The wounded are receiving the best medical attention and are doing well. The loss \$13,000.

January 29

Walter B. Hewitt & Co., the old reliable standard firm of a quarter century, has dissolved. Mr. E. Hewitt, silent but really the active partner most

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of the time, has formed a new partnership with C.R. Champion to become Hewitt & Champion.

February 5

Died - Ypsilanti Township, January 30, 1876, Mrs. William Emerick, age 57.

Aray, at his mother's residence, near Ypsilanti, January 5, 1876; Mr. Eglon Aray, age 31 years. He was the late efficient and popular leader of the Coronet Band of this City, and was for some years connected with the St. John's Manufacturing Co. A steady, industrious workman.

February 12

Died in Ypsilanti, February 6, of heart disease, Mr. D.S. Chatterton, age 58 years.

Died in the City, February 6, 1876, John Greton age 80. Resident of Ypsilanti more than half of his life as a stone mason.

February 16

Married at the Methodist Parsonage by Rev. Perrin, Mr. Edward Thumb and Miss Louisa Grebe, both of Ypsilanti.

February 18

Died - Mr. Daniel W. Bowen, age 65, at the residence of his son, E.W. Bowen.

March 1

At the Pioneer Society meeting, it was proposed that the Pioneer residing longest in the County should carry the flag leading the procession to the Vestry of the Baptist Church. Ypsilanti. Quite a contest sprang up as to whom the honor belonged. An old gentleman, Benjamin F. Knapp, who stated he was at Woodruff's Grove in 1820 (there was no Woodruff's Grove until April 1823) claimed the right, but he was only on a Prospecting Tour and never a real resident of the County, and now living at Brownsville, Wayne Cty. Robert Geddes rightly has that honor. It gave Mr. Knapp the opportunity, however, to get off a speech, much to the gratification of the hungry company. The Pioneers still relish a good dinner, but much more a tale of former years.

The dinner was magnificent and in front was a beautiful cake. The young ladies asked permission to present it to the best looking pioneer gentleman. The happy recipient of the cake was Mr. Fountain Watling, who the girls chose as their beau ideal of good looks.

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The only persons present at the dinner who had been in Washtenaw County over 50 years were Robert Geddes and E. C. Peck.

March 4

The Malt House in the Fourth Ward on E. Forest at River Street, now owned by F.J. Swaine, contained more Malt than the eight inch wall was intended to hold. Tuesday night, last week, during the high wind, a large section of the north and west walls fell letting out an immense pile of Malt. The ground being frozen, nearly all the grain was saved but it will cost about \$1000 to replace the wall and to make it 16 inches thick.

March 11

If coal is found on the Voorhees farm (Clark Road west of LeForge Road) where men are now prospecting, a second Lowell on the Huron is in prospect.

March 18

The rebuilding of Hillsdale College, destroyed by fire about 2 years ago, is in promising condition. The plan involves the erection of a group of buildings, one of which is to be named "Griffin Hall" after Prof. Charles Griffin, whose prompt and liberal gift of money is thus properly recognized.

Orrin Olmstead has sold his farm to George Moorman. He will sell 22 milk cows, 4 work horses and other farm tools. He goes to California next June.

S. H. Wells, the colored Juror from Ypsilanti, served for the first time in the Circuit Court on Tuesday last, in the case of Douglas, Mallory & Co. vs. Lyon. Mr. Wells makes a very intelligent Juror, and Ypsilanti may well be proud of him. (From the Ann Arbor Courier).

Sanford H. Wells, in the 1873-74 City Directory and the Commercial says: S. H. Wells, the oldest barber in Ypsilanti, has sold out to his partner Mr. Butler and leaves next week for California, however, he went to Toledo and Lima, Ohio. His Barber Shop was in the lower level of the Worden Block, N.E. corner Congress (Michigan Ave.) and North Huron Street. He lived at 176 Congress.

March 20

Now that Spelling Bees are getting so popular everywhere, Ypsilanti has caught the fever. Last Wednesday evening, there was a large attendance at the house of Mrs. C.D. Bassett. There were 15 and 16 chosen on each side. The house was crowded with

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people, including many from the Normal College and the Union School. The following are instances of failure: Miss Weed on Berylline; Miss Lizzie Tindall on Hautloy; Dr. Kinne on Planetary; Mr. Whitman on Predatory; E. Samson on Medullary; Mrs. Lucy Hewitt on Ptyalism; Miss H. Cutcheon on Gallicism; Mrs. Bellows on Corollary; Mrs. Finley on Avarxious, etc. and Prof. Bellows on Ipecac.

The following are the officers for the Arbeiter Verein:

President	John Terns
Vice President	Christian Rossine
Rec. Secretary	Christ Wagenbach
Corr. Secretary	Raphael Kopp
Treasurer	L.Z. Foerester
Collector	Charles Seigmond

March 25

J. W. Babbitt, M.D. will sell his house at 41 River Street for \$1200. one third down.

Golden Wedding - Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan G. Morton, Township of Ypsilanti. They were married at Ypsilanti in 1826 and resided in the township ever since.

W. H. Yost advertises: For a fine quality of fresh BUFFALO ROBES - "Call and examine before purchasing. West end of Congress Street Bridge."

The great wrestling match - Jake Martin of Ypsilanti vs McLaughlin of Detroit, "World Champion"... seemed to be a draw with two thirds of the prize to McLaughlin and one third of "more than \$800 to Martin".

Died - In Pittsfield at the residence of her son-in-law, Randall Boss, March 14, 1876, Mrs. Mary Lytle age 86 years.

In the City, March 13, 1876 of cancer, Mrs. Hiram Cady age 70. Her husband died 1852. She has lived in the City with her son Homer Cady for five years. Mrs. Cady became a resident of Pittsfield Township in 1835.

April 8

A depth of 64 feet on the Voorhees farm north of the City has brought up nicer coal than has been found anywhere else in the State. A layer 3 feet in thickness is the first fruit of the enterprise.

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May 19

Died in Augusta Township at the residence of her brother, Watson Barr, Mrs. James M. Stitt, age 70. A resident of Washtenaw County for 50 years and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ypsilanti.

May 20

Fred Smart has opened his skating rink at Light Guard Hall and roller skating is the rage among the elite of our City.

Married - May 17 at the residence of the Bride's father, by Rev. Joseph Estabrook, Alpheus A. Graves and Etta M. Todd.

May 3 at the residence of the Bride's father, by Rev. Joseph Estabrook, Lafayette Peet of Iasco and Miss Eunice Ann Minor, for some time a teacher in the Union School.

May 13 by Rev. J. S. Boyden, James F. Godfrey of Ypsilanti and Mary E. Shekell of Augusta.

Died - May 11 - of Liver Complaint, Henry Gage, age 70. He moved here with his family in 1850.

The Annual Report of the Inspectors of the State Prison - "Under the most adverse circumstances the Prison has been self-supporting the past year. Our County, Washtenaw, furnished 5 inmates during 1875. The number from the entire State 391. Only one School Teacher. One bank cashier, one journalist and one preacher.

May 21

At Troy, N.Y., at the residence of Rev. T.S. Hamlin, Frank M. Bacon, age 25. He had graduated from Michigan State Normal at age 18 and since then has been teaching half time and also in business. Two years ago consumption began its work.

Died - May 21, Mrs. Alice Samson, wife of Charles E. Samson, age 26. May 12 of Quick Consumption J. Henry Bogardus, son of E. Bogardus, age 37. Mr. Bogardus was born in Salisbury, Connecticut. In 1863, he married Rachal Amsdell. He had been a bookkeeper in the First National Bank since its organization in 1863.

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- May 21                   Died April 30, Permelia Jones, age 67 years.  
mother of Mrs. J.S. Wilcox of this City.
- May 30                   Married in Ypsilanti by Rev. Samuel D. Breed,  
John E. Whitmarsh and Hattie Kilborn, both of  
Augusta.
- Ad:                   Repeated several weeks: Brick yard and meat  
market on East Cross Street opposite the Far-  
mers' Store, Charles McCormick.
- June 21                  Died- Mrs. Laura A. W. Brown, relict of John  
Tucker Brown, previously deceased, Mrs. Brown  
was 31 years of age. Mr. Brown died from the  
same disease.
- June 26                  Mr. Clark Cabray, age 66 years. in 1864, Mr.  
Cabray moved to Ypsilanti from his farm near  
Rawsonville. After the death of his wife in  
1866, his daughter kept house for him and since  
her marriage to Clark S. Wortly, he made his  
home with them where he expired after a brief  
illness of 12 hours.
- July 8                   General Custer, hero of 100 battles, is killed  
by the Indians. His two brothers, nephew and  
brother-in-law are all killed in the same battle  
with 315 of his men. 17 Officers were killed.
- Article in Commerical - "The Ypsilanti Cornet  
Band (colored) led the Ypsilantians. The Band  
won laurels all day, July 4.
- Died - June 30 of heart disease at the residence  
of C. M. Hubbell, Mrs. Elizabeth Metherall, age  
62, mother of Thomas Metherall.
- Married - In Augusta, July 4, at the Parsonage  
of Rev. Osborn, William Moffitt and Ida Vandeweker.
- Married - June 30 - by Rev. J.S. Boyden, W. L.  
Tenney and Flora Lake.
- Married - July 19 by Rev. J. S. Boyden, Thomas G.  
Switzer of Howell and Agnes Dole of Ypsilanti.
- Ad:                   Agents wanted - a rare chance to make money.  
Address J. D. Kellogg, Battle Creek, Michigan.

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July 8

Killed at Wiard's Crossing - William M. Gage.

August 5

Big article about "Emancipation" celebration on August 1 and why it is celebrated August 1.

Died - July 25, John Clark. father of William B. Clark, age 82 years. Father Clark, came from England 18 years ago. Member of the Baptist Church for 65 years.

From the Commerical: "Thirty years ago last winter, we taught the District School, two miles west on the Chicago Plank Road. The School House was then located a few rods West of Evan Begole's residence. (West Michigan at Hewitt Road). About a mile from the School on a cross road south, lived another family named Begole but not related. In that family, Milton Hatfield Begole, were four boys I had as students. All of them lively and intelligent - Robert Archie, Franklin Samuel, Roscoe Conkling and Philip Daniel. Franklin stayed to help manage the 250 acre farm, sending his three brothers to get University Degrees."

Mrs. R. B. Norris brought us a paper containing the obituary notice of Mrs. Sarah B. Bryon, whose son Alpha, was the first child born in Washtenaw County.

August 12

Advertisement: "University of Michigan - Department of Medicine and Surgery.

The 27th Annual Course of Lectures will commence on October 2.

Course separate but equal for women.

Matriculation Fees - Residents of Michigan \$10.

Non Residents \$25.

Annual Dues - Residents \$15; non-residents \$20.

Graduation Fee - For all alike \$15.

Send for circular and catalogue

A.B. Palmer, M.D. Dean, Ann Arbor, Michigan"

Ad: Western Lands - Homesteads - If you want reliable information, where and how to get a cheap FARM Government Homestead Free, send your address to S.J. Gilmore, Land Commissioner, Lawrence, Kansas and receive gratis a copy of THE KANSAS PACIFIC HOMESTEAD.



- September 30 Died - at the residence of her youngest son, Mrs. Sophia Peck, age 84. Mrs. Peck was born in Saulsbury, Connecticut in June, 1792. Married Joseph N. Peck in Otsego County, N.Y. in 1822. They came to Ypsilanti in 1824 bringing their possessions by boat up the Huron River from Lake Erie. The rest of the family came overland by team and wagon from Detroit - a journey of three days. Mr. Peck died in 1849.
- October 25 Married in the City of Ann Arbor, October 23 at the Methodist Parsonage, by the Rev. R.B. Pope, Myron E. Knapp of Salem and Cornelia E. Stevens of Ypsilanti.
- By Rev. L.C. York at the Parsonage in Canton, on the 25th of October, A.C. Barrowcliff of Sumpter and Eva R. Sweet of Ypsilanti.
- November 11 Married by Rev. J. S. Boyden, J. S. Gridley and Minnie Palmer of Ypsilanti.
- Married - November 1 - by Rev. Wilson, Archibald VanCleve of Marinette, Wisconsin and Eugenia VanFossen of Ypsilanti.
- November 25 Insert of death of Orange Risdon, the old surveyor - Died in Pittsfield Township, November 11, James H. Begole age 60. Mr. Begole moved from Wayland, Steuben County, New York to this State in 1866. He leaves a wife and 8 children.
- Died - November 22 - Jesse Hewens of Augusta, age 72 years.
- December 9 J. H. Martin said after he returned from New York and was defeated by McLaughlin; "The cause of my defeat can be seen at home, sitting up night after night with a sick wife." Her death soon after this was no surprise.
- December 16 Died December 12, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Yost, wife of Francis Yost age 58 years.
- A long obituary for December 8th death of Mrs. Ruth Gerry, M.D., age 49. Wife of S.A. Gerry, M.D., who survives. She was a Graduate of Women's Medical College, Philadelphia.

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December 23

Announcement of the suspension of the banking firm of Cornwell, Hemphill & Co.

Died - December 12 James Horn - age 77 in Augusta Township

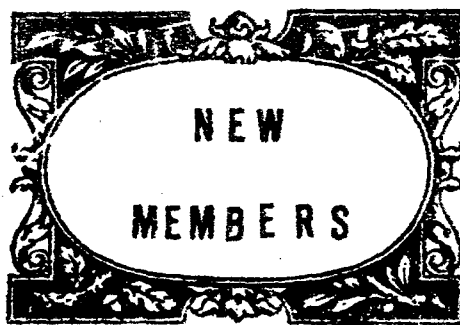
December 16 - Mrs. Temperance Beach - age 76, born in Schoharrie County, N.Y. Moved to Michigan 1845. A Baptist.

Married at the residence of the Bride's father, Lyman Graves by Rev. B.F. Crocker, Rev. O J. Perrin and Elnora Graves.

December 30

Jake Martin, the professional wrestler, has gone back to his old trade: Keeping a meat market on Huron Street with his father. The family lived at 306 South Huron for several years.

"If you want to see the neatest little schoolhouse in the Country, you will find it at Cherry Hill. A flourishing school under the supervision of Mr. Frank West of this City. The Schoolhouse was built recently at a cost of \$1400.



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Chicago, Illinois 60646

David Barbour  
7856 Midday Lane  
Alexandria, Virginia 22306

Catherine Blake  
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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown  
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Milan, Michigan 48160.

H. B. Brown  
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Joann Coleman  
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Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

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2234 Woodview #354  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Miss Frances M. Lister  
437 W. Front St. Apt. B  
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28677

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Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickels  
311 N. Wallace  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48194

Mary L. Porter  
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Cadillac, Michigan 49601

Mr. and Mrs. Don Racine  
952 Sherman  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Jane E. Raymond  
318 N. Park St.  
Ypsilanti, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. John Schneider  
411 N. Huron  
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Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sipus  
36116 Sherwood  
Livonia, Michigan 48154

NEW MEMBERS - Continued

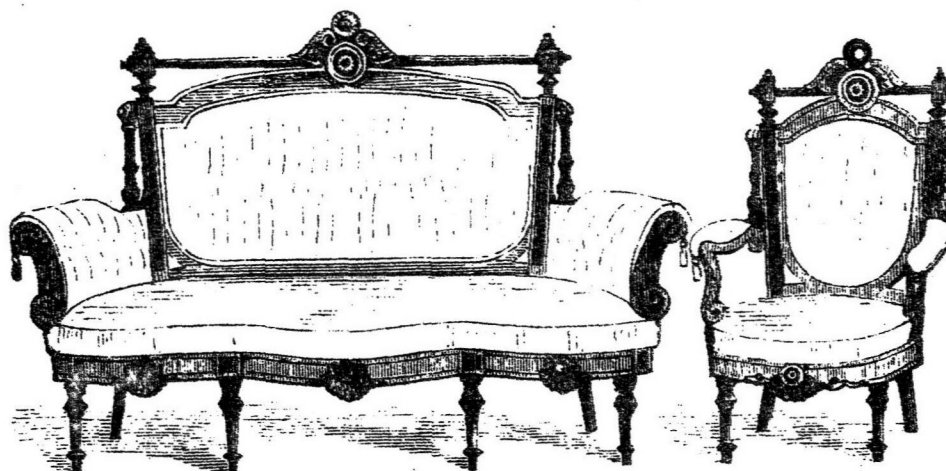
Mrs. Don Smith  
908 Pleasant Drive  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Ms. Betty Towler  
618 Hayes  
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Mr. Michael Waskul  
15 S. Adams  
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Mrs. Ruth E. Wright  
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WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY....



The committee in charge of the Barn Sale and the donations for prizes greatly appreciates the generous response from the members of the Ypsilanti Historical Society. Both projects were successful and the profits will be a great help with the activities of the Society.

A special thank you, too, to those loyal people who worked long hours preparing for the sale and for help the day of the sale. It would be difficult to mention all of you, but be assured, your work was appreciated.

Special mention should be made of those men who cleaned the barn (really a pigeon cove) and who obtained the tables from the Episcopal Church. Carl Worley, LaVerne Howard, Ron Miller and Gordon Cahours were those who did this work. We are grateful to the First National Bank for allowing us to use the barn and to Foster Fletcher for making those arrangements. The secretary, Ruth Wright, helped in her efficient way with typing, stamping, etc. Her help was invaluable.

Thank you every one for your fine cooperation.

The Committee...

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Howard  
Mr. Michael Miller  
Miss Doris Milliman

FESTIVAL ACCOUNTING:

Raffle receipts	\$969.00	Exp. \$208.75	Net	\$706.00
Barn Sale Receipts	869.35	Exp. 19.62	Net	849.73
Sales Counter	243.99			
Donation Box	122.26			

PRIZES FROM THE RAFFLE WENT TO:

1st prize	Lovely set of dishes	Maxe & Terry Obermeyer,
2nd prize	Basket and Plate	Cheryl Ensign Jr.
3rd prize	Binoculars and silver tray	Jerry Nichols

# Annual Dinner



## TICKET INFORMATION

SEND CHECKS TO:

YPSILANTI HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
220 NORTH HURON ST.  
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN 48197

or to

ELNORA MILLER  
1211 NORTH CONGRESS ST.  
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN 48197

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

October 31

## *Ypsilanti Historical Society*

INVITES MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND THEIR ANNUAL FALL DINNER

ON NOVEMBER 6, 1983 AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 76 NORTH HURON ST.,  
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN.

ROAST BEEF DINNER WILL BE SERVED BY THE EASTERN STAR WOMEN.

TIME: 5 P.M.                      PRICE \$5.00                      BOARD MEMBERS HAVE TICKETS.

SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING IS: LYNDY CAIN, COSTUME CURATOR FOR  
THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM. "PROBLEMS OF TAKING CARE OF  
OLD CLOTHING."

# Acquisitions

Mr. & Mrs. LaVerne Howard

book "Collecting Bottles"  
Copy of 1958 "Rough Rider"  
and article about Lillian  
Ashby retiring.

Michael-Frederick Heinel

Research Paper on the brick  
house at 21 North Normal.

Mrs. Ralph Smallidge



Abstracts for 15 Warner, and  
Warranty Deeds, etc.

Mrs. Charles Gooding

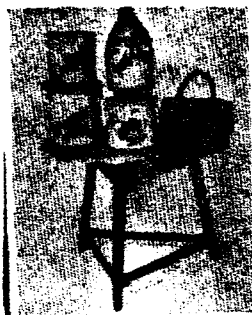
Brochure "Ypsilanti's New Hotel"  
Several old Ypsilanti Postcards

Mrs. J. J. Woods

Mrs. Demaris Cash

"The New and Revised Catalogue  
of American Antiques."

Doris Milliman



Many household items and  
clothing from the Estate of  
Lucille Langworthy.

Marilyn H. Erps:

Genealogy for Stitt, Beverly,  
Barr, and Beebe families.

Alan & Harriet Stewart

1910 Dust-Kille Vacumn Sweepe  
and attachments.

Ruth McDonald



Circa 1913-15 a child's rocki  
chair given to Ruth D. McDona  
by her father the late George  
Bridges, Sr.

Mrs. Thomas Brooks

Picture - Ypsilanti Normal  
College Graduation Class 1906

John Dawson

Statements from Martin Dawson  
E. R. Beal and Gaudy's Baker  
Photo of Addison Fletcher ho  
1880

Gertrude Murray



Old iron kettle

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Crittendon

Butter pad - 100-120 yrs. ol

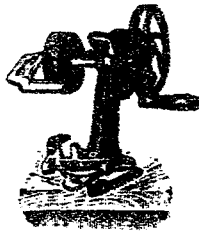
Msgr. William Sherzer

1906 picture Estabrook Frater

John Waite

\$500 note of E.B. Gooding to  
First National Bank. Pd. in

Don Wood



Sausage Grinder and slaw cut

Charles & Katherine Seeger  
Family

Lovely set of eight Haviland  
China dishes

Terry Towler

Pint L.Z. Forester Beer Bott  
The Ypsilantian - January, 1  
to December 20, 1888.

Jon Pavlovich

Record book of sales - 1827

Don & Lucy  
Gridley



Michigan Historical Maps  
and Old Mackinac News-  
paper



## YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND ARCHIVES

President ..... Mrs. William (Ann) McCarthy  
Vice-President ..... La Verne Howard  
Secretary ..... Mrs. George (Sharon) Patterson  
Treasurer ..... Fred Peters

### Board Members

Ann McCarthy, La Verne Howard, Fred Peters, Rene Burgess, Doris Milliman, Phoebe Miller, Margaret Bemis, Linda Halbrock, Foster Fletcher, William Edmunds, M.D., and Sharon Patterson.

### Administration Committee

Doris Milliman, Chairman, Rene Moran, Ann McCarthy, Eileen Harrison, Flora Block, Deci Howard, Marge Gauntlett, Ethel O'Connor and Sharon Patterson.

Miss Ethel O'Connor, Chairman of Museum Guides  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard, Plant Room  
Ruth Reynolds, Clothing Curator

### Lewis House Board

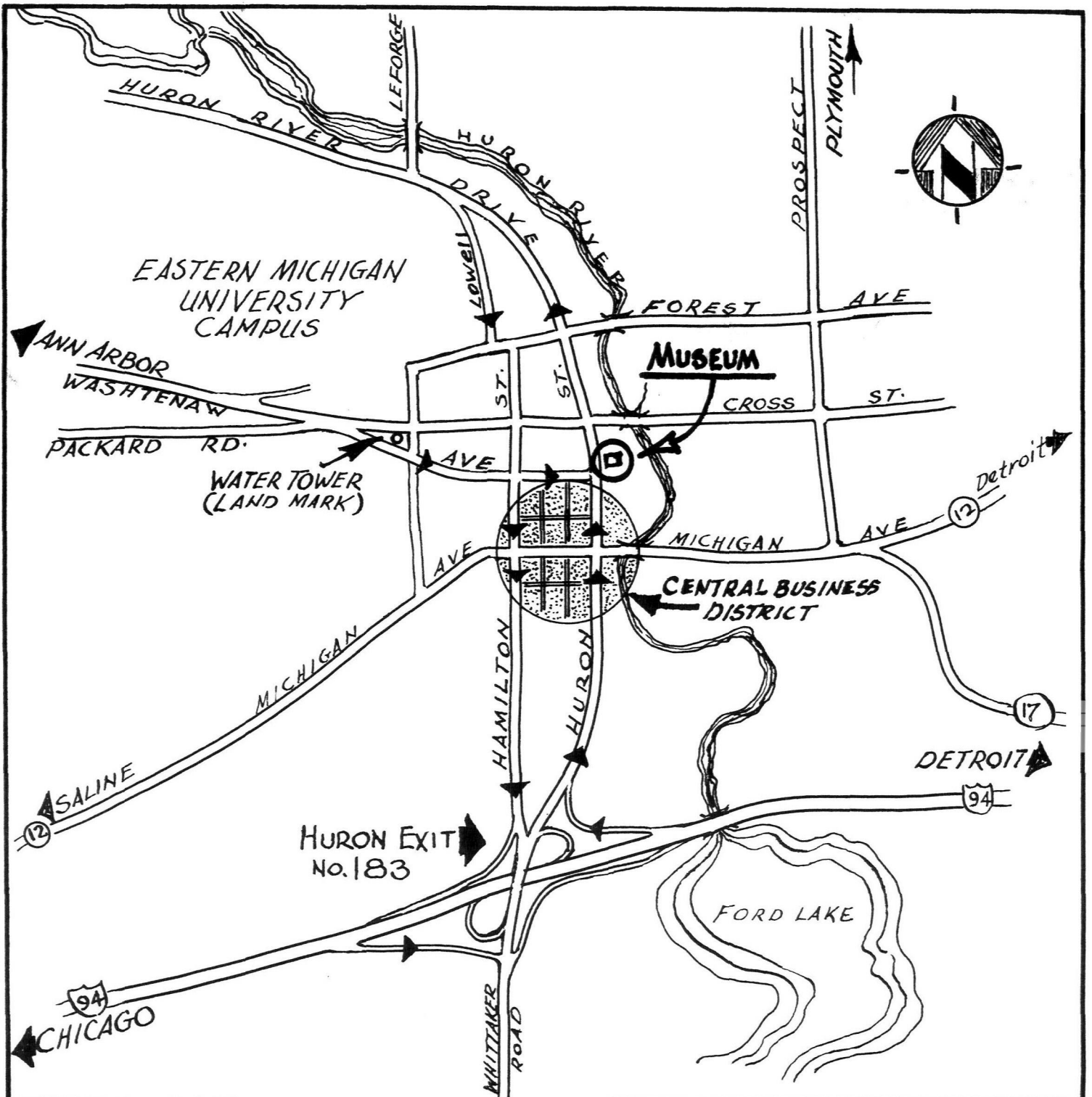
Arthur Howard, Chairman and Treasurer, Evangeline Lewis, La Verne Howard, William Edmunds, M.D., Secretary and Horatio Lewis



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.



# *Upsilanti Historical Museum*

*220 N. Huron St.*

*Upsilanti Michigan 48197 - Phone 313 - 482-4990*

*Foster Fletcher - Historian*  
*Sharon Patterson - Archivist*

*Museum Hours*  
*Fri. Sat & Sun. 2-4 PM.*  
*Archives - By Appointment*