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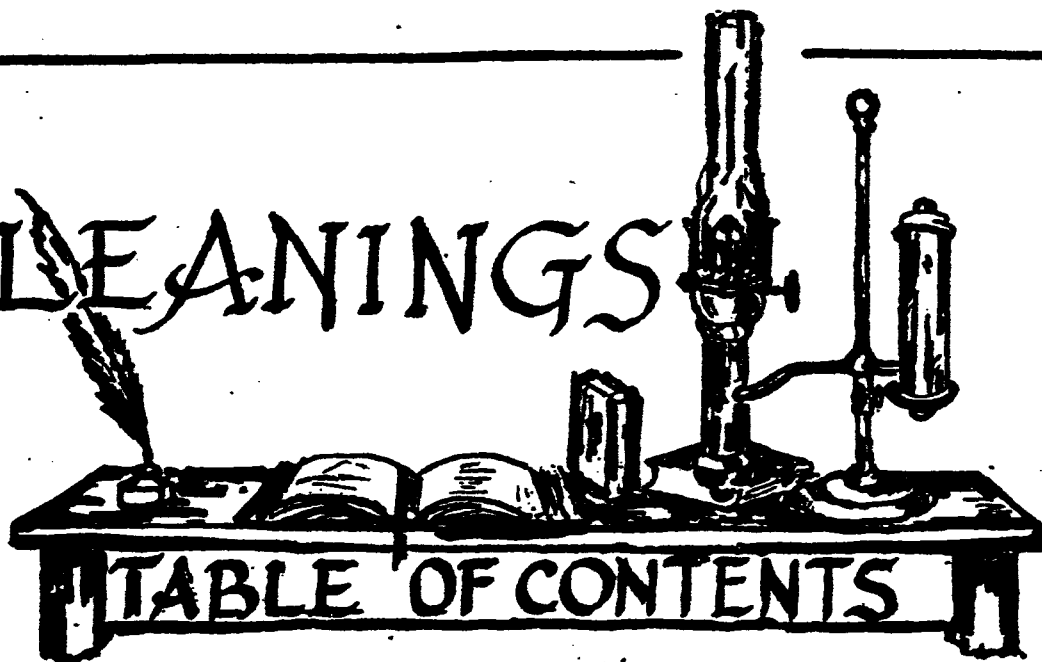
Members of the Ypsilanti City Council and the City Manager met at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, Monday evening, February 2, 1986 to present a plaque in memory of Foster Lambie Fletcher, the City Historian. The Vice President of the Ypsilanti Historical Society, Michael Miller accepted the plaque on behalf of the Society which will be placed in the Museum. It reads as follows:

FOSTER LAMBIE FLETCHER
May 16, 1897-Oct 31,1985

This Plaque is given in memory of
Foster Lambie Fletcher,
in appreciation of his many
years of devoted service to the
Citizens of Ypsilanti
and
his invaluable contributions to
preserving the heritage and
Past of Ypsilanti.

Presented by Mayor Peter J. Murdock
and
The Ypsilanti City Council

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THE YPSILANTI COMMERCIAL 1888

January 5- H. W. Glover bade goodbye to Ypsilanti and departed for San Francisco to manage the Pacific Coast department of the dress stay business.

January 6- "some talk of Ypsilanti losing the flourishing Business College of Prof. Cleary. Toledo Capitalist's slipped in and agreed to erect the building that is planned...but they did not get the prize..." Ypsilanti will have the new building.

Martin Cremer appointed Postmaster.

Died: December 26th at the residence of S.P. Clark, Mrs. Amanda P. Judd in her 91st year. She was born July 2, 1797 in Wells, Rutland County, Vermont. She was married in 1817 to Capt. Judd, he died in 1860. They came to Washtenaw County in 1831. A very devout Baptist for more than 60 years.

On December 31st Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Comstock celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Miss Frances Stewart's Commission as Post Mistress expires tomorrow. The great question of who will be appointed. F. P. Bogardus and Martin Cremer have been the most possible-and it has been answered President Cleveland appointed Martin Cremer.

January 13- John W. Nanry is the heaviest individual Tax payer in Superior Township.

AD: Alban & Johnson will present with every Cash Sale of boy's suits or overcoat amounting to \$5.00 a beautiful sleigh, strong enough for large boys and fancy enough for small ones.

January 19- Died: Mr. David Moore at his residence on Perrin St., 93rd year. He came to Superior in 1830 and moved into town 10 years ago.

January 21- Died: Frederick Andrew, age 80.

January 20- William Lambie, our Farmer Poet, sent a Birthday greeting in poetry to John Greenleaf Whittier and received the following from the best American Poet:

Dear Friend:

I heartily thank thee and am
thy sincere friend.

John G. Whittier.

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February 10- The work of Art exhibited at the Post Office by Winsor McKay, Prof., of drawing at Cleary College is a great credit to the young man's artistic ability.

Mack & Mack have added to their very complete equipment as Funeral Directors, an elegant funeral car, purchased from James Cunningham & Co., of Rochester, New York. It is one of their best makes and is really a work of art.

Robert C. Lambie of Superior received a very severe injury Wednesday while sawing wood at the farm of F.H. Hiscock. While in the act of shoving the saw, his hand slipped, falling on the buzz saw and cutting his hand severely. It will be several months before he will regain the use of his hand.

February 17- Venerable Robert Campbell died Tuesday night at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William Lambie in the 86th year of his age. The Lambie home was on North Street across from the Catholic Cemetery.

Rolland Fletcher has been summoned to the bedside of his brother Addison Fletcher who has been spending the Winter in the South for his health, growing rapidly worse. He started for home but failed to get farther than Alton, Illinois.

March 2- Died: Mrs. Mary A. Post, relative of the late William Post, last week Monday at her home on Forest Avenue.

Died: Rebecca Cutter, born April 25, 1817, married Daniel Pierce, October 1, 1834. Came to Michigan 1839.

Saline Road Toll Gate discontinued.

City to have house mail delivery with 4 carriers and one substitute. The carriers are William Eddy, Walter Fuller, H.R. Scovill and Sam Fletcher.

Julia Marlowe appeared at the Ypsilanti Opera House. No more thoroughly delightful performance has ever been given here.

March 15- Died: Mrs. Franklin J. Fletcher of cancer of the liver.

March 23- G. E. Gooding, Henry Ewing, Joe Corbitt, Jas. Delaforce, B.F. Gooding and John Ketchum of the 4th Michigan Cavalry who went to the Front in 1862, met at the residence of B.F. Gooding on March 15th bringing their wives with them, to renew old acquaintances and have a jolly time, Ketchum was discharged for a wound in March, 1863, the rest came home with their Regiment in 1865.

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- March 30- Shelly Hutchinson, formerly a pupil at Cleary College has accepted a position with a prominent Grand Rapids firm.
- April 6- Married last Monday, April 2nd, by Rev., Lowry, Aaron E. Holmes and Nora Goodell both of Cherry Hill.
- April 13- Rev., Father DeBever has purchased 14 acres on North River Street at Clark Road for \$1,400.00.
- May 18- Married At St. Luke Church, May 15, 1888 by the Rev., William Galpin of Hobart Hall, University of Michigan, Louis Lyman Burton of Detroit and Francis H. Cheever of Ypsilanti.
- May 25- E. E. Furgason will be Principal of the School at Sand Beach next year. This School has seven departments
- June 8- Winsor McKay, assisted by a quartet of Musicians of this City will give an entertainment at Grange Hall, Belleville, on Tuesday.
- June 29- AD: Lowest prices and Best Grades of Boots and Shoes at L.M. Duggan's-Cash Shoe Store-Gilbert Block at the Depot-23 East Cross Street.
- July 6- The Holmes Brick yard, some two miles south of town has been leased by Messers. Warren and Frost of Tuscola County. They have their first kiln of brick burned and ready for use.
- Dr. Thomas Shaw of Chelsea since 1870 has decided to move to Ypsilanti.
Ypsilanti now boasts of twenty-four practicing physicians.
- Dr. Hueston has purchased the Swift home on North Huron Street and is engaged in improving and modernizing it.
- Barnum & Bailey's new Barnum & London Circus will show here July 18.
- Half rates will be given on the Michigan Railroads to person going to Bay View Summer resort from July 16th to 25th. Round trip tickets from Ypsilanti will cost \$9.30. Bay View is becoming one of the most popular resorts in the country.
The Hotel and boarding accommodations are ample and prices only \$5.00 and \$10.00 a week. Over 100 cottages will be built this year.
- Winsor McKay, leaves tomorrow for a month's visit at his home in Stanton.

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July 12-

The new brick school building in the 1st Ward is assuming attractive proportion, 34 X 60 feet with 14 foot ceilings.

July 13-

All kinds of Fresh and Salt Meats at bottom prices. F.C. Banghart, South side of Congress(Michigan Ave.).

Buy a Buggy cheap at McPherson & Soctt. (Alexander McPherson and Willis E. Scott) we are selling Buggies at cost to make room. 1st Block on Washington Street.

July 17-

Died: Abby Marie Cheever in her 90th year. Born December 3, 1798. The widow of Rev., E. Cheever, Presbyterian Pastor- 1850- 1854.

August 3-

Ann Arbor capitalist talk of building a street railroad there.

C.W. Mead, M.D., formerly of Dundee, has moved his family here into the Salyer house at the north end of Washington Street.

About 300 of our colored citizens helped celebrate Emancipation Day at Jackson.

Party consisting of Mr. & Mrs. Willis Potter, Mr. & Mrs. Galloway of East Milan, Mr. & Mrs. S.P. Ballard, and Mrs. Cooper of St. Louis, Hunt & Slocum with Messers. Bryant, Garisin, Branton and Dickerson, visited D.W. Potter on Sunday.

Party consisting of Mrs. F.H. Ballard, Mrs. Albert Dreper, Mrs. Whitney Voohees-----?

August 10-

The old Tannery building near Congress at bridge has been sold to Joseph DeMosh who will turn it into a livery stable. It is a 3 story brick building.

August 17-

Norval Hawkins of East Saginaw is visiting his parents Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Hawkins.

August 24-

E.E. Ferguson of this City and Miss Agnes Van Norman of Brockway, Michigan were married at the bride's home last Wednesday.

August 31-

Rev. M.S. Woodruff of Big Rapids has accepted a call to the St. Luke's Episcopal Church of this City. His duties as Rector will begin about September 15th.

The people of the Congregational Church have been without a Pastor since Rev., M.N. Fairfield resigned July 1st. Have extended a call to Rev. Beal of Whitehall, Michigan.

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September 13- Archie Foster, the colored boy who graduated at the Normal last year, goes this week to take the Principalship of a School at Hope, Arkansas. A promising young man.

September 14- A large number present at the dedication of the new Masonic Hall in the Bank Building. (New Savings Bank S.E. corner of Michigan Avenue and Huron).

Mr. Jewett, 9 N. Summitt Street has razed the old house to the ground and is building a fine new modern residence.

W.E. Ballard and brother will sell in September, 26 acres on the farm one fourth mile south and one mile west of Willis station, a large lot of farm property.

September 20- Mr. Miller, the new Pastor of the African M.E. Church is a full blooded Mohawk Indian with an African wife.

September 21- 15,000 people at the Fair yesterday, at the Fair Grounds on Congress Street.

September 28- Died: Mrs. J. W. Babbitt

New Cleary College in process of construction.

October 12- Will Ballard will teach the winter term at Allen School.

October 19- At about 8:15 Tuesday morning, one of a gang of Boilers in the Ypsilanti Paper Company's Lowell plant exploded, throwing the other 3 boilers from their foundation and utterly demolishing the boiler room. Jacob Slawson was in the boiler room and killed instantly. Frank Sinkulki (Sinkule), the engineer was injured.

C.H. Morse, the Boston Poultry buyer is here to buy poultry. Last year he shipped nearly 100 tons of live poultry from Ypsilanti.

Last Thursday, the Veterans of the 20th Michigan Infantry, about 150 strong, gathered in Ypsilanti being their twenty third reunion.

November 2- I offer \$25.00 reward for testimony which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party who tore down and ruined my stone horse block on the evening of October 31 (Halloween).

The Follett House was sold last Friday by Mr. A.R. Nowlin to Mr. Thomas Mathias of Owosso. The Manager will be George Morman.

November 8- Benjamin Harrison elected President of the United States and Levi P. Morton, Vice President.

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November 9- Died: Samuel Casey of Superior, October 28, age 88.

November 20- "After a sickness of over three years, Addison Fletcher, Jr., died at his residence in this City, November 20, 1888, age 36 years. He died of Neurasthemia".

November 23- Messers. Fred Lamb, Guy Davis and Will Kishlar have purchased the dry goods store stock of H.P. Glover. Mr. Glover who is half owner of the Dress Stay Manufacturing Company and will devote his entire time to that business.

Andrew Fisher sold sixteen acres of land to Jesse Thorne for \$800.00.

November 29- Governor Luci visited the Normal and he spoke to an enthusiastic audience of students.

December 13- Starkweather Memorial Chapel at Highland Cemetery is now practically completed. The windows which have recently been put in, are perhaps the richest of anything in that line in the County. The two principal ones on the North and South are Memorials. The inscription are in twin circles, those on the North being:

In Memory of Ira M. Weed and Caroline, his wife
1864-1871

One on the South:

In Memory of John D. Pierce-D.D. 1800-1882

December 21- Fred Prease came home from Lewanee, Texas for the vacation. He is attending the University there. D. L. Quirk, Jr., a student at the same institution is spending the vacation with his parents.

AD: 2000 pounds Mixed and fancy candies- selected expressly for the Holiday trade. Washburn's- 29 Congress Street(Michigan Avenue) South side.

LAMBIE DIARY 1881

January 1st- The beginning of another year-If we could rise in Virtue and do in years. Cold day.

January 3- Elizabeth and Robert to School-Frank to Augusta-Brother Robert came. The three of us walked down in the evening to hear Mr. Green's fine history of Missionaries-Morrison in China, Dr. Duff in India and Livingston in Africa carried bravely the Banner of the Cross for native Scotland.

January 4- Jones and Son chopping an Oak on shares. Wife and I spent pleasant time with our old friend John Geddes and wife.

January 6- Elizabeth's birthday-born 1857. Mrs. L took 3 to School in the Cutter and went to her Father's afterwards.

January 7- Robert vexing us and the girls started out on foot. Bell stayed overnight with her friend Lu and gathered snow for washing- 12 below this morning. Took a grist to the Mill-Drew \$50.00 from the Bank. Mrs. L went to the Dentist.

January 12- Got called in the night-saw fire in Town.

January 17- Frank shot an Owl out the window at night-It came on an errand to get a hen but got hit. S started in the long sled-3 to School and Frank and Mrs. L to Augusta- Robert came home with the horses and went to the Young Peoples meeting.

January 19- Bought boots for Robert-\$4.25- Gray britches \$3.50.

January 22- Heavy snow in the night, Robert went for Bell in the Cutter. R. Fletcher drove away the Cow, Star- Bell had milked her for 7 years.

January 25- Took a load of Scholars, Teachers and Chickens to Town. Mr. Chidester paid \$2.45 for 11 Roosters- Mr. Fletcher's man left \$35 for the cow, Star.

January 31- Another snow storm.

February 1st- Old Boreals and the Northern Lights beat in full blast. Mrs. L took the Scholars to School every day thru the drifts and deep snow.

February 5- Mrs. L and I went to Brother Roberts for dinner- enjoyed it. Went to Hawkins house with Mr. Lessing to hear about the Washtenaw History.

February 8- Went to town with the Scholars and gave my paper to Mr. Lessing, is writing the Washtenaw History.

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February 9- Water and flood on the low ground-water under the barn and in the cellar.

February 12- Paid Mr. James Rounsifer \$16.68 doe three cords of wood for the School and doing repairs.

February 14- Another snow storm. It seems as though the North Pole was nearer.

March 1st- The beginning of spring, more like mid-winter. The hill is a sheet of ice. Robert got Briggs and his team to bring us the new Organ-It is a grand looking piece of furniture- Frank owed \$60. paid cash \$40-due \$20-Mr. Taylor came and the wife to put the Organ in playing order.

March 2- A Farmer brought 50 fence posts from Sumpter and they fell off coming down the icy hill where he piled them up-paid him 8cents each-\$4.00.
Paid Elizabeth \$25 all she held on R. Campbell note.

March 3- Mr. Lucken sent two men who loaded the two pigs alive in a sled and took them away- Robert and I to divide the proceeds.

March 5- Garfield installed as President-More snow-Robert brought another load of fence posts-Paid him \$12. Paid for Wiffle-tree and Yoke \$4.50-Luckin to pay about \$28 for the pigs.

March 6- Mr. Spoonser's funeral-Mild and spring-like.

March 7- Frank paid \$20- all he owes-took down eggs and brought up a grist and picked up the girls-ice and snow going fast-Robins singing.

March 10- Wife and I went to see the Casey's.

March 11- Robert's birthday-18 years-Gabriel Campbell and his son, Robert came-he brightened us up playing the new Organ and singing, talking and praying with us.

March 12- The good wife, Gabriel and Robert started for Augusta in a driving snow storm- Received letter from Sister Isabell and our old friend John Lindsey.
Robert and Jones drew stove wood in the storm.

March 14- Robert did not go to School-Frank sat up with T. Spoonser-Went to town and Robert stayed to buy a watch and I walked home in the ice and snow-very weary.

March 16- Talked to Robert and family-found G. McDougal and Pattisen and told him about A. Campbell's essay on Carlyle we heard on Monday night.
Robert went to A. Campbell's- Paid Jones 75cents.

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March 20- Snow and mud and no help comes to feed and harness the horses-loaned Frank \$15. He bought a pig from Deakin Read. Loaned Fletcher \$20.

March 24- Luckin came to buy Wedders but they were not fat enough-bought one \$5.00.

March 25- Wife and I, Robert and Wm. Campbell went to Belleville to Miss Campbell's funeral(daughter of Sam Campbell). We brought up Brother Robert's one horse wagon.

March 28- Mr. Campbell and Gabriel came after supper- saw the Hawkins House barn burn- Was well entertained hearing Mrs. Owen and Professor Lodeman at the Young People's Meeting.

March 31- More snow- a long and dreary winter-Lost another sheep. John Campbell brought Mrs. L back-bought two bushels Clover seed from him \$9.50-
Clare and I gathered 42 eggs-sold 10 bushels corn to Bueland \$3.00.

April 3- 5 went to Church- Dr. McVicar preached- Old Mr. Flowers and two others buried.

April 6- Robert sick-Wife and I went to see our friend John Miller

April 7- First grand day in a long time-Skinned a sheep that was drowned-Frank brought more fence boards- Jones and Frank cut more Willows. Paid Jones 50 cents and gave him a pair of old boots.

April 11- Mrs. L, Frank and Robert and the horses helped Wm. Campbell to move his big farm near Ann Arbor.

April 14- Jones sowed plaster on the Clover field-Robert got two horses shod-Went to Brother Robert's after supper.

April 15- My Birthday-the days of youth come back no more. Can it be I am three score? Received books, flowers and poetry-some stop working long before they are 60. Robert and I drew up stalks and I had to work like 60 and should be glad I was able to do it.

April 19- The boys and Mrs.L went to Augusta-bought a gray horse Tom from Tom Cross for \$77.50-Frank to pay \$10 and get to use him-White cow had a calf-Lambs not doing well.

April 21- Frank bought two pigs from Roberts- I did not want fighting pigs- think they were not worth much- A barrell of apples to Agnes, 2 to Frank.

April 22- Wife and I went to B. Voohees for early Ohio potatoes, sowed peas and radishes-Robert and Jones drew Manuare-got in last years corn-turned out the sheep after feeding 5 months. G. Campbell came at night.

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April 23- Sowed Clover seed on the 3 acres near the brook.
Went with G. Campbell to his fathers-pleasant visit.
Old Mrs. Thompson was buried.

April 25- Wm. Campbell came at noon and wife, son and a horse
went to help him on his big farm-
Robert harrowed and Jones cut brush-Went to Normal to hear Miss
Hoppen-very tired.

April 27- Robert and Jones drew fence posts-Frank Miller and I
staked out the line fence between Martin and us.

April 28- Willows getting green-have 16 lambs alive, did not
count the dead-Robert and Jones drawing Manure with two wagons.
3 cows to milk and 3 calves to feed and Bell does not help me as
formerly and more work comes on me.
The Wm. Campbell helpers came back at night.

May 2- Intended selling potatoes to Chidester but Robert did
not come home to help. Frank and Dan Miller worked on line fence-
Paid Miller \$5.00.

May 4- Went to town to get side slide for the plow-Robert
plowed with 3 horses-Wm. Campbell came and took Mary away. 28 lambs.

May 6- Brother Robert and daughter came to pick wild flowers.

May 7- Went to town to get a load of roof boards from Robert.
F. Miller roofed the wagon shed-Robert rolled the clover-took butter,
eggs and Baldwin apples to town. Paid Miss Boice \$14.00 for teaching.
Paid Miller \$2.00.

May 9- Sold the red and white Heffer to Lackin's for \$65.
He paid \$3 down, to take away the first of June-
Glorious Eden like days.

May 11- Took a grist- 4 of wheat and 2 of corn- No sale for
apples and potatoes.

May 12- Wife and I milked after sunrise-Robert plowed with 3
horses and broke the big whiffle tree-another daughter at John
Campbells- Robert went for the Barn raising(Wm. Campbells).

May 16- Too wet to plow-Cut the lambs tails-16 ewes and 15 bucks.
Miller roofed the pig pen-Paid 40 cents for part to put on plow.

May 18- Went to Depot and met Brother Frank-enjoyed a nice
pleasant ride round by the old Moon farm recalling younger days and
early life in America 40 years ago.
Took dinner with Robert-Got a needed rest and spent a friendly
happy day.

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May 19- Wife and I milked at dawn. Took potatoes to town. Gave away the apples and sold potatoes for 60 cents bushel. F. Miller made a fence at Harris corner.

May 20- At 3 score, fed 3 horses, milked 3 cows, fed 3 calves and 3 pigs while 3 young people were in bed. Radishes, pie plant and asparagus ready for use.

May 22- Mary's birthday-sprouted potatoes and sold 5 bushel and some apples to L. Davis and also to J. Ross.

May 24- Potatoes sprouting and Apples rotting in the Cellar. Took 4 bushel potatoes to Haskell and 10 bushels Apples to Forsythe-Robert and I had a boat and rowed on the pond above the Lowell Dam and caught a few fish in the afternoon where I fished 40 years ago.

May 25- Cleaned a load of Wheat and sold it to Deubel for \$1.03, 30 bushels \$31.28- the Mill undergoing repairs and he won't buy no more now.

May 27- Robert Jones and Dan Miller washed the Sheep and then Robert and I went to the Barn Raising at J. Millers and had a nice supper then under the trees. Elizabeth paid John Boyce the School money ofr Miss Boyce \$13.00.

May 30- Mrs. L, Robert, Frank and I went to Augusta to see their new barn. The Pioneer History just our seems to be faulty and give me no satisfaction after paying \$8.50 for the Book and \$40 for each pioneer likeness- I need have no regrets since they call me a Modern Burns, and get in my lines all right and no \$8.00 to pay. G. Campbell came to help decorate the Soldier's graves.

May 31- Went to town with the girls and G. Campbell-called on friends and drew some money out of the Bank- Mrs. L, Mary and me went to old Mrs. Hiscock's funeral.

June 1- Intended to go to Detroit but too wet-Luckin's took away two Heffers and paid \$65 in full.

June 2- Went to Detroit and called on Brother Frank, sister Agnes Brother James and Mother in her old age and my old friend James Wallace, I had not seen him for 30 years. Stayed overnight with Sister Agnes.

June 3- Brother Frank and I went to the Oak and enjoyed a fine visit with Sister Isabell and her family-Frank returned home in the evening and I stayed overnight and called on her daughter Mary.

June 6- Erna Knapp comeced to work at \$16 a month and he spread manure and split wood.

June 7- The boys shore sheep and I tied up the wood. Wet day so it was slow work. Shore 30.

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June 10 - Frank and I went to Spoonsers Sale. The boys drew gravei with the horses and worked off the road tax in 4½ days. G. Stephenson got 10 sheep to pay a pound of wool and return them a year from August.

June 11- Brother Robert, Mrs. Morton and his wife and daughter made us a pleasant visit-Mrs. Wartz and Mrs. Morehouse came.

June 14- Monroe Woolsey got 10 sheep and 6 lambs. 3 went in evening to hear Miss Knox sing.

June 16- Went to borrow John Miller's fanning Mill- August, the colored man came to work but we had Knapp. Cleaned 3 loads of wheat and sold them-33 bushels.

June 17- Cleaned and sold 3 more loads wheat-the hill was washed out from all the rain in places and Mr. Fletcher's double teams helped us. Sold 183 bushels wheat at \$1.08= \$198.25-Frank wnet to Spoonsers to shear sheep.

June 18- Fine Summer morning, Settled with Frank paying him \$51.00. Paid Rensifor \$5.00 for getting the shedhouse cleaned. Eliza got \$198.00 out of BAnk. Mrs. L and G. Campbell went to Augusta in the buggy. Anne did not come-Paid Erna Knapp \$5.00, \$1.50 before=\$6.50.

June 19- Went to Church-Mr. Steel from Ann Arbor preached-grand June day.

June 20- Went to town for Anna at 10-She sent a telegram saying she can not come till 5 P.M. Went again at 5 and she arrived all right. Robert and Erna drew Manure. Jone hoed potatoes. Frank went to Toemes to shear sheep. Wm. & Clare CAMPbell came and got 3 bushels potatoes, 3 before, paying \$3.60, gave them some small ones free as we are through sprouting and turning them.

June 21- Fine morning-Robert and Jones drawing manure. E. Knapp did not work. Mr. & Mrs. Geddis came and we had a pleasant visit. The cows bother us breaking the fence. Girls gathered strawberries. Got out 24 loads of manure. Harry got the rake _____pleasers.

June 22- Robert and Jones drew manure. Longest day-put a board on the cows horn and they did not break the fence. Clover fields red and fragrant.

June 23- Robert and I milking at 5-Robert and Jones drew out manure. Robert, Mary, Eliz and I went to the ending or what we call the commencement of the Union School. A big turnout of fine dressed people. But the addresses were not equal to the Grandeur.

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June 24- Robert cultivated corn-Jone plowed our potatoes and hoed them. The girls and Robert went to the Normal. Frank came back on Thursday, having broke the ato(?) buggy and returned with a new one. We paid \$100 for the Ato-one about 16 years old.

June 25- Mrs. L sick-The two girls and I went to Church. Mr. Blair preached in the morning. Girls and I wnet to the Prayer Meeting and heard Dr. McVicker, he kept repeating and shouting till I was weary of him and glad when he stopped. The singing was sweet and the audience large.

June 27- Another wet morning. Boys ground the mowing knives. Jones owes \$165- got \$50 out of the bank-paid wife \$40. Went with Frank to the Voorhees farm but the great man is under the flowers.

June 28- Saw the comet last night. Grand morning-Wife, Anna, Belle and I went to Normal and heard good speakilng. A beautiful Hello. Robert mowed with the machine and Jones with the sythe.

June 29- Jones owes \$265. The clouds cleared away and we had a good Hay day. Took back J. Miller's Fan Mill-Robert took the girls to the Normal-Began to mow the south field-Raked afternoon and got in 3 loads. It seems odd for a man 3 score to work in the sun and milk at night and young people sitting in the shade.

June 30- The last of balmy June-Robert mowing in the morning. Went with Frank to the Voorhees farm. Got in one load of hay-Robert mowed late and all the fields. Paid Jones 25 he owes 140. Balmy June no more-the bonnie days are over.

July 1- Beautiful dawn-the rising sun throwing sunshine and shadows in fields and forest indicative of a fine hay day. Robert cultivated and Jones mowed forenoon. Got in 4 loads of hay and Belle raked all afternoon. Hay in prime order pure atmosphere-weary with overexertion.

July 2- Wife took Frank to her Father's yesterday "Beautiful morning-fine hay day" Ross and Jones helped us get in 8 or 9 big laods. Belle raked round the fields _____ on the sulky rake. Paid Ross 150-Jones 100. Mr. Fletcher got 2 loads of straw. The word came that President was shot.

July 3- Richman preached about Garfield. A telegram came during the Sermon stating he was quiet and suffering less. It seems terrible wicked to hurt so grand a man as President Garfield.

July 4- Fourth of July-Drew all the hay-two loads of marsh and two of clover. The girls and Robert went to Wm. Campbell's. Wife and I rested at home.

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July 5- Heard that Mr. Graves' son and Mr. Murbie's daughter were drowned yesterday. A great sorrow for their friends. Garfield still living. Wife and I went with some of Wm. Campbell's friends to his big farm, came back after dinner in the heat and dust at 90 in the shade and it hurt my eyes and lungs. Did not sleep well.

July 6- Robert and Jones cultivated corn and beans. I hoed weeds at 92 in the shade-very oppressive in the intense heat-rested some in the shady grove.

July 7- Herded the sheep on Fletcher's hill at MORN- Rain and thunder at breakfast. Wife, Mary, Elizabeth and I went to the funeral of the young people who were drowned on the fourth. Very wet did not get a seat in the Church. A great congregation to sympathize with the bereaved.

July 8- 92 in the shade-helped Robert and Jones to draw manure- Thunder- Mr. Peek got 20 bushel corn, paying in full \$9.00.

July 9- Warm and Sultry. Wheat fields nearly ripe for the harvest Drew out 2 loads manure and commenced harvest-great heat 95-100 in the shade. Robert was like to be overcome and we had sometimes to go in the shade.

July 10- 5 went to Church-not so warm today. Garfield improving Mr. Graves thanked me for the line on his bereavement-Have country habits in the Evangelist.

July 11- Frank and his mother went to Augusta, Robert, Jones and E. Knapp brought in the harvest. Feels like a good harvest day about 85 in the shade. Paid Jones and Knapp \$175. Brother Robert was very generous to us all. Girls cleaning house, Wife attended a Church meeting.

July 12- Birds caroling at dawn. Early Ohio potatoes nearly ripe-Robert, Jones and I harvested till about 2-very warm 98- Then a great thunder storm-was glad of the rest. the storm beat down the wheat. Girls papered the room.

July 13- Cool after the storm, dark clouds, mercury to 75. Wind sighing like Autumn. A white dove on the barn. Damp forenoon- Jones brought Trust to bind and we finished the wheat in the Orchard and cut 9 stook(?) in the North field. Paid Jones 2 and Trust 1.

July 14- Robert went to help J. Miller, fine, cool harvest day. Cradled and bound a few sheaves alone.

July 15- Teremo reaped the N.E. Filed. Mr. Miller, Robert, Jerome and Trust bound, 1 set up-Paid Trust 4, Jones 2, cut some on the low land-G. Campbell not up at the table. Have a letter on Temperance in the Evangelist.

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July 16- Jerome reaped all the wheat. John Miller was sick and Trust was untrusty. Robert Jones and I very tired tussling with the great tangled sheaves. Fletcher's men helped to bind in afternoon. Got it all set up-very weary-good harvest day-about 90 at noon.

July 17- Pure serene Sabbath morning-Two loads went to Church. A stranger presached. Sheep behaved-both wife and I milked. Young people went to the evening service.

July 18- A cool refreshing breeze from the North. Summer Days in the Commercial. Robert Jones and I drew in all the wheat in the Orchard and begun on the low land-Frank helped some.

July 19- Drew great sheaves of low field all day- very weary-a great crop of straw. John Taylor and Mr. Wartz came. Weary and worn.

July 20- Drew wheat till 3 and the rain came as we got in the last load. We seem to be favored with great weather and better wheat than we expected. Bell helped to pitch sheaves over in the big meadow-Hurt myself-pitching big sheaves-paid Jones 1. Mrs. L took \$196 to the Church.

July 21- Robert raked the wheat stubble-enjoyeda needed rest. Grandfather Campbell brought back Frank's trunk. A wonderful active intelligent man at four score. Mrs. L went home with him and got \$50 out of the bank.

July 22- Rain last night-The boys went away in the buggy. the two girls to Mr. Camps. Jones spread manure among big mullens. I rested adn read and wrote about harvest and kept things in order.

July 23- Belle captured the buttry rat- The boys begun to plow down the big mullens with Fletcher's plow and it worked first rate. Drew in the wheat rakings-Went to town-Called on Robert.

July 24- Sermon on the Woman at the Well. Mr. Post at Church the Sabbath School Superintendent 40 years ago.

July 25- Exchanged wheat for flour, got Tom-Robert turning under the big mullens nicely. Jones hoeing beans. O'Brien got the best load of wheat straw.

July 26- Went to town with Robert. Mr. Fletcher paid \$5 for interest and 5 for straw. Robert plowing down by mullens in grand style. A minister want help about building a Congregational Church. I have no surpluss. Sent \$28 to Miss Boyce for teaching. Cool down to 60.

July 27- Fletcher rectified a mistake about interest-Helped Robert to plow down by weeds and Jones to hoe beans. Cool breezes.

July 28- Robert plowed forenoon and was tired-Him and 5 girls rode to Frain's Lake afternoon. Frank helped Robert to thrash.

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July 29- Wife and I drove down in Frank's buggy and spent a pleasant day with our old friends in Augusta. Met H. McDougal.

July 30- Paid a dollar to get the broken Jointer mended. Robert plowed-dug stumps. Went to town in afternoon. Called on Robert Peck Got some lines to Mr. Post in the Commercial. D. Wilber paid \$20 on 15 wedders.

July 31- Sabbath- Last day of July-serene day-Sermon on Adorning the Church.

August 1- Misty morning-summer fading-signs of Autumn. Intended to go to Detroit but came back. D. Wilber got 15 Wedders paying Frank \$25, \$20 before+ \$45. Mrs. L worked in the Church-Robert plowed-Jones cut weeds.

August 2- John Taylor started for Scotland-when will I see my native land, Sold 6 lambs to Munroe Woolsey for \$12. Brother Robert, Wife and daughter made us a pleasant visit. Robert finished plowing down the weeds in the N. west field. 92 in the shade.

August 3- Cut some big weeds in the corn but the heat was too great.

August 4- Mary, Elizabeth and I went to Detroit- Called on Agnes and her family and went over the river and saw brother James and his wife and we had a soul stirring visit with Mother (at four score) and Elizabeth sung "My Ane Countree" and it was like the confines of Paradise. "got a gid visit and a gid cup of tea" at Frank's. Intense heat 100 in the Shade-the breeze on Detroit River was refreshing-like new life-balm and poetry. 100 in the shade at noon again-92 at supertime.

August 5- Robert rolled the Miller's field and it looks well. H. McDougal came-grass and corn drying up.

August 6- A grand rain just what we were longing for. when I woke and heard it pattering on the eaves, I was afraid it was not real. But it was real and abundant- a direct blessing from heaven.

July 7- The girls and I went to the Methodist Church and heard Mr. Bourns on Rising up before the hoary head and honoring the old man.

August 8- Mrs. L sick, cool and pleasant-Mercury down to 50. Mowed weeds-Jones bot boards and corn. Robert went to the lake.

August 9- Cool breezes-Frank and West went to Petoskey-was not well. Kate and Agnes Inglis came.

August 10- Elizabeth and I went to Detroit with the City Band and enjoyed a delightful sail up to St. Clair. Found my old friend John McMikles, Son and wife, but not himself. Belle and Robert got home, then Kate Inglis and the girls met me at the Depot and we had a joyous ride home by moonlight.

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August 11- Three girls and Kate Inglis went to Brother Roberts and I went down for them at night and we all went to the prayer meeting.

August 12- Reminds me of early life on the moors of Scotland and we got curds and cream from our kind friends in native Avondale. The three girls, Kate Inglis and Robert went to a pic-nic in Augusta.

August 13- Cut some weeds for the cows-Took down Kate and Aggie Inglis after supper. 98 yesterday and 86 today.

August 14- Sabbath-Three girls, Robert and I went to the Opera House. Mr. Grannus preached.

August 15- Mrs. L and I both unwell in the night. Went to Dearborn and my old friend John Lindsay met me and we went to his fine home in Brownstown and talked of Auld Lang Syne.

August 16- We visited John Lau and daughter and he brought me back to Dearborn-he being 86 it is doubtful if we ever meet again. William and Mrs. Campbell came and got the horse Tom.

August 17- Robert harrowed the mullen field, cut weeds in the corn-Our four girls went to visit the four Miss Bennetts.

August 18- A wet day just what we are longing for-Sold a lamb-Settled with John Miller for harvest work-He paid \$3 for interest and returned \$100 giving his note for \$50.

August 19- Dark cloudy morning after the refreshing rain. Wife and I went to the old home in Augusta-found them thrashing with a steamer-came home.

August 20- Drew rails and chip dirt-went to town afternoon-Brother Robert unwell. Bought Fletcher note for \$100 and interest.

August 21- Sabbath- A rare day bland breezes and clear sky-three girls and I heard Mr. Wilson in the Episcopal Church, a good sermon. My old friend Mr. Post thanked me for some lines I wrote, It affords sincere pleasure to think that they made the good old man's heart rejoice over pleasant memories of Auld Lang Syne.

August 22- Fine morning-Robert harrowing-Girls washing-J. Campbell brought Mrs. L back-cut some more weeds-turned the sheep on the stubble.

August 23- Paid Brother Robert \$110 on Fletcher's note-got \$300 from R. Hemphill, the last of the money from the Farmer's store. Robert and I went to a pic-nic in F. Watling grove.Pleasant time, soem speeches and I read a few lines. Girls at Mrs. Allens.

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August 24- Went for Mrs. Stephenson and Ely, Theodores wife and Harris came (Ely Alban? His mother was a Harris).

August 25- Robert, Mary and I went to Wm. Campbells. His wife to see Mr. Ben Voorhees-Sold some corn to Lato Gros.

August 26- Robert harrowing-Went to exchange wool for stocking yarn but could do nothing with the surly fellow. Monroe Woolsey paid \$12 for 6 lambs. Jamie _____ bought 22 bushels of corn-Wife and I went to Rawsonville to exchange wool for stocking yarn.

August 28- Two girls went with E. Flechter to Camp Meeting at Otisville (s.e. of Belleville where Sam Campbell lived) Robert and I went to the Opera House to hear Mr. Grannus.

August 30- Brother Frank writes that some of the leading men of Detroit have subscribed liberally and will build a house for his Bible class. Willie Campbell came. Wife started for her old home Jones and his man cutting corn and digging potatoes. Robert and I cutting corn.

August 31- Helped Robert to pull beans-Jones dug his potatoes-Willie Campbell came. A few drops of rain at night-Grapes getting ripe-Wife returned.

September 1- Autumn again, another summer with its sorrows ended-Bleam and beauty fades into fruit then sadness and decay. Robert and Jones dug potatoes-rain and showers in the night. Wife and I went to see J. Miller's sick son-Mrs. Wartz and daughter and Mrs. Morehouse, Wm. Campbell and wife and girls, Brother Robert Wife and daughter came.

September 3- Robert took the cultivator to Wm. Campbells-a little rain-Jones dug potatoes-Letter in the Evening about John Lindsey. Robert and I went to the School meeting-few attended-I have \$237.65 in school money.

September 4- Heard Mr. Richmond under the Church. Warm and dry.

September 5- 98 in the shade-dry- grapes ripe-

September 6- We drew in the beans and Robert plowed-Wife and I drove to Ann Arbor-she visiting at her Brother Williams-I went to the Pioneer meeting-small turnout but a good dinner free-read some lines later saw the Campbells large grand house-Heard of forest fires and great suffering.

September 8- Went to see Mr. Chidester about the Wool.

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September 9- Robert and I took down 2 years wool 536 lbs at 34 for new and 648 old lbs at 33-98-Heavy wool at 22-86 at 22½- 1368 in all. Coming to \$437.13-nearly 7 lb per head. I generally look for more than I get but not this time-sign of rain and cut more corn. Sold 92 fleeces-new wool and 106 old-

September 10-Went to town and saw Ann start for her school in Elkhart-She gave me a Bank check for \$60. Fearful accounts of fires in North Woods. When will the rain come.

September 11-Grand shower-went to G. Voorhees looking for seed wheat but found none-decided to use our own.

September 13-Celaned 16 bushels of wheat for seed-got G.Voorhee's drill and Robert drilled about half of it. Voorhees wanted only 80 cents for use of his Drill.

September 15-Woke up in the night and rejoiced to hear the rain falling. I think it was the best sermon I have heard this summer.We all say be ye thankful for refreshing rain on the dry parched land. Drizzley day a good day to rest and read. gathered and cut grapes.

September 16-Showers and Robert took Elizabeth to School

September 17-Jones cut all the good corn-took 3 bushels apples to town-sold 20 bushels corn to J. McHill at 35 cents-corn and wheat advancing.

Mr. Hiscock hired Belle to teach and she went to Wm. Campbells.

September 18-A pureday-thy temple is the face of day,earth,Ocean heaven the boundless throne. Robert Campbell came with us.

September 19-Drew pumkins and manure-Wife and I went to the old home in Augusta, a home of work and wealth-learned we sold our wool too cheap. When we entered the Town coming home-the clerks were draping the stores in Mourning and we knew the President was dead.

September 21-Robert and the Knapp boy went to the State FAir-A young man came and said J. McDougal's wife was very sick and Mrs. L went to help.

September 23-Robert came home from the Fair at night bringing Frank with him and giving an account of the State Fair and his travels. Paid Frank \$50 what Mr. Campbell sent weeks ago. Boys went to town for Frank's trunk. Dry again-wheat is coming up--

September 24-Cool breezes, dry-apples falling off-potatoes rotting-Grapes abundant and I guess it is easier to find fault than to do well.- All of them went away in afternoon-Wife came back after dark.

September 25-Church draped in Mourning for President's death.

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September 26-Belle began her School-Four of us went to the Opera House to hear addresses and music over the great and good departed President Garfield. Gave our friend John Geddes the History of Washtenaw County in rhyme.

September 28-Went to the Fair but did not care much for it- big crowds of pleasant people.

September 30-Went up to the fair with Robert and returned-The two Mary's went to the Church meeting-gusty showers.

October 1- Got check on the BANK in Detroit for \$400. Was paid \$60-Nearly all on Mrs. Crumby note-Ann gave me. Mr. Peck paid Frank \$5 for corn-owes \$250-Paid Rensifor \$2 of School money.

October 3- Frank took Belle to school-Robert and I drew in corn all day-Paid Jones \$4 for husking one hundred bushels. Frank to help H. James thrash.

October 5- Robert Jones and I husked and got in the big pumkins.

October 6- Mary, Frank, Robert and I went to the Ann Arbor Fair-Loaned Robert Campbell \$550. He paid \$9.50 interest. Pleasant fair- a good crowd and a man in a balloon.

October 10- White frost-Robert and I went to twon-paid on insurance \$4.13 and bought coal for the Engine-took \$10 to buy beef and groceries and brought back 50cents. James snorting thrashing Engine came up the lane. The horses first sight of the Engine, the water tank and then the separator. Thrashers came in late and rain poured on the Apple barrells.

October 12- The Elements seem to War against us-Robert and I killed a sheep. The Thrasher had supper and breakfast and thrashed half a bushel and the rains desended in a flood and had to give up- And ther the boys started to go to a Sale and the horse Tom backed up and jumped over the thills(?) and fell and it seemed to be a day of disasters but no one hurt.

October 14- DArk morning-Wife and I went to dinner at Brother Roberts and met sister Agnes and enjoyed a pleasant time.

October 17- FRank and Robert laid a plank floor in the pig pen. Mary and I drove Bell to the High School-In the afternoon 5 of us gathered two big bushels of cider apples and before night another downpour.

October 18- Frank and J. Spoonser took down two loads of cider apples-over two tons at \$6 per ton.

October 20- Some sun at last-Sent 4 barrells to Sister Agnes- One to Brother Frank and One to Ann.

October 21- Frost and clear day-the Thrashers came with enough help began at 8 and finished at Noon, having 244 bushels wheat-was glad to get on so well-Not so much as last year but more than we expected The boys took 2 barrells apples to Miller-Jones adn Hopkins picked apples and Frank headed some barrells-Paid Hopkins \$3, Jones \$2.

October 23- A Minister from Persia described Missionary Life in that far off oppressed land. Mr. Richmond read a notice saying he h a call to a Church in Pittsburg and wanted to be dismissed and preac last sermon on November 6.

October 24- Went to Town for a grist and got wet- A bad letter from Detroit.

October 26- Gathered in all the good apples-Mary and I took flowers to Elizabeth.

October 28- Put up a pig pen-Loaned Robert \$100-he bought a black hog from Jones and they brought it here in the wagon.

October 29- The boys took apples to Mr. Sheet-brought 3 black pigs-I repaired broken fence- Brother Robert came-Belle has had 4 intervi Roads very muddy, the forest trees robed in purple and gold.

October 31- Mild damp morning. Robert Jones and I husked.

November 1- BEautiful day-Jone and a lame man husked-Robert and I drew up corn and then Wife and I took tea with Mrs. Stephenson-

November 3- Wet-Could not draw any stalks- Wife and I bought some new clothes-CALLED on Robert and Mrs. Morten-took 13 bushels apples to L. Davis.

November 4- Four of us went to a supper under the Church to say goodbye to Rev., Richmond.

November 7- Mary and I took Belle to her School-Drew in all the corn stalks-the end of another summer.

November 9- Wife and I went and ahd pleasant time visiting our old friends Mr. & Mrs. Geddes-Frank began to shingle the House-Put the Rams with the sheep.

November 11- Sold 6 bushels apples to Thornton for \$13-sold 2 barrel to Mr. Crippen.

November 15- Went to Detroit-enjoyed visit with Sister Agnes and Mother and the girls(2 maiden sisters).

November 17-T. Spoonser helped kill a hog-it weighed 300 lbs. Made a pen for the calves under the barn. Elye paid Miss Boyce \$14.

November 21- Sold 4 barrells and 2 bushels apples for \$9-a big price Bellflowers selling for \$1 a bushel.

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November 23- Decapitated Chicken for Thanksgiving-Boys came after all chores were done.

November 24- Thanksgiving-Settled with Frank-owe him \$14-The two boys and three girls went to spend Thanksgiving with Uncle William Campbell. I went to the Baptist Church to hear Mr. McCorcal. The sheep came down the lane to meet me-put them under the Barn-Cold, the stream nearly frozen over. Alone among the beasts.

November 28- The boys and T. Spoonser killed 3 pigs-Brother Robert came.

November 29- Took the pork to town to Chidester, \$6.56 per hundred, \$27.50. Paid Robert \$5-Kept the rest for home use. sorted Russets.

November 30- Took 15 bushels(Russets) to L. Davis 55 cents per bushel. Went round by D. Gardeners to Mr. Campbells and had a pleasant visit. stayed overnight at Mr. Campbells.

December 1- Salted thepork-Robert and I brought up several loads of broken rails for fire wood. Wife and I went to Church Meeting-3 new Elders elected. The young folks put a drum on the stove pipe.

December 4- Solemn Sacramental Service-two new members-Four of us went to burial service for Mr. Holmes.

December 6- Frank took one horse to go to Uncle Williams and Robert two horses to go with Belle to her school-GAVE Elizabeth \$14 to pay Miss Boyce for teaching. D. Ellis was hurt on the railroad. Went to Sale at Yost farm-Heard of Mr. Fraser's death.

December 9- Sold 19 bushels apples to Thornton \$9.40. Gave Robert \$10 to buy clothes-Frank bought a horse blanket \$2.50.

December 11- Willie Campbell and E. Hilt(Mrs. Campbell was a Hilt) came- Snow showers.

December 13- Robert went to School-I took Belle to her School-Frank and T. Spoonser put eaves trough on the house.

December 15- Sent letter and present to Ann. Had our pictures(2) taken at Mrs. Raymonds.

December 17-FRank paid the Taxes \$23-Two dogs killed one of the sheep

December 18- 6 went to Church and Dr. McCorcal preached well and accepted the call to preach for a year.

December 23- Aunt Agnes sent a Christmas Box with presents for all.

December 24- Walked to Town-Received School money \$158.12 and paid for 12 pictures of Mary and I. Anna arrived from Elkhart last night The girls filled stocking with presents.

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December 25- If it were not for the Memory the separation of 13 years since Father last spoke to me, would be as complete as though he never existed. All able to be at the Board and in good degree of health.

December 28- Elizabeth walked to Town to get Medicine for Anna-Sent letter and my likeness to Mother and sisters Isabell and Agnes.

December 31- A strange mingling of grief and gladness at the end of every year-Old age comes creeping over us. Took Anna to the Depot in a snow storm after she suffered for a week with vaccinated arm- Robert got new boots and overshoes from John Boyce.

Acquisitions

Martha Peet McAndrews	1905 & 1906 Ypsi-Dixits
Evelyn A. (McDonald) Edwards	3 Menus from 'The Huron' (Woodruff's) 1927 & 1928
Mrs. H. Fry	Books: 1 Sunday School Banner-Hymn Tunes 1 Progressive Music Reader
Arthur W. Krammer	Complete Abstract of Property sold to Beyer Hospital.
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Ealy	Silver Sugar Cube Tray Child's Merry Go Round Red Square Traveling Inkwell Cement Block Maker
Mrs. J. J. (Alice) Woods	2 Black Lace Blouses belonged to Mrs. Hubbell who lived on West Michigan at Mansfield.
Catherine Blake	1 Straw Bag large gold rimmed plate Child's Stuffed Toy Large Cup & Saucer Pan & Cover
..	Old Fashioned Ink Well-Glass Glass Desk Set-Used at Peninsular Paper Company Glass Paper Clip Holder
Francis X. Blouin, Jr. Director University of Michigan	Book by Sister Marie Heyda A Study of Democracy at Ypsilanti: 1825-1858
Mary Blomquist	Child's Sewing Machine
Bertha Goodison	Pictures-Original paintings by Bertha Goodison
Gertrude Nanry	Large Picture - Whooping Cranes
Mrs. Henry Rockweil	1 Scienic Picture
Emma Chambers	Hunting-Trapping License and Badge 1928
Robert Pritchard	The Story of Willow Run

Acquisitions

Mrs. Carl Miller	Life Magazines September 14, & 21, 1959 March 3, 1961
Wayne Jackson	Mother's Dress about 1920
Steve & Larry Parker	Bottle 1884 Preston W. Ross
Dr. Barry Alford	Ypsi-Dixits- 1901- 1902- 1904-1918-1945 1946- 1947- 1949-1950-1951
Mrs. Loris Lancaster	2 Books by Horatio Alger Jerry, The Backwoods Boy Jed, The Poor House Boy
Mrs. Liss	Book-The Heart of Toil by Octave Thanet

Members of the Ypsilanti Historical Society:

Again it is time to relate to you some of the activities of the Museum's Administration Committee whose members are just as loyal and hard working as ever. Unfortunately, we lost two members this year- Ethel O'Connor and Foster Fletcher. Altho she can not be active, Ethel maintains an interest in the activities of the committee.

Following is a resume of some of the activities of the members as each related them:

The Museum Director, Ann McCarthy, has been the overseer of the Museum, has publicized it, and has been responsible for the scheduling of the Guides. She locates new Guides when needed and this past year, compiled a new Guide Book for them.

Eileen Harrison's report at each meeting is one that we anticipate with pleasure for she often relates something interesting from the tapes she has been reviewing. One of her projects this year that is of great benefit to our collection of Oral History tapes is that Bentley Library in Ann Arbor requested a large number of tapes. That staff made copies of each for them, and for our files. This makes it possible to use the copies for research and maintain a master file of the originals. Eileen is making progress, too, in the indexing of our older tapes which had no indication of their contents. She now has a corner of the basement set aside for the collection and a place in which to work. Eileen asks that if any of you know persons who would be interesting prospects for interviews, to notify her.

Marge Gauntlett has done a remarkable job in keeping the Sales Case in excellent condition and has had many unusual articles for sale. She has spent long hours arranging the articles and has been here to accommodate buyers when the Museum is not open. Another of her many activities is caring for the Children's Room. She changes exhibits and has improved the doll collection this year. Two of the dolls were repaired, one with a china head, and the other was a six inch bisque doll. Where ever possible, all doll clothing was laundered and repaired. All of this was done with no expense to the Society. It is interesting to note the doll collection that we have- there are five china head dolls, six bisque dolls plus eight other dolls, all from local families. Added to the room this year were a doll's sewing machine and a rocking horse. Marge planned a workshop for the Guides on October 11, 1985 to review procedures and to bring the Guides up-to-date on various topics. Another workshop is planned in March for those who could not attend the other one.

Kathryn Howard has rearranged the quilt exhibit through the use of a newly installed show case in the Craft Room. In the Costume Room there is a new exhibit of our silk and our paisley shawls. All dresses have been arranged and placed on wooden hangers. The latter were a gift from Mellencamps' Store. A large antique shelf was hung in the upper hall and the old clock has been placed on it. Do notice the new lace curtains in the dining room and note how they improve the looks of the room.

There are some newly added articles in the parlor this year which include two lovely cut glass pieces, a vase and a pitcher, and two ruby lustres with enamel overlays which are on the mantel. In the White Room there is a crystal inkwell.

Kathryn was chairman of a committee to decorate the Museum at Christmas. As usual it was beautifully done by her and the committee, composed of Elnora Miller, Laverne Howard and Ron Miller. Special decorations during the year are done by this committee member and you will agree that the Museum always is attractive.

Billie Wardell has been the overseer of the cleaning person who comes bi-weekly. She had to locate a different person to clean this year and now has Jennifer Sitten to replace Eileen McCarthy who left to attend college. Billie was assisted by Betty Tunnicliffe in decorating the Christmas tree with decorations made from natural materials. Betty also made a chart which identified the materials that were used. The tree was especially outstanding when viewed by a spotlight.

The plants in the Solarium and throughout the house would all perish if it were not for Deci Howard who with the assistance of her husband keep them in good condition and replenish those that need to be. Deci made the window decorations for the Christmas season and placed them with Art's assistance.

Jean Scott works with the scout troops and does especially well in interpreting the Museum to the children.

Lest you think that each member works alone, let me assure you there are many team efforts as well. We are always ready to assist with school groups. There were 516 children who visited the Museum this year. These included elementary, senior high and students from the Adult Education Career Center. The latter were classes in English as a second language and a woodworking class. The schools participating were Adams, Chappelle, Estabrook, Fletcher, George, The High School and the Adult Education department. In March, a brochure and a letter is mailed to all schools in the area, inviting them to visit.

Early in May, 1985, we had a workshop for children to make May Baskets. This was held at the Towner House Children's Museum and was planned by Betty Tunnicliffe and Billie Wardell, assisted by Marge Gauntlett. The workshop was very successful and that Museum is well equipped to handle such a project. Children were urged to visit this Museum, too, after working across the street. The extra May baskets that were made were taken to the Gilbert Residence and given to those who live there, much to their surprise and delight.

In June, we had a fun day when we visited the Plymouth Museum and had lunch in that City. Altho we gained something from the visit, we came home feeling happy with our own Museum.

Of course, we always spruce up the house for the Mayor's Exchange Day and some of us are here to greet visitors.

Also in June is the big event for the Guides when we express our appreciation to them for their great assistance during the year. The luncheon attracts most of the Guides to enjoy the meal provided by this committee with the assistance of the Society Board Members, and listen to the musical program that we provide. This past year we had a piano duet consisting of Eva Kelly and Jim Anderson from Livonia. We are planning to honor the Guides again this year.

We worked extra hours during the Festival Days after Ethel O'Connor planned the schedule and of course, the Museum was in tip-top condition for the affair. Eileen Harrison had made fifty of her popular Clothes Pin Dolls which were easily sold.

This committee served as Guides for two evenings before Christmas when the Museum could be seen by candlelight. Luminaries were placed along the walks by LaVerne Howard and David Gauntlett.

In October, we had a Craft Show that was so successful that we plan to have a bigger and better one this year. We had fourteen people participating, in Rug Hooking, Corn Husk Dolls, Tatting, Bobbin Lace making, Chair Caning, Basket Making, Wood Carving, Quilting and Clothes Pin Dolls.

This report can in no way tell the entire story of the hours and work done by committee members, but this is a summary. Some of this work could not have been done without the fine assistance of these men, Arthur Howard, LaVerne Howard and David Gauntlett. We are forever grateful to them.

Besides the two events already mentioned, we have other projects in mind for this coming year. One is about to take place in February in the form of a Valentine Making workshop planned by Billie Wardell, Betty Tunnicliffe and Judy White.

Another should be mentioned and that is the Trash and Treasure Sale that is planned during the summer, so watch for announcements and save articles for it.

Doris Milliman
Chairman, Administration Committee

Happenings by Your Board of Directors

October 3, 1985:

The Annual Dinner Meeting is finalized. Don Racine has the program, speakers and participants all scheduled.

Doris Milliman requested a space be made available for Eileen Harrison to be able to store, edit, play and review the taped interviews she has made- and continues to make- with knowledgeable local people. The Board agreed to set up space in the basement.

Craft Day will be October 12th.

November 7, 1985:

Annual Dinner was a success, as was the Craft Day.

The Museum is to be open the evenings of December 19 and 20, 1985 to give the community more opportunity to see the lovely Christmas Decorations.

Christmas Open House is set for December 15 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. The Annual Business Meeting will be held January 19, 1986.

The Museum will be decorated for Christmas on December 11. The Board agreed that the Roping used to decorate inside should be artificial to comply with Fire Regulations and to provide less expensive decorating costs in the future. LaVerne Howard volunteered to purchase the Roping.

Doris Milliman noted that additional shelving is needed for storage on the second floor, and Terry Towler offered to donate metal shelving unit.

It was unanimously agreed by the Board that Doris Milliman be appointed City Historian until further notice. This recommendation will be forwarded to City Hall.

December 5, 1985:

The nominating committee presented a list of nominees for the three vacancies to arise on the Board of Directors.

Plans for all events:

Christmas Open House and Annual Business Meeting are complete. New artificial roping has been purchased and Raffle Tickets are one sale for a beautiful doll.

January 2, 1986:

Arthur Howard reported that the Lewis House had been used for meetings by two different groups. He also noted that a new furnace is needed and can be installed, as per bid, for \$2,882.00. Also painting of repaired bedroom, and exterior should be done in the Spring.

Plans for the Annual Business Meeting are complete. It was moved by Bill Edmunds, and approved by the Board, that the By-Laws to the Constitution be amended to change the Annual Business Meeting from January to September. This Amendment will be presented to the Membership for approval on January 19, 1986.

After much discussion, the Board approved the installation of an ADDITIONAL HEATING UNIT TO MAINTAIN HEAT IN THE ARCHIVES/OFFICE AREA. Bill Edmunds will follow up.

President's Message

Dear Members:

We are into a New Year, and we are still progressing. Our Christmas Open House was a great event, and everyone enjoyed our new roping and the beautiful tree. The Annual Business meeting was also successful, and we unanimously amended the By-Laws to the Constitution to change the Annual Business Meeting from January to September. I feel this was an excellent change as it should give more of our members an opportunity to take part in our Annual Business Meeting.

We have a new heating unit in the Archives/Office area which is a real benefit, as this area was not being properly warmed, in the cold weather, with the current system in place. Billie Zolkosky and Doris Milliman, particularly, are grateful for the new-formed comfort.

In addition to the above, the Archives Office area is being changed around a little and is being freshened up with a new coat of paint.

Our Dining Room northeast corner has been repaired and is also receiving a new paint job. Eventually we hope to have the whole interior redecorated.

Please notice all the changes and let us know how you feel about them.

David Gauntlett
President-Ypsilanti Historical Society

NEWS FROM THE SALES CASE

The Museum Gift Shop will be open extra hours during the month of March for the convenience of our members and friends of the Historical Society.

If you have not investigated our Gift Shop, this is a good time to become acquainted- from 10:00 A.M., to 12:00 Noon each Monday in March.

SUPPORT YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum is also open from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. every weekend. We will be closed Easter Weekend.

Marge Gauntlett
Chairperson



Foster Fletcher's review of the 1985 Heritage Parade

The days of the Harvest Festival are over. It was a pleasant time and there were many people on the streets. Nearly 1000 went through the Museum. Those from farthest away were a couple from the Phillipines plus 2 girls from there.

A young man from Norway registered and there were two young Orientals from South Korea.

Probably the most unusual visitor was Kris Montgomery, a 13 year old boy from Dakas, Sengal, Africia, If you wish, you can figure out who came from farthest away.

The parade was agsin excellent with many magnificent horses. The Franzen Circus brought their Elephant which seemed pleased with the crowd and two very young Elephants didn't seem to care for the human admirers.

A solemn stately Camel walked majestically, indifferent to the crowd, followed by a Llama and a long cage of 12 or more Tigers in it. Then was a King of the Beasts, a lion, but we missed him.

Many beautiful floats and stirring Marching Bands.

We think Lincoln High School has the handsomest uniforms.

The rain held over during the hour parade but at high noon it really poured. The noise of the rain in the tent of the Kiwanis Chicken Broil was so great it drowned out the many voices.

But Sunday was a beautiful day and the good natured crowds moved easily.

The Lottery drawing was at 5 o'clock Sunday.

First prize of \$500.00 went to Mrs. C. Berchtold of Ann Arbor.
Second prize of \$250.00 went to Clifford O'Reilly of Ann Arbor.
Third prize of \$100.00 wnet to Mrs. Mary Ballard of Wayne, Pa.

Foster L. Fletcher

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General Office News

As our new year is already well into the first quarter, needless to say our Dues are upon us for another year.

If you are not sure how much you owe, please call the office 482-4990 between 8:30 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday and I will be happy to assist you.

It is expensive to send flyers in the mail, bulk mail postage has risen also, and our dues are low so we would appreciate your response. Any questions, Please don't hesitate to call.

The Gleanings is a little late this time but gremlins were acting up around the machines. I will catch up with the next copy. I have several people ask about the Diary of Mr. Lambie- Never fear, Foster had copied through 1895 so it shall continue to run, I also have the diaries thru 1899.

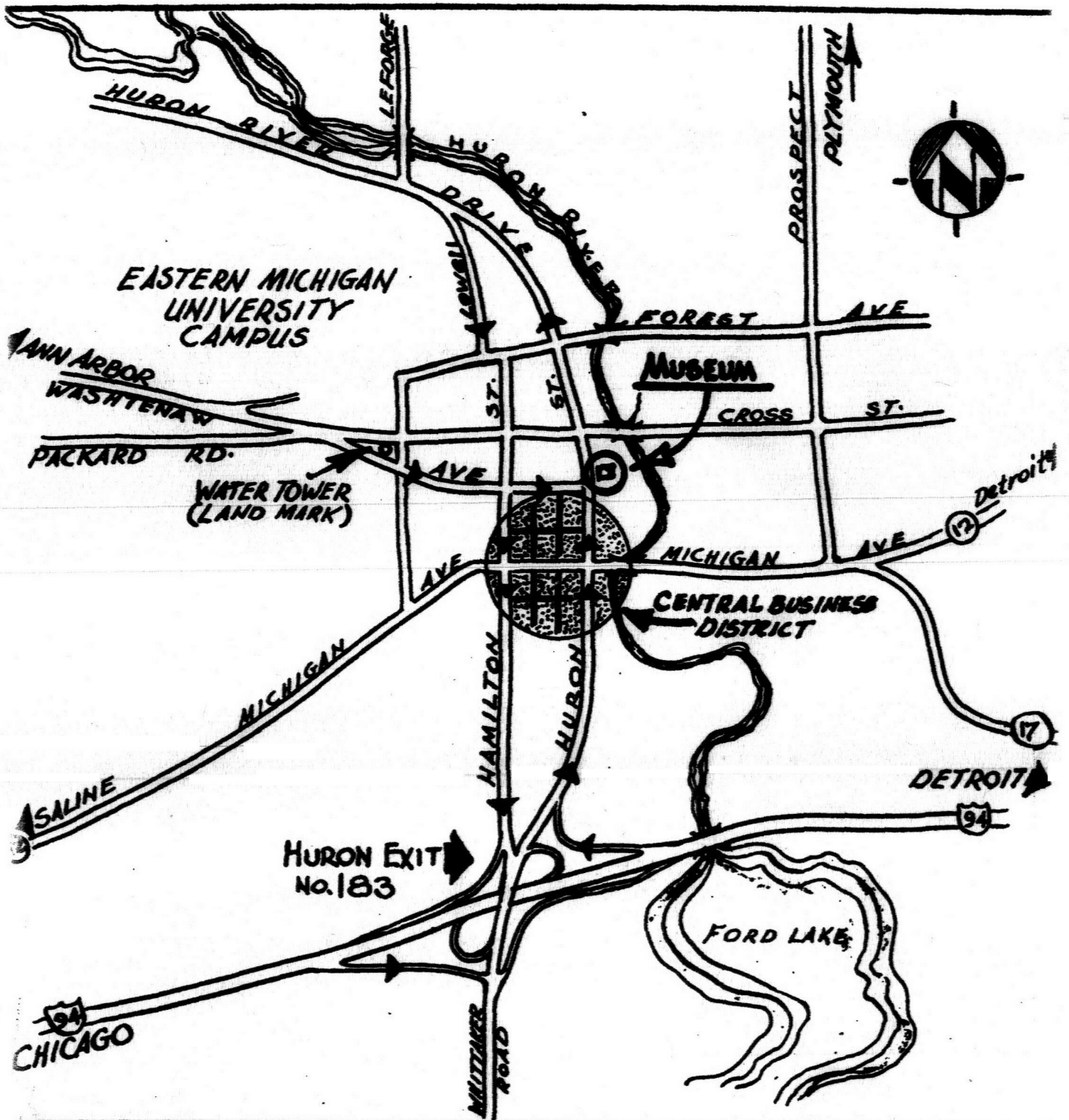
We have had several visitors to the Archives that are doing research. Some from Romulus, Belleville, Canton and many mail inquiries. It is keeping Doris busy with helping them.

The friends of Nell Barrett will be interested to know that she is now living at Westminster Manor, 81 South Street, Auburn, New York, 13021. She has sold her home in Paris, Tennessee and is now living near a sister. Nell and her late husband, Albert, were good workers at the Museum when they lived here. Nell was a member of the Administration Committee and was involved in many of its projects. Albert was a handy man who did repair work for us. The chandelier in the White Room is a memorial to him.

A Valentine making party for elementary school children was held at the Towner House Children's Museum on February 8, 1986 with Mrs. Billie Wardell and Miss Betty Tunnicliffe assisted by Mrs. Judy White and helpers. It was highly successful with over a hundred children involved in making Valentines and Valentine Boxes.

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