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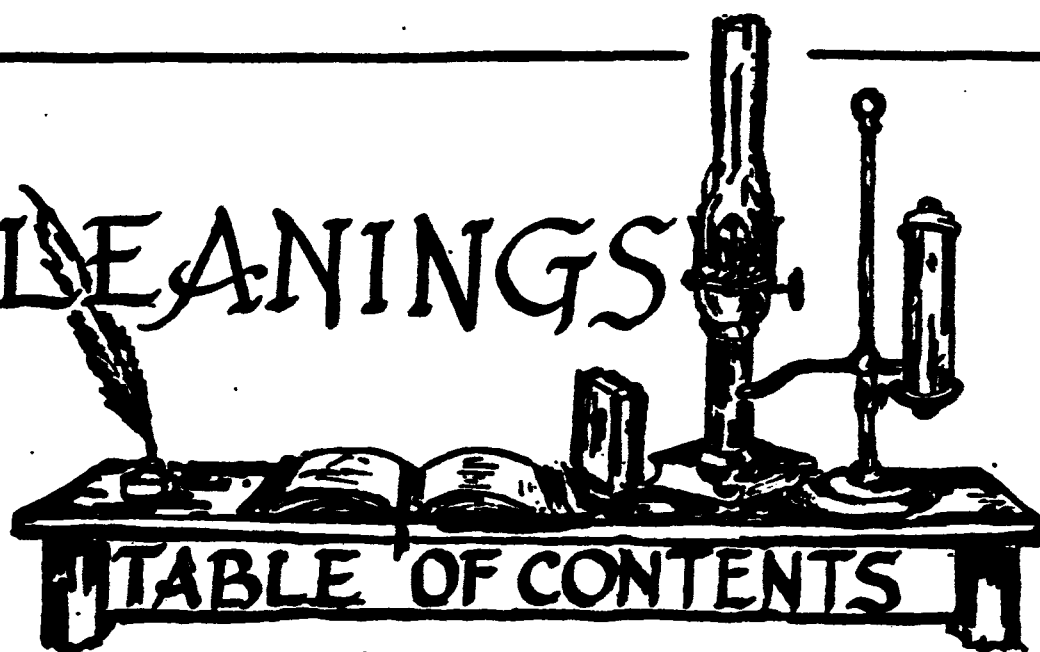
REFRESHMENTS



The Museum will be open December 17th and December 18th in the evening from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. so you may come and enjoy the Christmas decorations at night.

**Ypsilanti Historical Society
Board of Directors**

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A Note from your President:

It was with deep regrets that we had to cancel our Annual Dinner. We were committed to have at least one hundred reservations but were unable to come close enough without taking a large financial loss.

Mike Miller spent a considerable amount of his time and his own money in his attempt to find a suitable place for this type of dinner. Churches and lodge halls are not too responsive to Sunday afternoon dinners.

Mike has suggested that a pot-luck dinner may be nice to have some time after the first of the year. This would include our whole membership. The Board of Directors will be discussing this matter which to me sounds like a good idea.

Please give a call or send a card to one of the Board members or to the office. Would like your opinions on the proposed pot-luck.

DON'T FORGET our CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, December 13th from 1 to 5 P.M. The Board has promised us some great refreshments as they have in the past.

A lot of time, hard work and expense goes into decorating the house for this occasion. Every year we try to make it different.

The Festival of Lights Committee have lighted the two trees in front of the Museum and another ten thousand lights have been added to the park. Some of our own people have been working on this project and brings the Museum and our City closer together.

The MUSEUM will be open from 7 to 9 P.M., on December 17th and 18th to accommodate people that would be visiting the Festival of Lights. Marge Gauntlett will have her store fully stocked.

Progress is slowly being made to get the Museum in number one shape. We have a great reputation that we have to maintain and improve on.

Thank you for your help in the past and looking forward to your help in the future.

Thanks to the Board Members that are going off the Board at this time; Robert LaRue; Marion Vorce and Michael Miller. Welcome to the new Board members; Sharon Patterson; Jack Miller and Ernest Griffin.

LaVerne G. Howard
President-Ypsilanti Historical Society

Summer always brings visitors who are interested in family research and the summer of 1987 was no exception. Among the visitors were people researching the following families or persons: Harold Koch, The Thayer Family, The Bayles and Worden Families, The Hewitts, The Showermans, and The Culvers, to name a few.

A member of the Washtenaw County Genealogical Society searched the numerous Bibles that we own and copied the family information in our files to which the public is always welcome. The following family Bibles have been added to our collection: Fellows-Davidson: Hurd: Merriman: Kelley: LeForge Merritt-Downing: Sober, and the Younglove-Lambie Bible.

We always welcome any family records, so if you own such, will you allow us to copy them?

A very successful Craft Show was held at the Museum on October 17, 1987. It was visited by over a hundred persons, including members of the Ypsilanti Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution who attended the show for the Chapters' Program.

The following person's participated in the event:

Miss Olive Lockwood	Rug Hooking
Mrs. Billie Wardell	Quilting
Mrs. Sue Binder	Quilting
Mrs. Anna Anderson	Tatting
Mrs. Carrie Huston	Tatting
Mrs. Eunice Elie	Tooth Brush Rug Making
Mrs. Dorothy Beard	Weaving
Miss Betty Tunncliffe	Corn Husk Dolls
Miss Eileen Harrison	Clothes Pin Dolls
Mrs. Lee Ann Racine	Spinning
Mr. Albert Thayer	Bird Carvings
Mr. William Hamilton	Chair Caning
Mr. Richard Laubernds	Wood Carving

The Show was sponsored by the Ypsilanti Historical Society and was planned by the Society's Administration Committee. Lunch was furnished and served by the Committee. The event was ably assisted by the President, Mr. LaVerne Howard who set up tables and helped with the clean-up.

Administration Committee Members are:

Miss Eileen Harrison	Mrs. Deci Howard	Mrs. Marjorie Gauntlett
Miss Betty Tunncliffe		Mrs. Kathryn Howard
Mrs. Billie Wardell	Mrs. Ann McCarthy	Miss Doris Milliman

Doris Milliman
City Historian

Director's Report

The Arts and Craft Demonstration held October 17th was a huge success. Eighty-five people signed the Guest book. We had 13 artisans, ranging from Bobbin Lace Making to Woodcarving. A delicious lunch , prepared by the members, was served.

Ann McCarthy
Director

Message from Decorating Chairman

Once again the decorating for Christmas approaches. We need evergreen greens for decorating. So all of you trim your trees and bring the small branches to us by December 7th, so once again we can look great for our Christmas Open House December 13th, 1987. Call 482-7081 if they need to be picked up.

Kathryn J. Howard
Decorating Chairman

YPSILANTI ELECTRIC LIGHT
1887

In his walking around the City, Rev. Laurence N. Woodruff has noted and become interested in some of the old buildings. He has submitted the following material about the brick building in the City's storage yard on West Forest Avenue. We are pleased to have this building's one hundredth anniversary commemorated by Rev. Woodruff.

STREET LIGHT CENTENNIAL

Exactly one hundred years ago, Ypsilanti took a giant stride forward into the new world of technology and turned on its first electric street lights. In 1887 the little village of about 5,000 residents installed arc lamps on top of five seventy-five foot towers, one in each ward. A number of "arm lights" were installed at major intersections. These arc lamps mounted on their tall towers provided a soft, bluish-white light, suggesting moon light, and people joked about the romantic atmosphere, which had been created in our community.

By our standards the five arc lamps on their high spires and the "arm lamps" would not have provided very much light. Nevertheless for people who knew only the night's natural darkness or the soft glow of a few gas lamps, these electric lights must have seemed like a magnificent advance into the future.

Where did the city get its electric power for these wonderful new street lights? The city produced its own power. After much debate the city council decided to build a power plant on West Forest Avenue. A red brick building housed a boiler, a steam engine and a generator which produced all of the power for the city's electric light system. The puffing steam engine and the whirl of of the generator producing electric current was the marvel of the community. It was reported that boys like to come to watch the steam engine and to magnetize their pocket knives with the powerful magnet of the generator.

In 1896 the city built a water works plant near where the Ford Plant is now located and moved its steam generator to the same location. By 1905 Detroit Edison had taken over this and all the other little power plants, public and private, in the county.

Although a hundred years have come and gone, the building, in which the electric power for Ypsilanti's first street lights was produced, still stand on West Forest Avenue in the Department of Public Works Yard. Inscribed in a stone plaque near the top of the front wall are the words, "Ypsilanti Electric Light, 1887." This little red brick building ushered our community into the modern world of electric light and power.

Laurence N. Woodruff

(With gratitude to Doris Milliman, City Historian, who provided the research for this article)

Lambie Diary -1886

January

1. Anna and Mary went with Azro and Elizabeth and the Babe to Azro's father. A little frost and pleasant. Frank drew furniture for Robert to the old house. Gave Anna my note for \$100.00- Heard of a great fire in Detroit.
2. Frank took Anna to the depot for her School at Elkhart. Frank and Mr. C went to Mrs. Forsythes Funeral. Mrs. L and I went to Town in the rain. Called on Brother Robert and got a coin from William McAndrew made out of the old Church Organ.
3. Mild Shower-A good Sermon on Moses.
4. Like Spring, Frank and Azro drew up Mrs. Younglove and her furniture.
5. Snow Showers, Frank and Azro repairing the old house. I wish everyone would bear their own burdens when they are younger than me.
6. Mary and Belle went to Azros to celebrate Elizabeth's Birthday.
7. Cold north wind. J. Campbell came-James Hewens came and went.
8. Fed at the old home. Robert's wife's Mother living in the old house. Walked over to Azros. The wee boy not very well. Mr. C. vexed me- I am too old a man to work a farm on shares and not get what I think a fair share nor give me all the hay I paid for mowing, for pasturing 2 cows part of the time. Robert and his bride came home to live in the old house.
9. Cold driving snow storm. Went to Town 18¢ for eggs. Cold waves.
10. Walked to Church. Mary and Belle drove- Stormy and dreary.
11. Below zero-Drove Belle to her School. Called on Elizabeth. Mary and I went to our old home and Robert's new one. Gave Robert a note for \$100.00.
12. 2 below zero-Fed at the old home, found Robert tacking down carpets. The two Mary's went to Town.
13. 4 below zero. The white cow had a calf. Fed at old home.
15. The muddy rutty roads now frozen. Took Belle to Sobers Corners-Ridge and Geddes Roads and she walked the rest of the way. Called on Elizabeth and sick Mr. Casey on the way home.

Lambie Diary - 1886

January

16. The two Marys and I went to Town and got chilled in the icy rain.
17. To icy to drive to Church, Belle walked and went alone.
18. Drove with Belle to her School in a snow storm. Robert took twelve hunder of hay to Ring.
19. Blustry and snow in the night. Paid \$6.00 to Van Pail for seat rent in the Church on Saturday. Paid Isabell Marshal \$10.00.
20. Robert and I drove the red cow to the old farm. Drving snow storm, dark and dreary.
21. The two Marys went to Town in the cutter-good sleighing. Mr. & Mrs. William Campbell came.
22. Cold driving snow showers. Frank & Azro went to see the flour Mill at Rawsonville. Brave Belle walked home through the driving snow storm.
23. The coldest morning so fat 13 below zero. Robert and I got two bags of wheat exchanged for flour-80 lbs each. Mrs. Ring let the washing fo for the load of hay, 5 due yet.
24. A Sermon on fighting, the Anicmas(?). Two below zero at dawn.
25. Burn's Anniversary 127 years since his birth I think. Went with Belle to her School in the Cutter-fine sleeping. Called at Elizabeths and Mary came back with me. A. Campbell and Walter came.
26. Mild-The two Marys rode in the Cutter to J. McDougals. William Campbell came -dull winter day.
27. The boys got the horses shod and brought up a load of Coal. Mary sick all day. Received a receipt for the Scottish American. 10 papers less than a year. The boys saw three Robins.
28. Frank went to William Campbells-Wife and I went in the Cutter to see Robert in the old home and to call on our old neighbor Mr. Casey who is quite sick.
30. Went to Town in the Cutter. Mr. Ring owes⁴ on the washing for hay. A number enjoying sleigh riding even if I don't.
31. Last of January-I feel sad to part with May, so so with cold January. A Sermon on Cenceration that was little benefit to me.

Lambie Diary - 1886

February

1. Bell and I drove up with old Frank the horse, to her School. Good sleighing- Had a note from my favorite Poet Whittier.
2. Mary & I drove down in the Cutter and visited Robert and his wife in our old home and was almost sorry we ever left it.
3. Nine below zero hard on my coal and wood on both farms. Pleasant sunshine at noon. The two Marys went to Town.
4. Nine below zero again. Frank, Robert and Ring picked cornstalks pure white snow field pure air and sunshine.
5. Six below-the boys took a load of hay to Town on the bobs. Cold cloudy dark and dreary and the old horse run down to the old farm-Belle got a ride home.
6. Boys took a load of Hay to Town and I sent \$1.75 for the "Youths Companion". Robert and his wife came to dinner.
8. Robert brought 1675 lbs of coal to us- Wife and I went to Church to hear the Evangelist.
9. Wife and I went to the old home in the Cutter-took a sheep for Mutton, Mild and muddy.
10. Robert and Andrew Campbell came-mild and dreary.
11. Wife and I went to see our old friend John Geddis in forenoon and found him well for his years. Mary and I walked to the Bible reading in the Church. Brother Robert came to tell Franks wife was very sick.
15. The muddy ruddy roads now frozen-took Belle to Sobers Corners-Ridge and Geddes Roads- and she walked the rest of the way- Called on Elizabeth and sick Mr. Casey on the way home. Mary and I walked to the bible reading at the Church, something like a blizzard coming home.
16. Mary and I walked down to the old home to see Robert and learned he had been sick.
17. Mrs. L and I went to the Bible reading. called on Robert. A. Campbell invited us to the Grange gathering. J. Campbell came and stayed overnight.
18. Frank and J. Campbell went to Ann Arbor-Wife and I called on Robert and Mr. Casey.
19. Mild damp snow-rain dark and muddy growing cold-Belle walked home most of the way in a driving snowstorm.

Lambie Diary - 1886

February

20. Mother's Birthday, I think she is 89 and enters late into the Kingdom of Heaven. Her old friends nearly all gone over the mistic river. Six above zero but a bitter northern blast at morn.
James sent a Poem on Mother's Birthday.
21. Belle and I walked to Church. A sort of faultfinding Sermon.
22. Washington's Birthday- Went with Belle to her School-good going. Nelson and Isaak Collier and their wives came.
23. The boys sold a load of hay. A. Campbell and Mrs. L went to Augusta Grange - pleasant sunshine.
24. Wife and I had a pleasant visit at Mr. Millers. William Campbell and friends came-mild and sunshine.
25. Went to see Robert in the old home-mild morning and cold afternoon. The white steer bothered us sucking the cow.
26. Wife and I took dinner with son Robert in the old home along with Mr. & Mrs. Springer. Mrs. Ring washed to pay for Hay.
28. Mrs. L, Mary, Belle and I went to Church with Dick and the big buggy-chilly north winds. The Minister preaches theology but not righteousness and well doing in every day life as I understand it.

March

2. Cold winds- William Campbell and Griffin came on business. Mary and I walked to the old home and found Robert sawing Willows by the stream where he first played in bygone days.
3. Ice has formed on the water pails in the house-the three first day of this spring month, the boys took a load of hay to Town.
4. The boys took two loads of hay to Town. Hens laying, Cow calving but no Robins sings.
5. The boys drew two more loads of Hay to Town-Received \$100.00 from R. Hemphill. \$50 for School money left. The two Marys and I went to the Church Meeting. Mr. Geddis walked too but rode part of the way with a neighbor.
6. A light frost, good roads beautiful sunshine. Frank took a load of hay to Town. Walked to the old home, now Robert's home. Paid Brother Robert the \$40.00 I borrowed of him last May. Belle paid \$62.00 School money.
7. Sacrament about 40 additions to the Church. My old friend John Geddis dispenced the bread and wine as he did over 40 years ago and walked home unless some friend gave him a ride.

Lambie Diary- 1886

March

8. Snow on the fields Frank went to his work and Belle to her School together. Jerome brought Isabel's Marshall order for the 62 she got Saturday.
9. Frank took down a small load of hay from up here. Robert sawed wood and I split it. The two Marys went to Town.
10. Cold winds and some sunshine. Mrs. L and Elizabeth went to Azro's Fathers. Helped the Boys to put new rollers on the Barn doors at the old home. Belle came home, her School being out. The first Blue Birds peeping.
11. Robert's birthday, bright sunshine. Brother Robert and Editor Pattison called on Editor Powers with Whittier. Letter forenoon and read of it in the afternoon in the Ypsilantian. Snow in the night another mantle of pure white on fields and forests. J. Campbell's family came, Mary went off with them.
13. More snow, damp and mild. went to Town called on Brother Robert and the Ypsilantian Editor-did not go to hear the sweet singers.
14. Went to Church in a snow storm, A Sermon on the Sermon on the Mount and being in spirit.
15. Snow melting in the sunshine, Robert and Ring chopping a tree by the old gate.
16. Robert's wife and her Mother and Mr. & Mrs. Lowry came to dinner. Went through the mud to our early home where a' the bairns were born.
17. The first song sparrow sung at dawn to usher in St. Patricks Day. J. Campbell brought Mary home deep muddy roads.
18. Robert, Azro and A. Knapp went to look at houses down by Wayne. William Campbell came. The Steamer Oregon collided with an unknown vessel. Both sank near New York.
19. Spring like sunshine. Song Sparrows and Robins singing. Mrs. L went to the Missionary meeting.
20. Exchanged 2 bags of wheat for 160 pounds of flour. Put manure on the pie plant, howed round the current bushes. Wet night.
21. Wet morning roads so muddy, farmers did not attend the Chard well. Mrs. Fletcher and her wee boy came, his doude dadule was most as good as some sermons.
22. Snow storm-Carlas Childs came from New Hampshire-he seems like a child from Heaven sojourning on earth. Received a Scotch paper that was on the Oregon when she sunk off fire Island.

Lambie Diary -1886

March

27. Picked over apples and could hardly get 45¢ a bushel for them. Belle started for Ann Arbor and Frank to Plymouth.
29. Went to the old home and found Robert sowing on his wife's Mother riding in a top buggy.

April

1. Went with Robert driving his young horse to Isaac Kimbels and he gave me a carved box made of a Walnut fence post that had stood by Father's brick house in Superior.
3. Belle and I got some books and saw the fine new room for the Ladies' Library.
5. Election Day- Only Frank went to Vote.
6. A fearful snow storm - snow over the boot tops when I went to water the cows. Robert came on horse back. Shovelled snow to the barn and the pump.
8. Robert bought 2 pigs from T. Casey and Ring killed them for him. We thought Brother Frank's wife was dying until Belle brought word she had gone to Minneapolis - some are a blessing and some a burden on humanity.
10. Sold butter, eggs and apples and bought goods from King. William Campbell came to get books and ink from Samson.
13. Dug Parsnips and picked over apples - took Frank and his tool chest in the deep mud to Mr. Calkins (Collins?). Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Crittenden came to see us.
15. My Birthday - Mr. C, Mrs. L, Mary and I went over to Azros, Elizabeth and the wee boys home - A fine day - received nice presents and kindly treatment.
20. Planted some potatoes - Robert harrowed with his colt and old Frank.
22. Robert sowed about 3 acres of Oats below the bridge. Turned the young cattle out to grass.
26. Mr. C and Mrs. L went to see James Hewens before he leaves this world.
27. Mrs. L and I went to Detroit and over the River and paid Mother \$100.00 for generous Robert - felt sorry - Mother taunted me and only talked about Money in her 89th year of life. How much more pleasant was the dinner party at the home of dear delightful Sister Agnes.

LAMBIE Diary -1886

April

30. A very complimentary letter from Augustus Moore- John Campbell came in the rain and brought us word of James Hewen's death. Mary drove her Mother over to celebrate wee Willie's Birthday.

May

1. Mrs. L and I, Robert and his wife, Azro and Elizabeth went to James Hewen's funeral.
3. Mr. Graves came to assess the Hill farm and Peter Gill to do the same for the old farm. Robert and his hired boy cleaned wheat and took 125 bushels to Town at 85¢. \$104.00-\$52.00 for Mr. C and \$52.00 for me.
8. Mrs. L and I went on an Excursion to see the big drawing of the Battle of Gettysburg. A pleasant entertainment and had a pleasant visit with Mother.
11. William Campbell and Mr. C, wife and I went to the Memorial Service in the Grange Hall for James Hewens.
12. William Campbell brought Lawyer Griffin to make out some papers- Mrs. L and I went to Pittsfield to Allan Crittenden burial.
14. Went to Robert's to see his young matched team- pulled red root in the old farm garden.
17. Boys repaired the chain pump. Mr. Taylor sold us an Oil Stove.
19. Mary went with Robert to the May Festival.
20. Elizabeth and wee Willie came with a horse before and one behind. Robert and his boy plowed some of the garden and moved the smoke house. Mrs. L baked bread in the new oil stove.
24. Washed sheep with T. Casey down at A. Fletchers. An unpleasant job for the boys as well as the sheep.
28. Went to Town to get the Oil Can filled. 60¢.
31. Mrs. L and I went to Ann Arbor - called on the William Campbells- had dinner with Robert Campbell- Mr. C went with us to University Hall- heard singing and orations and Uncle Gabriels "War Pictures" recited in fine style. Our Ann Arbor Friends were very kind.

June

2. Mrs. J Hewens and friend came and took her late husband's body out of the vault and buried it in Stoney Creek. John Campbell buried two of his children in the same lot- Robert Campbell was with us at the new made graves.
4. Van Atten and Comstock came to shear sheep- Robert's boy left him because he wanted to live easy.

Lambie Diary -1886

June

- 7th Chidester offered 25¢ a lb for wool.
11. Picked strawberries - Got 25 bags from Ainsworth to put Oats in.
 12. Robert drew two loads of Oats to Ainsworth 212½ bushels at 30¢. R. Casey's sheep got into Robert's corn.
 15. Drew 72 bushels Oats to L. Bennett - old Frank, the horse, broke the gate and run with Robert's colt past Swifts and Pecks. Robert's boy run like a deer and turned them back as Robert and I drove up. Got \$645 for the Oats.
 19. Paid Robert \$2.00 for road work, \$2.00 for doing up wool and \$6.00 for cleaning and selling the Oats.
 21. Anna walked from the Depot at night and then we went to get her trunk - her school at Elkhart is out.
 23. Robert mowed the field by Norton's Corner.
 25. Mr. C, Mrs L, Anna and I and Robert's women went to Belle's School for the Exercises. At noon a fine picnic in Slaten(?) Woods.
 29. Went to Town with Mr. C to see John Robinson's Show come in and parade the streets.
 30. Mrs. L's Birthday- Her, Anna, Elizabeth and Belle went to hear speaking and singing at the Normal. Frank getting the machine knives and horse rake in order.

July

1. Helped rake the hay and brought 3 loads of Hay from the Gate field to the hay shed up here. Bought tin ware from the Scotch Peddler.
3. Guns firing for the 4th as it falls on Sunday this year.
5. Drove Frank to Monaghans and went to Jerome Millers about coming to thrash.
6. Frank and Jones helped Robert get in a great crop of Timothy Hay. Sold Peck 20 bushels of corn at 25¢.
7. Frank sold the Wool to Chidester 87 fleeces 425 lbs at .28¢- \$119.00.
Brother Robert brought word Brother Frank's wife died in Minnesota-her body was brought to Detroit and buried yesterday. Jerome came and reaped the two wheat fields up, here before noon and reaped well.
9. Anna, Mary and Belle went to Brother Robert to supper before he goes to the Sea Shore for rest and health.

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July

13. Got in all the Wheat and the sheaves seemed very heavy.
20. Took Frank to the Hillsdale (Lake Shore) Depot to work-bought nose-glasses from Frank Smith.
Mrs. L and all the girls went to Roberts to quilt.
24. Robert reaped the Oats by the bridge with R. Sponser's leaf(?) raker.
28. Helped set up Wheat for Robert. Went to Town and got 17 wee likenesses for .35¢.
31. Small shower at supper time- Frank met Mrs. G. Campbell and 3 of her family at the Depot.

August

1. Mr. McCorkal away for a rest and the Church to be vacant and renovated.
2. Mr. C, Mrs. L and I went to the Fairgrounds and heard E.P. Allen and Whitman at the Celebration of the freedom of Slavery by the British in the West Indies. Went to Elizabeths at night.
3. Mr. C went to William Campbells and the old farm. Mrs. L and Belle went to see Mr. Keedle.
George Voorhees set fire to a stump and it run over the Wheat stubble and burned 30 or 40 rods of our fence and frightened us.
6. Went to the old Farm. Frank and Van Riper preparing to build fence that got burned- Robert drew pickets from Norton's for the fence. Watched Frank and Van weaving the pickets in the wires for our line fence.
11. Anna, Mary and I started about 5 for Niagra Falls and went over the river through Canada and got there about 2 P.M. The Falls were soul inspiring and it did me good to see them. I cared little for the camping out and outdoor preaching.
12. Anna and I went over the suspension bridge to the American side and went down the steep bank and on the 'Maid of the Mist' up close to the Falls- Splendid rainbow on one side of Cook Island and the boat rocked fearfully turning around at the Horseshow Falls.
13. Anna, Mary and I walked to the Cantilever and the great railroad bridge and down the rapids till near the whirlpool.
17. Mr. C, Belle and I went on the Excursion to Detroit. I went to see Agnes but she had gone up the Lakes. Mr. C climbed to the top of City Hall- there were said to be 800 steps.

Lambie Diary - 1886

August

19. Mr. C and I drove down to the Tuttle Bridge, Whittakers Corner and the old farm- hot and dusty. Mr. & Mrs. John Campbell just got back from Niagra Falls. Frank working on the City Bridge. Miss Lottie Casey was married.
24. Mr. William Campbell and Clare brought Mrs. G. Campbell, Robert, Edith and Bessie- fine young people.
26. Helped Robert get out manure- Received a Texas and Chicago paper praising the wee book. J. McDougal paid interest.
27. Frank and took Mrs. G. Campbell's trunk to the Depot and I waited to see her off for her home in New Hampshire.
29. Mrs. L, Anna, Mary, Belle and I went to the Congregational Church and heard Mr. Walton.
31. Jerome came and got all the Oats and Wheat thrashed up here before Noon and finished at Roberts about 3. 200 bushels up here and 150 on the old farm. 25 bushels here to an acre and only 15 at the old farm.

September

1. Dr. G. Campbell came and Mr. C and I drove him to see Azro, Elizabeth and the wee boy and Robert and his family.
2. Robert took G. Campbell to A. Campbells on Platt Road.
3. We went to the Depot and saw Anna off to Elkhart. Mrs. L and I went to our old friend Grove Sanders burial.
5. The two Marys and I went to the Methodist Church and heard Mr. Springer. Heard of old Mr. Hewitts death.
6. Went with Frank to where he works on the Dam. Mrs. L and I drove down to see Frank and the Mill Dam. Mr. & Mrs. R. Campbell and A. Campbell and John came to see Gabriel Campbell baptise the wee boy William Azro Fletcher. A pleasant and heart lifting gathering.
12. Went to our Church- Mr. Allen took Mr. Geddes place. The Church ceiling and walls painted beautiful during vacation.
13. Belle begun her School where she went as a child. Paid Robert \$8.60 for helping to Thrash.
16. Went to the Depot with Azro on his way to the Fair in Jackson.
21. Paid Miss Stewart \$3 for a post office Money Order and sent it to Mason and Perry for a Waterbury Watch.

Lambie Diary -1886

September

25. Mrs. L and I went to a child's burial at George Allens.
30. William Campbell and wife, Azro and Elizabeth went to Plymouth Fair in one buggy.

October

2. Some frost- Mr. & Mrs. A. Campbell and Jay came.
4. Helped Frank put roof boards on the Woodshed, quite a big shed. Robert brought a load of Baldwin apples for drying on the kitchen roof.
5. There was a little girl born in Robert's home- looking back it doesn't seem very long since Robert was born in that house. Mr. C, Mrs. L and I went to see Elizabeth, Wee Willie and Azro who is picking apples.
7. Mr. C and I went to Augusta - paid \$6.48 for Insurance. John Campbell's girls came up with us.
9. Helped Robert gather good Baldwin apples and some windfalls to sell for .20¢ a hundred. Brother Robert returned from the Sea where he had been for two months. His wife sick and he was glad to get back.
13. Mr. C and Mrs. L went to the Town of York to see Mrs. Rambo.
16. Went to the old farm and called on Hattie and the wee girl- Mary and Belle went to Uncle Williams.
18. Brother Robert came and told of his wife's sickness and that J. Kitchen had just died outside of what was intended to be his new home.
20. Went to the old home and gathered apples. Held Robert's wee wee girl.
23. Robert helped Azro to thrash- I left 4 barrells of Apples for Sister Agnes and 2 for daughter Anna at the Depot. A great decoration row in Town.
29. Went to Town with Mr. C who was wanted at Nindes Office- Mrs. Sam Campbell, her granddaughter and Jane came from Belleville.

November

1. Walked to the Opera House to hear Dickie the Prohibitionist and it made me sweat in the fine building. A man said they would begin by singing a song by William Lambie.
2. Frank and Mr. C went to Vote. Old Mr. Forsythes burial day.

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November

3. Frank went to Crittendens- Robert to Sanders sale and I wheeled manure on the garden.
A great Republican rally at night to congratulate E.P Allen on his election to Congress.
5. Received word from the Railroad that Anna's Apples to Elkhart were unclaimed.
9. Walked to Town and was glad to hear from Anna and the Apples. A. Campbell came and told me I was a narrow man but failed to state how broad he was.
15. Drove Frank to McKim's Corner.
16. Came to America in 1839 - Married in 1849.
John Geddes came and went to Town with us. I drove him to the Starkweather Farm. One of the first and best men I met in Americ
24. Drove to William Campbells against the cold blasts to have him come and help with the Ring Mortgage.
25. Had a grand Thanksgiving dinner along with William Campbell and family, Azro, Lizzie, Willis, Robert, Hattie and the babe and some others.
27. A. Campbell came to tell us of his son's Wedding.
30. St. Andrews Day- Mrs. L and I went to call on Uncle Robert Campbell and Uncle William- Robert paid \$18.00 interest on his note. Everyone very friendly.

December

1. Brother Robert and daughter drove up in the storm and presented me a fine fur cap- just what I needed.
3. T. Ceman and two friends called coming from McComb County for th Ypsilanti Temperance Convention. Follmores driver brought boards for Franks shop.
6. Went with Mr. C and Mrs. L to grand dinner party at A. Campbells along with the William Campbell Family and Mr. & Mrs. Follar.
10. The two Marys and I went to call on Azro and Elizabeth and then on to Mrs. Loveridge who was a happy girl when I came to America 47 years ago. She looked very well, cheerful after passing th through so much sorrow. She showed us the beautiful portraits of her husband and family but it was sad to think of them all dead.
13. Anna's Birthday-It was a cold dreary day when she was born when we only had one wee stove and one room 12 by 16 and our few potatoes all froze- poverty within desolation.
Frank paid \$50.00- all he owes me.
14. Mary and I went to Town and to Mr. Gray for Onions and turnips. Paid the Taxes on the old farm \$15.36.

Lambie Diary - 1886

December

16. A good winter day, Mary walked to the home of her childhood. A poem in the Ypsilantian on the Knights of Labor.
17. Two above zero, Robert drew two loads of week to town. The two Marys went to a fair under the Church. Mr. & Mrs. Laurie came to dinner In Memory of David Kennedy.
18. Snow in the night, Paid the Taxes on the old farm. Mr. Voorhees paid me the School money \$243.59. Taxes on the old farm \$15.36.
19. Mary, Belle and I went to Church. Mrs. L kept Willie-Snow showers and cold, dreary weather.
20. Went with Frank in the Cutter by moon to McKims Corners-got back to Azros about sunrise - very cold, Elizabeth and Willie came back with me, four above zero.
21. Mrs. L went to Town in the Cutter. I saw them sliding on their toboggens down the Huron Banks. Shortest day Mrs. L and I went to our old sick friend John Geddes in forenoon and went to David Laforges burial in afternoon. Pure sunshine in pure snow.
23. Misty morning. 16 above zero-Brother Robert and daughter called the two Marys and I drove down to Roberts-The old home where we fought life's battle so long.
24. Drove to the School with Belle in a driving snow storm. Mrs. L went for Belle at night-Anna came home from Elkhart and Robert brought her home after dark.
25. Christmas-I think it is 18 years since Father left this life of ours. It seems wonderful that even death with all its awful mysteries can separate us from those who were near and dear as completely as if they never had existed. The whole family went to Roberts in Azros long sleigh and had a granddinner in the old home where all the Bairns were born. With a strange cemingling of joy and sorrow... Paid Anna note of \$100 with interest and Belle \$100.
26. Mrs. L, Anna, Mary, Belle and I went to Church in the Cutter, tip up Dick in the deep snow.
31. The last day of 1886-Cold storm forenoon. The two Marys and I went to Town in the Cutter and bought some food for the feast.

A Message from the Gift Shop:

A Christmas Drawing for a lovely porcelain doll will be held during the Annual Christmas Open House held at the Museum December 13th, 1987. This beautiful 15 inch doll has been skillfully handcrafted by one of our Society members, Mrs. Christine Blinn. Mrs. Blinn has graciously donated it to the Historical Society for this exciting Christmas event. Our doll is completely and beautifully dressed from head to toe and is fully jointed.

She has a curly light brown wig, twinkling Blue Gray eyes and is guaranteed to make someone very happy. Don't miss your chance to be the Lucky Winner. Tickets are available for a \$1.00 donation from Marge Gauntlett or at the Museum Office. The doll will be on display at the Museum beginning December 1st until after the Drawing. She is now on display at The Cricket Box in Depot Town.

Christmas will begin to arrive at the Museum gift shop after Thanksgiving weekend, so don't forget to support your Museum by purchasing our Christmas items. This year for the first time we will have some very lovely Christmas Cards for sale. Come and tour the Museum and visit the Gift Shop.



**Marge Gauntlett
Gift Shop
Chairman**

Acquisitions

Mrs. Gordon Waldenmeyer

1 Book Receipts
1 Violin and case
1 Day Book
14 Books of Prescriptions by
Local Doctors
1 United States History
"Our Country's History" by
W. Swinton 1875

Mrs. Margaret Johnson

1 Stocking darning egg
1 salt shaker
Child's ticket to Worlds
Columbian Exposition
1 Heart Shaped thread holder
1 Perfume Bottle
Box of 12 Valentines
Box of Collar Studs
1 Pencil Box
Box of old fashioned buttons
7 Collars
1 Baby Cap
2 Pillow Cases
1 Night Cap
1 Fan
2 Samples of Lace
1 Dress
1 Slip, nightgown
1 lace over blouse
2 Button Hooks

Mrs. J. Elwell

First Hundred years 1849-1949
Michigan State Normal College
Seniors Book of 55-Lincoln
Class of 52-Lincoln
Echo-1953

Mrs. Geneva Howard

Beautiful framed picture of
4 old fashioned Valentines

Acquisitions

Barbara Weiss

1 31 Star American Flag
1 48 Star American Flag
Robe. Nightgown
Mother's Wedding Gown
Blouse, 2 dresses, Shawl
Man's Collar
Ladies Hat
4 Pictures of Warner Dairy
3 Books: Michigan in the
World War; State Department
of Agriculture 1935-36;
Pease's Study Book.
Sears Bargain Catalog
Original Script & Slides of
150 years Ypsilanti Area
Sesquicentennial.
2 Certificates of Determination
Board of Canvassers to James
F. Warner.
Scrapbook-J.F. Warner in
Legislature.
2 Scrapbooks-Warner Diary
2 pictures-Ypsilanti Centennial
2 Pictures-2nd BN. 34th Inf.
1 Jos. Warner Physical Educati
Building.
1 Book- Michigan Today
1 Book-Michigan's Thirty-seven
Acres of Diamonds.
1 Book- Centennial Meditation
of Columbia. A Cantata

Acquisitions

1 Commemorative Plate	Miss Doris Milliman
Video Cassette of Gilbert Mansion	Dick Folsum
Advertising Materials	Jack Miller
2 Fuller Drug Store Prescription Boxes	Phoebe Miller Estate
1 Deck of Cards.	
J. D. LaRue-Insurance Paper Weight	
2 Autograph Books	Hattie Smith Estate
1 Milk Tester	
1 Hair Comb	
1 Small Curling iron	
1 Glass Case with Glasses	
1 Wooden Needle Holder	
1 Locket	
Old Fashioned Corn Sheller	Mr. & Mrs. LaVerne Howard
2 Bottles of Lotion-Ridgewood Hospital	Elizabeth Comstock
1 Toaster for top of stove	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Liskow
1 Bottle Opener	
1 Small antique strainer	
1 Small tin scoop	
1 Blue Enamel Ladle	
2 small opaque glass candle holders	
1 doughnut cutter	
1 Malted Milk Mixer from National Dairy	
2 Small atomizers	
1 folding can opener	
1 pie crust crimper	
1 hot food lifter	
1 Steinway Grand Piano	Mr. E. Goldberg
Map-of Ypsilanti	William Swihart
Samari Sword	A.P. Marshall
Old Fashioned Iron	Arthur Kramer
Hand Made Skittles Game	Don Porter

A Short Note from the Archives Office:

We wonder if the 'Gleanings' ever gets read. Well I'm happy to say they do. I had a very interesting letter some time back from a lady in Huntington Woods. She had been visiting her Mother in Florida and a friend of the family had brought a 'Gleanings' for her Mother to read. Jim Westfall is the gentleman that was so generous. The Mother is Ann Melvin, Granddaughter of William Lambie. Sue Rauschert is a great, great Granddaughter. Sue came out one Saturday forenoon and enjoyed pictures, stories about her ancestors. She also has a sister that lives in Royal Oak. They have joined the Society so they are enjoying reading about William Lambie. Sue and I are goint to start the Diary from the beginning and put it in book form.

At the present time our files in the Archives are being redone, replace with Pendeflex files. They will be much easier to work with and will preserve the material in them much better....SO.... if I am not getting some things done as fast as perhaps I should, please excuse me.

Have a Happy Thankgivings from all of us at the Museum.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Open House.

Don't forget to come and see the Museum December 17th or 18th and bring your friends.

Billie Zolkosky

Merry Christmas



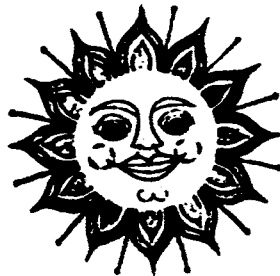
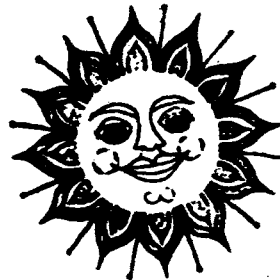
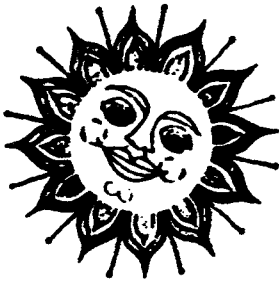
LATE FLASH!!!!

The Board of Directors has decided upon a POT-LUCK DINNER to be held on January 30, 1988 at 6:00 P.M., at the First Presbyterian Church 300 North Washington. The Ypsilanti Historical Society will provide Meat, Beverage and Rolls, and you will be asked to bring either a desert, salad or vegetable dish to pass.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

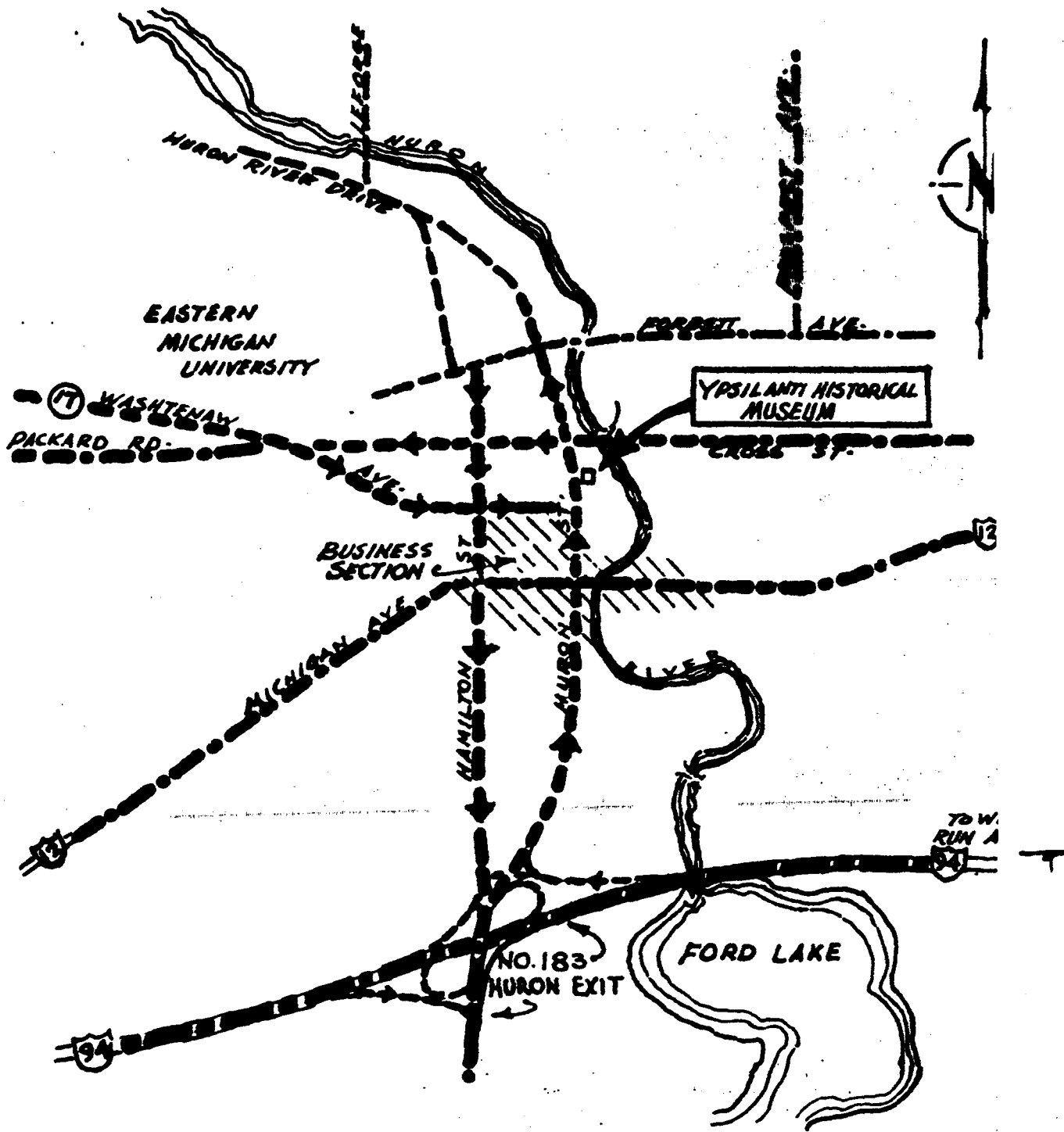
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This will give all members an attempt to meet each other in a casual evening of good food and good company.



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