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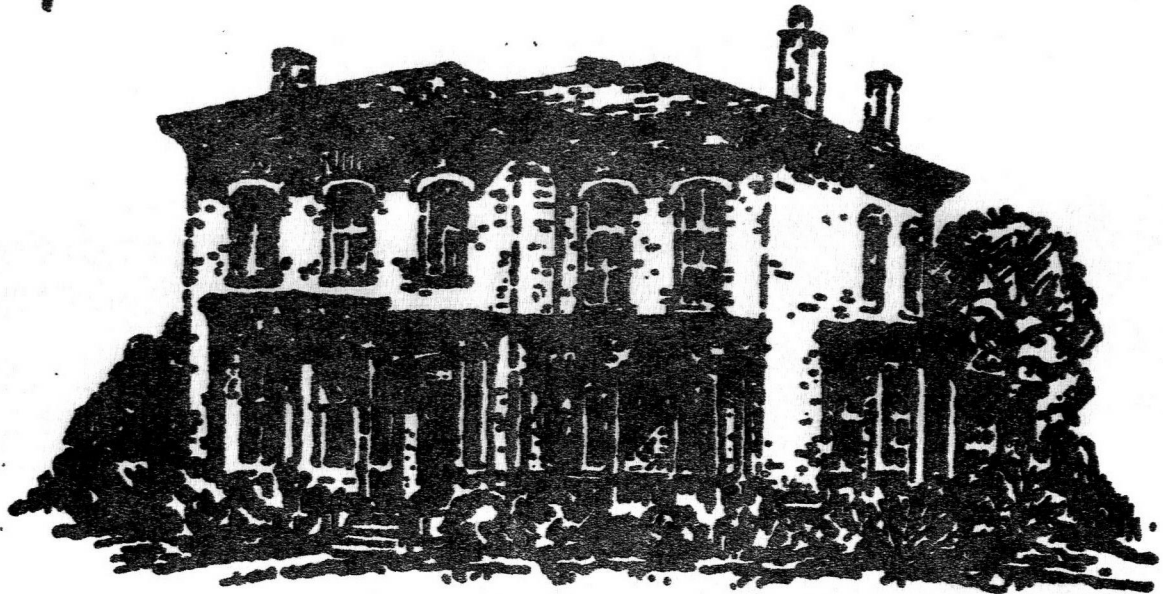
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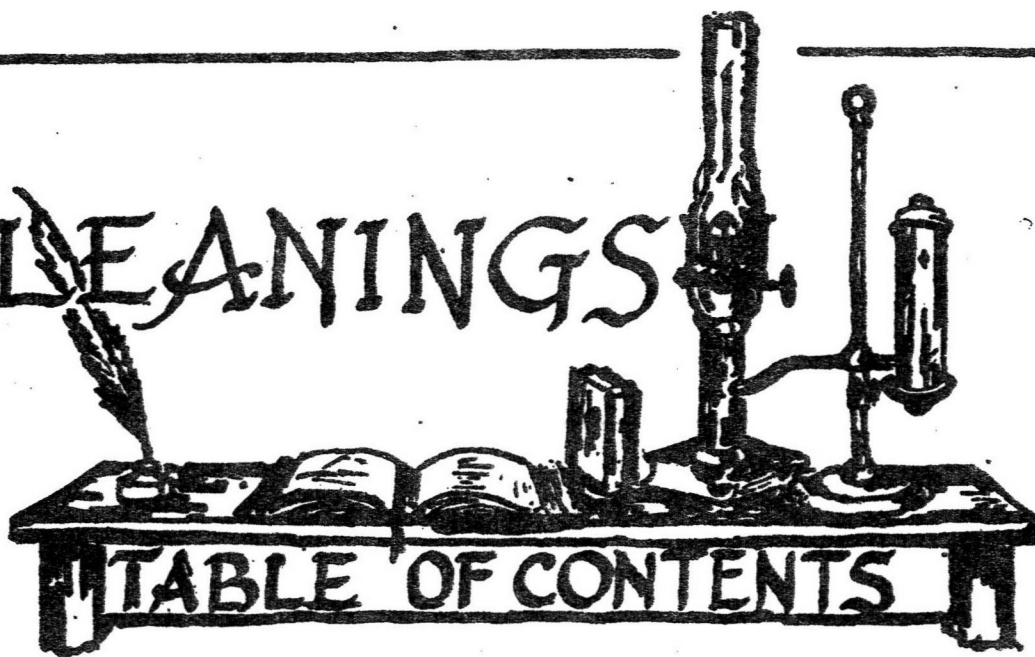
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Dear Friends of History:

We have commissioned Bill Shurtliff, the artist for the Ann Arbor News, to do a series of 12 original pen and ink drawings of assorted historic scenes and structures from the Ypsilanti area. They will then be assembled in an attractive 1992 calendar which the Society can sell as an added fund raiser. You may sponsor a page in this project for \$300.00 and we already have commitments for over $\frac{1}{2}$ of the pages. The calendar will sell for \$5.00 to the public and \$4.00 to our members. We shall mail one to each of you later in the year and we hope you will want to purchase one and additional copies for gifts to others who share our devotion and affection for the Ypsilanti area and its fine heritage.

Tour groups coming to the Museum are an excellent way of letting more and more people know of our remarkable facility here - but it also means more work for our dedicated docents. We can always use more assistance in greeting guests. Please call and add your name to those willing to assist our other hardworking volunteers.

Membership in the Society is enjoyed by many people but this enjoyment needs to be shared. When was the last time you explained to someone about the importance of preserving the things of our past? No other group is doing this for Ypsilanti and we need your dues, devotion and dedication - and diligence in rounding up more members.

Am I overworking the word "more"? Certainly. When you have a good cause it is a great way to spread our message and have everyone derive the same delight we do in seeing our efforts prosper.

We have been contacted by a number of citizens troubled by the move to abandon the Huron Indian logo on the part of Eastern Michigan University. Just as the old bromide tells us "Historians tell it like it was" we cannot expunge what took place in the past and we would welcome any Huron artifacts you may wish to entrust to us for preservation in the face of the current events designed to repeal history and tradition.

Preliminary plans for the Heritage Festival call for many projects here at the Museum to feature aspects of our past of special interest to visitors during this annual 3 day spectacular. If you have suggestions or mementoes you feel should be included please let us know.

Many words of thanks go to our director Mary Lukens and her associates at the Coldwater Corporation of Ann Arbor for their extra aid in preparing our new constitution and by-laws. This was a significant help in getting this long pending task completed and our Society will benefit from this work for many years into the future.

Presidents Letter Continued:

And as always, a nice round of applause for our hard working and efficient archivist, Billie Zolkosky who keeps us going each day at the Museum and our Vice President Herb Cornish with his ever youthful enthusiasm complemented by the faithful stewardship of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Bill Esly.

Peter B. Fletcher, President

YPSILANTI'S PARKS

Along with spring fairs make us think of outdoor activities, comes the thought of Ypsilanti's Parks. Work is being done to upgrade several of them to make them more useful.

One that is receiving extensive renovation is the Waterworks Park on Catherine Street where a new parking lot is being made, the ball diamond is being improved and a good clean up of the area is being done. This park, at one time, was the site for carnivals sponsored by the American Legion. A newspaper article in the Archives at the Museum shows that the area was once used as a Tourist Park, where travelers might pitch tents, or park trailers while they visited the area. One Historical Society member, Arthur Howard, confirms that statement and says the north end of the park was utilized that way.

At the south end of the park area where there was a Dam near the former Factory Street Bridge, were 2 red buildings. Beneath one of them was a fish ladder to help the fish to get over the Dam. Note the picture from the Archives: Now a footbridge across the river connects Water Works Park with South Park Street, at the rear of the former Flea Market Building on East Michigan Avenue. That area is the site of the former Gilbert Park.

Recreation Park on Congress Street, a seven acre tract, was originally the Fairgrounds of the Ypsilanti Agricultural Association. There was a Race Track that encircled an athletic field. The grove of Oak trees in the park provided a cool spot in summer for many celebrations and picnics. The Semi-Centennial of the city was celebrated on July 4, 1874 with a parade, oratory and singing. At the Fair Grounds was the Speakers platform on which was an Heirloom Table from an earlier celebration.

Recreation Park now contains a swimming pool, ball fields, a picnic area and the Senior Citizens Center. The Normal Park Subdivision has plans to help the city clean up the park this spring and make the area more attractive for families to use.

Doris Milliman
City Historian

Prospect Park

In 1892, the Park Improvement Society, a group of public minded Women, decided the run down and unused cemetery at the corner of Prospect and Cross Streets would be a good place for a public park and the city agreed. Arrangements were made, bushes uprooted, and the plot was cultivated for two years to get the land in shape. The Society raised \$1,400 to grade the area and walks and drives were put in. There were many pretty trees in the park and the Society set out more of them.

Mr. E.N. Colby secured the cost of constructing a crescent shaped pond which, the suggestion of a woman who lived in the area, Mrs. Lucy Osband, was named "Luna Lake". The plot was turned over to the city in 1894. A Band Stand and a Dancing Pavilion were added and later, a City Commissioner, Mr. Edward Thompson had a picnic tables set up in the park. Mr. Laidlaw, Head Gardener of the Michigan Central Railroad submitted a landscape garden plan which was accepted by the Department of Public Works which authorized the Park Improvement Society to proceed with the plans.

A quote from an article in The Commercial, August 18, 1893 states "It (the Park) will supply a long felt want in our City, one that will be thoroughly appreciated by young and old".

In following years, a Bandstand, a Dance Pavilion, more Picnic Tables, and Swan Boats were added to the Park. Many of these didn't last, but as time has passed, this popular park had been renovated with the help of The Historic East Side Association and is now a neighborhood place for fun and pleasures.

November 30, 1983, the Michigan Historical Commission of the Michigan Department of State designated Prospect Park as a Michigan Historic Site. A marker at the southwest corner of the park tells a brief history of it. This is the only Ypsilanti Park so designated and it is due to the continued interest of the concerned citizens.

Doris Milliman
City Historian



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Fort Belknap Dam

Mayor of Ypsilanti
1891 - 1893

Henry Pierce Strong Glover, the son of Charles W. and Mary A. Glover, was born March 3, 1837 in Webster County, New York. He came to Ypsilanti with his parents in 1839 and lived on Willis Road just west of Hitchingham Road. At an early age he worked as a clerk in the Dry Good store of Hewitt Brothers. In 1878 he opened his own Dry Goods store at 102 Congress street (Michigan Avenue) where he was for ten successful years, selling out to Lamb, Davis and Kishlar.

In 1890 he promoted and built the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Motor Line with R.W. Hemphill. He served as President of the Ypsilanti Dress Stay Company, President of the Scharf Tag Label and Box Company, President of the Ann Arbor Electric Company, Vice President of the Ypsilanti Savings Bank and found time to serve as Ypsilanti's Mayor from 1891-1892.

He married Nancy Jane Kishlar on April 17, 1860 and they lived at 118 South Huron Street until his death on February 21, 1912. Surely one of Ypsilanti's most distinguished citizens.

From The Mayors of Ypsilanti

Compiled by Foster F. Fletcher, City Historian



Henry P. Glover
1891-1893

Lambie Diary: 1894

- July 1. Wife, Mary and I went to Church, went round by Mr. GRays with Belle-few farmers in Church.
2. Brother Robert brot papers and a letter from the Oak-early potatoes, small but good for food.
3. Robert mowed the hay north of our house, rather find hay-days cool, breezes like Scotch weather.
4. Quite a cool day, wife went to Azros and came round by Belles-she picked Cherries and the girls Currents-Holly hocks in bloom-picked peas for dinner.
5. Clear cool morning down to 50 at sunrise-John and Fox drew hay into our barn. Robert mowing-got a paper from Washington Birds.
6. Raked stones off the road. Roberts man drew 2 more loads of hay into the barn.
7. New potatoes small but better than the old ones for use. Robert has 2 teams drawing hay. a strike on central R R-men burned property.
8. Wife, Ann, Mary, Belle and I went to Church. Cool healthy breezes.
9. Robert mowing for Mr. Martin-his men puting green on and the potatoes hoed in the garden-got 4 bushels of corn on the ear from Frank for hungry hens-girls picked gooseberries-potatoes and corn like to wither in the dry weather-Harry James got Roberts reaper.
10. Dry but good harvest weather-Frank and Robert working long hours in the hay fields.
11. Riots and rebellion by the strikers in Chicago-Soldiers sent to restore order.
12. Frank and Robert have the hay nearly in. Robert Campbell came and requested me to write a paper regarding G.Campbells sickness after the war so that he might draw a pension.
13. Went to Town then to Mr. Greens garden adn he filled up the paper asking for a pension to Uncle Gabriel. Robert cultivated corn-Soldiers putting down the rebellion in Chicago- a little shower for another day.
14. Watering pants and flowers, Anne, Mary, Mrs. Fletcher, Willie and Harris had a ride in the surry round by Franks farm last night. Robert cultivated corn-his man got the big weeds out the potatoes.
15. Wife, Mary, Frank and I went to Church-A sermon on Riots.
16. Clouds in the West for showers of blessings. Wife went to Azros and Willie and Harris stayed here-Robert had tow hoeing potatoes-90 in the shade.
17. Robert cultivating corn-Wife at Azros-94 in the shade. Thumb got a big load of old hay-Anne and Mary wnet home with Harris.
18. Azros called and told us all a little boy was born at their home. Wife, Ann and Mary went over. Anna, Willie, Harris and Tilly came back-no rain-heat intense- 100 inthe shade. Went to Roberts-Robert cultivated-Hattie picking berries.

Lambie Diary- 1894

- July 19. Oppressive heat-100 in the shade-Anna and Mary took their Mother to Azros in the morning and brot her back at night-
Corn,Oats and potatoes drying up in the heat.
20. It looks as if the rain had came in answer to prayer. This afternoon it poured down abundently.
21. The sky blue the grass green and the air pure-Ann and Mary went to Azros for Mother.
22. Fine summer SAbbath day-Wife, Ann and I went to Church.
23. Dug potatoes and hoed corn-Robert went to Franks to reap oats,Wife and Anna went to Azros.
24. Wife took Ann to Bells, we called at Uncle Roberts.Robert reaped all FRanks Oats.
25. Brother Robert called with reading-Wife brot Ann home from Belles and called on Mary and Harris and Mrs. F. Roberts wife and daughter sailed for Deluth.
26. Robert begun to reap the Oats by G. Allens-helped to set up a few stocks.
27. Robert reaped the Oats I brot up-2 dozen sheaves in the surry to feed the horse and hens-Robert brot about 10 bushels of corn borrowed from Azro-warm night.
28. Robert reaped for Mr.Martin- Oats,Wife and I went to Town.
29. Wife, Ann. Belle and I went to Church.Mr. Vrooman gave us a good sermon and devotional prayer.
30. Pumped water out the well to make it purer-Robert and Ring drew in the Oats, warn and dusty.
31. Robert helped Frank to thrash-kind brother-Robert brot us all a generous present.
- August 1. Wife and I went to Azros and saw Mrs. Fletcher and the wee boy, Belle came, Robert reaping Oats and put his reaper in the barn.
2. Cold morning mercury down to about 55. Wife brot Anna and Mary home.
4. Wife, Mary and I went to Town-Called on MrLaidlaw -found him quite sick-sent Harper to Mr. Naismith.
5. Mr. Fairfield preached well-brother Robert and I rode round by the Crippen farms and talked of by gone days.
6. Wearying for rain-Wife went to Azros and belle-Robert got in the Oats. J McDougal payed his notes.
7. Frank went to Ann ARbor-
8. Robert brot the buggie with the tires set. Went to the old home with Robert and was glad to see so many Apples on the Orchard trees.
9. Belle came and Mary went home with he-Clouds but no rain.
10. WEnt to Azros with Robert and a cow. Wife, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. A. Campbell went to Franks farn in the Surry.
11. Wife walked down to Roberts-Wife, Mary and I went to Town-a few drops of rain-
12. Wife, Anna, Mary, Belle and I went to Church-Mr. Roack preached-went home with Belle at night.
13. Wife went to Azros.Ann and Mary to Roberts-Hoed and watered Peach trees.

Lambie Diary - 1894

- August 14. Robert and Fox repaired the cistern pump-Wife, Ann, Mary and I went to see the fine flowers in the Depot garden.
15. Ann, Mary, Mr. Fletcher and Harris went to Town. Wife kept the wee babe. Went down to Roberts-Cannot find my pocket book. Bobber Robert called with a black horse-his old one being dead. Cool north wind.
16. Robert and Fox drawing manure-Ann went to Azros for Mary.
17. Robert, his wife, 2 children and my wife and Ann went to John Campbells.
18. Robert and I looked over the old home farm. Wife, Ann and Mary went to Town.
19. Wife, Ann, Mary and I went to Church. Mr. Cook preached.
20. Robert took down the hind wheels of the Surry to get them set. Anna and Mary went to Azros.
21. Wife went to Bells, Mrs. Fletcher, Willie and the babe came. Robert got the Surry repaired.
22. Took our dinner under one of Roberts apple trees, about 16 of us. Frank went on Excursion.
23. Mrs. L took Ann and Mary to the Motor going to Uncle Williams
24. Put a little water wheel on the brook at Roberts. Belle, Mrs. Fletcher, Willie and the wee babe called. Went the wrong way at night to meet the girls and almost mist them.
25. Wife, Mary and I went to Town. Robert brot 10 bushels of Wheat.
26. Wife, Ann, Mary and I went to Church-Robert and his family and old Mr. Crippen came then Azro and his--- and Belle to.
27. Wife, Ann and I called at Roberts and then at Mrs. Strangs. Met Uncle Andrew he had been at Mr. Kimbals funeral.
28. The pocket book was found in the coat all right where I thought I had left it. Wife and I went to Town and brot up Ann Todd.
29. Smaky and dry-picked some fine peaches. Ann, Mary and Ann Todd went to Azros and then to Roberts.
30. Some one stole some of our large peaches. Wife and I went to the Depot with Ann Todd-Called at Roberts. Robert gathered the ripe peaches and bot Fox is pigs.
31. Robert took Ann to the Depot on her way to Elkhart on the last summer day. Wife, Mary, Willie and I went to Church meeting.

September

1. Wife and I went to Town. Went to Azros at night for Mary, the little babe was good-looked at the new bridge on Norton's brook.
2. Sacrament day -very warm and dusty-93 in the shade. Prayers for rain seem to be in vain.
3. Mrs. Fletcher, Willie and the babe came in the morning. Robert and Hattie went to Mrs. Crippen's funeral.
4. Wrote lines praying for rain-Wife helped Robert and I walked home. Bell came - her and Mary went to Nortons.
5. RAIN, RAIN on the roof at night and a refreshing rain in the morning to revive the withered grass and drive away the smoke and dust-like an answer to prayer.

Lambie Diary 1894

- September
6. Wife went to Town for Mrs. Wm. Campbell and daughter- Frank helped Robert to thrash after noon, about 200 bushels of Oats. Belle came.
 7. Wife and Mary went to Woun with Mrs and Miss Campbell- Mary walked to Azros-Harvey came with the Engin about 4 and thrashed over 90 bushels of Oats.
 8. A shower in the night-Mrs. John Campbell and Ann called and brot a basket of Peaches-Called on brother Robert, Mary had headach at Azros.
 9. Wife and I went to Church-Balle called, Mary came at night.
 10. Good showers in the night. We think it will be easier, cheaper and safer to stay at home than go to the State FAir. Fox began to cut corn for Robert.
 11. Picked grapes, Roberts girls went to school. Called on Lidelaw and Mrs. Taylor and got the harness repaired.
 12. Wife, Mary, Mrs Fletcher, Harris and the babe went to Town. Went down and wended on the old farm. Had a pleasant walk with brother Robert to Frank's farm.
 13. FRank and Robert left for Royal Oak with a generous present from brother Robert for the friends there. A wet morning.
 14. Mary went to help Hattie and Robert came back from the Oak at night.
 15. Picked large peaches and tomatoes-the fields with the rain green again-Frank got back from the Oak.
 16. Wife, Belle and I went to Church-pure air and cleard sky. Mary over at Azros.
 17. Wife took Leah to School and then drove to Azros.
 18. Mrs. Fletcher, Mary, Harris drove to Town and saw Linglin-Greet show of horses, men, Lions and elephants. Robert plowing for wheat and has two men culling corn.
 19. Brother Robert came and brot papers-dug all the potatoes south and the garden-went to Town.
 20. Dug potatoes north of the house-Mary wnet to Roberts.
 21. Wife went with Mary to Azros-then to Belles-Dug potatoes and carried them down cellar and was weary.
 22. Dug potatoes again-Robert sowed wheat by Nortons corner.
 23. Wife, Mary, Belle and I went to Church. Mr. Fairfield preached The driving wind slammed the door of Mr Hunters horse shed and shut his in.
 24. Mercury down to 44 cool breezes-Went down and saw Robert plowing among stumps, brush and thietels.
 25. Wife, Mary Mr. Fletcher and Harris went to Town almost ice.
 26. Thin ice like paper -Went with Mrs. L to the Motor-And she went with Mrs. Campbell to Ann Arbor FAir.
 27. Rode with Robert His wife and family to Ann Arbor fair fine day- a crowd and a good Fair.
 28. Franks birthday and Ex Governor Felch as well. We sold a live Ruster to a pedler at 7 cents per pound.
 29. Mist-dew and sunshine-dug potatoes-Wife and Mary and I went to Town afternoon.
 30. Mr Morey away -Mr Gallup presched but did not uplift us.
- October
1. Mary walked to Mrs. Fletchers-Wife and I went to A. McMicles got Quincee and flowers.

Lambie Diary 1894

- October
2. Helped Robert to gather cider apples-Had a fine ride with brother Robert to Frank's farm.
 3. Rain in the night-Wife went to Belle-went to the old home Robert has two men picking apples.
 4. Mrs. Fletcher, Harris and the babe came in the morning. Wife and I drove up to Mr and Mrs Smith and spent a happy day with them and good sister Agnes.
 5. A wet morning-Robert has two men picking apples and is drawing cider apples to Uorde(?).
 6. Received a Post office order for \$18 from Robert Campbell.
 7. Mr. Morey preached-Wife, Mary, Belle and I went to Church.
 8. Fox begun to dig Robert potatoes-Robert Robian and Fox getting cider apples-Robert's men went away.
 9. Put straw in the barn-Belle gathering apples.
 10. Still pitching straw in the hen house- Walked to Town after dark in the storm and read about Burns to the Ladies Society.
 11. Wife and I went on the Motor to Ann Arbor and had a pleasant visit with Uncle Robert Campbell and family.
 12. Wife went to Mrs Fletcher's helped to gather apples-Robert has 3 or 4 men picking here-Robert was offered \$125 for his apples.
 13. Mild and damp-too wet to pick apples-Wife and Mary and I went to Town -got pictures from A. McNical -wet coming home.
 14. Mr. Morey spoke of Farmers and the beauty of Nature.
 15. Had to break the ice with my heel-the ground hard over the potatoes-Robert sold apples - Brother Robert came-Wm Campbell came.
 16. Golden October-Wife went with Mary-Robert's team-Fox and Hamilton working on the road-Robert took apples to Woolsey Robert helped to get the stove in the kitchen.
 17. Helped Robert to get in 3 loads of potatoes-3 men digging potatoes-Wife went with Mrs Fletcher, Willie, Harris and the babe to her home in the City.
 19. Wife walked to Roberts- A. Campbell came-the trees like great flowers-gathered late peaches. Robert got all his potatoes in the cellar-Brother Robert, wife, daughter and I drove in the Orchard-Mary went to Mrs Fletcher's and then to Roberts
 20. A thunder shower at morn-Mr & Mrs Smith and two girls came-Wife and Mrs Smith went to Mrs. Fletcher's. Mr Smith and I gathered apples-Balmy day-
 21. Wife and Mary and I went to Church-the beautiful leaves falling fast.
 22. Damp. mild Morning-Were sorry to learn that Mr. Calhoun that owed Mrs L \$275 was bankrupt-Wife met J Campbell with the remains of his little boy at the grave. Mary and I gathered apples-Robert brot up a load of apple barrels.
 23. Misty mild morning-Mary drove over to Mr Fletcher's-wet most all day. Walked to Roberts who had 3 huskers till it rained-Brother Robert came.

Lambie Diary 1894

- October 24. Sunshine after the rain-Mrs L, Mary, Mrs Fletcher, Willie Harris and the babe went to their new home near the creamery.
25. Wife and I went to Ben Voorhees, took a few apples. Wife and I went to Mrs. Fletchers new home and brot home Mary.
26. Wife went to help Hattie and Mary-went to Belles-Robert and Fox took apples to Town-Sunshine in afternoon.
27. Mist and clouds-Robert took 3 loads of packed apples to Jansen-Wife, Mary, Belle and I went to Town before Belles horse in the surry.
28. Mr. Morey preached about our daily bread-Mr. Fletcher and family and Frank came. Mary went with Mrs. Fletcher.
29. Grand golden October day-Robert took a barrel of apples to brother Robert, Mr. McNicol and MR. Morey-gathered apples in the Orchard and Robert brot them in.
30. Wife went to Mrs. Fletchere and got wet-too wet to work out doors-wrote lines for Mr and Mrs. Holbrock golden wedding on Wednesday.
31. Dark morning-Robert getting in apples.
- November 1. Fine sunny day-Went to J. Hamiltons and then to Mrs. Fletcher and we missed each other. Robert raised his corn crib.
2. Robert and Fox put 3 good loads of corn in our crib and 3 in Roberts-helped them all day.
3. Too blustry for hasking-surly blasts.
4. Mrs. Fletcher, Willie, Harris and the babe came. Mr. Moreys sermon on Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
5. Wife went to Azrae last night-only Mary and I left. Robert sent 2 barrele of apples to Ann-I washed the stable.
6. The first snow shower-the ground white at morn. Mary went to Mrs Fletchers and her Mother came back-Brother Robert and daughter called.
7. Snow and rain-dark and damp- too wet to get in corn or apples Frank adn Robert called.
8. More snow-wife went to Mrs. Fletchere and found her unwell. Robert and Fox brot in the Coal stove-Brother Robert and daughter came.
9. Mild and dark-Robert came throught the snow storm and set up the pipes on the Coal stove that made the damp room comfortable.
10. Some sunshine after 3 stormy days-Robert and I drove through the snow and mud to Mrs Fletchers and found them all well and glad to see us-Borrowed \$50 from Unice for Robert.
11. Wife and I went to Church-cold and cheerless-Mary and Harris came in the afternoon.
12. Robert took 2 loads of apples to the cider mill-Frank came to supper after dark.
13. More snow-mild and damp-pasted paper on the hen house.
14. Wife, Belle and I carried the apples from the barn to the cellar-Wife and Belle went to Mrs. Fletchers.

Lambie Diary 1894

- November 15. Beautiful day-Wife and I went to Church-Mary walked from Azroo and came home with us. FRank came-mild and sunny all day.
16. Beautiful sunny morning like the day we were married 47 years ago. Mrs. Fletchers boy were not very well-Wife, Mary and I were there for dinner-balmy breezes.
17. Robert selling cider apples to Harvie James for 8 cents a hundred-Wife went to Belle-Brother Robert and Mr. Harlan the minister called-split wood.
18. Bland breezes-Mary went to Bells-Mary and Bell went to Mrs. Fletchers for dinner -Robert drawing apples-split wood till my arms were sore.
19. Wife and Mary went to Mrs. Fletchers-cold winds.
20. Wife exchanged corn for meal-Robert geting in corn.
21. Wife and Mary went to Mrs. Fletchers-cold rain.
22. Sunny day-Wife, Mary and Mr and Mrs Fletcher and the 3 boys and I at Church. Mr; Wharton told us what he wanted us to do
23. Wife went to Belle-3 teams drawing gravel on the hill. Helped to spread some.
24. Mild some rain at night-Wife, Mary and I went to MR.Fletchers very muddy and mild-brother Robert brot papers.
25. Wet morning-Robert sold a cow to the butcher-Frank came.
26. Thanksgiving, Mild like a May morning. Mr & Mrs Fletcher and the boys came to dinner - pleasant party.
27. Hoed some in the garden-Wife and I went and visited our old friends Mr and Mrs B. Voorhess-Robert drew gravel on the road.
28. Cold morning, the pump froze-Wife walked to Roberts-Wrote to Mr McConchie-to cold to go to Town.
29. To cold and sayed the Sabbath at home. Frank came then brother Robert his daughter Unice and Agnes Ingals.
30. Snow shower-John K, Campbell came-Mary came back.
- December 1. Cold blasts 14 above zero-Frank came
2. Eight above zero-Wife went to Belle-Robert brot a grist to us and his family.Bright sunshine-Frank brot a load of wood.
3. Some snow,piled up wood-Wife walked to Roberts,Robert and 2 men drew in stalks,Wife and Mary went to Mrs. Fletchers.
4. Snow in the night-Brother Robert brot us papers-Sent a letter about apples.
5. Wife and Mary went to Town-Frank came.
6. Wife, Mary, Belle and I went to Church and Mr and Mrs. Fletcher and the 3 boys-Harris said the Lords prayer along with the minister when 4 years old-same like a summer day.
7. Mild and pleasant-Wife went to Mrs Fletchers,Clare Campbell came then Frank.
8. DArk misty and mild-Wife went to Belle for dinner. a pleasant meeting-muddy roads.
10. Mist and then sunshine-Wife and Mary went to Mrs Fletchers-Wrote to Ann-got a paper and pictures from Australia.
11. Beautiful morning-Wife, Mary and I went to the Church meeting.

Lambie Diary - 1894

- December 12. Went to Town and Mrs. Fletchers-beautiful winter day. Sacrament- Church well filled-Annas Birthday. Brother Robert and Eunice came-Mr and Mrs Fletcher and family came at night.
14. Wife went to Belle, Mary to Roberts, Frank came back from the Oak.
15. Snow nearly all day-Wife boiling cider-Robert brot a barre! last Saturday-Frank learned while at the Oak that James Lambie paid a good sum of money to Wm. Todds family that he got from the Estate Brother Frank left.
16. Mary hitched up the horse and Wife drove through the snow to Belle then Mary and Her Mother went to Mrs. Fletchers.
17. Sawed wood-Mary at Mrs Fletchers.
18. Robert came for his Mother before breakfast and there was another little girl at Roberts home. The thrashers engine came at night to thresh beans.
19. Moonlight and sunshine-The thrashers got our 81 bushels of beans for Frank and 45 for Robert before dinner. Robert and Mary to Town at night and brot Ann home.
20. Mrs L, Mary and I and Mr and Mrs Fletcher and 3 boys at Church- Mr and Mrs Fletcher and Frank came.
21. Mary and Anna went to the Motor with their Mother to go to Uncle Wms birthday-Sunny day.
22. Shortest day-snow nearly all day-They buried John Gigian in a snow storm.
23. Belle came-Robert and Ann cut a green tree-Rexfords man brot a load of coal-Ann, Mary and Belle went to Town, others went home with Belle.
24. Four below zero-pure sunshine-pure snow. Too cold to go to John Campbells party.
25. Christmas 28 years since Father died-Had a grand Turkey dinner, a green tree, presents and happy party of old and young from morning till night-10 above zero.
26. Frank came-Wife went to Belle.
27. Brother Robert came. Ten above zero-Mr. Whalton preached about Christmas.
28. Robert came for Mary and then took Ann and Mary to Mrs. Fletchers.
29. Sent a paper to Scotland and Australia-received a card from Mr and Mrs Cowan, Perth, Scotland.
30. Drove to Roberts with Ann and Mary and saw Hattie and the babe. Bark, mild and damp.
31. The last day of 1894 gone away on the records of time.

Musings from the Archives:

Dear Friends:

Spring is here, I know because as I look outside my office window, it looks very pretty, the silia is blooming, the crocus out front is in bloom, the tulips are up, the birds are singing and the squirrels are running around.

Visitors to the Archives is increasing as folks are getting around more now.

We look forward to our Membership meeting April 21st, try and bring a guest with you and show off your Museum.

We had a visitor from the Fisher Mansion in Detroit a couple of weeks ago and he told me he was sorry that they don't have rooms and displays set up like we do, as people used to live. He was very pleased and enthusiastic about our Museum, as was I.

The word must get out to everyone in our community, in our State so everyone can come and enjoy it. It is up to us to pass the word along. So lets get to it.

Marge is having a special in the Gift Shop--"No limit on how much you can buy". She has some new articles that just came in, very nice.

Don't forget to save your yard sale items and drop them off any morning between 8 and 12 Noon at the Museum, Monday through Friday. Our Treasure Sale will be June 1st, then you can come back and buy some more goodies.

Our Treasurer appreciates all those who have sent in their dues. So if you haven't done so please take care of them now. We need them to help keep the Museum going.

I visited briefly with Art and Desci Howard recently-Art had cataract surgery the first part of March-Is awaiting the Doctors O.K. for him to drive again. They miss the Museum so very much, as they don't get down here.

Eileen Harrison is out and about again, Looks great, can't keep a nice lady down very long.

Just heard Virginia "Jim" Johnson is in Bayer Hospital just now. She will be having some tests, hoping that she will be back to her usual cheerful, happy self. Hurry up Jim, we need to have lunch soon.

Well I guess that does it for me for this time.
Do drop by and see us, anytime.

Billie Zolkosky
Archivist

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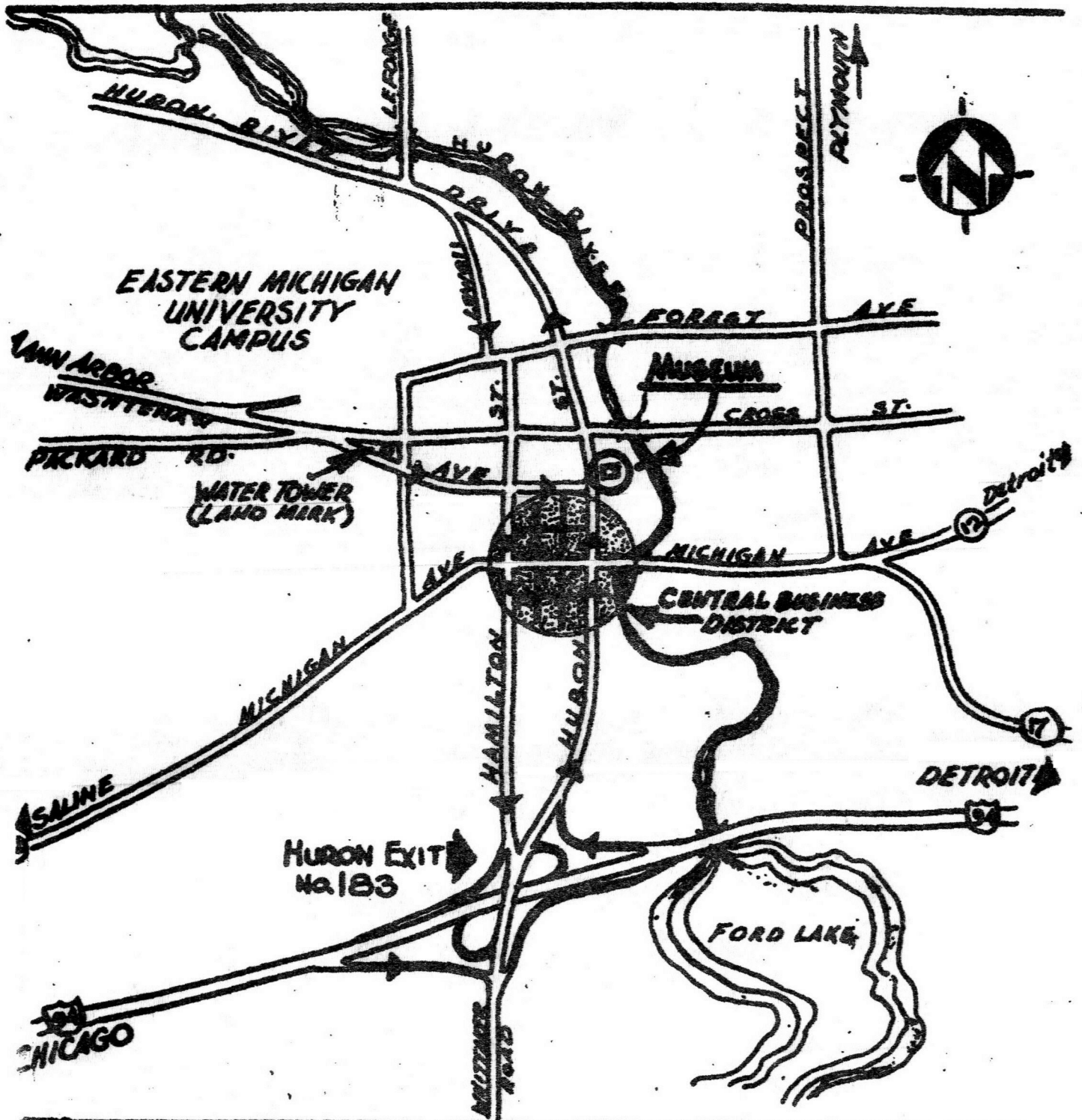
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