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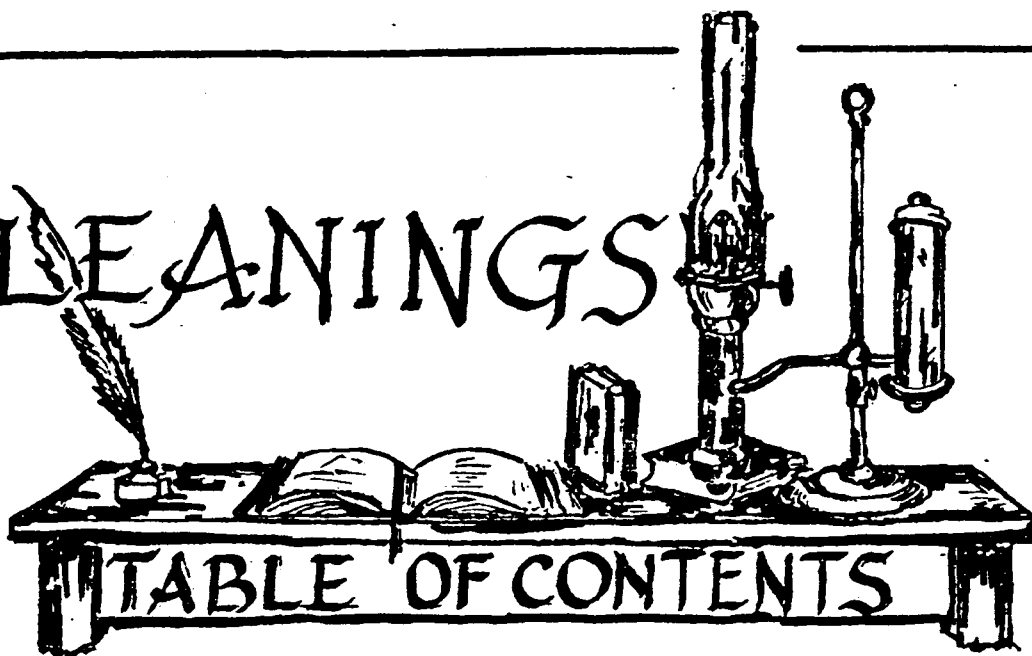
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YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CALENDAR: 1991-1992

December:

8th Holiday Open House at the Museum 2-5 p.m.
Holiday Hours at the Museum: December 19, 21 & 22, 1991
2 to 4 p.m. Will reopen
January 2, 1992
19th & 20th Special Evening Hours 7-9 p.m.

1992

January

19th Membership Meeting at the Museum

February

14th Valentine Party at the Museum

March

28th Cleanup day-Inside and Outside

April

26th Membership Meeting

May

Michigan Week Reception

June

6th Yard & Treasure Sale

June

10th Docent's Appreciation Day Luncheon

July

19th Membership Meeting

August

21st Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Opens

September

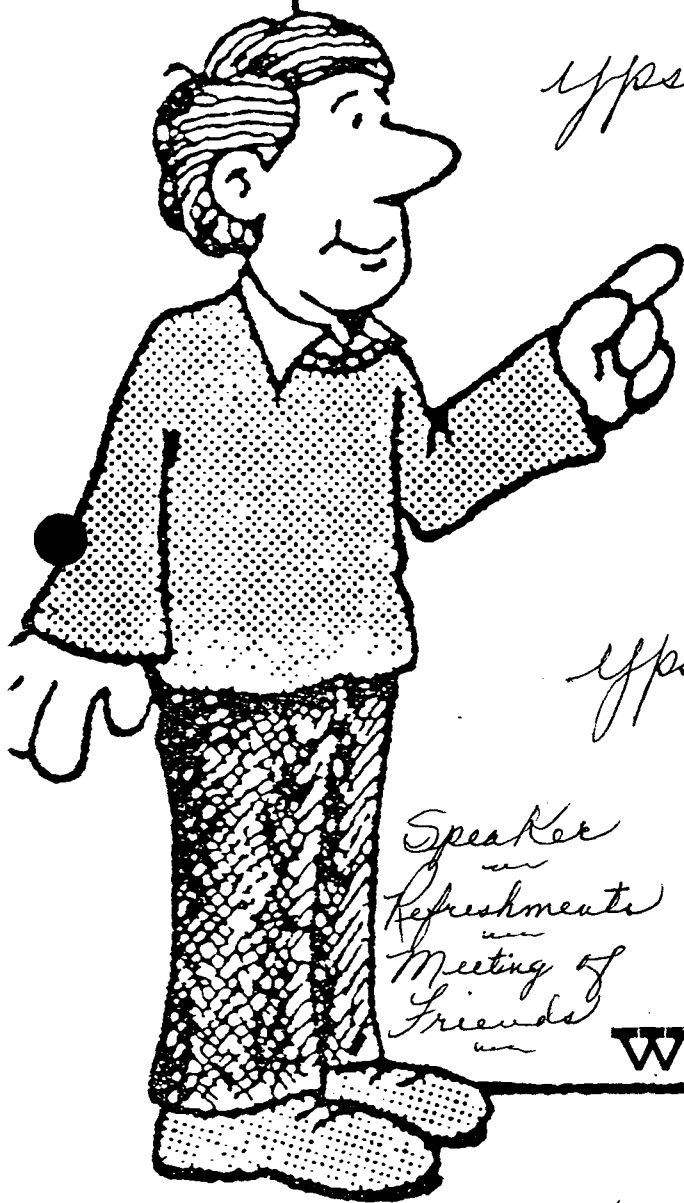
20th Annual Meeting

November

8th Annual Dinner

December

13th Christmas Open House at the Museum



Ypsilanti Historical Society

Quarterly Meeting

January 19, 1992

2 - 4 P. M.

Ypsilanti Historical Museum

220 N. Huron Street

*Ypsilanti,
Michigan*

*Speaker
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Refreshments
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Meeting of
Friends
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VISITORS

WELCOME

Note from your President.

Dear Friends of History,

As you may know by now our handicapped access is completed and fully operational. It is a great convenience to us and much appreciated. The contractor has said to let it age for a year before they paint it. Some hard surface coating has been done around the ramp and walkway and this will help eliminate some of the puddles.

Our Annual Banquet has now come and gone and we feel a good time was had by all. The ladies of the First Methodist Church have outdone themselves in the preparation of such a wonderful dinner for us. The Young People should be complemented on their serving also. Our speaker, Dick Wiley, presented his program on Michigan license plates in a very interesting manner-we now have an idea of the many different kinds of "plates" we see each day and their meanings and designations.

If any of you have ideas or names of speakers we could use for further reference please let us know.

The light fixture in the Gift shop with its rosettes has at long last been installed and looks very good. It was donated by monies from LaVerne Howard memorial money and from Gertrude Nanry's bequest. Thanks to Bill Zolkosky for installing it.

Our Annual election to the Board of Directors has taken place and we want to welcome new members, Howard Berg, Gordon Cahour and Robert Fink. In the election Jim Porter was elected President with Mike Miller becoming Vice President. Peter Fletcher immediate Past President, and Herb Cornish immediate past Vice President will also remain on the Board and lend their able assistance to the new Board. For this we are most grateful.

Mr. Frank Freeman of Farmington Hills is researching and updating our Arrowhead collection and making some "in use" type constructions for the points. Several of the larger points in our collection seem to be a rarity and have been loaned to the University of Michigan for further study and evaluation.

Our calendar sales are going quite well and have been considered for Christmas presents. The pictures are of local buildings of historical significance done by Bill Shurtliff of the Ann Arbor News. "Get them while they're hot".

James Porter, President

QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to have more of our members share our programs with us.

If you would please fill out the attached form and return it to us with your ideas and suggestions.

Who would you enjoy hearing at our quarterly meetings?

Would you like to visit another Museum as a Group?

Do you have a hobby that you would like to share/show to members of the Museum?

Your likes?

Your dislikes?

Would you like to donate refreshments for our quarterly meetings/
(If several members donating, it would only be about once a year one would donate.)

Would you enjoy helping with the yard in the Spring/Summer?

Would you be willing to help at the Yard/Treasure Sale the first Saturday in June?

We need people for Volunteers to work in various areas. We would like to know of your special areas of interest, Gardening, sales, craft items to make and sell through the store; period clothing, furniture, Hand tools of the past, any areas of building maintenance, painting, glass, carpentry, landscaping. These are only leads in ideas, we hope to stimulate your thoughts for this.

If you have an expertise in areas which could be of help to the Museum we would like to know it. There's a wealth of talent out there and we're trying to find it.

We can use donations of time, at times which would fit your own schedule.

I am interested in areas of _____

Enclosed is an envelope for your convenience.

I have a certain amount of expertise in areas of _____

which I would be willing to share or work at in the Museum.

I would like to work with craft groups in _____

I could work with or teach classes or workshops in _____

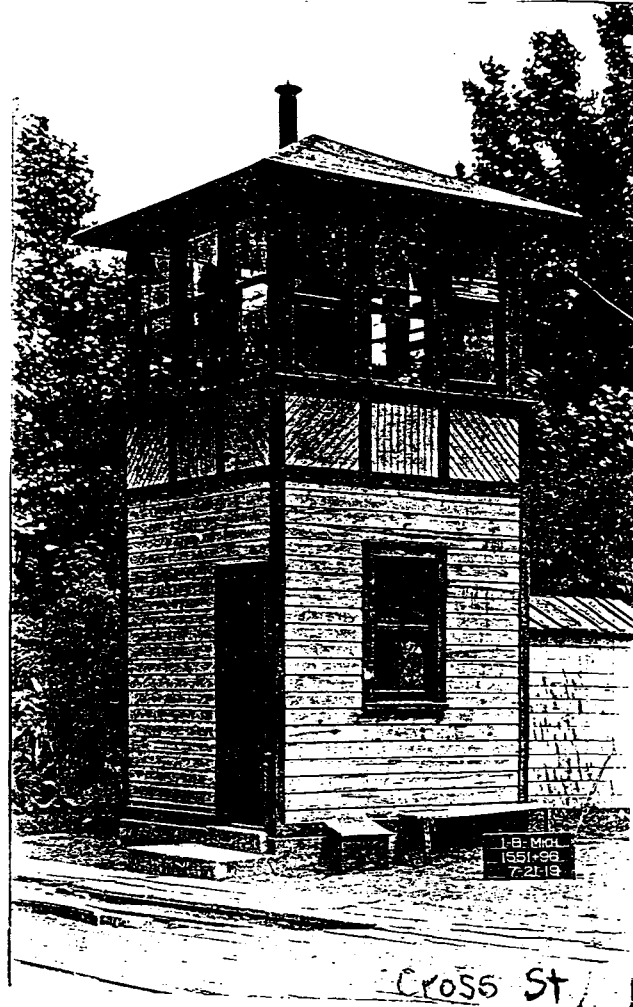
Thank you for your ideas.

James Porter, President

THE TOWER

A Community project in Depot Town is the Crossing Guard's Tower at River and Cross Streets. A historic landmark. The original one, pictured here, was built to house the person who controlled the crossing gates at that intersection. He did not control the movements of the train, but with the mechanical devices in the Tower, could lower the crossing gates as a train approached, and raise them when all was clear. When it became possible to use electrical devices to control the gates, manpower was no longer needed and neither was the Tower which was eventually torn down.

One of our Historical Society members, Eileen Ealy, well remembers taking lunches to her father, George Bridges, who worked in the Tower in the 1920's and 1930's. She was thrilled when her father allowed her to operate the gates.



Doris Milliman
City Historian

TIME AND TALENTS

We need you to share your time and talents with The Museum:

Can you do some mending?
Can you help as a Guide?
Can you assist with Displays?

The Administration Committee would like to hear from you.
Just call us at 482-4990.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, January 19, 1992

Museum 2-4- P.M.

Speaker: Carolyn Griffin

Topic- Beginning Genealogy

Mrs. Griffin, a teacher at Ypsilanti High School, is the Educational Director for the Genealogy Society of Washtenaw County, and a Board member of the Society.

She will teach Historical Society Members how to begin a family history and will do it in an interesting and helpful way. Do plan to attend this meeting.

SPECIAL

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QUILTING LESSONS

AT THE MUSEUM

BEGINNING TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 1992

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City Historian

CASS PARK

ADjoining the crossing tower on the north is a triangle of land in front of the Railroad Depot known as Cass Park. The plot had been long neglected until Mrs. Florence Babbitt, (1849-1929) an "indefatigably Patriotic woman" conceived the idea of enclosing the area and naming it for General Lewis Cass who was appointed Governor of the Michgian Territory in 1813.

The Railroad authorities consented to the idea so Mrs. Babbitt raised money for a flagpole and a large flag which was planned to be flown on Holidays and to be raised at half-mast when a Civil War Soldier's Funeral procession passed on River Street. The Flag, donated by the members of Carpenter Relief Post, #180, and Carpenter Relief Corps #65 was raised on October 22, 1902 in Honor of the Reunion of the 27th Michigan Infantry.

The Depot Gardner, John Laidlaw, kept the words "Cass Park" in red flowers so that people on the train could see the name of the park.

The last attempt to beautify Cass Park was in 1965 when Mrs. Walter Seymour tried to interest others in the Community in planting bulbs in the area. The City agreed to prepare the beds, the Seymours purchased the bulbs and with the aid of some high school students, planted them.

Since the Railroad Depot is no longer used, Cass Park seems to have been forgotten but the plot of land is still there.



Doris Milliman

Lambie Diary July 1896

- July 1. Wife went to Azros with Ann and Mary-Robert reaped all the wheat-Wife and I went to Town and saw brother Roberts wife and daughter off for Europe and Bonnie Scotland-88 in the shade-Wrote to Mr McCon: ie
2. Morning sky like an elustration of Heaven-Robert went to Azros to reap and drew in some of our wheat in afternoon.
3. Robert and 2 boys drew in the wheat south of our house and part of the brook field-A plesant ride with Brother Robert to Franks farm-90°.
4. Some rain in the night-Wife went for Mrs Fletcher and sons to spend forth at our house. Wife and Harris went to Roberts-New Potatoes and peas for dinner.
5. Wife, Ann, Mary and I went to Church-Mr. Goodrich preached.
6. MR. McC sends the Scottish American. Fox, Renton and a young man got all the wheat in our barn. Robert went to Franks and broke his reaper. Went to Town gave Archi Scottish American-Wife helped Hattie, Ann and Mary went to Roberts.
7. Cool breezes-Renton and 2 men drew rye into Roberts barn-Robert went to reap for Frank. I got all the old potatoes out the cellar. Ann and Mary down at Roberts.
8. Robert mowed the meadow on the old farm and some grass up here-Bell came and Mother went home with her.
9. WEt morning-wet day-Sat in the south room and read-REnton hoed potatoes in the rain-Wife made a new shirt.
10. Willie Fletcher came -him and I planted cabbage-Mrs Wm. Campbell and daughter came-Wife went with them and Ann and Mary to Mrs. Fletchers.
11. Beautiful morning-Ann, Mary and I and Mrs Fletcher and her boys sat a long while in the shade of a tree to see Circus, the Elephents and Lions go past. Robert reaped for Frank-88 in the shade.
12. Ann, Mary, Wife and I went to church-Mr. Goodrich preached-Frank ne
13. Robert went to reap for Frank in the morning-Frank sent 2 men afternoon to draw in hay but a thunder shower prevented them from geting in all the hay.
14. The garden was wet and Wife and I went to Bells for dinner-Frank paid me \$5 and went to Ann ARbor-Robert getting in hay.
- ✓ 15. Rain and loud thunder last night-Went to Mrs Fletchers but she had gone to Uncle Williams.
16. Brother Robert came with word that Wife and Daughter had a good passage over the wide sea-Fox and Will Renton got in the hay and Rye and let the wagon run down the hill. Robert reaped Oats on Fletchers old farm.
17. Cool about 46 at dawn-Wife went to Bells-Girls away-Mrs. Strang and daughter came.
18. Robert mowed on the marsh-made a trillis for grapes. Ann and Mary came from Uncle Williams-We went, a party of us to supper for Robert Fletchers birthday=2 years old.
19. Wife, Mary and I went to Church-Mr Goodrich preached-wet when we started-wetter coming home.
20. Rain nearly all night- The birds began to pick the Alexander peaches and then we picked them ourselves. Mary went to Roberts, Wife and Ann to Town.
21. Robert reaped Oats for Ben Roberts. A hundred years since Burns died.
22. Wet night and morning the frost has hurt Franks corn- Went to Azros for Ann and Mary.

Lambie Diary - 1896

- July 23. Wife went to Azros and brot up Mrs Fletcher and the boys, then Ann and Mary went with them to Bells-Mary and Ann went back with them-rain at night. Mary and Ann took Mrs Fletcher and family home-the curtains of the surry kept them
24. Wet mornings-the rain comes as if there was abundance in the clouds this summer very different from last summer when the grass and clover were like to burn in the heat.
25. Dug potatoes hurt by spreading grass. Wife, Ann and Mary went to Mrs Fletchers got pea straw-Robert reaped Oats at Nortons corner till his reaper broke.
26. Wife Mary Mrs Fletcher and I went to Church.Mr Goodrich preached-got some wet again-3 cows got in the corn and bothered us.
27. Great thunder showers in the night about one and a half inches of rain fell-Robert and Will cleaned the barn floor for the thresers.
28. Harvey came with his engin about 8-the thresiers stoped for dinner and finished about 2-the machine for numbering marked 309 bushels that was beyon all we expected. A granieri full of good wheat was a better sight than the Circus and the Elephants-another outpouring of rain at night.
29. Dug potatoes among the bad grass-Mary and Mrs Fletcher went to Uncle Andrew.
30. A lot of men plowing and drawing dirt by our Orchard.
31. Wife went to Azos with Ann and Mary.
- August
1. The colored mans freedom day-set free with our war and bloodshed.
2. Wife, Mary and I went to Church. Frank Azro and family called.
3. Mary and Ann took Mother to Mrs Fletchers-Harris came back with them-I cut weeds and grass-Robert took coal to Franks.
4. Robert reaped for Martins oats till his reaper till broke. Ann and Mary went to Roberts cut grass with a corn cutter.
5. Robert reaped Martins oats across the road-his men got in Oats-88 in the shade. Ann and Mary at Roberts.
6. Mr Allison sent a Scotch Dictionary from Australia.Robert mowed part of this Oats-Howed cabbage.
7. 88 in the shade,Wife and I went to Mrs Fletchers-called on John Miller, went to Bells and brot home Ann and Mary. A number of men and Horses working on the road by the Orchard.
8. 93 in the shade-to warm for me to work-went to Mrs Fletchers.
9. Warm in Chruch.Mary, Ann, Frank, Bell went to the Congrational Church to hear Walter Campbell-Wife and I heard a man from Wisconsin.
10. More thunder and rain in the night. Robert sold a big load of wheat in forenoon. Then it rained-sold another at night and a load Saturday.
11. Wife and I went to John campbells and paid him for Clover seed-very warm-90- flies bit the horse, no pleaseure driving at 90.
12. Another great thunder shower in the night.The day we went to the muirs in the gala days of young life. Wife went to Town with Ann and Mary-Wife went to Bells.
13. Will said Robert went to Whitmore Lake-Wife brot Walter Campbell and his wife. Brother Robert brot papers and breeks.
14. Wife took Ann to Town-Wife went to bElls a great shower like a cloud burst.
15. Robert brot 2 loads of wood-Went with Willie and Haris to Mrs Fletchers.

Lambie Diary - 1896

August

16. Clear skies-cool breezes- The Minister from Winscansen preached well.
17. 48 in the morning-grand day-Went to Franks with Brother Robert. Bell came-went back with her.
18. Wife, Ann and Mary went to Mrs Fletchers-Mr F and the 3 boys came back with them-Went to Robers-his Oats very much hurt by the rain.
19. Cool morning-44 at morn-Robert went to B. Voorhees to thrash-Wife Mary and I called on Mr Harris and the Miss Stephenans.
20. Dug potatoes and picked Peaches-Wife went to Roberts-Went to see Mr Sears peach trees.
21. Wife brot Ann and Mary from Mrs Fletchers then they went to Bells. dug potatoes-like a Scotch summer day.
22. Brother Roberts wife and daughter were to sail for home today. A wet morning-Went to Mrs Fletchers.
23. Wife, Mary and I heard Mr Goodrichs sermen-A fine breezy day-Brother Robert and I had a good ride round by Kimmels.
24. Dug potaotes, picked ripe peaches-the trees breaking-good to eat-no market or little money.
25. on Robert wee Willie and I over some on the fields and saw the good crop of tasoeld corn waving in the summer wind-Wife and I went to a Church meeting and then I went to Bells for Ann and Mary.
26. Cool breezes at dawn-Wife went to Roberts, rain at noon-picked peaches and dug potatoes-Robert helped to thrash at W. Scotneys.
27. Mrs A. Campbell and daughter came-Wife and I went to Roberts.
28. Wife went to Mrs Fletchers with Ann and Mary then to Bells-picked peaches.
29. Robert helped to pick peaches-they roted fast-Wife Ann and Mary and I went to Mrs Fletchers.
30. Four went to Church-balmy breezes-Frank told us the ship Brother Roberts wife and daughter sailed on had arived.
31. The last summer day-picked peaches-Wife took peaches to Roberts-MR Martin and Bell, Wife, Ann and Mary called on Mrs Strang and the Miss Stephenson -Mr Fletcher said she saw Eunice in the garden safe over the wide waters from Europe.

September

1. Cool clear morning-picked peaches-Robert cut beans-Brother Robert brot up his Wife and daughter which had a journey to Europe and Straven safe back in health and joy.
2. John Campbell came-Bell came the girls went home with her. Frank came at night along with John Campbell.
3. Rain in the night-picked peaches-Wife, ann and Mary and I called on Mrs Fletcher then at Brother Roberts and heard reflecting London Paris Glasgow and Straven.
4. Forty five at dawn-Robert took Anns trunk to the depot.Wife, Ann Mary and I to the depot and saw the flowers and Ann went away to Elkhart-Will Renton cut corn-Wife to Roberts and Bells.
5. The Engin came to Roberts-to wet to thrash.
6. Three went to Church, Mr Goodrich preached-Frank came and Mrs. Fletcher and family.
7. Misty morning, Wife went to Bells-brot Mary and Bell to Roberts to help at thrasing about 200 bushels of Oats and some Rye.

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September

8. Cut corn and picked peaches-Went to Roberts-Mrs Fletcher came and Mary went home with her-Frank came with a load of Beans-Robert with another and Will with a third load.
9. Will Renton helped me to pick peaches-Frank brot 2 loads of beans, Wife went to Mrs. Fletchers for Mary.
10. Robert brot us 2 bags of flour-picked peaches. Wife went to Bells-Robert got in all his beans-warm 87.
11. Wife Mary and I went to the Church meeting-Fox bot a bushel of peaches-Mr Ring to.
12. W. Renton picked about all the peaches-Wife sold a bushel to Davis-Went to Mrs Fletchers.
13. Sacrament-Mr Goodrich preached-cloudy day.
14. Wife went to Robert with Bell with peaches-after selling about 2 bushels of the best to Davis. Mrs Fletcher and 2 boys came-Mary went to Roberts.
15. Cloudy morning-Mary and Mrs Fletcher, Haris and Robert went to Ann Arbor and Mr Smith cut corn.
16. Wife, Mary and I went to Uncle Williams- a kindly vist, a good day-was more than ever convinced at the dishomor of the free(?) silver men who wold bring disgrace of this land of abundance.
17. Wifewent to Bells-Roberts men cutting corn-Wife, Mary and I went to Mrs. Fletchers.
18. Robert got 18 bushels of seed wheat from George Stevenson-grapes ripe-wet night-women preserving peaches.
19. Wet morning and a cold blustering day-Robert drew a load of wood for Azro.
20. Cold-the first ice-the new minister preached to a full Church-heard of the death of C. Scotneys wife.
21. Wife went to Bells-Robert helped Harry to thrash-Mrs Fletcher and her sons came-cut corn-gathered apples.
22. Mary went to Roberts-then Robert and Hattie went to C. Scotneys wifes funeral. Brother Robert called-Frank went to Salene.
23. Cold, Ice-to hard to break by hand-Robert cutting his late frozen corn-picked grapes-3 went to Mrs Fletchers.
24. Frank drilled wheat by Haries fence-Mary went to Bells.
25. Robert helped Azro to fill his silo-Frank drilled wheat-Piled wood in the shed-we went to Mrs Fletchers.
26. Wheat drilled on bean land. Mild- Wife went to Bells-Willie and I put boards on the rood of the wood house. Heard of the death of Dr. Rexford and James Gay-Went home with Mrs Fletcher and 3 boys.
27. Heavy rain in the night-Wife, Mary. Willie and I at Church. Mr Goodrich preached. The forest trees putting on robes of purple and gold.
28. Mary went to Bells but the chickens got out- Robert not well and he went for Mrs Fletcher. Will dug potatoes. John Campbell came on his way to enlighten the voters of Superior.
29. Wet morning, Belle took 4 chickens-rain all day. Got a letter and papers from Mr Allan ; Australia-Mary went with Robert.
30. Dark damp morning-Wife went to Bells-Mary and I took dinner at Roberts-him and Will brot up the roller and set up the stove in the kitchen.

Lambie Diary - 1896

October

1. Cloudy, Wife went to Bells-3 went to Mrs Fletchers. Wrote lines to Charles Scotney.
2. Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Harris called-Beautiful sunshine on the tree purple and gold-like a garden of flowers.
3. Roberts men begun to pick apples-went to Mrs Fletchers.
4. MR Goodrich preached-Brother Robert, Wife and daughter called and Mr Fletcher and family.
5. Went to Mr Lay paid \$8 for seat rent-Robert took a load of straw to Town-Wife brot Mrs Fletcher and Boys to celebrate Leah's Birthday.
6. Wet morning-wet day a blink of sunshine at night.
7. Wife went to Bells, Roberts men picking apples. Mrs Fletcher came left Haris and Robert to go to Detroit. Mary and the 3 boys went home. Mr and Mrs F went home at night.
8. R. Campbell sent a \$18. office check. Mary brot a letter neer Noon from Mrs. Smith and Wife and I went to Ann Arbor in afternoon and enjoyed a delightful time with Mr & Mrs Smith and dear good Sister Agnes.
9. Robert working picking apples-gathered all the late peaches.
10. Got \$18 dollars on R. Campbells money order. Robert selling apples for 40 cents a barrel-planted gooseberries-went to Mrs Fletchers.
11. The new Minister preached-Wife, Mary and I at Church along with MR & Mrs Fletcher and the 3 boys.
12. Robert has the horse-stayed at home- have a cold can hardly get warm.
13. Went with Brother Robert to Franks farm.
14. Wife went to Bells-Robert diging and selling potatoes.
15. Wife and I went to R. cAmpbells-Ann Arbor- Golden October in he robes of purple and Gold.
16. Robert carried potabtes down Cellar-Wife and Mary went to Town then Mary went to Bells.
17. Wet morning-Wife and I went to dinner at Bells and to Mrs Fletcher- Docter and Clair Campbell came and said they thought I was a voter.
18. Teh Minister preached about Jacob and his Sons. Frank and Robert and Hatties and wee William came.
19. A little frost-Wife, Mary and I went to Mrs. Fletchers-Paid for the Ypsilantian and Tribune \$165.00 for a year.
20. Robert and I drove to his home-Wife drove to bells.
21. Robert worked on the roads-cold blasts-worked in the hen house to keep out winters cold.
22. Wife drove to Bells, Mary walked home from Azros.
23. Wheeled apples into the barn.
24. Mary Bell and I drew apples into the barn with Bells horse.
25. Grand day and sermon on John the Bâbtist-Frank came.
26. Brother Roberts birthday-Golden October-Bell and I drew apples into the barn. Wife, Mary Bell and I. went to Brother Roberts for dinner. Met Sister Agnes and daughter Margaret-we had a grand dinner and all got presents in gold a golden day of pure delight. Paid Mr. Sherwood \$11-7 for insurence.
27. BEautiful morning-Wife and Mary and I went round by the old Moon farm we bought after leaving Scotland in 1836 along with sister Agnes and her daughter Margaret and dreamed of Auld Lang syne and years that return no nore.

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October

28. Wife went to Bells-I puled cabbage.
29. The hens eating the cabbage-carried them down cellar. Wife went to Mrs Fletchers, Mrs F came and Mary went with her. Robert and Will drew apples to Town.
30. Rain in the night, balmy breezes all morn.
31. Frank went to the Town House with me to get registered so as to vote on November 3. Went to Azros in afternoon.

November

1. Beautiful day-The church well filled. Azro and family, Frank came to dinner. Brother Robert and his wife called.
2. Gathered apples-Robert brot a load of corn.
3. Wife, Mary, Mrs Fletcher, Haris, Robert and I drove to the Town house-I voted the first time after being 37 years in America. Mary and I gathered apples.
4. Grand morning, wife went to Bells, puled turnips-Roberts girls told me McKinley was elected President-I was glad the good name and honor of the great Republic-Frank called.
5. A wet morning-cold blustry day-stayed in the house-wrote about the election.
6. Robert brot a load of wood-Wife went to Bells-puled turnips-Wife Mary and I went to Mrs Fletchers.
7. Some rain,cold and blustry-stayed home.
8. The first snow, cold blasts-wife and I went to Church-Mary came home with us.
9. Ice on the pail-ground hard-Wife, Mary and I drove to the Cold storage to sell chickens.
10. Robert took 8 rusters to Mr Johnson and got 2 dollars-Wife went to Bells. Cold blasts.
11. Wife, Mary, Bell and I carried apples down cellar till we were tired. Robert set up the coal stove. A man wanted to take a picture of the house.
12. Wife and I went to Mrs Fletchers, Mary walked home from Bells.
13. Robert took 4 barrels of apples to the Depot-2 to Sister Agnes and 2 to daughter Ann-cold snow showers.
14. Robert drew apples and brot us some cider-Wife and I went to Mrs. Fletchers.
15. Beautiful day-Wife and I went to Church-Mary walked from Azros 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 and Wife, Mary and I there for dinner-balmy breezes.
17. Robert selling Cider apples to Harvie James for 8 cents a hundred-Wife went to Bells-Brother Robert and Mr Horton the Minister called-split wood.
18. Bland breezes-Mary went to Bells, Mary and Bell went to Mrs F's 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.

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November

22. Sunny day, Wife, Mary, Mr & Mrs Fletcher and the 3 boys and I at Church. Mr Martin told us what he wanted us to do.
23. Wife went to Bells-3 tems 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 & Mrs B. Voorhees-Robert drew gravel on the road.
28. Cold morning, the pump froze. Wife walked to roberts-Wrote to Mr. McConachie- 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 Ingils.
30. Snow showers-John R Campbell came-Mary came back.

December

1. Cold blasts-14 above zero-Frank came.
2. Eight above zero-Wife went to Bells-Robert brot a grist to us and his family-bright sunshine-Frank brot a 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, Bell and I went to church & Mr & Mrs Fletcher and the 3 boys-Harris said the Lords prayer along with the minister when 4 ye old-same like a summer day.
7. Mild and pleasant-Wife went to Mrs Fletchers-Clare Campbell came then Frank.
8. Dark, misty and mile, Wife went to bells-
9. Some sunshine-Wife and I went to bells 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 and Mary and I went to the Church meeting.
12. Went to Town and Mrs Fletchers-beautiful winter day.
13. Sacrament, Church well filed, Annas birthday. Brother Robert & Eunice called-Mr & Mrs Fletcher and family came at night.
14. Wife went to Bells, Mary to Roberts, Frank came back from the Oak.
15. Snow nearly all day-Wife boiling Cider-Robert brot a barrel. 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 throught the snow to Bells 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 ther was another little girl at Roberts home.
19. Moonlight and sunshine, The thrashers got out 81 bushels of beans for Frank and 45 for Robert before dinner. Robert and Mary went to Town at night and brot Ann home.

Lambie Diary - 1896

December

20. Mrs L, Mary and I & Mr & Mrs Fletcher and 3 boys at Church. Mr & Mrs F and Frank came.
21. Mary and Ann went to the Motor with their Mother to go to Uncle Williams on his birthday-sunny day.
22. Shortest day, Snow nearly all day. John Gigian was buried in a storm of snow.
23. Bell came, Robert and Ann cut a gree tree-Rexford man brot a load of coal - Ann, Mary and Bell went to Town. Mother went home with Bell.
24. Four below zero-pure sunshine on pure snow-To 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 pary of old and young from morning till night-10 above freezing.
26. Frank came-Wife went to Bells.
27. Ten above zero-Mr Whalton preached about Christmas.
28. Robert came for Mary & then took Ann and Mary to Mrs. Fletchers.
29. Sent a paper to Scotland & Australia-Received a card from Mr & Mrs Cowan from Perth,Scotland.
30. Drove to Roberts with Ann and Mary and saw Hattie and the babe. Dark mild and damp.
31. The last day of 1896 gone away on the records of time.

Note: Please remember I copy this directly from the Diary. I do make errors altho I try not to. But some of the diary is a little confusing because it is the way Mr. Lambie writes it or spells it. If I changed it I don't believe we would be understanding how things were in the years past.

Billie

GIFT SHOP NEWS

The Museum Gift Shop will be open for your shopping, Thursday, Saturday and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., until Christmas.

Other hours we will be open are as follows:

Sunday December 8 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Open House
Thursday December 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Friday, December 20 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

When you are shopping for Christmas Gifts Don't forget to visit your Museum.

You will find Christmas tree ornaments, Santas, and other unusual items in our inventory.

Marge Gauntlett



Santa Ornament
HANDPAINTED PEWTER

AMERICAN SHELF CLOCKS

Early American clocks made from about 1700 to 1725 included grandfather clocks and tower clocks, as found in the towers of public buildings. The grandfather clock cases were hand made to fit the particular clock movement. Later grandfather clocks also reflected the furniture period in which they were made. Regional styles also developed and experts can distinguish fine clock cases made in Philadelphia, Boston or New York.

Smaller shelf clocks were made in the United States beginning around 1750. These too, were individually made clocks and thus were quite expensive. In 1807 Eli Terry, a clockmaker in Connecticut accepted an order for 4000 wood clock movements. Brass was very expensive and hardwood was a cheap alternative for clock gears. The production of 4000 clockworks obviously led to the development of interchangeable parts for these clocks since similarly cut gears could then be quickly put together in the final assembly. Among the early employees of Eli Terry were Seth Thomas, Silas Hoadley and Chauncey Jerome all of whom went on to set up their own factories in Connecticut to fill the demand for these new, relatively cheap clocks. Water power or steam was often used to produce power for wood and metalworking machinery. It is surprising how often factories burned to the ground and many bankruptcies occurred for this reason as well as for poor business practices. However, most of these companies started new businesses, often buying clockworks or clock cases from a former competitor. Thus many clocks are found with so-called mixed parts often with one makers name pasted over the original label in the clockcase purchased from another maker. These early clocks were mostly weight driven thus had clockcases several feet tall.

Steel springs became available between 1830 and 1840 and this further stimulated the clock business. Clocks could now be made much smaller and clock cases more varied in design and construction. New England became the clockmaking center of the United States and to some extent the world. Clockworks as well as completed clocks were shipped all over the world. Millions of clocks were produced. For example in 1853 and 1854 Jerome Mfg. Co. produced around 440,000 clocks a year, J.C. Brown 100,000 per yr. and Ansonia Clock Co. 150,000 per year. By 1867 the New Haven Clock Co. was producing 200,000 clocks annually and several other nearby companies combined produced over 300,000 per year. Quite a production, but remember these clocks were now quite cheap and most homes had never had a clock before. Hundreds of new clockmakers were in the business and clocks were made in smaller quantities all over the United States.

During the period from 1840 to 1870 the American Clock Book lists 6153 U.S. Clockmakers in business. Many of these would be companies changing names, adding partners or selling out to someone else. Many old clocks from England, Japan and other countries of the world when opened up are found to contain clockworks stamped with makers names from Connecticut, U.S.A. How times have changed. The production of these key-wind clocks rapidly declined with the advent of the electric clock beginning in the early 1920's. Most clocks are now foreign made and few ,if any, U.S. clockmakers survive. Even the reproductions of old U.S. clocks are now made in the far East, not in the United States. In fact, few clockmakers or repair shops are willing to repair these old clocks. If they do, the job is very time consuming and costs are high.

If you are looking at old key-wind shelf clocks check on some of the following items to determine age and value.

1. Is it weight or spring driven. If weight driven most likely before 1840-1850.
2. Makers name. Often in center of clock face or in fine print around the bottom edge. Many clockworks are marked and can be seen if the clock has a door on the back that can be opened. Marked clocks are more desirable.

3. Check number of keyholes in the face.

One keyhole: clock runs but does not strike.

Two keyholes: clock runs, usually strikes hour and half-hour.

Three keyholes: Clock runs, strikes hour and half-hour and usually has a chime of some sort.

4. Does the clock have its original face and glass or glasses in the doors or are they replacements.

5. Is there a makers paper on the inside or on the back. These usually had the makers name and address and often had instructions on using the clock as well as decorative eagles, flags etc. The paper adds considerable value.

6. Check condition of case and original finish, Most old clocks were veneer not solid wood, although both types are found.

Most old clocks will show considerable signs of wear. Many authentic looking well-made reproduction clocks are now on the market and may be hanging in antique shops. Some dealers have such clocks marked as reproductions , others do not.

Herb Cornish

Musings from the Archives:

The year is leaving us fast. Annual Dinner is over, if you were unable to attend you missed a delicious dinner and a fine presented program. Let us know your thoughts about it. Call the office when you have a chance, we would like to know.

The Christmas Open House will be Sunday the 8th of December. We hope you will stop and see the house in all its splendor, Christmas decorations and bows. We will be happy to see you.

The Archives has been very busy as usual. Hopefully I shall get everything caught up during the holidays while no one is here. Notices are being sent out reminding the members of the dues for 92 and if you did not pay in 91 they will be included. It is very easy to forget but our Museum continues the work we do by your dues. Any questions please call the office. If you have paid your dues you will not get a bill.

We still have a few calendars left so be sure and get yours. They are for sale in the office as well as in the Gift Shop.

I hope all had a wonderful thanksgiving and enjoyed family and friends and now are looking forward to a very Merry Christmas and a New Year that will fulfill your hopes and desires. Bless all of you especially during our holiday season and the many months ahead.

Billie Zolkosky



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I KNOW THIS LITTLE MAN IS AT THE MUSEUM

BUT DOES HE HAVE TO FOLLOW ME HOME!!!!

Mr. Nobody



KNOW a funny little man, as quiet as a mouse,
Who does the mischief that is done in everybody's
house:

There's no one ever sees his face,—and yet we all
agree

That every plate we break was cracked by Mr. Nobody.

'Tis he who always tears our books and leaves the door
ajar;

He pulls the buttons off our shirts, and scatters pins afar:
That squeaky door will always squeak, for prithee, don't
you see,

We leave the oiling to be done by Mr. Nobody.

He puts damp wood upon the fire, that kettles cannot boil;
His are the feet that bring in mud, and all the carpets soil:
The papers always are mislaid,—who had been last but he?
There's no one tosses things about but Mr. Nobody!

The finger-marks upon the door by none of *us* are made;
We never leave the blinds unclosed to let the curtains fade;
The ink *we* never spill; the boots, that lying round we see,
Are not *our* boots: they all belong to Mr. Nobody!

