

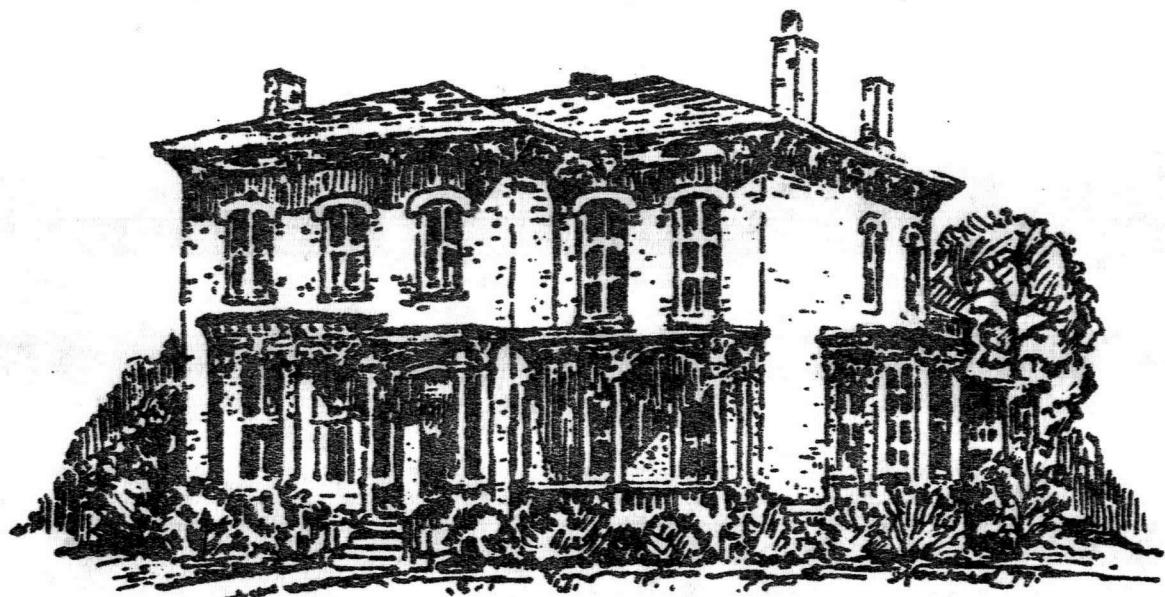
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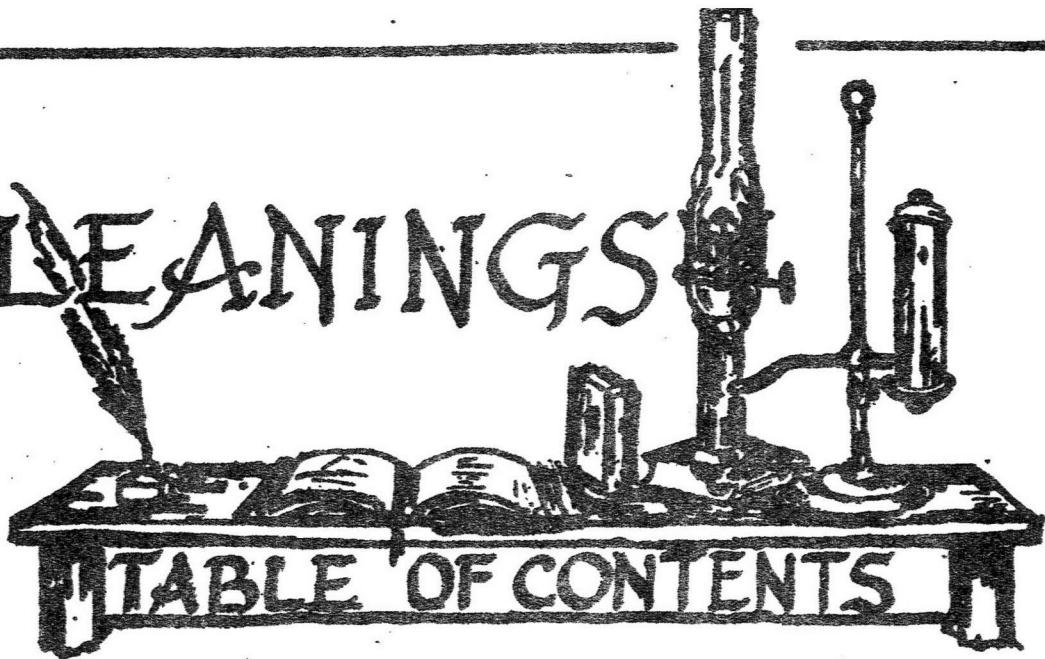


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Message from Your President

Dear Friends:

Your Board of Directors is preparing an updated version of our Constitution and By-Laws to present to our April membership meeting. This project is designed to streamline these documents and incorporate amendments made over the last 20 years. It will give us an easier outline with which to function in the future. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome at any time.

A special thanks to Lucille Holmes who sent a generous contribution to our endowment fund. We need more of you to follow her good example to insure the future of our enterprise.

Why was the Civil War series so popular on PBS? Because more and more people appreciate the importance of history - understanding it, learning from it and enjoying the sense of our heritage. Our museum and archives offer matchless opportunities for us to do that right here at home... We need your participation as a dues paying member, volunteer and booster throughout the year.

Accolades and encomiums are forever in order as we reflect upon the peerless efforts of the volunteers we have at present; Those who serve as guides, working in the gift shop, helping with the mailings and just the general myriad of things to look after in presenting our exhibits, conducting our meetings and re-introducing our services to visitors from all over.
A special thanks to all of you.

Peter B. Fletcher, President

A Christmas of Yesteryear

The Christmas of Yesteryear Open House at the Museum was well attended by an appreciative number of guests on December 9, 1990. The many greens and poinsettias made a colorful background for the many candles and red ribbon bows. The mantles provided a fitting place for the Creches to be displayed, some of the Creches had been purchased when the owners were traveling abroad. The soft light from the antique chandeliers cast a pleasant glow throughout the rooms. Kathryn Howard and her committee planned and did the decorations.

WE WELCOMED THEM

During the Christmas Season the Museum was a popular place for Bus Loads of Visitors from other areas and for local groups as well, some of whom also visited the Festival of Lights. These included: The Women from St.Luke's Episcopal Church, the 60+Club from Livonia, The Reford Senior Citizens, The Wayne Historical Society and a Boy Scout Troop from Estabrook School.

Much appreciation is due to the many docents who guided the Visitors through the Museum. These included Kathy Campbell, Normajeen Anderson, Virginia Davis, Roger Katon, Kathryn Howard, Elnora Miller, Marjorie Pearson, Ernest Griffin, Peter Fletcher, Billie Wardell, Grace and Herbert Cornish, Bonnie and Carroll Osburn, Betty Kerr, Eileen Harrison, Jean and Howard Berg, Marjorie Gauntlett, Doris Milliman and Ann McCarthy who also recruited the docents.

Doris Milliman



News of 1891

- Jan 9- 1st regular service on "Steam Motor Line" to Ann Arbor started.
8 Round trips daily.
In her Diary of January 19th, Mrs. S.J.Norton wrote that she
had a ride to Ann Arbor and back on the new street railway.
- Mar 15- Barton House took fire(From Diary of J.M. Seely)
- Mar 28- Barton House(N.W. Corner of N. Washington and Pearl) sold at
Auction to F.W. Cleveland for \$3.00. Building to be razed and
lot cleared by April 18th.
- Apr 9- Engine of Motorline ran off the track at Washington Street
switch. It took 4 hours in the darkness, rain and mud to get
it on.
Barton House razed.
- July 12-Joseph Christie of Lockport, New York killed by falling from
platform of "Motor Line" car. He was the brother of Mrs. P.
Hascall.
Last meeting held in Old Methodist Church.(Erected in 1843)
- Aug 1- Michigan Central started passing out bouquets to ladies on
the train.
In her Diary of August 1st, Mrs. S.J. Norton wrote "The Old
Methodist Church is nearly torn down to make room for the new
Brick one.
- Sept 30-Corner stone of M.E. Church laid.

Note: The above news items were kept and filed by the first City
Historian, Louis S. White.

Doris Milliman

Note of Thanks

I wish to thank the following persons who helped decorate the Museum for the Christmas Holidays. I greatly appreciate the time they spent.

Elnora Miller, Herb and Grace Cornish, Virginia Davis, Roger and Lois Katon, Ernest Griffin, Ron Miller, Mike Miller and Billie Wardell.

Without their help I would never be able to accomplish the task.

Kathryn Howard, Chairperson

HEAD START

Our attention has been called to an article in the Magazine Insight for December 10, 1990 which mentions the Head Start Program at Perry School in Ypsilanti.

The National Program for Head Start was started in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson to provide Educational, Social, Nutritional and Medical aid to poor children from deprived families. The program has been so successful that Congress and President Bush have given it 400 million more in 1991.

The latter claim came from a study that followed 59 youngsters from age 3 until 19, wh had attended the Perry Preschool Project in Ypsilanti, MIchigan. The study showed striking gains in school achievement and reduced delinquency, crime, welfare use and teenage pregnancy. The Authors of the study concluded that the value of the Preschool Project to Society is seven times its cost per child.

Critics claim that Head Start lacks no long term effects yet they look kindly on it because it is different from other similar efforts in the war on poverty.

The copy of Insight is available in the Archives.



Doris Milliman

Acquisitions

Man's Suit(Vpsilanti Tailor Freed)
Navy Uniform

Mr & Mrs W. Nickels

Camisoles 2 with Lace Trim

Coffe Grinder 1800's
Samovar
Waffle Iron
Meat Grinder

Martha E. Rowe

Argus Camera & Case

Katherine Howard

Biscuit Tin
Bookcase
Letter Opener
Black Chiffon Scarf
Several small pieces of Linen
Fire Lighter (copper)
Brass Book Stand

Evangeline Lewis estate

2 hats from early 1900's
2 Bed Jackets

We have been a little behind in acknowledging our acquisitions but we shall have them caught up in April/May Gleanings.

Archives Musings

Hello everyone,

Now that the holidays are over, we shall get to the order of the day. The last few days have been so nice, I have been checking to see if the Silla's are starting to raise their little blue stems from Mother Earth, but no, remember winter isn't over yet. But then Lent starts this week so can spring be far behind?

Our sympathy to the families of Donald Porter and Hazel Sturm that had been members of the Society for a very long time.

Bill Ealy thanks you for sending in your dues. It saves postage (at 29¢ a letter) and time.

One of the most important jobs hers at the Museum to me is the Lambie Diary. Dear Foster had copied through 1893. We thought it would be a change if I copied it right out of the diary. That is what has been done for this time. The writing is beautiful some of the sayings are certainly different from ours today. If you have any questions, give me a call and I shall try and decipher it for you. There is 6 months copied just now therefore I did not number the pages but they are in order.

Do you or do you know of anyone that has some old license plates they would be interested in selling or maybe even buying? I have a friend that is interested, give him a call, Jeff Stabanau at 434-5579.

Again the Festival of Lights was a huge success. If you didn't get a chance to see them you really missed it. They become bigger and bigger each year. Over 60,000.

Don't forget to come and visit the Gift Shop. Marge has some real nice items for a quick birthday or thank you gift. Remember you can stop in when the Archvies is open and I shall be glad to sell you anything you would like to buy.

Again I express my personal thanks to Renee and Frank Burgess for their help in assembling the Gleanings. They have been here each and every time in the past six years since I have been here. It would be nice if we had a couple more to assist.

Billie Zolkosky

Monday January 1 1894

Wife & I & all our sons & daughters & grand
children went to Ayres and enjoyed a fine
friendly interview and a grand turkey new years dinner

Tuesday 2

Like a sprung Morning we went to Ayres & brat over
Mrs F. Anna Mary & Willie & Harris wife I called on
Mrs Taylor & Mrs Lowell Wednesday 3
Another fine Morning Anna Mary Mrs Fletcher
& Harris started for Uncle Andrews and had a pleasant day
Frank repaired Bells house hurt by some fire.

Thursday 4

Mild and cloudy Anna & Mary went to Roberts Robert & Ross
took a load of hay to Mr Hunt then Robert brat us a load of
corn from his farm Friday 5

Frank took Anna to the Depot for Elkhart Mary walked
to Ayres on Saturday Mrs & Mrs Leetmen came to supper
on Friday Sabbath 7

Wife Mary & I went to church rough riding over the
frozen mud A sermon on Pentecostal power, and the
weeks of prayer Monday 8

Ten above zero, pleasant sunshine. Wife took the children
to Mrs King then drove to Bell's Mary went with Frank

Tuesday 9

Sent a dollar for the Michigan Farmer, Wife & I called on
brother Robert & family & Ayres Ingalls borrowed the lecture
of "Straven Castle" Wednesday 10

Frank went to the Insurance meeting Wife Mary & I went to
town saw Ben Vodhees & the Chukenshow

Thursday 11

Mrs Fletcher & Mary went to Mrs Strange's wife & Bell went to town cold bitter blasts clouds of dust drew Straven Castle.

Friday 12

Fourteen above zero, cold blasts Robert put away the Reaper & took 24 bushels of the small crop of wheat to Mill & beat a bag of flour saved some wood Ross burned some weeds & grass

Saturday January 13 1894

Days a little longer. Pleasant sunshine wife Mary, Bell & I at town Met Uncle Wm & Uncle Andrew brother Robert called Sabbath 14

Wife Mary Bell & I went to church A German on Christ's second coming Monday 15

A little rain mild & cloudy Mr & Mrs Smith came from Detroit to look for a home at Ypsilanti

Tuesday 16

Wife & I called on Mr & Mrs Varkas roads muddy

Wednesday 17

Wife went on the motor to Uncle Wm's Frank & Uncle Wm went by car Belleville

Thursday 18

Son Robert & I settled accounts Robert & I paid the Agent Mr Allen sent a sheep book from Australia

Friday 19

Mary & I went to Mrs Taylors for Mrs L Robert got a very pleasant sun & moon shine

Saturday 20 Wet morning

Sent the drawing of Straven Castle to J. Allison Australia

Sabbath 21

Wife Mary Belle & I went to church sermon on Forgiveness our debts

Monday 22 Like a sprung Morning

frost & sunshine Wife Mary Mrs Fletcher & Harry went twice to town eggs down to one shilling Tuesday 23

Wife went to see Belle Mary walked to Agnes Miller said son Robert fell through the ice frank bat a Gallowa cast

Wednesday 24

A snow storm this morning writing to Mr. McConnell Scotland Robert & Hattie came and nearly settled accounts w.

With Mrs. L.

Thursday 25

Cold about 8 below zero Burns day Mary & Frank came

Friday 26 12 above zero

Wife & Frank went to town then Frank went to Ann Arbor Mary went to the Taylors for mother & then had a good visit with Belle

Saturday January 27 1894

5 above zero Wife Mary went to town cold & dreary

Sabbath 28

Wife Mary Belle & I went to church Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher came & little Harry was sick & weary

Monday 29

Mild & snow falling A snow storm all day Frank came in the storm at noon Tuesday 30

22 above zero clouds over earth white mantle

Mary went with Frank to his farm Wife I went to town called at Brother Roberts Wednesday 31

15 above zero sunny morning Frank & Mary came at noon

Wife went to see Belle wrote a farmers sermon

Thursday February 1 1894
Cloudy morning Mrs Fletcher & Harris Bell Frank &
Robert came Friday 2
Clear zero, morning Robert settled his account with his
Mother wife boat home Mary, Mrs Hosack called
Saturday 3 mild & cloudy
Wrote to Sister Agnes wife of Mary went to town
Sabbath 4
Wife Mary & I went to church German Christian Endeavor
Robert & Hathe called going to celebrate old Mrs Crippen
84 birthday Mr & Mrs Fletcher & Harris came
Monday 5 4. Above zero
Wife & Mary went to town Brother Robert boat papers
Tuesday 6
14 Above zero Wife Mary Belle Mr Fletcher & Harris went
to town snake mailing in the sunshine Robert & 3 Girls came
Wednesday 7 30 above zero
Wife took Mary to Agass. Frank & Robert came mild &
windy Thursday 8 like spring
Robert & Mary helping Frank sawing his wood pile
Mr & Mrs John Campbell came after dark
W^t Lambie & Hallburn that Grandfather W^t Lambie bought
long ago advertised in the Hamilton paper Wheat price £3000.

Friday February 9 1894

Wet morning Mr & Mrs John Campbell & Mrs L. started to go through mud and rain to George McDougal's birthday party rain most & mud the blue sky and sunshine after dinner then a great thunder storm vivid zig-zag lightening another gleam of sunshine then a splendid rainbow like an arch to the gate of Heaven at even, Mr & Mrs John Campbell and alighted over night.

Saturday 10 Roaring blasts in the night Mr & Mrs Campbell started for home wife & Mary went to town Son Robert called Sabbath 11

Wife Mary & I went to church some sunshin gave a Bell or for Missionaries Monday 12 Cold driving snow storm the worst this winter bitter blasts all day the house cold

Tuesday 13 12 above zero, Should deep snow drifts to the baron nearly as high as the fences Frank came and Mary went to his farm with him. Son Robert called John Ross & wife drove here to make a track through the snow

Wednesday 14 Mandan day 16 above zero cloudy Frank brat home Mary ^{Valentine} then she went with Roberts to Bello Read Snow bound

Thursday 15 12 above zero Cold blasts & some sunshine Robert took Bell to the Grangers dinner Hattie brought no beef. Mr Throckmorton called for Mary & Kinner & Mr Post died. Frank sold potatoes

Friday 16 10 Above zero blue sky Wife & I went to town the first time we got through the drifts since Sabbath. Robert Kinner & Mary came he brought 15 lbs of beef for 75 cents & the saw sharpened

Saturday 17, 23 above zero Mrs Fletcher Walker & wife came. Wife & Mrs F went later.

Sabbath 18

Wife Mary & I went to church in snow ice & mud
A Presbyterian sermon Monday 19
Sunny morning wife went to Bells flat at home then she
went to Agnes her & Mary went to town after dinner

Tuesday February 20 1894

Used to be my Mothers birth day for over 90 years
when she was with us Mr & Mrs Fletcher went to Detroit
Belle & Harris stayed with us Mary Belle & Harris went with
Frank to his farm at night Wednesday 21, 6 Above zero
Cold breezes and pleasant sunshine Frank brat the local
paper with a Letter of mine contradicting Straven & Yerlants
22 Thursday 3 or 4 below zero

Washingtons Natal day Robert & Fay chafing the came to
dinner Mary at Agnes Bells ~~flat~~ went to Melros corner with
her, wrote to Ann Friday 23, 8 Above zero

Robert & Fay chafed & sawd wood wife went to Agnes for ~~house~~

Saturday 24 Very cold 8 Below zero

Mrs L Mary Belle & I went to church on Sabbath 25

Monday 26

10 Above zero Mrs L Mary, Mrs Fletcher & Harris went to
town Robert brat a load of stove wood on Saturday

Tuesday 27

Went with Mary Mrs Fletcher & Harris to the Mato, & thence
to Rock Hill, snow fading in the sunshine Robert Campbell
came at night went with him to the Methodist Church

Wednesday 28

30 Above zero like a spring morning Robert & Ross
took 2 loads of hay to town, Fay chafed for Robert
wife went to Mrs Taylors and brat up Mrs Fletcher Mary &
Harris

Thursday March 1 1894

I come I come you have called me long
I come over the mountains with light and song
Robert & Mary went to Agnew & helped to cut stalks Bell come
her and Mother went to town Crows calling & flying in a flock

Friday 2

Wife & I spent a pleasant day with Bell & Hall
more sunshine & deep mud saw a flock of wild geese

Saturday 3 Beautiful morning

Wife Mary Bell & I came from town together
saw 2 blue birds

Sabbath March 4 1894

Wife Mary Bell & I went to church balmy
invigorating breezes after the bitter blasts of winter

Monday 5 Clouded skies & balmy breezes

Mrs Fletcher Mary & Harris went to Robert's it being Marmes
birth day, had in the garden, we thought it early when pipe plant
peeped above ground on St. Patrick's the 17 & here it is on the 5

Smith sawed wood Tuesday 6 got 8 to 16 eggs

Wet morning rain nearly all day Frank came at night

Wednesday 7

Sunshine & blue sky Mrs Fletcher & Mary started for
Ann Arbor to visit Dr. Campbell's wife while I went to town
muddy in town paid Mr Smith \$2 for the Commercial & the
free press for a year Thursday 8 Snow on the night

shovels paths at dawn Robins blue birds and a song sparrow
singing Frank & Robert went to Bernards lawn & snow melting
Wife & Mary went to town Robert & family came at night

Friday 9 A little frost

Robert drawing hay, Thimble took a load from the bar
Wife Mary & I went to the Church Meeting

Saturday 10 sunny Morning
Wife Mary & I went to town Paid Mr Woodruff \$1 for the
Sentinel for this year, Willie & I dug parsnips

Sabbath 11 High winds Sacramento
David Gardner & family united with the church

Monday 12 Cleaned the hen house
Sent \$1 for the Ladies Journal Saturday day, parsnips
set 2 hens at night, set out turnips for seed Brother Robert
called Mrs Fletcher Mary & Harris called on Baker & Eliza
Stepenson Tuesday 13
truned & tied up grapes Robert & Bass drew hay

Wednesday 14
Wife & I went to Sabbath School convention afternoon
went again afternoon Mary with us car & bobs
but a ple as an meeting

Thursday March 15 - 1894

The fields white with snow again wife went to Bells

Mrs Fletcher & Mary and Harris went to Mr Everett's

Curries & Agnes Ingels called Robert brought 10 bushels of oats

Friday 16 sunshine and singing birds
Set out grapes & gooseberries I got from Mr. Mc Neal
Wife & Mary went to church meeting at Hamilton sent a big
Letter from Ohio Saturday 17

I think it is 3 years since Mother died

Wife Mary Belle & I went to town sold maple budding

St Patrick's day Sabbath 18

Wife Belle & I went to church, went round by Mr Grays with
Belle like a summer day mercury up to 70

Monday 19 Grand morning

Wife & I went to Hamilton Willie came from Mary
Franks sold wheat to Doubat, Thurn & he has big get a load
of hay

Tuesday 20 A wet morning and
forenoon wife went for Mary Agro came from Lansing
wrote to A Hanuman Ohio Wednesday 21

Grand morning worked in the garden brother Robert came
Mr Allison sent papers from Australia.

Thursday 22 Wet. Robert repaired the organ
Frank came at night Friday 23 cold blasts
Plowed a few furrows with Eagle and sowed a row of peas

Saturday 24

The wind blew so hard we stayed at home out the storm

Sabbath 25

Belle went with us to church not as roaring blasts
as yesterday but cold & dreary

Monday 26 Blanks of sunshine, snow
showers and dreary blasts all day 16 above zero at morn
read by the fire & fed the horses & hens

Tuesday 27 Mary walked to Agro's still
old Frank sent us half a ton of coal. Wife went to Bells

Wednesday 28

Mary went to Agro's & fed the hens but can't feed the hens

Thursday (March 29)

1894

John Robert & family moved back onto the old home
farm. Frank went to L. Kemmels funeral

Friday 30

Frank brought a load of old rails for fire wood

Theodore Day & his young helper, Robert to move back
to the old home. Wife & I called on Sillman the A.R.
Gardner A.M. Steele & brother Robert

Saturday 31

Wife & Mary went to town forenoon. Mary & Belle after

Sabbath April 1 1894

sermon on voting for temperance men, cold blasts

Monday 2

wife Mary & I went to town a great turn out of colored men voting but no white women

Tuesday 3

Ice on the pools, cold & cloudy Robert brought 20 bushel of oats

Wednesday 4

Planted a row of potatoes, cold blasts wife went to see for Mary

Thursday 5

sowed Radishes & Lettuce two hens came off with about 16 chickens

Friday 6 Robert plowed the garden

Mrs. Fletcher Mary & Harris went to Mrs. Paylors

Saturday 7 Cold wet morning

Cut seed potatoes wife & Mary went to town between the showers.

Sabbath 8 A stranger preached also David & Jethro still cold

Monday 9

Cold bleak & dreary Wheeled a wagon round the be bushes Robert & Ross sold about all their hay

Tuesday 10 Dark wet morning

To wet to work in the garden sowed a little wood

Wednesday 11

sowed a row of peas planted 3 rows of early potatoes

12 Thursday planted nearly all day

J. Hamilton & Sister came & Brother Robert

Friday April 13 1894

Wife & I went to see Mr & Mrs Smith near Ann Arbor
They have a fine home 800 peach trees besides grapes &
berries they were kind & glad to see us

Saturday 14

Planted potatoes brother Robert with his wife & daughter called
and brought me a framed picture of Highland cattle for my birth
day to-morrow

Sabbath 15 My Birth Day

Seventy three years to day since I was born on a Sabbath
day, bright beautiful day Belle rode to church with us
Received presents from family friends

Monday 16

Planting early Main and Ohio potatoes, Mrs Fletcher &
Harris came

Tuesday 17

Planted potatoes wife & I went to town bought shoes from
Stewart as I did long ago.

Wednesday 18

Planted Empire State potatoes enclosed & dug ground for
flowers bought wool thorn for Robert & James drove past
here half of Ross hay stack Robert & Fay sowing oats

Thursday 19

Sowed peas & Beets soy & Vanden shore Roberts sheep
Robert cultivated for bats by S Allans Mary & Belle
went to town

Friday 20

Went to Agro with Mary to the Market with Mrs.
planted Empire State potatoes took green trees mark
wife went to Uncle Wm's his daughter birthday shadow

Saturday 21

Rained in the night wife & I went to see Mr & Mrs Koochers
got eggs to set. To all same peach trees & plants Roberts
Hattie & the family & I helped to plant them
wife took Belle to Dr Brasers & then went for Mary to
Agroo peas & radish up, peach blossoms turning red

Monday April 23 1894

Cloudy morning called to see J. Hamilton's Sister before she sailed for Glasgow Robert beat a load of wood

Tuesday 24

Wife went to Belles Brother Robert Wife & daughter called Mr. Campbell told us that Sisters, Mary & Catherine were going to get some of the property brother Frank left Robert sowed oats by G. Allen's Mary went with Belle.

Wednesday 25

Mrs King & Harry cleaning the house. Wife & I went to brothers for dinner Robert sowed clover see a grand day, brown thrushes began to sing peaches getting red with bloom

Thursday 26

Wife Mary & I called to see J. Hamilton's Sister as she leaves Scotland for New York & Scotland to night we then called on Mrs. Leedale & who gave us bloom heather from Scotland Frank went to Uncle Wm's for plowing Robert malling & he got potatoes

Friday 27

Robert & Fay sowed & harrowed oats on the gate field

Wife Mr. Fletcher Mary & Harry went to town

the plant & Asperges for dinner some potatoes & 2 rows of beans up Saturday 28

Wife took Belle & Belle to Agnes for McTee's birthday

Wife Mary & I got hay before the thunder shamer

Sabbath 29

Beautiful day Belle come went to church with us went with her by Mr. Gray's

Monday 30

Wife Mary & I went to town Got sweet corn & ground
beans from Thompson 100 strawberry plants from Mr.
Gray Mary & I planted them brother Robert & I went
to Franks farm Mary walked down to the old home

Tuesday 1 of Beautiful May

A shower in the Night Birds singing over the
peach pear cherrie and apple blossoms

Took down some old barn yard fence Frank went on the
excursion to Detroit & called on Doctor Mary & Katherine
Robert & I repaired fence Wednesday 2

Wife & Mary brought over Mrs Fletcher and Harris then they
took their Mother to the Motor to go to celebrate Aunt
Mary's Campbell's birth day Received a letter from Prof G
Campbell Thursday 3

Wife & Mary went for Belle Mary & her workers in Roberts
Garden, Robert sowing clover seed & his man rolling
The Ypsilanti high School burned Down again at night to
see the ruins Sent a letter to G. Campbell A great thunder
shower at bed time Friday 4

Planted sweet corn Robert & his man drew us up
wood and took out manure Wife Mary & I went to town
Frank got Apples & took away potatoes
peach bloom fading cherries & apples beautiful

Saturday 5 cloudy morning

Went to town forenoon a tremendous rain afternoon
the marsh brook rushing over the bridge

got a paper from Boston containing one of my poems

Sabbath 6

Wife Mary Belle & I went to church Appo & family came
The Huron great, and muddy Monday 7. Sunshine drying up the waters Robert helped get the
manure out the hen house while his man plowed

Tuesday 8 Peach blossoms faded apples
in full bloom helped Robert to draw out manure
Wife Mary & I called at George Stephens & got tomato
plants Robert's man plowed south of us Mr Hunter called.

Wednesday 9
Another fine May Morning Robert called & his man plowed
south of us Wife Mary & I drove over to see Tuckers garden
Do not hear well.

Thursday May 10 1894

Went to A. M. Neches before breakfast to get plants
Robert's man began to plow for corn down to Evans garden

Friday 11
Robert wife & I cut potatoes for seed ground & wet for planting
harvested potatoes and peas

Saturday 12
Wife & Belle went to town cultivated potatoes
Robert marked for potatoes his man plowed for corn

Sabbath 13

Wife Mary Belle & I went to church grand day The first
time in my life I was to deaf to here the sermon

Monday 14

Wife & I drove to Belleville to celebrate Mrs Lammie Campbell's
86 Birth day and enjoyed along with friends her pleasant
Birth day party Robert & I planted potatoes

Tuesday 15
Robert & son planted potatoes. Wife Hattie & I helped to cut them. My deafness grew better and I rejoiced to hear the clocks ticking and the birds singing again.

Wednesday 16
A wet morning Frank took away the horse and Mary brought her back bad potatoes

Thursday 17
Wife Mary & I went to town and came home in a great rain.
Mr & Mrs Campbell in the moon light
Helped Robert to load manure then he plowed in the barnyard
Mr King helped Mary to clean the house

Friday 18
Another great thunder shower in the night very cold
The horse shaking like a zero day in winter

Saturday 19
Robert & his man taking away our picket fence
of garden land to west to work

Sabbath 20
Very glad I can hear about as well as ever. Wife Mary & I went to church cold and uncomfortable
Belle called for Mary

Monday May 21 1894

Belle called went home with her cultivated potatoes
peas in bloom bed some of them up with two miles &
damp longing for sun shine

Tuesday 22
Mary's Birthday Received a fine Cukness Afro and the family wife & went to town met Mr. Lodlow to wait to go to Mary's Birth day party

Wednesday 23

Cultivate potatoes Robert & his man drew away the plough
fine, sunshine & showers went with Robert and looked over
the old home farm peas in bloom

Thursday 24

Wife br at over Mrs Fletcher & Harris went to Hamilton
for cabbage & tomato plants no rain today planted corn &
squash

Friday 25

Robert rolled & his man marked for corn east of us
Went to Frank's place and looked over his extensive under
ground drains and br at home the farm marker

Saturday 26

Planted Mellars squash & pumpkins. Wifey Mary & I went to
town bought papers containing Mr Campbell's birthday parts

Sabbath 27 A sermon on the Lord's Prayer
saw the Light Guards marching to church. Another great
shower in the afternoon Monday 28

Cold north wind. Wifey Mary & I harvested Potatoes

Tuesday 29

Wife & I went to Uncle Andrews to celebrate his Birthday
Robert got the corn field planted by Smitas

Wednesday 30

Decoration day Robert & family Mary & Willie went

Thursday 31

Seed potatoes with a big coat on Robert went to town
and br at Ann home before supper

Friday June 1 1894

Wife Mary & I went to the Church meeting. Mr. Wanger was elected Elder. Ann Mary Leah & I went in the evening to the old Home

Saturday 2

The sun & wind drying up the wet land. Wife Mary & I went to town

Sabbath 3

Communion & Refreshments Andrew Martin & wife about all we saw at church 50 years ago. Monday 4

Grand day. Went to see Robert plowing the Marsh as I used to do.

Tuesday 5

Decoration day only Mary & Belle hoed potatoes

Wednesday 6

Robert has two teams plowing the wet land for corn, Eagle horse marking & 3 planting. Detroit friends sent a fine picture of Straven Castle. Thursday 7

Cool cloudy morning. Wife went to Roberts, hoed down thistles where Ross raised the big crop of Canada Thistles. Mr. Samson called to arrange for the Engineers Meeting. Ann and Mary went to Bell.

Friday 8

Balmy south breezes cutting more of the wild thistles

Saturday 9

Hoed potatoes Called on Mr. & Mrs. A. Martin. Mrs. Stein & Reynold Stone Miss Pardee on Friday about the only ones left that were in the Presbyterian church when we came here in 1839. Wife Ann Mary & I went to Laken in the Ferry

Sabbath 10

Childrens day. Wife Mary, Belle & I went to church very warm about 90. Monday 11

Fine Morning Hens scratching up the corn and hardly lay eggs enough to pay for feed go in the shade planted potatoes where the hens scratched up the corn. Ann & Mary went to Bell's Tuesday 12 fine. Morning at 4 & half past when we rose

Wednesday 13 of June 1894

Wife & I went to the Pioneer's meeting The Methodist Church about full & pleasant company Ex Garner Feby read a good account of leading men of Michigan buying the land from the Indians I read some verses Thursday 14

Robert cultiva^d d corn & his man potatoes A fearful peal of thunder lately George Allen was stoned and his horse killed Friday 15 green beans for dinner

Brother Robert Wife & daughter called, put beans green on the Potatoes, warm a shower came near, very warm 94 in the shade

Saturday 16

A refreshing thunder shower afternoon Robert cultivating corn went with Bette to her home Sabbath 17

Pure clear breezes after the rain & showers of blessings

Wife Mary & I went to church

Monday 18 Rain in the night

A breezy morning Wife & I went to J. Hamiltons and got cabbage tomato & celery plants sowed peas and radish seed Anna Mary Mrs Fletcher Kelly & Harris went to see Franks roses & Stock clover Brother Robert & I went too Mary & I set out cabbach & tomatoes Tuesday 19

Cool breezes only 60 after being 94 lately after dinner

Wife & I went to J. Hamiltons & got more cabbage & tomato plants Bells Birth day Robert & family Belle Agro & family & us had grand picnic on the porch strawberries & ice cream & the children shouting with joy

Wednesday 20

It might be said the glory of the golden dawn into my soul has past Wife went to her brother Williams on the motor Thursday 21

Hauled potatoes about sunrise, 92 in the shade after dinner a bucket of strawberries from J. Hamilton picked peas till

Friday 22 Longest day
seed potatoes corn cabbage & tomatoes brother Robert came
so warm I rested afternoon

Wednesday 23
Cultivate potatoes Robert & his man drew away the plowed
land, sunshine & showers wet with Robert and looked over
the old home farm peas in bloom Thursday 24
Wife brat over Mrs Fletcher & Harry went to Hamilton
for cabbage & tomato plants no rain today planted corn &
squash Friday 25

Robert railed & his man marked for corn east of us
Went to Frank's place and looked over his extensive under
ground drains and brat home the farm marker

Saturday 26
Planted melons squash & pumpkins Wifey Mary & I went to
town bolt papers containing Mr Campbell's birthday party

Sabbath 27 A sermon on the Lord's prayer
saw the Light Guards marching to church another great
shower in the afternoon Monday 28.

Cold north wind there were 35 halved Potatoes

Tuesday 29
Wife & I went to Uncle Andrews to celebrate his Birthday
Robert got the corn field planted by Evans

Wednesday 30
Decoration day Robert & family Mary & Willie went

Thursday 31
seed potatoes with a big coat on Robert went to town
and brat Ann home before supper

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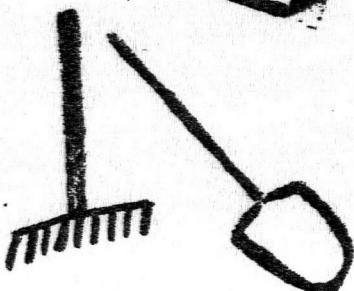
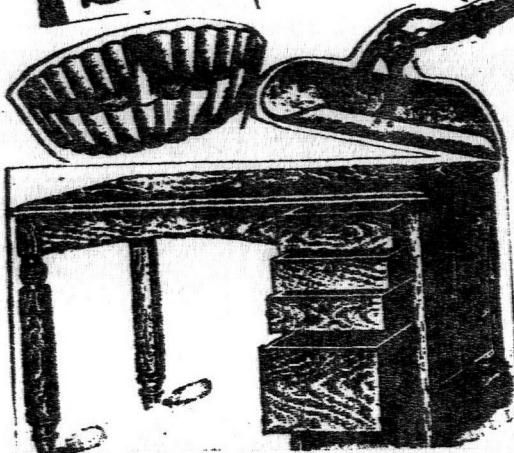
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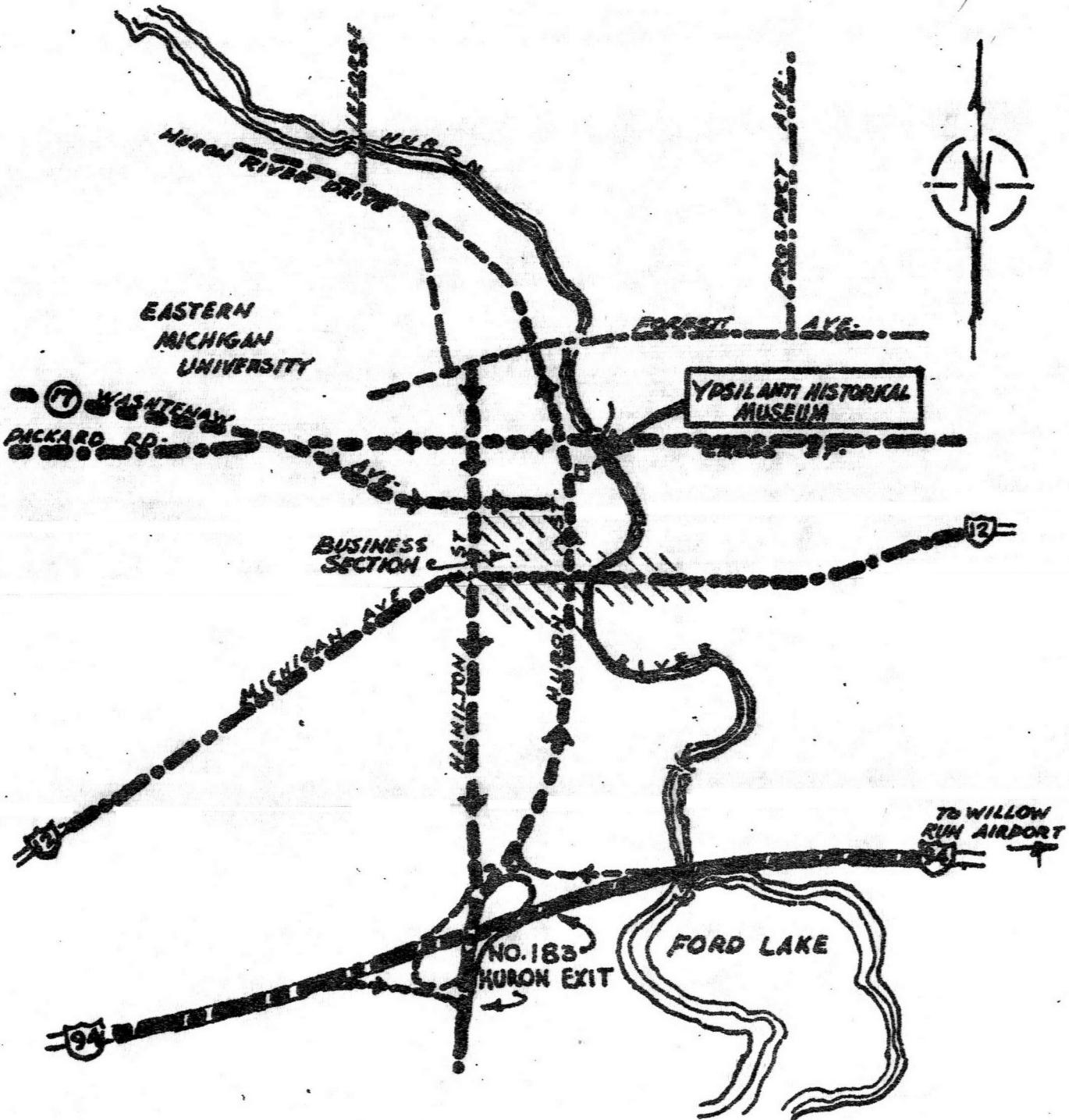
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