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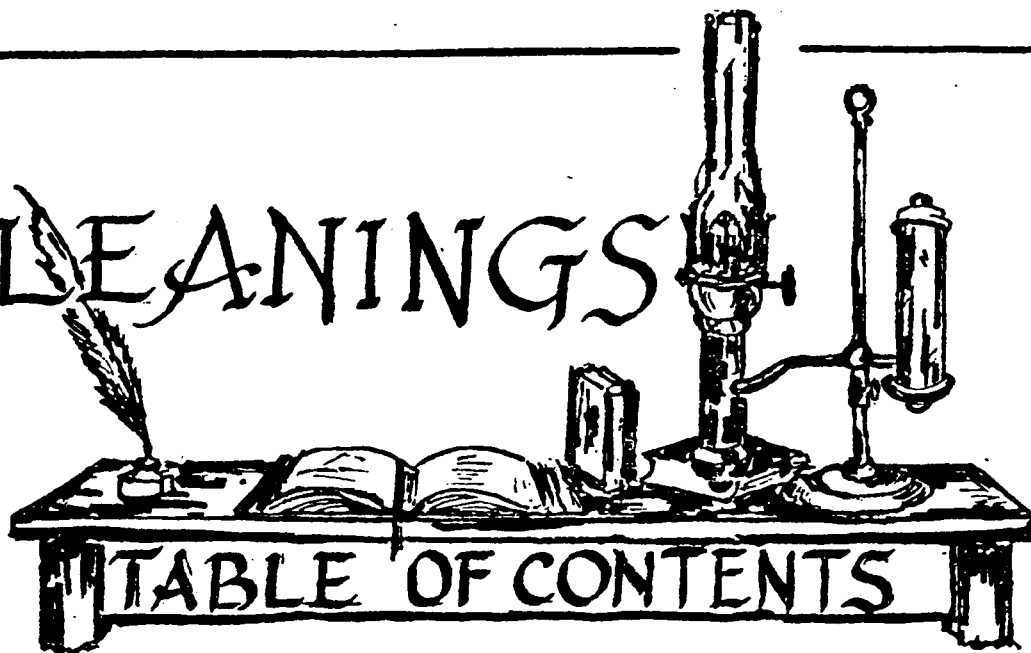


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## Historian's Annual Report

September 20, 1992

The Historian keeps the time well filled with doing research, answering various historical questions, weeding out and reorganizing material. One question recently asked was when was the Ypsilanti Historical Society started and when was the Museum established. This led me to give a brief answer to this group, for some of you may not know the History of our organization.

We will begin with Louis White being appointed City Historian by Mayor Ray Burrell in 1934. Mr White collected much historical information as a hobby and this led him to be appointed to the position for he also did much research about local families. We are forever indebted to him for the card file of information that we have.

In 1957 the State Legislature passed legislation stating the government bodies could "raise and appropriate money" to help with any activity that would advance historical interests in the community. Following this, Mr. White asked the Ypsilanti City Council to appoint a Historical committee which the mayor did by selecting fourteen people to serve on it.

September 26, 1960 this Historical committee made plans for forming a Historical Society. Mr. C.B. Bassett, Mrs. Sylvester Williams and Mr. E.R. Isbell were members of this committee who called a public meeting to carry out the purpose for which they were chosen. In October, an organizational meeting was held at Estabrook School at which time a constitution was adopted and a nominating committee selected the following officers:

President, Foster Fletcher;	Vice President, John Elwell;
Corresponding Secretary,	Mrs. Carl Miller
Recording Secretary,	Mrs. George Ennen
Treasurer,	Harry L. Smith

These officers were duly elected January 16, 1961. The purpose of the Society was to help the City appointed historical committee which was charged with accumulating, preserving and exhibiting items of historical interest from Ypsilanti and environs. Five committees of the Society were appointed: Projects, Hospitality, Publicity, Program and Membership.

The present Society members might be interested sometime in a more detailed account of beginnings of the Historical Society and the people who were instrumental in its growth.

As for the Museum, it evolved from articles given to the Historical committee and to Mr. White. These articles were first stored in the Court building, then in the basement of the Library where in spite of limited space, a sizable collection was exhibited, and finally to this the Barnes House in 1969-1970. The Society is forever grateful to the City Council of that period and the John Burton, the Mayor, for the use of this house. Many hours by many people went into the preparation for turning this house into the Museum that we enjoy today.

Now a resume of some of the historian's activities during the past year. Perhaps the most interesting day was spent with a woman from Toronto who came with boxes of material about Florence Babbitt, her ancestor and a local antique collector. We have some of her collection here in the Mus and some is at Eastern Michigan University. This visitor was pleased to see the material we have in the archives about Mrs. Babbitt and we were pleased to have her add to it.

Another day, a woman came in to do research on Rawsonville, particularly about what she claimed was a haunted house her daughter lived in. We did find some reference to substantiate her belief.

We welcome college students who seem to do similar subjects for research each year, some of which are; Depot Town, The Thompson Building, Willow Run, The Underground Railroad, the old Fire House and the Hutchinson House. We continue to have a variety of genealogy requests from people in many states and from Canada. One letter that might interest you is one which came with very little information was this one "Both of my parents are buried in Highland Cemetery on the Barnes Lot. My mother is a sister of Mrs. Robert G. Barnes. Do you have any information on the Barnes Family?". Not much to work on, but by checking out our cemetery lists and the card file, we were able to send the writer some information. There proved to be a connection to Lambert Barnes who lived in this house.

We have had requests for information about some of the older families about which we found little material, so we urge you to tell us about your family. To help you, we have genealogy outlines, but any material you wish to share will be of help. Only by your cooperation can we build up our collection

Another way you can help is to let us know about your house, when it was built, who has lived in it and any pictures you might have.

Several books have been added to our collection this year. One is the Red Book of America's State, County and Town sources published by Ancestry Inc. in Salt Lake City.

We continue our cooperation with the genealogical Society of Washtenaw County and the County Historical Society.

Doris Milliman  
City Historian

9/20/92

## January

1. Robert family, Will & Belle and all of us had a pleasant meeting and a good dinner in Son Franks home.
2. Mother, Mary & I went to Church- Frank came.
3. Mother went to Roberts-Robert brot a load of wood from Franks.
4. Mother went to Bells for Ann & Mary & then we went to Mrs. Fletchers.
5. Mother went to Bells-sunshine-Robert split wood. Wrote to Mr. Calvin in Perth.
6. Robert drew stalks out the Barn and sold a load of hay-Mrs Fletchers birthday-Mother went for her & the three boys.
7. Mother walked to Roberts-sunny day-Roses in full bloom-Robert & family came to dinner. Belle came, Ann & Mary went back with her.
8. Robert & Mother went to the Depot with Ann on her way to Elkhart. Mary & I went to Mrs Fletchers for Mother.
9. Mild mornings, Mother, Mary & I & Mr & Mrs Fletcher & the three boys went to Church-Frank came.
10. Mother went to Bells-sunshine & mild, Robert sold 2 good loads of clover hay. 4 jays in the Corn Crib.
11. Mist & Snow birds-Mother & I went to Pattisons.
12. Thunder & rain in the night. Mary walked to Mrs Fletchers.
13. Mother & I went to Azros. Mary came home with us. Robert drew manure from Twon.
14. Mother walked to Roberts-Belle called-Hattie brot up Mother-Ann & William & Mary walked to Roberts.
15. Pure snow & 30 above zero-Robert brot up Mary.
16. Mother, Mary & I went to Church in the Snow-Little Williams third birthday.
17. Mother went to Belles in the Snow. Mother, Mary & I drove to Mrs. Fletchers.
18. Clare Campbell made us a pleasant visit. Frank came-Robert Pate sent us a picture of Straven 7 the Straven Almanac. Mary walked home at night-Mr. Allison sent the picture of R. Griffin the famous Straven callan.
19. Mother walked to Roberts-Robert came at night and played and sung for us.
20. A wet morning-Eunice brot presents to Hattie and papers to us. Mary went to Bells with the milkman-Will & Belle brot Mary home after dark.
21. Belle came and Mother & Mary went to Town with her. 30 above zero-Robert came at night.
22. Received a silk handkerchief from a kind weaver in Straven-he liked the lines on Pamilliam. Mrs Fletcher and the boys came. Mother & Mary went home with them in the snow storm.
23. To stormy to go to Church-Frank & Robert came-saw the sunset.
24. Mother went to Bells-Sunshine forenoon-Mother, Mary & I went to Azros in afternoon. Brother Robert called when we were gone.
25. Burns birthday, Mother walked to Roberts-stormy day- Robert brot up Mother on the sleigh and took down Mary and his girls.
26. Robert took the 3 girls and a load of feed to Town.
27. Mary walked in the snow to Mrs Fletchers, Frank brot Roberts girls & papers. sent a paper to Mr Fleming who sent the silk handkerchief-blinks of sunshine.
28. More snow-Robert took down a load of girls and brot up a load of manure-Frank came-Mary walked home from Azros in the snow.
29. Sunshine-Belle came, Robert brot Mrs Fletcher and the 4 boys to his house in the long sleigh and took them home afternoon.

Lambie Diary - 1898

January

30. Mother, Mary & I went to Church-cold and dreary-Mary stayed to Sabbath School with Harris & Robert Fletcher & went home with them.

31, Robert took the 3 girls to School and brot home Mary in the sleight & moather went back with him-cold, blustry & sunshine.

February

1. 4 below zero & a cold north blast-come gentel spring- mildness came-The primroses blooming bright in the sunshine in the south window. Robert sold 2 laods of hay- to cold to go to the cremery meeting.

2. Zero last night-8 above this morning-blinks of sunshine-Robert sold 2 loads of hay and Frank came.

3. Belle walked throught the snow to see us when it was 3 below here and eleven downtown in the morning-Frnak sold hay and came to dinner.

4. 3 above zero-got a paper from Australia-Robert brot a load of wood from Franks famr and it tumbled off by the way.

5. 30 above zero-mild & eves dripping-Mother, Mary & I wnet to Azros-Brother Robert not well-called to see him.

6. Mother, Mary & I at church& Mr & Mrs Fletcher & 2 boys.

7. Like spring-Mother went to Bells-Mother, Mary & I went to Town-got papers & shoes-Jack dressed Roberts big swine.

8. A wet Morning-Mary went with Robert-Mother & I , Mr Fletcher the 3 boys rode round by the cremery.

9. Mild, misty morning-Mary walked to Azros in the snow.

10. Mother & I wnet to Mrs Fletchers and Mary came home with us.

11. Mother walked to Roberts-Like spring.

12. Robert brot us a grist-Mother, Mary & I drove to Mrs Fletchers.

13. Mr Allan of the Methodist Church preached for us.

14. Cold blast at noon-Mother drive to bells -Mary went with Frank to his home.

15. A snow storm-shoveled a path to the stable-rode pure white snow myself. dreary northern blasts.

16. About zero-sunshine. Mary walked in the snow to Azros, More paper from Australia-12 eggs.

17. 20 above zero-Clouds & cold blasts-Roberts man drawing manure from Town-come gentel spring.

18. A wet morning-Frank & Clare were at a Republican party in Ann Arbor went over with him to his home-Mary came home with a headach.Mother & I went to Mrs Fletchers-Call on brother Robert-he looked very sick & weak & was prepared for life or death. Our Robert had a headach & Sister Agnes had sickness at her home.

19. Cold & cloudy-Robert split wood-Frank came.

20. Icy rain and snow-stormy-rested at home-Mr Fletcher & family came.

21. Deep snow & cloudy-Wrote to sister Agnes-Robert took Mary to his house-More snow but not very cold.

22. Washingtons birthday-Clare Campbell came and arranged that his father & Frank should go tonight to see sick John Clark at Guelph in Canada.

23. Mary went in the long sleigh along with Roberts 3 girls. More snow Son Robert came and told us that Brother Robert was worse & he took me down in his sleigh to see him-he looked very feeble-hardly lifted his head and siad that "tho I walk in deaths dark vale, yet will I fear no ill for thou art with me and thy rod and staf will comfort me still I can only say Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.

24. Good daughter Belle walked all way through the deep snow to see and cheer us. Robert got a good fur coat and went to Franks farm and took a great load of live swine to the Depot.

Lambie Diary- 1898

February

25. Mother went with the Milkman to Bells. Robert brot home Mary-  
Hattie brot home Mother.

26. Frank came home from Canada this morning-Went over to his farm with  
him-Robert & Mother went to Town.

27. Belle came with her Cutter and took Mother & Mary to Church.

28. Mother went to Belles-Then Mother, Mary & I went to Mrs. Fletchers.  
March

1. Belle came and Mary went to the City with her. Wrote to Mr. Mcconchie  
13 above.

2. Wrote to Mr & Mrs Smith-Frank brot word Brother Robert was some better.  
Robert drew manure from Town-Mary walked home from Azros.

3. Ten above zero-a golden sunrise-Robert brot us a load of sawed wood  
from Franks farm-Mother walked to Roberts & back-went with Robert to dinner.  
Enjoyed seeing the Horse & colts in the sunshine.

4. 20 above zero-Mary went to bells with the Milkman-Roberts man chopping  
willows-Frank brot Peters.

5. Starry morning-Frank & his man cleaned beans-10 above zero.

6. Mild morning-Mother, Mary & I went to Church. A Missionary who had  
been round the world preached.

7. Like Spring-Mother & I had a pleasant dinner with Belle.

8. Mother went to Azros and he got hurt with steam bursting.

Frank sold the beans he has kept for 2 years.

9. Went with Mother to Azros & brot up Harris & Robert. Saw the first  
robin & a large flock of geese.

10. Robert drove Mother to Azros and brot up Harris & Robert. Sent a  
letter to A. Fleming the silk weaver. Raked pie plant & berries in the  
garden-Birds singing.

11. Roberts birthday-Frank, Bell, Mother, Mary & I went to his home for  
dinner-Willie, Harris & Robert came after dark so as not to disturb there  
sick father.

12. Mother & I called on Mr. Fletcher who is very sick and his brother  
who was up walking but very weak-we seem to be under a cloud of sorrow.

13. A Sacrament-Mother & I went to Church-Mary at Home taking care of  
Harris & Robert.

14. Sunshine, blue skies-birds singing. Mother went to Belles. Then Mother  
Mary, Harris, Robert & I went to Azros but did not see him. Mr Fletcher  
said he had good nurses to take care of him. Brother was able to be out.  
The boy fretful-gave Mary a headach-sold 10 dozen eggs for a dollar.

15. Mother walked to the old home. wheeled manure out the hen house.

16. Mother went with Mary, Harris & Robert to Bells-then after dinner  
we went to Mrs Fletchers and round by Millers to bells for Mary & the  
boys. deep mud on the roads- Robert helped Frank to move his man on  
his farm.

17. St Patricks Day-Sunshine & song birds. Mother, Mary, Harris, Robert  
and I went to Roberts for dinner, it being little Anns birthday-Frank  
brot good news from Azros.

18. Belle came and went home with the Milkman.

19. The Fletcher boys got eggs-I went to Town-Miller drove against the  
Surry and the wind blew the egg basket in the river-Heard of the death  
of I. Clarke.

20. A sermon on religious honesty and fifteen thousand to be spent on the  
Church this Spring.

21. Mother went to Bels then Mother, Mary, Harris & Rboert went to Mrs.  
Fletchers.

Lambie Diary-March 1898

22. The deep waters of sorrow are come to our family may they not overflow us, it is easy to see thy Will Be done in prosperity but it is not easy to say Thy Will be done in great waves of sorrow. Robert went & told our friends of our great loss.

23. Mother, Mary have headaches and are sad and weary. Frank came back from Canada-Went with him to his farm-very deep mud. Robert brot Ann home at night.

24. Robert took Ann and the 3 boys to Mrs Fletchers then Mother, Ann, Mary & I rode in a carriage to the house then to Chruch. Mr. Wharton preached a good sermon, conseling to all then wè went to the grave trying to be resigned under a great wave of sorrow.

25. Starry morning-went through the deep mud with Frank to his farm, then Mother, Ann and Mary went to Town.

26. Son FRank told me that brother Robert died peacefully at 3 o'clock this morning. This seems to be the week of death & sorrow. Sent letter to brother John, Sister Agnes, Sister Mary and Catherine in Canada. They Kingdom same, thy Will be done.

27. Rested at home, Sister Agnes & her Son James came to go to Brother Roberts funeral on MOnday.

28. Sister Agnes & her son William, Robert & Hattie, William Scotney & Bell, Mother, Ann, Mary, Frank, Brother John & I paid our last respects to Brotehr Robert and saw his body laid in the silent grave.

29. Went with Frnak to his farm. Mrs Fletcher & family came from William Campbells and came to live with us. Mrs Smith, Ann came and went to the Motor with her.

30. Mother went to Bells, Robert brot a load of wood from Franks farm-went to Town with Frank. Ann & Mr. Fletcher went to Town.

31. Frank sowed cloverseed yesterday-Robert today. Mother & I called o-Mrs. Robert Lambie & Eunice in what used to be Brother Roberts home-we think he has gone through the pearly gates.

April

1. Mr. Fletcher came-Roberts man sowed clover seed. Mother & Mary went with Ann & she called at Brother Roberts old home.

2. Hard on peach buds- A little snow-cold blasts-Frank brot furniture & the Surry from the Cremery-Grandfather Fletcher came.

3. Mother, Mary & I went to church-Sermon on Easter-A meeting on Tuesday to spend fifteen thousnad on a great church that I don't need and gave us an envelope for collection & my careful wife income at present is eggs at 7¢ a dozen.

4. More ice & snow-cold blasts-hard on peach buds-Mother went to Bells-

5. Mrs. Feltcher, the boys & mary went to Town-Cold blasts.

6. STill cold-helped Robert to fill corn brib for feed-Mr Fletcher & Mrs Fletcher went to the farm.

7. 24 above zero. Wife & I went & called on Mrs Eunice Lambie-Frank & Robert brot 2 loads of furniture to Mrs Fletcher. Mrs John cAmpbell called.

8. Mother Mary & I went to Town.

9. Robert brot 2 loads of good furniture to Mrs Fletcher.

10. Flowers in the Church for Easter. Harris & Robert walked to Church with Will and rode home with us.

11. Mother went with the Milkman-Robert brot her home.

12. Mother & I went to Town-Then Mr Fletcher, Mary, Frank brot a load from Mrs Fletchers. Robert plowed part of the garden & burned some vile weed.

13. Sowed little gem champion pears- Roberts man plowing.



Lambie Diary - April 1898

14. Sowed cabbage, letuce & radish before breakfast. D. fRaser Came.
15. My Birthday-77 years old- A good dinner party met with me at Son Roberts home. Glad that the joy & Comforts of life lifts us over the sad trials that come over us.
16. Robert & I set out 3 green trees in Eunice Lambies garden-Paid \$2.00 for 25 peach trees planted til I was weak and weary.
17. A collection this time for Almy(?) College. Frank and Mrs Fletcher at Church.
18. Harris helped to set all the peaches-Harris & Robert helped to sow pease. Roberts man plowed & rolled. Robert went to Franks.
19. A wet morning-peach buds almost red-cold driving blast-could not keep warm- dug out and planted 4 small cherry trees. Robert let 3 acres of Marsh land for 3 per acre to Dubel for 25 to grow callaflour.
20. Helped Robert to load corn & oats for feed-Robert took Mother to the Motor to go to Uncle Williams-dreary driving cold blasts-Went for Mother at night.
21. Sunshine, trimmed peach trees-Roberts man drew up wood-Robert drew down part of Franks straw from his beans that has been long in the barn. Mother, Mary & Mrs Fletcher went to Town.
22. Was sick all night-wet morning Mother went to Bells and came home in the rain.
23. Mr Fletcher, Mrs Fletcher & family & Mary went to the farm-got 4 bushels of coal.
24. Mother, Mary & I went to Church-Bell & Frank came.
25. Wet morning-War & rummers of War. Wife & I to Bells for dinner.
26. Mary, Mrs Fletcher & Belle went to Town to see the Soldiers off to War. Harvie & James sowed Oats with both Hands.
27. Mr & Mrs & Miss campbell came -went to fRanks farm forenoon and the burying ground in afternoon-A grand visit and a grand day.
28. Mother walked to Roberts-Peach trees turning red.
29. Mother, Mrs Fletcher, Mary & them all drove to Town. Eunice Lambie & Agnes made me a plesant visit while I was alone.
30. Mrs Fletcher & family & Mary went to Bells in honor of Willies Birthday-sowed onions & cabbage seed. Robert drew up rough apple wood.

May

1. Mrs Fletcher & her boys & Frank went to Church with us. A War Sermon on wicked Spain.
2. Harvie, James & Frank sawed us a great pile of wood by noon. Mother, Mrs Fletcher & Mary went to Town-Harvie sawed Roberts wood pile by Noon.
3. Mother weary & resting. planted small potatoes.
4. Mrs. Fletcher & Mary went to Town-planted all the potatos from the cellar.
5. A wet morning-wet nearly all day-rested in the house.
6. 10 grapes & gooseberries from Mr Geer & planted them. Robert saw ice in the morning.
7. Mrs Fletcher & Mary went to Town with Mother-A grand day.
8. Another collection like Foley out of the Church- Frank, Robert & family came .
9. Up at 3 to see the glory of the morning-Mother went to Bells. Mother got strawberrie plants from Mr Miller & 3 helped to plant them,
10. A wet Morning-sent papers to Royal Oak. Scotland & Australia. The blossoms in the sweet Mays winds are falling like to snow-planted some of Roberts strawberries.
11. Mother went to Mrs Dawsons with Mrs Fletcher-Mr & Mrs Smith made us a pleasant visit & Mary went for Mr. Fletcher.

Lambie Diary - May 1898

12. Planted corn before breakfast-War & rummings of war. Mrs Smith in a small way blew up the War ship Main yesterday.
  13. Balmy breezes-blue skies & whole clouds.
  14. Wife & I went to Belleville & Mrs Samuel Campbells 84 birthday-delightful day-Huron Banks in bloom-Earth like Eden.
  15. Wife & I went to Church-Frank did not come for Mrs Fletcher.
  16. Mother, Mary, Mrs Fletcher & the boys went in the surry to Uncle Willima Campbells & left me to mediate in sunny skies.
  17. Planted potatoes Clare sent-Robert plowed down clover & red root south of w.
  18. Went to Bells-she was sick & Not able to come to the table. went to the Motor for Mrs Fletcher & Mary-thundered at night.
  19. A morning shower-Wife & I met Sister Agnes at Mr Smiths on the banks of the Huron. A delight. we enjoyed about all that earth & part of Huron could give Heaven-bless my good life long friend Mrs Inglis.
  20. A good rain in the night-Mother went to bells-found her better & Hatties Mother taking care of her.
  21. Grandfather & Mrs Fletcher went to Ann ARbor- I planted melons.
  22. Sabath-rain in the night-Mother, Mary & I went to Church. Blue Skys & grand white clouds.
  23. Robert planting corn-put a wire fence round the pie plant & flowers.
  24. Queens Birthday- Put Paris Green on the potatoes-Mother went to Roberts.
  25. Wife & I had a grand pleasant day at the good home of Mr & Mrs Andrew Campbell.
  26. Frank & Robert worked with three horses on Mrs Fletchers lot where Azro was buried-put paris green on the potatoes-fine day.
  27. Hoed potaotes in the garden-sowed turnips.
  28. Hoed cabbage-Went to Town, turned round and was at home in the rair
  29. Mother, Mary & Mrs Fletcher, the boys & I went to Church. Mr. Morie preached.
  30. Hoed poatoes after 3 in the morn, Decoration Day-Mother went to Bells and she came home with her-Robert & family went to Town-Hoed corn.
- June
1. Frank & I went to Davud Uhls burial with a large company of old men. and we read of great Gladstones passing away from Earth.
  2. Mary & a woman helping her to clean the house-Wife & I drove to Roberts Wee William and I found Robert cultivating along the corn over the brook on G. Wilbers farm.
  3. Plowed among the Potatoes and hoed them. Mother, Mary, Mr Fletcher and I went to the Chruch meeting.
  4. Mother, Mary & Mrs Fletcher went away-planted corn amongthe potatoes Willie cut rye out of the wheat 86 in the shade. Went to Roberts found him working on the land he let to Mr Dubel.
  5. Wm. A. fletcher & Mrs Webbs girl united with the Church-89 in the shade.
  6. Wife & I had a pleasant day with Mr & Mrs John Campbell.Warm & dusty 89 in the shade.
  8. Wife & I went to the Pioneers Meeting-It was a grand gathering. Read a paper that was all right but could not make them hear well.
  9. Hoed in th garden till the heat of the day.
  10. Willie cultivated corn in the garden-I planted string beans.
  11. Wife & I got medicine from Dr. Fraser-a good shower-Roberts man got wet cultivating corn. Strawberries 8¢.
  12. Childrens day-warm shower after the Sermon.

Lambie Diary - June 1898

June

13. A wet morning-burned out the Chimney-Robert got the Surry repaired and painted.
14. Mother, Mary, Mrs Fletcher, the boys & I went to Town. Got strawberries 3 & 5¢ a quart-Showery-Letters and papers from Mr Cowan in Perth.
15. Wife went on the Motor to her brother Roberts & Mr Campbells- a good visit.
16. Went with Robert to Franks farm-he got 10 bushels of wheat-set out cabbage-Roberts corn & beans look well.
17. Bell came on her wheel & Mother took her and the wheel home.
18. Got up about 4-went to Roberts before breakfast-picked fresh peas for dinner.
19. Mother, Ann, Mary & I went to Church-Bells Birthday. Her & Will, Mrs. Fletcher & Us had a family supper on the porch.
20. Ann & Mary drove Mother to Bells-I went for her at night.
21. Mother, Ann, Mary went to hear singing at the Normal. Wife & I went for her at night. Wife & I went to James Hamiltons & saw his garden-called on Mrs Stephenson. Ann & Mary went to Roberts for Mrs Fletcher. Wrote to Mr. McConchie-Longest day-Mother & Ann went to hear a speaker at the Normal.
23. Robert & Frank in the hay field.
24. Frank brot a load of hay-warm 93 in the shade at 2-Went to Bells for Mrs Fletcher & the boys.
25. Wife paid Miss Stewart 4 dollars for seat rent till October.
26. Mother, Ann Frank & Mrs Fletcher and the boys went to Church.
27. Frank brot 3 loads of hay -went with Mother to bElls-Mrs Fletcher, Ann & mary went to Town.
28. Mother and Ann went to Town-howed beets-girls picked currents. Mrs. Leveridge called.
29. Whealed manure to the garden and howed potatoes & cabbage. Mother went to the Normal with Ann - Frank brot a load of hay.
- 30 My wifes birthday-warm morning 70 at sunrise-called on Mrs McNicle and Mrs CAmeron-Wife went to Town.

Have you really looked around the Museum lately?

You will find some improvements and acquisitions have been made.

You may not have noticed:

1. New curtains in the Children's Room upstairs.

(Courtesy of Virginia Johnson)

2. The cushion on a chair in the Gift Shop (where Docents often sit!)

(Courtesy also of Virginia Johnson)

3. The large cabinet in the Library upstairs

(courtesy of Mrs. David Gauntlett)

It is now a Music Display Case. Items from the Barnhill Band are displayed.

(Courtesy of Harold Goodsman)

Marge Gauntlett

FROM THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP TO MUSEUM DOCENTS

Christmas is coming to the Museum Gift Shop soon. Most of the inventory has already arrived. Docents working the the Gift Shop during this holiday season should follow sales instructions carefully. Some items are in the shop on consignment and must be accounted for separately. These items will have a special tag and will be marked **CON**. These tags should be saved and placed in the cash box.

A few gentle reminders for those docents working in the Gift Shop:

1. NO Tax is charged on any item purchased.
2. NO Discount is available on Archive material or items on consignment. Archive materials are the Atlas, Chronology, Colburn, Mayors, etc.  
Consignment items are tagged **CON**
3. NO Layaways
4. Please total your sales slips. I have been doing this for many of you.
5. Please use a ball point pen, not a pencil when writing sales slips.
6. Remember to give the top sales slip to the customers.  
Place the copy of the spindle.

Call if you have any questions.

Thanks

Marge Gauntlett  
November 1992

Musings from the Archives:

I'm sure that Webster's Dictionary will not change the spelling of the word 'went' so I shall have to practice and not spell it wnet. I think my fingers get mixed up. Of course that is only an excuse. Not sure what occurs with the other words that I misspell but that one seemed to stand out this time.

You will notice an article regarding the "History Affair" sorry I did not get this out in time for you to read it before it happened. But hopefully you caught the article in the newspaper. However the rest of the article is rather important. So be sure to read it carefully.

We welcome out new President Robert Fink and our new Board Members Cathy Kemling and Charles Kettles. I am sure they will add a lot of expertise to our Society. There are some fine activities planned for the coming year. Peter Fletcher is our Vice President this year. Be sure to keep up with our notices or if you have any questions call us at the office. We had our first Board Meeting November 5th, and it was very enlightening only lasted 90 minutes-we did accomplish quite a bit. So I'm sure we will keep on top of everything.

Just a reminder, Endowments, Wills and Memorials Should be made out to the Ypsilanti Historical Society.

We have some calendars in the office to sell so if you happen to be out and about some morning. Stop by and pick one or even a few up. They are only \$4.00 and where can you get a better bargain than that

There has been a lot of activity in the Archives, Out of Towners, Students, several people just wanting to see if we had anything on their family or house.

It is nice to have Doris back to work after her encounter with Knee Surgery. She is doing very well.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and don't eat too much Turkey. It isn't the Turkey its all the good things that go with it.

Have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to better things in the coming year.

Billie Zolkosky  
Archivist

## THE JOHN F. BARNHILL MEMORIAL BAND

The Ypsilanti Historical museum recently received several musical instruments that were used in the John F. Barnhill Memorial Band. These instruments which were given by a member of that Historical Band are now on display in a room on the second floor of the Museum, 220 North Huron Street. The Museum is open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, from 2-4 P.M.

The Band was founded on May 22, 1941 to establish and maintain a suitable memorial for the Community of Ypsilanti, Michigan in honor of the Director, and friend, the late Professor, John F. Barnhill. When Mr. Barnhill came to Ypsilanti as a Mathematics Professor at Eastern Michigan Univesity in 1922, the city had no band. In 1923 he organized a 50 piece band at the college and in 1924 he volunteered to organize an Ypsilanti High School Band. Then in 1937 he added the Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps, under Professor Barnhill's supervision, both the Band and the Bugle Corps became well known throughout the State for outstanding marching and playing.

For his work with young people, Professor Barnhill received the first Annual Citation by the Board of Commerce for Community Service.

A feature pf many summer evenings in the past was the weekly concerts in Prospect Park by the Ypsilanti High School and Memorial Band.

The John F. Barnhill Memorial Band was formed by "his boys" who wished to continue his creed of service to the community. Officers of the band were:

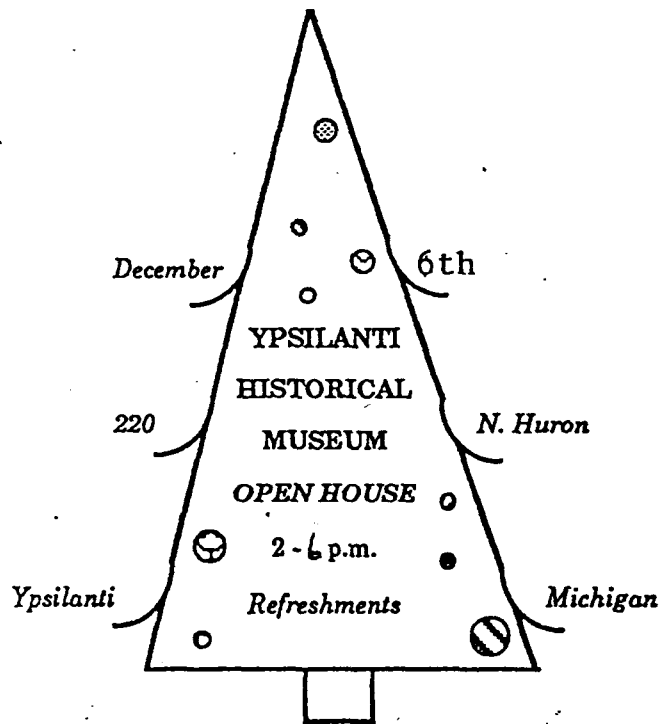
President:	William J. Clawson
Vice President:	George Moorman
Secretary-Treasurer:	Robert Tabor
Librarian:	Robert Hickman
Director:	Harold Goodsman

Fred WEinman, Donald Comstock and Basil Wheeler of the Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club assisted as advisors to the band.

Doris Milliman







GIFT SHOP OPEN  
DEC. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11  
9 A.M. - 12 NOON

*Come and Visit*  
*a*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*of*  
**YESTER YEAR**

December Visiting Hours:  
3, 5, 10, 12, 13,  
17, 19, 20  
2 - 4 p.m.



**ADMISSION**  
**FREE**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

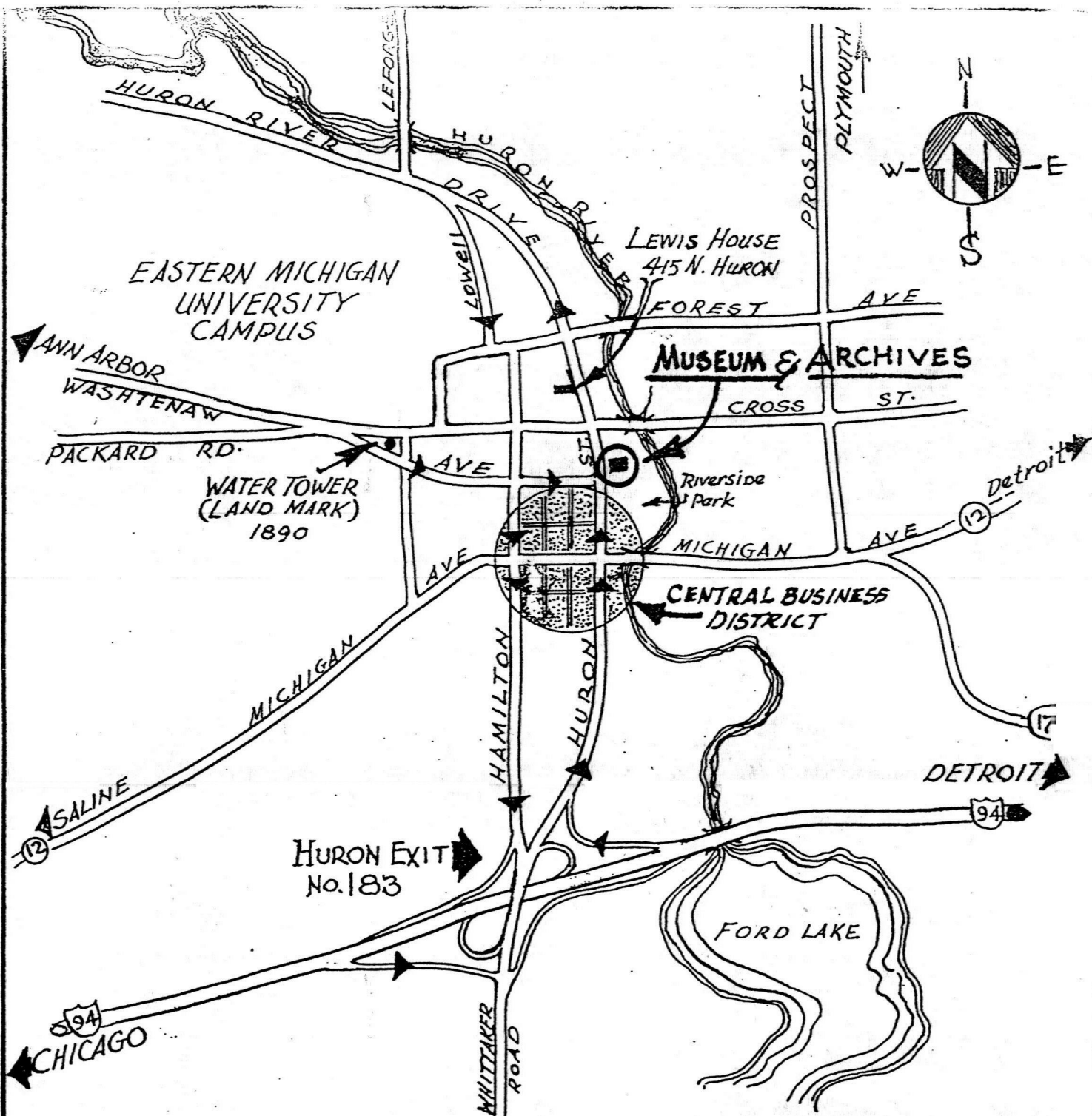
NOTICE

Mrs. Gauntlett donated 8 Tower Mugs to the Museum in our Kitchen. Now comes the question WHERE ARE THEY. They have disappeared. If you have borrowed one, please return it.

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Ms. Judy Williston of 1300 Roosevelt Blvd is looking for donations of miscellaneous materials, books, slate boards, or anything that was used in the old school houses for The One Room School on Eastern Michigan's Campus. If you would be interested in a Tour she would be glad to set one up for you. 483-1347.





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Museum Hours: Thur-Sat & Sun 2-4 P.M.  
Archives: Mon-Fri 9-12 Noon