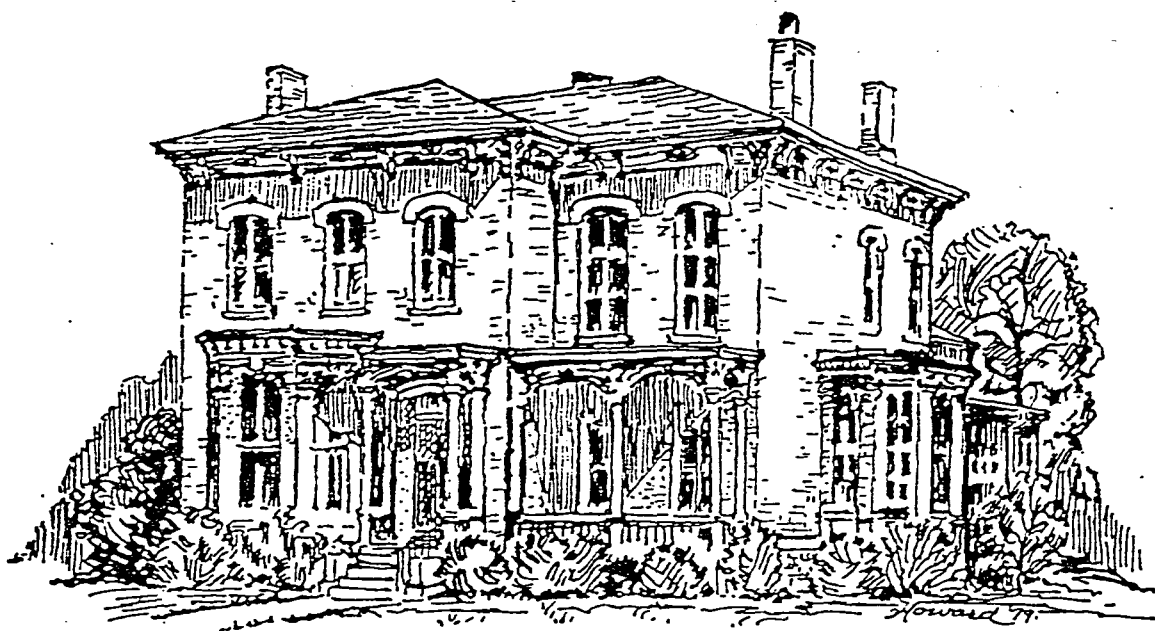


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## YPSILANTI HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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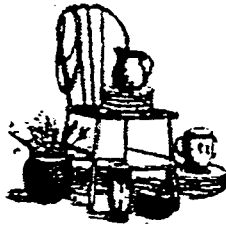
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### MUSEUM INFORMATION

The Museum, located at 220 North Huron Street, is owned by the City of Ypsilanti and is operated and maintained by volunteer workers in the public interest of the Ypsilanti Historical Society.

The **Museum** is open to the public at no charge. The days and hours are as follows:

**Thursday** .....2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** .....2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday** .....2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The **Archives**, located behind the Museum Building, is open for your convenience:

**Monday** .....9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
**Wednesday** .....9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
**Sunday** .....12 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Telephone: (734) 482-4990

Group Tours may be arranged by calling (734) 971-0536

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Spring really had to work over-time to get here and, when it finally did arrive, it made a spectacular entrance.

The Museum is a real jewel in the city of Ypsilanti.

Without saying a word it teaches young and old what it was like to live during the mid to late 1800s. It presents a picture, in one's mind, of what was acceptable and unacceptable to society in dress, activities, furnishings, politics, family, transportation, education and life in general. In unique ways it offers matchless opportunities to become familiar with the past!

It takes many volunteers to keep the Museum clean, interesting and in good condition. It takes many volunteers to keep the exterior in good repair, the yard, a pleasing sight, docents to help and inform visitors, and volunteers who are willing to write flyers, Newsletters and Gleanings to keep our members aware of what is going on at the Museum.

Accolades are forever in order for the time and energy put forth by our current crew. We welcome you to come and spend some time with us while we work around the Museum. Once you do, I bet you'll be hooked!

Many thanks to the following members for some recent improvements made in and around the house and those who have served as guides for the many tour groups who have visited the Museum.

Jerry Jennings and Karen Nickels for a new archival study room.

John Pappas and Jerry Jennings for cleaning the yard.

Kathryn Howard for designing a lovely "sitting area" in the upper hall.

Docents: Dorothy Humphrey, Doris Olson, Fofi Pappas, Don Racine, Bob Southgate, Kathy Grahm, Lois Katon, Karen Nickels, John Dawson, Virginia Brown, Virginia Abos, Doreen Binder, Betty Kerr, Jan Rudisill, Marcia Peters, Ann Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, Joyce Dahart and Lisa Walters who share their knowledge of the Museum with visitors.

Thank you all!

As you can read, there are many ways that you can assist at the Museum. Please call me if you have any questions.

HAPPY SPRINGTIME TO YOU ALL!

Joan J. Carpenter

## **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Isn't it a beautiful time of the year? The flowers are coming up, the trees are budding and we are all starting to plan for the coming of the summer months. The Administration Committee is no different...we have started to plan for some new things as well as reviewing some of the regular ones.

Plans are being finalized for the Docent Luncheon, which will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Museum. This will give us an opportunity to get together for some fun and to meet the new docents who have started anew since our last luncheon.

We have had several tours come through the Museum this past season and several more are slated for the coming months.

Plans are being made for a training day for all docents and anyone else who might like to know more about the Museum. It will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. A new handbook will be available at that time to help all of us become more familiar with all the changes that have been made in the last year.

There will be a quilt show coming up this fall. We will be in need of old quilts to put on display. If you have one that was your great-grandmother's or your grandmother's and you would like us to display it, please contact me at 484-0080. The date has not been definitely set yet, but there will be more information coming soon. We are very excited about this event and hope you will be, also.

We miss Ann McCarthy, who has been ill, and hope she will be well soon enough to join us once again.

We send our deepest sympathy to the Cornish Family. Herb Cornish passed away on Friday, April 25, 2003.

If you have some time on your hands and have been thinking that you might like to get involved with the museum, please contact me at, 484-0080/ There are many areas in which you might find a niche to your liking.

Virginia Davis-Brown  
Chairperson

## ARCHIVE NEWS

Several items were contributed to the Archives during this quarter. We're always pleased to accept historic items that can be added to our knowledge of the past.

From the Gardner Family of Ann Arbor we received a box of note cards printed in the 1950s by the Hiawatha Card Company of Ypsilanti. We cannot find any reference to this company in our files, so if anyone has any information about the Hiawatha Card Company, please call us or send a note.

Jane and Denis Schmiedeke contributed many news articles from the 70's and 80's for our general files on the history of Ypsilanti. For some reason our files were a bit sparse in this era and we thank the Schmiedekes for their interest in our Archives.

Recently the Board of Directors approved funds to purchase an Optical Character Recognition System to be used in the Archives.

By converting our pictures and images to electronic scans it should make it easier for us to find the material needed, more quickly.

If there are members who would be interested in contributing some of their time and knowledge to this important project please contact me at the Archives, Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon or at my home, (734) 572-0437. In May, I will not be in the Archives on Fridays. I will be working instead on Sundays from noon until 3 p.m.

Gerry Pety  
YHM Archivist



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## RENOVATION PROJECTS

Improving function while preserving historical character. That is the concern we keep in focus when renovating and restoring the historical museum house. We want the museum to illustrate with the content of its holdings and its physical structure what things would have looked like in the late nineteenth century. At the same time we want the building to work efficiently and be an interesting and educational place that can accommodate groups such as classes of school children and adult organizations.

Renovations undertaken since January of this year that the Historical Society believes will contribute to that end have included the following:

A closet just off of the current library room has been changed from a storage closet to a coat closet and place to store chairs that would be used for group meetings.

The small kitchen off of the same library room, which was a kitchen in the earlier uses of the house, has now been equipped with a refrigerator and small electric range. The function of the updated kitchen is to provide for small groups and the Historical Society to prepare refreshments for meetings and holiday functions.

A small but well lighted room on the southeast corner of the second floor, which had been intended but never fully prepared as an archive room, has now been painted and equipped with shelving to store archival items, such as family and organization albums and scrapbooks, a collection of old Bibles, and numerous old books. Many of those items have been kept in closets and were not accessible. It will now be possible for individuals to use that room with its study table and chairs to peruse those historical documents. Contributions of historical books are also welcome for storage in that room.

The Historical Society wants the museum building to be more than just an old house with historical furnishings. The desire is to make it work as a place that serves community groups who are equally interested in the rich historical heritage of the Ypsilanti area.

Jerry Jennings



## WHO WAS LEWIS S. WHITE ???

Lewis White was the City of Ypsilanti's first historian.

Mr. White began collecting data about the Ypsilanti area residents in 1923. He was appointed the City Historian in 1934 and continued in that capacity until 1963.

During these years he collected and recorded over 30,000 items of information about the city and the people who lived in Ypsilanti. These items are recorded on cards, hand written, in our Archives.

Lewis White is credited in making the Historical Museum a reality. His devotion, dedication, ingenuity and industrious labor are apparent throughout the Museum and Archives, today.

For many years Mr. White worked with little financial or moral support from the City. When he finally received a small stipend, he used it to further his work of collecting and recording the story of Ypsilanti.

(This article was written several years ago, but the author is unknown. Some modifications have been made.)

## ANN MC CARTHY RESIGNS

Ann McCarthy, a long time, devoted member of the Ypsilanti Historical Society, and who served on the Museum's Administration Board as the Docent Director, has resigned due to health problems.

The Museum Board voted NOT to accept Ann's resignation completely. Ann will now hold the title of, "Associate Member of the Administration Board of the Ypsilanti Historical Society With All Rights and Privileges Thereof".

Ann, we miss you, wish you a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing you at the Museum in the very near future!

## *ACQUISITIONS*

**We are always pleased when someone has a special item that they think might be of interest to others who visit the Museum.**

**Recently we received:**

<b>A white, linen suit</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Carrol and Bonnie Osborn</b>
<b>A series of books HISTORY OF WORLD WAR 1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Roger Peterson</b>
<b>"Improved Hummer" paper punch</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Unknown donor</b>

**Thank You**



### **MUSEUM TO DEVELOP NEW DISPLAY "THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN YPSILANTI"**

There were many citizens of the little town of Ypsilanti who, in the 1860s, participated in helping the escaped slaves, from the South, reach freedom in Canada.

In the near future the Museum will have a new display featuring some of the people who were involved, the places where they lived and how they so willingly managed to help these people live free lives.

A few examples of what some of the townspeople did follows:

Leonard Chase, "who resided on Cross Street at the summit of the hill", ran a regular station there, and carried food to the hiding places of the near starving men, women and children.

Jotham Goodell, who lived on Ridge Road, used his wagon to take his produce and some of the fugitives to Detroit by hiding them beneath fake floor-boards in his wagon.

Dr. Helen McAndrews, and her husband, William, who lived in an Octagon House at 105 S. Huron, took in some of the African Americans and treated their ailments. They also aided and paid for Elija McCoy's education in Scotland.

There are many more stories about this era in and around Ypsilanti. During the coming months we hope you will visit the Museum and see and learn about these caring people of Ypsilanti by the displays within the building.



**The Blue Bird Tea Room  
Margaret E. Porter  
Washington, D.C.**



My grandparents, E.H. and Ellen Porter, operated the BlueBird Tea Room in their home on the corner of what was then Brower Street (now College Place) and Washtenaw Avenue.. The white frame house still stands on the northwest corner.

E. H. and Ellen Porter moved to Ypsilanti with their two sons, Don and Craig. There weren't many places for students and faculty of the Normal to eat as this was before McKenny Union was built. I am sure the name for the tea room was my grandmother's choice. She loved birds and her favorite color was blue.

My grandparents became well-known among faculty and students. They hired students to wait table and had a number of faculty as regular patrons. They quietly fed some individuals for free during the tough Depression years.

My father, Don, lived in Ypsilanti for the rest of his life. He started working at Lamb's Grocery, later managed Packers Outlet, one of the earliest supermarkets in Ypsilanti, and eventually became first Business Manager of the Ypsilanti Public Schools.

The following are recollections shared with me by Barbara Choate Shepherd a student at Normal who worked at the Blue Bird Tea Room.

*I was a freshman. I lived at LaRue's kitty-corner from the Blue Bird and had eaten there. I needed a job to help with my schooling. I asked your Grandpa and Grandma for a job and they hired me.*

*The Blue Bird Tea Room was a very popular place for the townspeople to dine. People came over from Ann Arbor. Meals were 46 cents. On Wednesday there were specials for 52 cents. I thought that was expensive. Steak was 52 cents. I remember Fairy Loaf Pudding. If we received a tip, we had to put it in the "till."*

*The meals were so marvelous. Your Grandpa was such a good cook. He was a very quiet man but had a great sense of humor. Your Grandma and Grandpa worked beautifully together. Everything went so smoothly.*

*I learned a lot about people when I waited on tables. The wealthy people that ate there were so gracious and wonderful to us.*

*I belonged to the Bach Choir, headed by Frederick Alexander. When I had to be at*

*choir at 6:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, your Grandma and Grandpa would let me stop early and eat my dinner which I always ate with your Dad and Uncle Craig in the room off the kitchen.*

*I wish I could put myself back in "time" to tell you more. The menus were so different and so delicious and the desserts were out of this world...I can just see your Grandpa and Grandma in the kitchen-so busy all of the time. They kept things hopping, arranging the plates in such an attractive way. Wish that I had a place to eat like that now.*

According to Ypsilanti City directories the Blue Bird Tea Room was in business from 1922 until 1935. It then became Porter's Lunch Room and was operated by Ellen & Evelyn H. Porter.



### **YE OLDE GIFT SHOPPE**

The Gift Shop (located at the rear of the building) is open during regular hours and during special events.

Books about Ypsilanti and the people who live(d) here, souvenir cups and plates, and things to take home to the kids, are available.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The members and staff of the Historical Society are pleased to welcome the following new members to our organization.

We hope our new as well as old members, living within the area, will attend the Quarterly Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> to meet and greet one another.

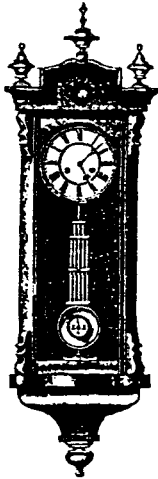
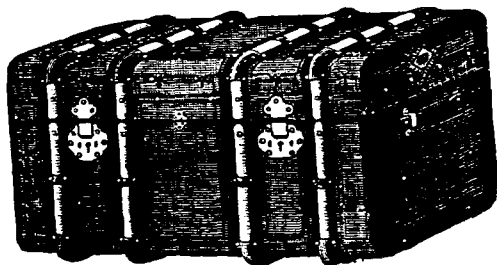
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Joe Mattimoe & Hank Prebys  
301 North Grove  
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Mr. & Mrs. George Stadtmiller  
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## COMING EVENTS

May 18 Quarterly Meeting  
2 p.m.  
Speaker: William B. Afee  
Topic: G.A.R. Ypsilanti's  
Civil War Veterans

June 7 Annual Garage Sale  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
311 N. Wallace Blvd.

June 18 Docent's Luncheon  
Museum  
12:30  
Call 484-0080 for Res.

August Heritage Festival  
15,16,17 Hours: Fri. noon - 5 p.m.  
Sat.&Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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## **QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**The Second Quarter Meeting of the Ypsilanti Historical Society will take place on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in the Museum at 2:00 p.m.**

**Following a brief business meeting John Pappas will introduce the speaker, William B. McAfee who is a life-long student of the Civil War. His interest in that war and the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, (GAR) was stimulated when his grandfather passed on to him his grandfather's discharge papers from the Union Army.**

**We're certain you will enjoy his presentation as he shares his unique perspective of this historic event and the footprints it left on the city of Ypsilanti.**

**Guests are welcome to join us.**



## **ANNUAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY GARAGE SALE COMING SOON**

**Once again the Society's Annual Garage Sale will be a part of the BIG, ANNUAL BIG GARAGE SALE on Saturday, June 7, starting at 9 a.m., at 311 North Wallace Blvd. Karen and Bill Nickels have once again donated the use of their garage and driveway for this event that helps the Society keep the Museum in prime condition.**

**Donations may be brought to the Museum on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays after calling 482-4990 from 9:00 p.m. to 12 noon.**

**After May 18<sup>th</sup> items may be taken to the Nickel's home. If you need to have your donations picked up please call 483-0636.**



## **DOCENT LUNCHEON**

**The Annual Docent's Luncheon will be held at the Museum on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m.**

**Virginia Davis-Brown, Chairperson of the Administration Board of the Museum, will preside at the program following lunch.**

**Please call (734) 484-0080 to make your reservation.**

## 2003 HERITAGE FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON

**Once again Betty Jones will be leading the volunteers for the Heritage Festival. Betty's energy, skill and know-how encourages everyone on the committee to do their very best at all times. We're all certain that this year's Festival will be the greatest one, yet!**

**Our beautiful House/Museum will be high on the list of "must sees". Many changes (improvements) have been made since last year and we encourage everyone to come in and ooh and ahh at what has been accomplished.**

**We will be open to the public, free of charge, on all three days of the Festival, August 15, 16 and 17. Visitors will get a tour of the rooms and see the changes and improvements that have been made as well as how a home of the 1860s might have been furnished.**

**We will need a great many people to help guide the visitors through the house during this busy time.**

**Being a docent during the Festival has many advantages...**

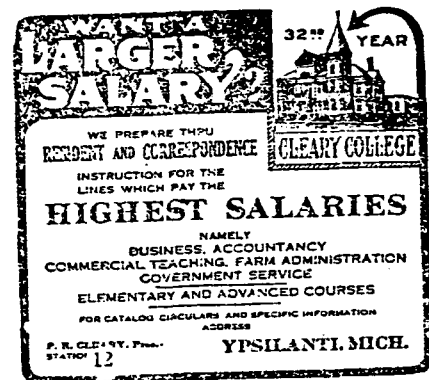
- #1 – It is an opportunity to get better acquainted with the history of Ypsilanti.**
- #2 – You get to meet some of the nicest people!**
- #3 – You get to spend two hours in air-conditioned comfort, or out of the rain.**
- #4 – Visitors will think of you as a very knowledgeable person and spread the news!**
- #5 – You will think of yourself as a very knowledgeable person and feel proud.**

**If you think you'd like to volunteer two hours of your time in the comfort and beauty of this grand, old house, please call Joan Carpenter...(734)971-0536. Your help will be greatly appreciated and we know you will enjoy the experience!**

### WEB-SITE UPDATED

**To keep up with what is new and Going on at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, check the Web-site –**

**[Ypsilantihistoricalmuseum&AOL.org](http://Ypsilantihistoricalmuseum&AOL.org)**



**FROM THE FLETCHER-WHITE ARCHIVES**  
**By William Edmunds, MD**

**BOOK OF ELECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI, WASHTENAW COUNTY**

**This book fell into our hands quite by accident. We were home on New Year's Day, 1975, when we received a call from Dick Boatwright in Manchester, MI. The former two-time mayor of Ypsilanti had moved there and opened an antique store in his house. He said a man was in his shop with an old book he wished to sell in order to get money to celebrate the New Year.**

**Dick told him that he knew some people in Ypsilanti who might be interested in purchasing the book and I was called.**

**During our phone conversation I asked Dick why he hadn't called his relative, Foster Fletcher and he informed me that Foster was in Florida.**

**I also questioned him about the number of copies of the book had been published, his response was, "none". I also asked him how much he wanted for the book and he told me, \$25.00. I told Dick to send him along to our home.**

**An hour or two later the man appeared at our door, book in hand.**

**I asked him where and how he had come to possess this book. He told me that he had been hired to clean out an old house on Bemis Road. This book was in one of several boxes, full of "stuff", he had been given in payment for the use of his pick-up truck. He further stated that he knew it was old because on the first page was written, "Record of Election from 1827"!**

**I opened the book, read the first entry as being taken at the Andrew McKinstry House, May 28, 1827. He got his money, immediately, and was on his way!**

**How this record came into the private ownership is a matter of conjecture. It is my own belief that it was left behind when the records were transferred from one Township Clerk to the next.**

**In the 1930's my father-in-law, George Elliott, was the Ypsilanti Township Treasurer. He told me that the tax records were kept on 4x6 file cards in a shoe box in the pantry of the farm!**

**I was surprised to learn that there were only about 400 cards representing a township population of about 1,200. When my father-in-law's term in office was up, he passed the shoe box to the next treasurer.**

**I'm certain that's what happened to "The Book". After some years it no longer seemed relevant. It was left behind and never missed!**

**We had it micro-filmed at the Bentley Library but retained the original. Foster Fletcher was working on it when he died, and it didn't surface again, despite several searches, until the archives were moved to their present location.**



In 2001 a micro-filmed copy was obtained but it is not as legible as the original, and is much more difficult with which to work. Reading the 175 year old ink is easier due to shading which was lost in the micro-film process. This is particularly true with the name signatures.

The following is a copy of the requirements needed to form a local government under the Territorial Law. It also includes information from the census of that period.

**"In the 1830 census (the previous one was taken in 1820 being prior to settlement at Woodruff's Grove) there was a total population in Washtenaw County of 4042. Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Dexter, Panama and Saline were included as one "due to" the assistant not having properly divided the towns." Of the 4042 there were 1033 voting-age males. (white 20 yrs. and older).**

**The Territorial Act required a population of 60,000 in order to apply for Statehood. Michigan achieved statehood in 1837. Washtenaw County claimed 1/15<sup>th</sup> of the state's population."**

On reading the entries in the book, some confusion is created because each bears the notation – "I do hereby certify the above return to be a free copy of the original" over the township clerk's signature.

However, there are counter signatures of the election inspector above the clerk's signature. This validates the entry and appears to have been written at the time or shortly, thereafter, the actual meeting. The first two entries for 1827 and 1828 are by the same hand and both bear the signature of Asa H. Reading. Thereafter, the handwritten signatures change with the election of different Township Clerks. Legibility was apparently a prime consideration for the office. The signatures bear a remarkable similarity on casual inspection, but the writing does vary slightly from clerk to clerk.

The first entry is here quoted in its entirety.

**"At a Township Meeting held at the house of Andrew M. McKinstrey in Ypsilanti on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1827 agreeably to act in such case made and provided the following persons were elected said township officers viz**

		Votes
Supervisor	Abel Wellington	59
Township Clerk	Asa H. Reading	54
Apepors	Joseph H. Peck	46
(assessors)	Amoriah Rawson	45
	Hiram H. Tooker	20
Coms. Of	John McCormick	37
Highways	Philip Sines	41
	Thomas Surkinder	54
Overseerers of	A. Parker	21
Poor	John Stewart	21
Constable	Asa H. Reading	42

**Collector  
Constable**

**Hiram Roberson**

- Resolved 1<sup>st</sup>** that there shall be no more than three assessors in said township
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** But two constables
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Six Path Masters who are elected to serve as follows Viz
- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Oronte Grantin</b> | <b>in district No. 1</b> |
| <b>David Stiles</b>   | <b>in district No. 2</b> |
| <b>Anthony Case</b>   | <b>in district No. 3</b> |
| <b>John Bartlett</b>  | <b>in district No. 4</b> |
| <b>Augustus Root</b>  | <b>in district No. 5</b> |
| <b>Isaac Thomas</b>   | <b>in district No. 6</b> |
- 4<sup>th</sup>** It is resolved that stud horses shall not run at large of the age of one year, also that cows shall be kept up from the 10<sup>th</sup> of September until the 10<sup>th</sup> of November and that any person suffering cows to run at large contrary to this resolution shall forfeit and pay the sum of three dollars to be received by the provisions of this act.
- 5<sup>TH</sup>** Resolved that Jason Cross shall be pound master for the Township of Ypsilanti.  
and then adjourned the meeting until the day appointed by this Act in the year 1828 to the house of Jason Cross at Woodruff Grove.

**At an election for delegate to Congress we, the inspectors of the poll of election at Andrew McKinstry's on the second Monday of July, 1827 for the town of Ypsilanti hereby certify that**

**John Biddle had fifty-four votes, that Austin E. Wing had forty-one votes, and that Garbriel Richard had eight votes.**

**Amoriah Rawson  
Joseph H. Peck  
Hiram H. Tooker  
Asa H. Reading**

**I do hereby certify the above return to be a free copy of the original**

**Asa H. Reading  
Township Clerk  
Ypsilanti**

**HELP WANTED, NEEDED AND WILL BE APPRECIATED!**

**It's more fun being a member of the Museum when you participate in some of the many activities in and around the Museum!**

**Look over the following check list and let us know what you would like to get involved doing....We'd love to hear from you!**

**Provide snacks/refreshments for:**

**Meetings:**                   Quarterly – Open House – New Year's Eve – Christmas Heritage Festival – Autumn Special Events – Seasonal Cleaning Days – Other.....

**Set-Up:**                     Any and all of the above

**Yard Work:**                Season -   Summer\_\_\_Fall\_\_\_Spring\_\_\_

**House Cleaning:**       Polish Silver – Wash China – Dust and Polish Floors and Furniture – Wash Windows – Other\_\_\_\_\_

**Serve as Greeters or Docents \_\_\_\_\_**

**Provide Center Pieces for Special Occasions or Seasons**

**Assist in putting together the Newsletter and/or Gleanings by:**

**Writing an article**

**Stapling the Product**

**Anything else you would like to do:**

**Assembling the Product**

**Applying the Address Labels**

**Send this form to me at the Museum or to 2646 Hawks, Ann Arbor, Mi 48108  
Joan Carpenter**

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIETY

Donations are always welcome and are tax deductible.

## Capital Fund for Development

This will provide funding for a handicapped entrance to the museum basement and increase meeting space for groups.

## Endowment Fund

Presently pays the lease for the archival space and the salary of the archivist. As the fund grows, it will hopefully pay for a professional museum director.

## Dues & Unspecified Donations

Helps with the daily operation of the museum and general maintenance of museum interior and artifacts.

## Specified Donations

Memorials - Families may remember their loved ones by initiating a memorial fund in their name.

Special Projects - donors may contribute to a project initiated by the donor or suggested by the Historical Society.

## Archives

Local family histories are eagerly accepted.

## Collections

The museum will accept collections for a short term exhibition. We also accept collections for a tax deductible contribution.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Single	\$10.00	Family	\$15.00
Sustaining	\$25.00	Business	\$75.00
Life	\$200.00		

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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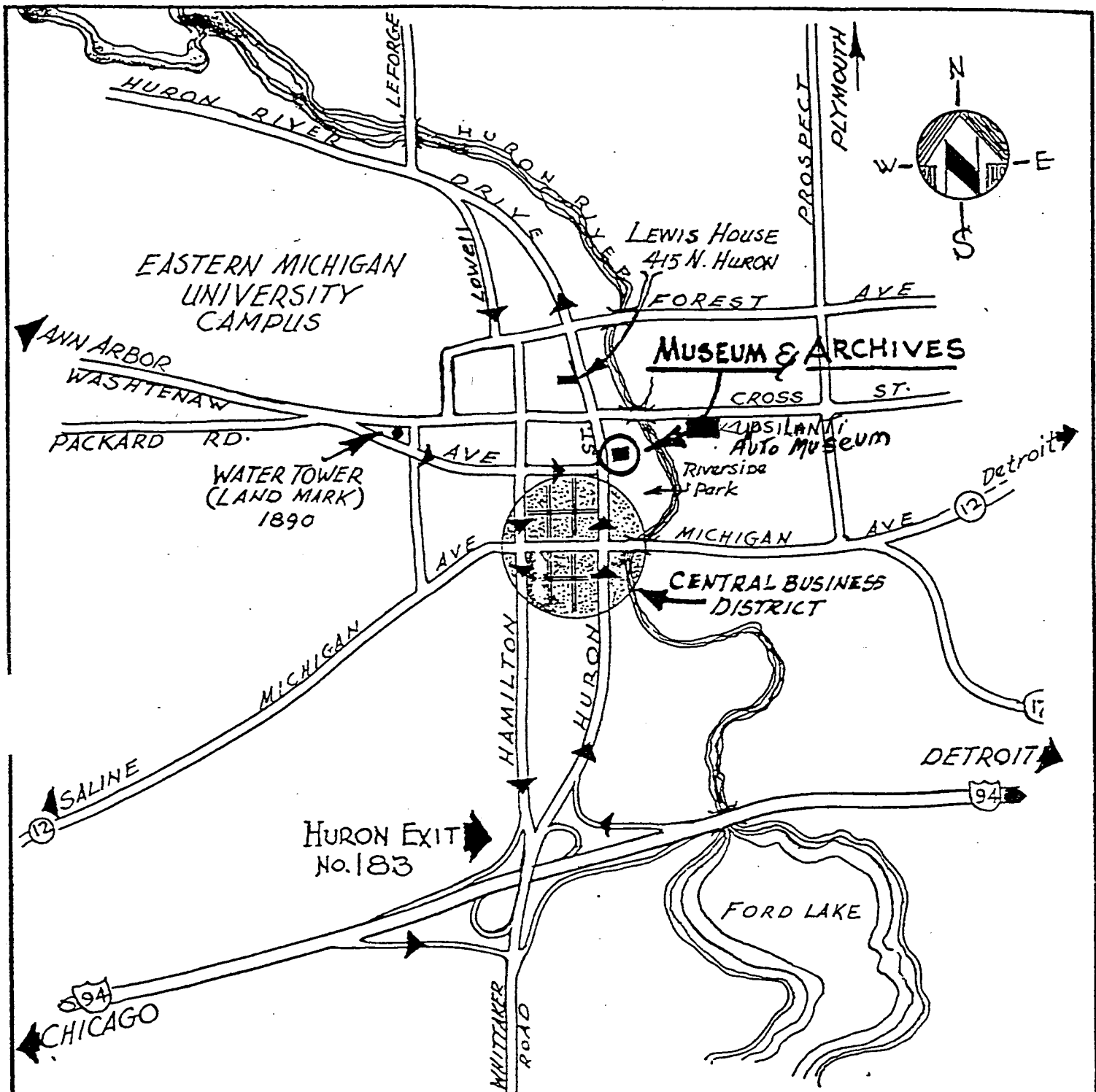
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Please make check payable to: YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
220 North Huron Street  
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Would you like to become a docent? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to assist in the Archives? \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOURS:**

MUSEUM- THURSDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 2PM TO 4PM

ARCHIVES- MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, 9AM TO 12 NOON AND

SUNDAY FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 3PM.

GERRY PETY- ARCHIVIST-482-4990