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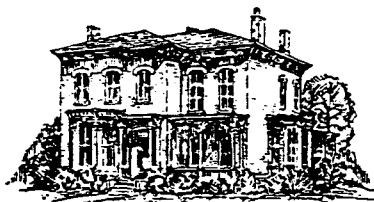


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MUSEUM INFORMATION

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.

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**, now located behind the Museum Building, is open:

MONDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
SUNDAY 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Telephone: 734 - 482-4990

Website: www.ypsilantihistoricalmuseum.org

Group Tours may be arranged by calling 484-0080 or 971-0536.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The snow is finally beginning to disappear and the sun is sharing a bit of its warmth with our earth. I'm looking forward to the coming spring season and hoping my goose pimples disappear, soon! I'm also looking forward to the return, from the warmer climates, of a large number of our Board of Directors members. The small group that was left in the cold, cold city, now need some rest time!

The Museum was closed for two weeks following the holidays to enable us to take down the holiday decorations. It takes a lot of time and energy to put a house the size of ours back in order. We always welcome a few extra hands!

Tours slowed down a bit during this season, but they didn't stop completely! Since the beginning of the year we've had three school groups and two groups of senior citizens visit us. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy what they saw. Pass the word that this Museum is open, free of charge, on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. Tours are available almost any day or time by calling, (734) 971-0536.

The Quarterly Meeting, held on Sunday, February 15th, drew a sizeable group. Following the business end of the gathering, Jane Schmiedeke, Chairperson of the Historic District Commission, informed us of the need to preserve the beautiful buildings and land of our city.

This past autumn the Board of Directors was contacted by an organization affiliate of the National Park Service, MOTOR US-12. The challenge they proposed involved the task of tracing the development of the route, the businesses and history of what is now known as Michigan Avenue, that formed the major path through Ypsilanti.

A thousand "thanks" to Al Rudisill for taking over the task of organizing this interesting Project!

THE PROJECT SUMMARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"This project's goal is to gather information about transportation-related history and culture along US-12 from Detroit to the Irish Hills. Al Rudisill has taken on the task of providing a project which involves the preservation and digitization of approximately 5,000 historical photographs dating back to the 1850's. Through an agreement with the University of Michigan Digital Library Services the photos will be posted to the Internet and will be available to the general public. The photo series will be searchable in via keyword search terms and photos will be accessible in various sizes with photo captions and descriptions. Ten photos have been posted to the web site to initiate the project and can be viewed at the following URL:

<http://images.umdl.umich.edu/cgi/i/image/image-idx?c=yhsicl>

Our latest request is to investigate the businesses along the US-12 route to gather information about the age of them, who built them, what they have become. Al, you just thought you were finished!

FESTIVAL TIME

I know that this seems too early to start thinking about next August and the Heritage Festival, but the committees are already at work putting this project together.

The Festival will take place a week earlier than in previous years. The dates are set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 20, 21 and 22. As usual the Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all three days. WE WILL NEED MANY HELPERS/DOCENTS during these days for two hour shifts. Please volunteer. We need men as well as women, and the job is really a pleasant and easy one!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

A fantastic Art Exhibit will take place in the Museum, March 25 to April 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Underground Railroad Exhibit will again be on display beginning March 25th.

Next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for May 16th at the Museum

Museum Yard Sale will take place on June 5th at 311 North Wallace Street.

Until Spring really comes along, try to stay warm, don't run out to the store without your coat, make a pot of soup, take your vitamins, find a good book to read and when you get bored...come and visit us at the Museum.

Sincerely,



**Joan J. Carpenter
President**

News from the Fletcher-White Archives

Thank God that this winter is finally ending and the warmer weather is right around the corner! The voluminous amount of snow and the bitter cold has kept many a soul from venturing out to our toasty archives. Well, the sun is shining and you can now come out of hibernation now and come visit us. We would love to see you!

The scanning project is starting to take off and the first pictures are now on our website at <www.ypsilantihistoricalmuseum.org>. Take a look! Al Rudisill and his intrepid volunteers have been gearing up for this very extensive project and some pictures are now available on line via the Bentley Museum at the U of M.

Retired Ypsilanti mayor and judge, Rodney Hutchinson, has been diligently working on our Ypsilanti Business File. If you have any knowledge or artifacts which involves the early Ypsilanti business community, Rodney would love to have this information or artifacts for his files. (I.e.: broken bank notes from Ypsilanti banks, company histories.) We are also in need of city directories of the pre 1930s particularly 1902-1911. These really help in finding business dates and for research of the business community, so very few have survived and we desperately need these resources.

If you should have pictures of old store fronts or historic shots, the Archive now has the capability to make archive grade reproductions, so you need not give up your original pictures. If suitable for our files, we will make copies for the archives. Thank you for the submissions we did receive from several contributors last year, they were great!

One bit of information we are seeking is the dimensions and room layout for Willow Village a.k.a. Bomber Village. This was the apartment complex, North of Holmes Rd., used originally to house the influx of workers at the Willow Run plant, where they produced the famous Consolidated B-24 Bombers during the W.W.II. Many a "Rosie the Riveter" and their families lived at Willow Village. Afterwards, you veterans on the G.I. Bill, lived in the village and continued your education at Michigan State Normal or the University of Michigan. We have a lot of information about the 'Village' except for the layout and room dimensions and we lack interior and exterior pictures. Moreover if you have any family or human interest stories about life in the 'Village' that you would like to share with posterity please send it along to us, we would love to have it.

One more bit of information involving history is the 26th annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival that will be held August 20th to August 22nd. Need additional Info call 734 483 4444 or go online to <http://www.ypsilantiheritagefestival.com> The Archives will be open during our regular hours during the festival on Sunday from 12 noon to 3pm.

Special thanks to our friends and members for their contributions of the Smith Furniture Co. business ledgers and the undertaker/burial records.(furniture companies used to sell coffins and burial services) These were fascinating to look through.

Also thanks for the abstract for 112 Perrin Street. It is in our location file.

Gerry Pety

UPCOMING EVENTS
for
MEMBERS & FRIENDS
of the
YPSILANTI HISTORICAL MUSEUM

We are making available several opportunities for visits to nearby museums in the coming months. There are many fine historical museums in the area and many of them are still undiscovered by our members. Visiting these museums can put Ypsilanti into the overall historical picture of this entire region of Michigan. We hope that you can join us for these visits.

You should put the following dates on your calendar:

MAY 15 and 16, 2004 (Saturday & Sunday)

The Consortium of Museums in Washtenaw County is sponsoring a visit to historical museums in Washtenaw County. More information will be available prior to these tour opportunities.

JUNE 12, 2004 ((Saturday)

The Plymouth Historical Museum has reserved time for us on Saturday morning for a guided tour of their modern museum near the center of downtown Plymouth. This museum has completed a new wing that houses a collection of Lincoln memorabilia that is the envy of many larger museums. More information will be available as we approach the date.

A NOMINAL FEE OR DONATION MAY BE REQUESTED AT EACH MUSEUM.

Bob Southgate



**Historical Society Garage Sale
June 5, 2004**

The annual garage sale will be held in conjunction with the Normal Park Sale Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Karen and Bill Nickels home, 311 North Wallace Blvd.

Donations for the sale can be brought to the museum, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. After May 16, items can be delivered to Karen and Bill's. If you need items picked up please call the Nickels at 483-8896.

NEW MEMBERS

Dorothy Blasey - Ypsilanti

William Eichler - Rochester Hills

Midge Fahndrich - Ypsilanti

Kurt Loewe - Royal Oak

Keith Miller - Canadian Lakes, MI

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Phillips - Saline



Director Edmunds Missed at the Museum

Due to ill health, Dr. William Edmunds has been unable to participate in the functions and events at the museum for the past few months. His vast knowledge and enthusiasm for the Society have been instrumental in expanding the Archives and reconfiguring rooms in the museum. Thus, making the Ypsilanti Historical Museum one of the most outstanding house museums in Michigan. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to the museum.

In Memoriam

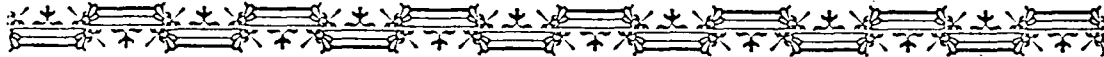
Ann V. McCarthy

On Friday, January 2nd, 2004, Ann McCarthy, a long time member of the Ypsilanti Historical Society, passed from this life.

Ann had been a leader in the development of the Museum and had willingly worked to make the Museum the beautiful showplace that it has become. She was the leader of the docents in the Museum and assisted in the writing of the docent booklets. She also willingly devoted much of her time serving on the Museum's Board of Directors and the Administration Board.

Ann was usually one of the first to volunteer her help when things needed to be cleaned, refreshments had to be served and tours needed to be arranged. She was always willing to join in and help out when needed.

We all miss her very much and our memories of her will forever be happy ones just as she would want them to be.



MUSEUM GIFT SHOPPE

THROWS featuring Washtenaw County Museums - Colorful, includes views of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, Fire Museum, Yankee Air Force, and Car Museum.

WESTERWALDPOTTERY - Variety of pieces, with Ypsilanti Water tower in green. Some have a blue leaf decoration and the word Ypsilanti.

YPSILANTI BOOKS and **WASHTENAW COUNTY Atlases.**

TOTE BAGS

COFFEE MUGS

GIFT SHOP HOURS

THURS., SAT., SUN., 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

HISTORY of DENTISTRY in YPSILANTI, WASHTENAW COUNTY

History of Dentistry in Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County.

[By the kindness of Dr. J. A. Watling, we are permitted to give his paper on the history of dentistry in this city, which he read before the Washtenaw Dental Society at its recent meeting.]

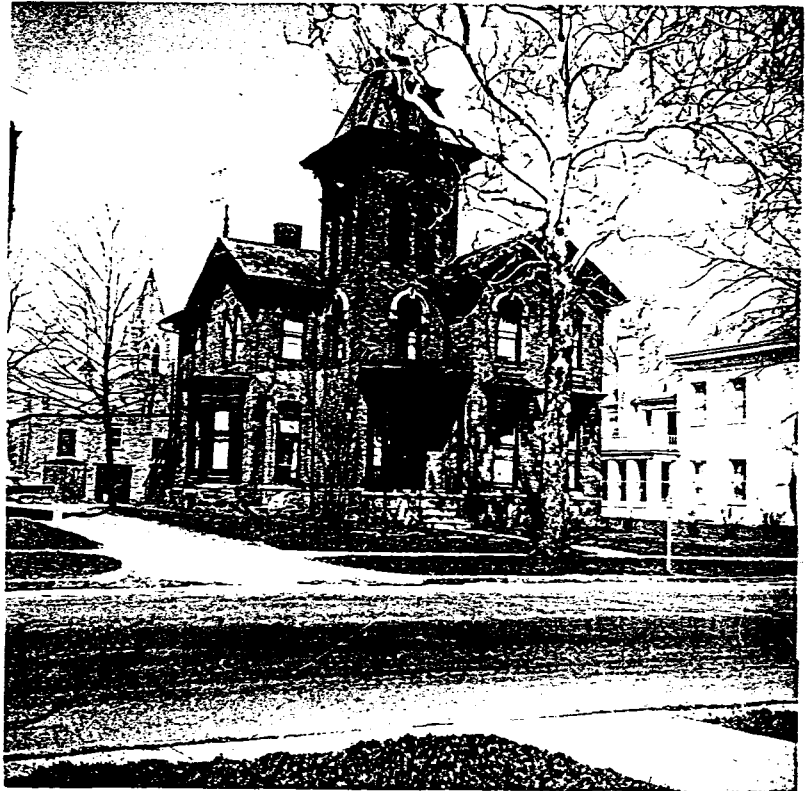
It seems to me, if a perfect history of the dental profession and its work could be written, it would be of very great interest to future generations. I fear that the time has now gone by for gathering up all details, such as dates, first names, etc. But much may be accomplished still, if the profession will organize itself into county societies as we have done, each of which shall compile its own history. I think this is the first county. The question now arises, who was the first practicing dentist in this county? It was either Dr. Burger, of Ann Arbor, or Dr. Frey, of Ypsilanti, presumably the latter. I have learned that Dr. Frey was in practice for some years prior to 1842. In that year Dr. R. V. Ashley began to practice in Ypsilanti, having studied with Dr. Frey, and bought his outfit when he moved away. I remember Dr. Ashley very well. He was a man of a good deal of ability, and after being in business for several years, he went to Detroit in 1851 and opened an office at the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Griswold Street, and moved his family there in 1852. There he was one of the leading dentists for many years, dying Oct. 6, 1870. Following the removal of Dr. Ashley from Ypsilanti, came Dr. Fred Powers, with whom I had my first experience in dental operations, he removing for me a first lower molar tooth. After a few years he went south; I am unable to learn his final history. His successor was Dr. Seth A. Gerry, who came to Ypsilanti in 1852 or 1853. He had had some experience and study in the state of New York, and being a man of considerable ambition, entertained a high idea of professional dignity. He therefore entered the Medical Department of the U. of M., with the intention of graduating. He attended two or three terms, and would have graduated, had it not been for the perversity of the faculty, who entertained different views than he, about the required qualifications for a degree.

He was a man of a good deal of versatility,—occasionally giving lectures on scientific subjects, and making quite a business of preaching in country school houses, and occasionally driving a good trade in horses. He could find more small cavities in the crowns of teeth, than any man I have ever known. I have personally seen as many as six of his fillings in the crown of one molar tooth. After a number of years of practice, he moved to some small town in the interior of the state, and died some eight or ten years since, I am told, in poverty. He had a sister associated with him in practice, a part of the time, she being the first lady to practice dentistry in the state. In the year 1856, there came to town one Dr. O. M. Carlton from Lowell, Mass. He was a very large, fine looking man, with a decided city air. His wife was equally fine looking, a fashionable woman of stunning appearance. She has the distinction of being the first lady in Ypsilanti to appear in hoop-skirts. She was clever, and had a good deal of literary ability,—so altogether the couple attracted much attention. Dr. Carlton had been in the profession of dentistry 17 years, and was a man of a good deal of ability for those days. I made his acquaintance in the fall of 1856; he filling a number of teeth for me; and two of those fillings are doing me good service yet. After he had completed his work for me, he asked me to enter his office as a student, which offer I accepted and made arrangements to stay with him four years. I of course knew nothing at that time of dental colleges, there being but three in existence, and these poorly equipped. After a couple of years, Dr. Carlton became tired of a small country town, and concluded to return to Lowell. I did not wish to go there with him; neither did I feel competent to go into practice, being very young. I was not as well prepared as I thought I ought to be, though probably I was as well qualified as most young practitioners of those days. I began to look around for a place in some office, where I could do plate-work, as I had a good deal of proficiency in that line. I happened into the office of Dr. Knowlton, of Detroit.

He gave me a few days' work to help him out. He then advised me to go to Cincinnati and study in the Dental College there, kindly giving me a letter to his brother of the firm of Knowlton & Taft. They gave me employment for two years; I attending the college during the winters and graduating Feb. 22, 1860. I located soon after in Ypsilanti, where I have remained ever since. So far as I can learn, I was the first student to enter a dental college from Michigan, and the first graduate to locate in the state.

During the winter of 1856, Dr. A. F. Barr came to Ypsilanti. He had had a kind of checkered life, being of a roving disposition. He had worked in a great many offices, with men of a good deal of prominence, and was considered a very good plate-workman, and in those days that was the most of dentistry. He at first entered the office of Dr. Carlton and did plate-work, I getting much of my first instruction from him. In the following spring he opened an office of his own, continuing in practice until he died about eight years ago. A Dr. Baldwin was in company with Dr. Barr during 1859, which is all I know about his dental career. In the fall of 1857, Dr. W. R. Cutler, who had had a short pupillage in Rochester, N. Y., located here, and was in a limited practice for about six months, when he went to Ionia, where he was more successful, but left dentistry some years ago, and is at the present time engaged in the drug trade. A Dr. Tucker came here in 1853 or 1859 and remained here five or six years; I know nothing further of him. A good sized cyclone struck this county in 1866, when two brothers by the name of Alderman located here. Where they came from I can't say; one of them had some knowledge of dentistry; the younger had none whatever. He was, however, supplied with forceps and materials for taking impressions, and with the aid of a good team, he commenced a systematic house to house canvass through the county. I think I can truly say that in the four or five years they were here, that one of them had solicited in two-thirds of the houses of this and parts of Wayne and Monroe counties.

Prices and truck offered in pay for their operations never stood in the way of a bargain. I have heard of many amusing episodes that they met with in their career. There is no doubt but they did an enormous amount of work, but they had nothing to show for it when they left town. In the spring of 1870, Dr. W. D. Tremper, a graduate of Ohio Dental College, Cincinnati, came to Ypsilanti, entering into partnership with J. A. Watling, which was continued till 1878, when he went to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he still has a large practice. He is one of those rare exceptions to be found in the profession, as he has become quite wealthy, and is at the head of a large shoe manufacturing company. The next one appearing on the scene was C. F. W. Baldwin, coming about the year 1873 from some of the Eastern States, with a very short pupillage. He remained four or five years, then returned East. I don't know what has become of him. Following him came one A. B. Bell, who had had one term in the Pennsylvania College. He didn't pan out very well, and the less said of him the better. In 1878 or 1879, a man by the name of Kingsley came here, from some little town in Western New York. He always warranted his work for twenty years, and cut prices in two, making the point, that he just wanted a little business to keep him out of mischief, and did not care about the profit. He found it desirable to go back East in a few years, and died in Rochester, N. Y. In the spring of 1884, Dr. L. M. James, a graduate of the U. of M., formed a partnership with J. A. Watling, where he has continued in a successful practice up to the present time. In 1885, John W. VanFossen, also a graduate of the U. of M., located here, and is still in successful practice. In 1890, Dr. L. D. Camp, another graduate of the U. of M., formed a partnership with A. B. Bell, which continued only for a short time, when the Doctor opened an office on his own account, continuing to thrive here now, as he has done in the past. In 1895, Dr. DeWitt Spalsbury, a graduate of the Class of '89 of the U. of M., located here, and has evidently been successful in practice, as well as in a prospective matrimonial alliance. The last to come and the first to go away was Dr. Carrie M. Stewart, a graduate of the U. of M., Class of '92, and a D. D. Sc. Falling health compelled her to return to a warmer climate. She is at present at Fort Worth, Texas.



121 North Huron Street
 1966 Photo of the Watling Home
 Formerly the Watling Dental Office

Growing Up In Ypsilanti

by
John Milford

I truly had a charmed life growing up in Ypsilanti. My father was a physician and Ypsilanti supported our family for over four decades. He was the only doctor to serve on the staffs of all three Beyer Hospitals. When I was five years old, my mother was elected to the Ypsilanti Board of Education where she served as the only woman. She won three consecutive four-year terms and served as the first woman president. Later, she served twelve years as an Eastern Michigan University regent.

When I had the flu, the owner of the Ypsilanti Dairy would bring ice cream to the house with our milk order. In addition to owning the Ypsilanti Dairy, Fred Peters served with my mother on the Ypsilanti Board of Education. Ice cream had a better effect on my well being than the penicillin shots my father gave me!

Riding our bicycles was our great entertainment. We also had a basketball hoop on our garage that was usually busy with neighborhood youngsters. People were always coming and going at our house. I remember all of it as such a happy, happy time.

Doug Tripp was my classmate and one of my best friends. On Doug's birthday his parents would give me a gift too. During the celebration of one of Doug's birthdays, his dad took the two of us to see a Red Wing hockey game. I remember it as such an exciting event. His mother loaded us up in their station wagon and the two of us would sit in the rear seat looking backwards. During one of these trips, she took us to a carnival. Another time, we went to Newport Beach at Portage Lake. Together, his parents took us to the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. I loved spending the night in the new addition at Doug's house. Doug, his bother, and his sisters were always gracious hosts.

Mr. Tripp was a very prominent Ypsilanti attorney. Fortunately, Doug and I never got in trouble so we did not need his professional services. Both of our fathers were Rotarians and each year they had a beautiful Christmas luncheon for the children of Rotarians. Doug and I were glad to miss two hours of school on that annual happy day. Each of us walked away with a present wrapped from Santa.

My neighborhood friends were Tom and John Dusbiber whose parents owned Shaefer's toy store. That was a perfect arrangement for our childhood. We always had toy cars to play with in little toy neighborhoods we built in the Dusbiber backyard. Mrs. Dusbiber's violets were dug up and became bushes in the toy neighborhoods. The Dusbiber apple tree was also great for climbing. When my bicycle broke down, Mr. Dusbiber gave me a Schwinn demonstrator bike. Schwinn bicycles were the best bicycles available and I felt like I rode the fanciest bike in town.

I later went on to Ypsilanti High School. Each year I was a class officer and part of student government. I was elected from Ypsilanti High School to the All City Student Council. My friend Doug Tripp was elected from Roosevelt High School and another good friend Tom Daniels was elected from Saint John's High School. Willow Run High School also had representation. I nominated Doug for president during our junior year and I was president during our senior year.

Later, my participation in student government at Eastern Michigan University increased my interest in politics. Eventually, I served as a Delegate to the National Republican Convention and served eight years on the State Committee. I was the first person elected to the State Committee from Ypsilanti in over thirty years. Ypsilanti candidates were usually overwhelmed by votes for candidates from Ann Arbor. I was fortunate to win with the support of Ann Arbor voters.

I am very proud of the way people got along in the city and in high school. I never noticed one iota of racial tension. Everyone got along and considered each other friends and equals. Everyone was considered on the same level and everybody was rated on his or her own merits. I cannot imagine being raised in a better community than Ypsilanti. Everyone was so kind and interested in the well being of one another. Ypsilanti was a close knit and beautiful place in which to live. Those were happy, happy days.



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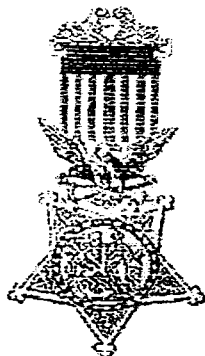
**Congressional Medal of Honor
Located in our Museum Civil War Case**

Sgt. Robert Gardner, Company K 34th Massachusetts Volunteers earned recognition when, virtually single handed, he captured an outpost of the enemy at Petersburg VA in the Civil War. His action helped make possible the fall of Richmond. In recognition of his bravery he was made a color bearer at Appomattox where Gen Robert E. Lee surrendered on April 9, 1865. Richmond had fallen on April 2-3 of that year.

After the war he settled in this area making his home near Tuomy Hills. A widower, he married Frances Noble Lister, widow of another Civil War Soldier. His son Lynn C. Gardner became speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Sgt. Gardner was buried at Plainfield in Wright Cemetery where his gravestone bears the same inscription as the medal.

Frances Lister, a relative of Robert, gave the medal to the Ypsilanti Historical Museum. It is proudly encased in the Civil War display housed in the Ypsilanti Room of the museum.



The President of the United States
in the name of
The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the

Medal of Honor

to

GARDNER, ROBERT J.

Ypsilanti Dairy

by

Marcia Peters

My grandfather, Fredrick J. Peters Sr., changed his career from being a plumber to founding the Ypsilanti Dairy in 1930. The dairy was located at 203 North Prospect on the north side of the railroad track and next to my grandfather's house. My dad, Fred Peters Jr., graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1929 and was able to assume the responsibility of milk deliveries. My uncle, Art Peters helped run the dairy. My Aunt Bernadine worked in the office and became the bookkeeper when she graduated from high school. She later married Howard Carty and they owned Carty's Music Box on the northwest corner of Pearl and N. Washington.

As a child, I remember my family answering the phone with "Ypsilanti Dairy, may I help you." I can still hear the machines in the back of the dairy washing and sterilizing the bottles to be filled with milk, coffee cream, buttermilk, chocolate milk, and orange drink. After the bottles were filled, they were stored in a huge refrigerator.

After the dairy was in business for a few years, ice cream production started. I remember folding the boxes before they were filled with ice cream and closing the boxes after they were filled. The boxes were then placed in metal container and moved into a huge freezer. My favorite day to work was when we made chocolate ice cream. I volunteered with no problem.

As children, my younger sister, brother, and I would wait at the corner of Cross Street and Prospect Street for Charley and the huge Michigan Milk Producers truck to arrive. It was a thrill to ride with Charley down Prospect Street to the dairy and watch the large hoses transfer milk from the truck to the dairy.

When I was eleven or twelve, my father slipped on ice and broke his leg while we were delivering milk. With directions from my father, I was able to get him inside the milk truck. Once inside the truck, I asked him "Who is going to drive the truck to the hospital?" He replied, "You guessed correctly, Marcia!" With dad's coaching, I successfully drove him to the hospital.

As the business grew, there was need for more parking. Moving my grandfather's house across the street from the dairy expanded the parking lot. I remember playing in the muddy hole for the new basement with neighborhood friends.

I assumed more responsibilities as I grew older. I worked up front waiting on customers, hand packed ice cream, answered the telephone, scrubbed the floor, washed windows, mowed the front yard, and cleaned the dairy trucks. Working for my father was a wonderful learning process. Thanking customers and telling them to have a lovely day has stayed with me forever.

Later, it became difficult for small dairies to stay in business. The Ypsilanti Dairy closed its doors forever in October 1965. My Uncle Art later used the dairy building for a furniture refinishing business for several years.

Thanks to all the people who helped the Ypsilanti Dairy be part of the Ypsilanti community for many years. The Ypsilanti Dairy will always be one of my cherished memories.

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"We Love Our Daddy's Milk"



Teddy, Miriam, Marcia, Karen and Johnny Peters

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85^c 1/2 GAL.

SPECIAL FLAVORS

French Vanilla—Nesselrode Pudding—Plum Pudding
30c pint—95c 1/2 gallon

YPSILANTI DAIRY

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AQUISITIONS

Commercial Butter Churn	Arlene Demeasley
1930's Console Radio	George Goodman
Wicker Baby Carriage	Atwood McAndrew
Check Writer and 1941 Calculator	Betty & Jim Campbell
1870's Coverlet	Joan Dawson (Richard Warner Family)
Bible	Donor unknown
Prayer Books and unusual Book Mark	Anne C. Grose
Mitre Saw	Donor unknown



LIFE SURVIVAL KIT

DON'T FRET WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE, JUST REACH FOR THIS PERSONAL SURVIVAL KIT!

THEN USE:

THE TOOTHPICK,

- so you won't be too picky

THE LOLLIPOP,

- to help you lick your problems

THE RUBBER BAND,

- to keep you flexible

THE PAPER CUP,

- so you can hold things together

THE STICK OF GUM,

- to provide Stick-to-itiveness

THE PIECE OF STRING,

- so you can tie up those loose ends

THE PIN,

- to help you pin point your problems

THE PENNY,

- so you'll have enough cents to realize how much you are loved by your family and friends.

ART SHOW

Ypsilanti Historical Museum
220 N. Huron Street
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

ART by Local Artists

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

March 25, 26, 27, 28*

April 1, 2, 3, 4; 8, 9, 10, 11; 15, 16, 17, 18

1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

***OPEN HOUSE**

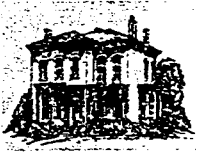
March 28, Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m.

Meet the artists!

No admission charge.

If you would like to help it would be appreciated.

Sponsored by: Ypsilanti Historical Museum Administration Board



Deferred Pledge Agreement

Ypsilanti Historical Society

The Internal Revenue Service has designated the Ypsilanti Historical Society an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

AMOUNT OF PLEDGE: On this _____ day of _____, 20____, I agree to contribute and hereby pledge to the Ypsilanti Historical Society the sum of \$_____.

FUND OPTIONS: (please check fund for which pledge is being made):

- _____ **A. Endowment Fund:** Contributions to the Endowment Fund are placed in long term investments and the interest income from the fund is used to provide a secure and permanent income stream to support the operation of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum and Archives.
 - _____ **B. Capital Development Fund:** Contributions to the Capital Development Fund are used for major physical improvements to the Ypsilanti Historical Museum and Archives such as providing handicapped access to the Museum basement.
 - _____ **C. Unrestricted Fund:** Contributions to the Unrestricted Fund may be used in support of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum and Archives as determined by the Board of Directors.
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (please initial):

- _____ **A.** An immediate payment of \$_____ with annual payments of \$_____ in each succeeding year for a period of _____ years.
 - _____ **B.** An immediate payment of \$_____ with the balance of \$_____ payable through my estate upon my death. I have consulted a lawyer and I understand the balance is an irrevocable pledge that my estate will be obligated to pay to the Ypsilanti Historical Society. This Deferred Pledge Agreement may also be satisfied in part or in full by payments made by me at my discretion during my lifetime.
 - _____ **C.** I pledge that the total amount of my contribution to the Ypsilanti Historical Society will be payable through my estate upon my death. I have consulted a lawyer and I understand this is an irrevocable pledge that my estate will be obligated to pay to the Ypsilanti Historical Society. This Deferred Pledge Agreement may also be satisfied in part or in full by payments made by me at my discretion during my lifetime.
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EXECUTION: Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Donor: _____ Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Signature: _____

ACCEPTANCE: The undersigned, being a duly authorized officer of the Ypsilanti Historical Society, does hereby accept the within pledge.

Ypsilanti Historical Society Officer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

INTERPRETATION: This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Michigan.

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.

VISITING THE MUSEUM

**220 North Huron Street
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197
(734) 482-4990**

LOCATION

The Museum is in the historic part of the city just north of down town, Ypsilanti. There are two other Museums within walking distance of the YHM, the new Fire House Museum and the Automotive Museum in Depot Town.

The Yankee Air Force Museum is just a short drive away.

HOURS

**The Museum is open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Docents are available to guide visitors through the
Museum**

GIFT SHOP

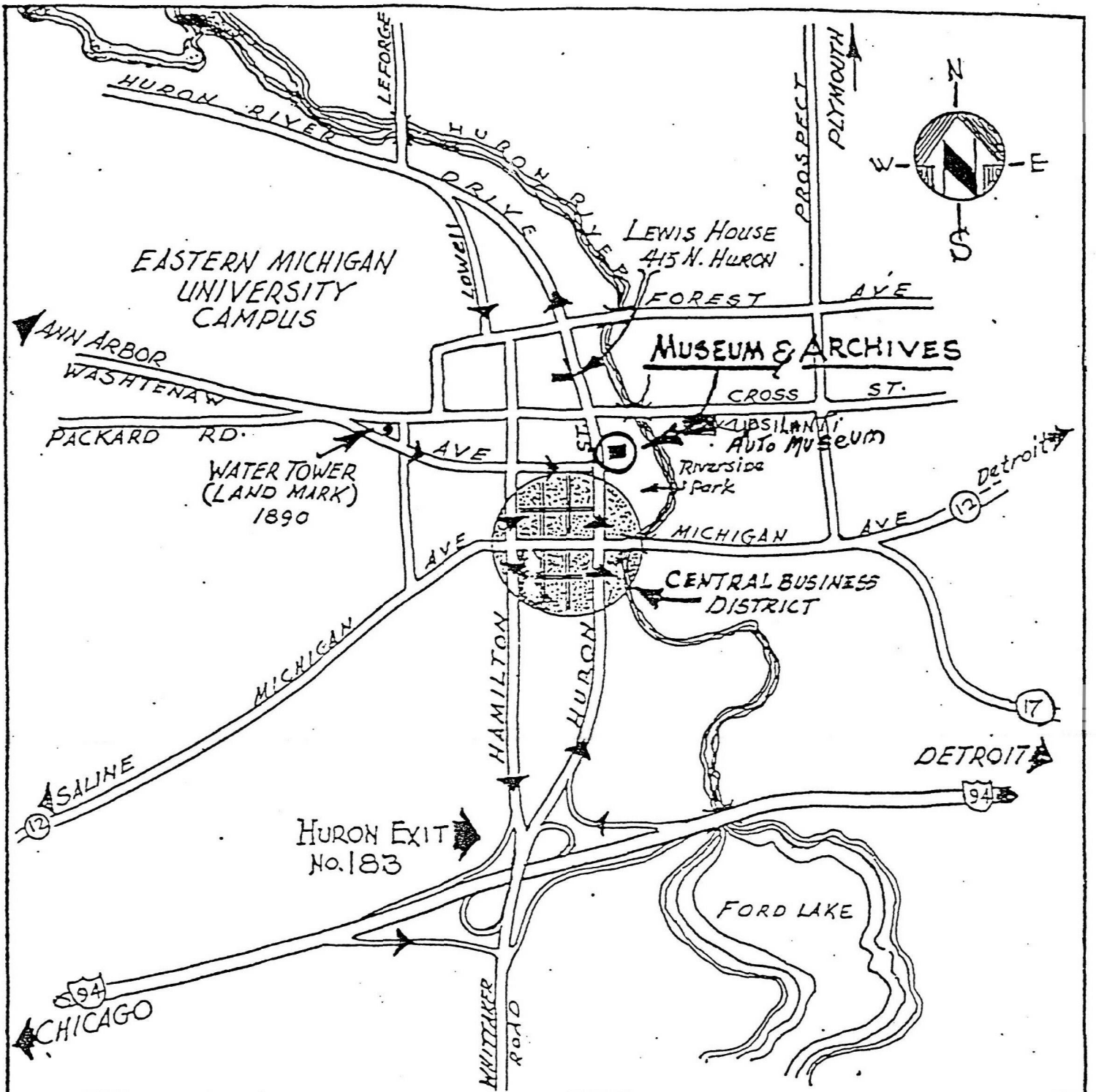
The Gift Shop (located in the rear of the building) is open during regular Museum hours and during special events.

TOURS

**Group tours are arranged by calling at least a week in advance. (734) 971-0536 or (734) 482-4990
Schools, clubs and organizations are welcome.
There is no entrance fee. Donations are appreciated.**

SPECIAL EVENTS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

June	Trash and Treasure Sale
August	Heritage Festival
December	Christmas Open House
	New Year's Jubilee



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