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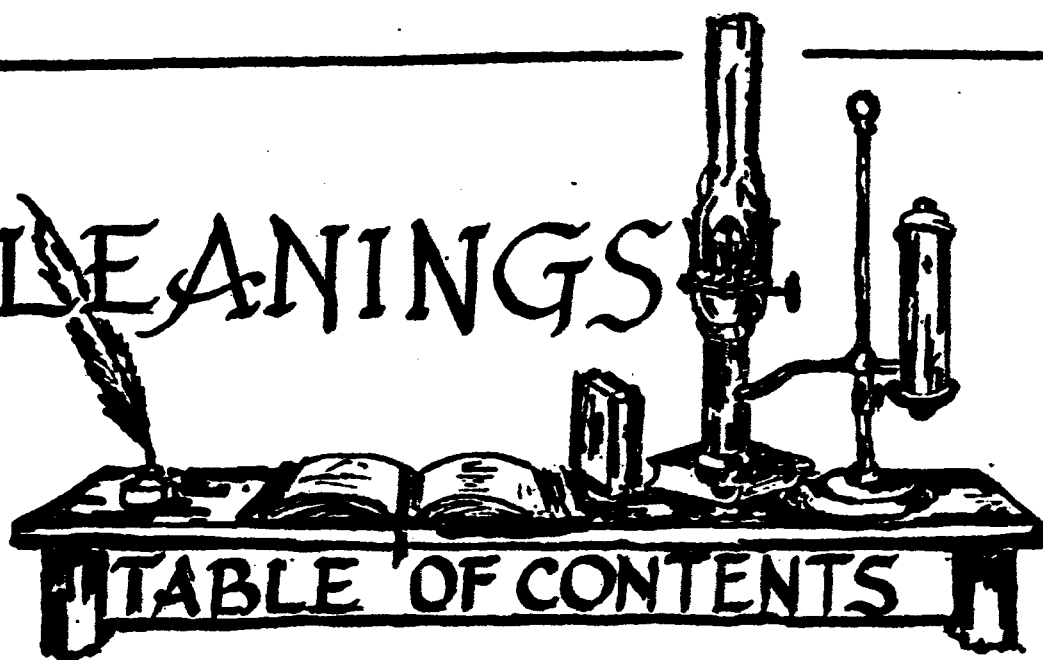
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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER

WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 1988 at the YPSILANTI MASONIC TEMPLE located at 5752 WHITTAKER ROAD in YPSILANTI. Tickets are \$7.00

M E N U

SWISS STEAK
MASHED POTATDES
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE
TOSSED SALAD
COFFEE, TEA, MILK
UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

The Temple has handicap access and this is our first dinner at the new location. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., with a Guest Speaker to follow. Dr. Andrew Nazzaro, Professor at Eastern Michigan University will speak on "Welch Hall-Eastern Michigan University's Ypsilanti Heritage".

Tickets are available through all members of the Board of Directors and members of the Administration Committee. You may also stop by the Archives Office from 9:00 A.M., until 12 o'clock Noon Monday through Friday. Tickets are also available at Miller's Ice Cream Parlor in Depot Town and at the Museum Sales Case.

All Reservations/Tickets Sales must be in the office no later than November 6, 1988, so please plan now to attend and place your ticket order promptly.

Again, tickets are available from any Board Member(See list at back of "Gleanings"),members of the Administration Committee or call the office at 482-4990 and someone will contact you promptly and get your tickets to you.

PLAN NOW TO ENJOY AN EVENING OF GOOD FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT!!!



*Ypsilanti Historical
Society Annual Dinner*

No 000

NOVEMBER 13, 1988

5:00 p.m.

YPSILANTI MASONIC TEMPLE \$7.00

5752 Whittaker Rd.

Ypsilanti, MI

Handicap Access

Courtesy of Miller's Ice Cream

OUR THANKS TO REX AND SALLY RICHIE FOR PROVIDING OUR TICKETS.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

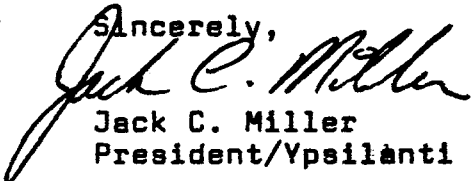
I am very happy to be your new President, while at the same time I have to feel a certain sadness at the recent loss of LaVerne Howard and David Gauntlett both of whom were Presidents of this fine group and both of whom devoted countless hours in the improvement of our Museum and the promotion of history in Ypsilanti.

My Goals for this year and next year(1988-1989) are:

1. Resumption of our Annual Dinner which has already been scheduled for November 13th, 1988 at 5 p.m., at the new Masonic Temple on Whittaker Road. You will receive information on the dinner.
2. Consumate the sale of the Lewis House as was approved by the membership at our Annual Meeting on September 18th, 1988. The burden of maintaining the property has greatly increased as time went on.
3. Construct the outside entrance and exit to the Museum basement(Lower level) so that this large area can be used for exhibit and meeting space. The plans were approved by the Board of Directors and we do have outside volunteer help in doing the construction.
4. I would like to start a program called "Be a Member, Get a Member" in which each present member would recruit a new member for our fine group. Information on this will be presented at our Annual Dinner.

I would like to welcome the new Board Members, Marge Gauntlett, Rex Richie , Mary Miller and the re-election to the Board of Carroll Osborn who is presently serving on the Board.

Sincerely,



Jack C. Miller
President/Ypsilanti Historical Society

DAVID R. GAUNTLETT

August 5, 1917 - August 9, 1988

Since our last General Meeting our immediate Past President David R. Gauntlett passed away. I think many of you are aware that he was battling cancer over the past year; what you may not have been aware of however was how much of the little time he had left between operations, radiation treatment, and the rest of his difficulties, that he devoted to our Society and to the Museum.

His enthusiasm, his energy, his "Let's do it" attitude will be sorely missed. He had a continuing concern that the Society and Museum be kept in good financial condition, the projects for Museum development that he shepherded before, during and after his Presidency are a lasting memorial; and a tribute to his efforts, particularly the major cleanup of the basement toward useful space as well as the Museum painting inside and out. That took hours of patience, cajolery of the City, it's employees and the contractors.

But what he will be most remembered for was his endless enthusiasm, good humor and his companionship.

I am sure that he took the same attitudes and talents into all the other avenues of his life; we of the Museum and the Society were especially fortunate to have shared and benefited for so much of his time.

I would ask a few moments of silence in consideration of his service to the Society.

William P. Edmunds, M.D.

LaVerne G. Howard

1914 -----1988

LaVerne G. Howard passed away on the last day of his Presidency of our Historical Society; not feeling well the day before he asked someone else to run the Annual Meeting. This concern for the Society and Museum and his care about others typified LaVerne-the large and gentle man we all knew. His years of policework neither hardened nor soured him on his fellow man, he remained, always, himself- the antitheses of the T-V-Cop image of today.

While his service to the Society and Museum will mostly be recorded as having been President he will be remembered by us for his tireless helping hands and feet. From "Stomping down" the walls of the apartment that became the Archives room(saving the cost of demolition in the remodeling) to papering the kitchen, putting up and taking down the Christmas decorations each year, or digging and cementing in the Lamp Post and wires his work and interest spanned the creation and operation of our Museum. His knowledge and abiding interest in the preservation and maintenance of the Museum Building will be sorely missed. His leadership brought about the restoration of the back stairs and the planning and near implementation of the basement meeting room and display area which will expand the scope of activity of the Museum and carry on into the future.

Dedicated as we are to the preservation of the past and recording history we mark and mourn the passing of a friend and leader.

William P. Edmunds, M.D.

President's Report 1988

Changes are being made at the Museum. In the past two years one of the major changes in the building was the replacement of the back stairs to the upstairs and basement.

The painting of the Ypsilanti room, stairways, achives and office.

This past summer, the outside wood trim was painted and some repairs were made. This past summer the upper hallway, stairway, front hall, white room, the south side center room are all redecorated.

Three antique gas lighting fixtures have been given as memorials for front hall, white room and dining room in the past two years. Front hall fixture was moved into the parlor.

New carpeting put down in front hall was with matching carpet runners.

Sales cases moved to the ceater room. Room still contains some display cases. Large cases moved to Ypsilanti Room, with the doll house going upstairs in back hall.

The white room has been converted into a sitting room. Many furnishing were brought from the Lewis House to furnish the room. This room has been roped off and is for show only.

Many small jobs have been done that are too numerous to mention.

I want to thank all the people that have made things happen at the Mussum. I want to thank those people that worked in the flowers. Many weren't even members.

Thank you

LaVerne G. Howard

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Ypsilanti Historical Society
July 7, 1988

The meeting of the Ypsilanti Historical Society was called to order at 7:30 P.M., July 7, 1988 by the President LaVerne Howard.

Members present: Earnest Griffin, LaVerne Howard, Mike Miller, Doris Milliman, Ann McCarthy, Ron Miller, Don Disbrow, Carroll Osborn, Sharon Patterson, Jack Miller, Don Disbrow and Billie Zolkosky.

Art Howard and Bill Edmunds were excused.

Minutes of June meeting were read and accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer, Bill Ealy and placed on file.

LaVerne reported painting was about to begin. It will be cut off at the ceiling section over the doorway. Woodwork is to be white. Middle room will be pearl grey and front room a rosey color. Ron Miller made a motion to purchase 3 medallions for the ceilings in the hallway, dining room and the middle room, at \$109.00 each. Discussion followed. Motion was amended to read purchase 1 medallion to see how it looks. Seconded by Jack Miller with note keep in original design. Motion carried.

LaVerne stated Pony Pull was not recommended for Festival.

Discussion was held on carriage for parade. There is a man that has a surrey, and two horses that we could use for the parade. \$175.00, we would need a volunteer to drive it. Earnest made a motion to get the surry, Mike seconded, Motion carried.

Ron made a motion to move the chandler from the front hall to the Parlor and the parlor one into the hall until one could be purchased for the hall. Bill Zolkoaky is to be asked to move them. A second was made and Motion carried.

Front Hall needs carpet. LaVerne stated. Ron made a motion to get carpet for front hall and runners straight to the Archives office. Doris seconded, Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Billie Zolkosky
Secretary

Board of Director's Meeting
Ypsilanti Historical Society
August 4, 1988

The meeting of the Ypsilanti Historical Society Board of Director's was called to order at 7:35 p.m., August 4, 1988 by the President LaVerne Howard.

8 members were present

Minutes were read and correction was inserted to read There was to be no charge for carriage to be brought over for the parade.

Treasurer's report was read by Bill Ealy and placed on file.

LaVerne appointed the Election Committee: Jack Miller, Chairman, Earnest Griffin and Ann McCarthy. 3 Vacancies to be filled.

LaVerne reported painting is finished, Man has been hired to clean floors, Wax and Buff at cost of \$106.32.

Bill Edmunds made a motion to do so, Doris Seconded, Motion carried.

Discussion on roping off rooms, Bill Edmunds brought up the fact that you can not see in the room with the ropes. A suggestion was made to make stanchion and have them set inside the room so that people could get in a little ways and see them better. Bill Edmunds will donate Black Walnut to make some.

LaVerne reported man is holding bid open for six months to finish the painting and repair work upstairs. LaVerne thinks we can get money from our budget. LaVerne is happy with the paint job(TAKE NOTE).

Carroll is going to put vinyl inside front doorway. Carpet has been picked and it will be different than what we have-the cost of what had been purchased in the parlor has doubled in price. So we will need to go to a different color.

Doris reported the Yard Sale has been tabled and has been returned to the Board of Directors.

Craft Show will be October 15th at 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Suggestion was made to include Minutes of Meetings in the Gleaning. Will do so.

Have Marge make a listing of things to sell in the Sales Case.

Lewis House: LaVerne reported it is in deplorable condition-Ceiling is about to come down. The cost would be \$6,000.00 to paint the house Ron Miller made a bid- Sharon read the proposal. Purchase price of \$68,000.00. Gave a check for \$1,000.00. Bill Edmunds has reservations about sale. We would be remiss if it were sold without restrictions about sale. Ron could not bid on House as he was a Board Member. LaVerne had his resignation. LaVerne is to go and discuss it with John Barr, Attorney.

Continuation of Board Minutes August 4, 1988

Sharon Patterson reported on Endowment Fund. Committee recommends 3 Trustees, Ben Koerber, Peter Fletcher and John Kirkendall. She made a motion for Preliminary approval of establishment of the Ypsilanti Historical Society Endowment Fund \$100.00 seed money to establish. Approach Ben, Peter and John to serve. Document will be made available to all Board Members prior to the September meeting to constitute final reading if no objections at that meeting it shall be approved. A second was made by Carroll and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Billie Zolkosky
Secretary

YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Director's Meeting
September 1, 1988

The meeting of the Board of Director's of Ypsilanti Historical Society was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by the President, LaVerne Howard.

10 Board Members and 1 Historical Society member were present.

Minutes of August meeting were read and accepted with the correction of 4 members to be voted for and not the President.

Bill Ealy, Treasurer read his report and it was accepted and placed on file.

Bill Ealy made a motion to dispense with the raffles at this time. Ann Seconded, Motion carried.

Ron Miller reported he wishes to apply for grant money to do basement ramp. Will put in the application. Jack Miller made a motion to allow him to do so. Mike seconded, motion carried.

LaVerne reported on Lewis House-A plumber will repair leak in the house Ceiling is to be repaired. He has discussed with John Barr the selling of the house and John Barr said he will donate his time to take care of all the legal details.

Motion was made by Bill Edmunds to bring up sale of House to General Meeting September 18th. Jack Miller seconded it, Motion carried. LaVerne stated a special mailing with Agenda is to be sent out. Will do so.

Ann reported 545 Visitors went through the Museum during the Heritage Festival.

Sharon Patterson stated letters have been sent to Board Members and Endowment will be voted on at the General Meeting.

LaVerne reported Insurance of \$1,235.00 is to be paid for the Policy carried on Lewis House of \$521.00 and \$721.00 for the Museum. Doris made a motion to pay, Mike seconded, Motion carried.

LaVerne also stated that there were two rugs at Lewis House that belonged to Patsy Chandler. Patsy would like to give them to the Museum. Most of the furniture has been brought down from Lewis House.

Doris reported Art Howard is resigning from the Board, she moved a letter be sent to ART from the Board. Mike seconded, Motion carried. Sharon would like to acknowledge him publicly at Annual Meeting.

Bill Edmunds spoke of a gift of a Buggy Jack that he has put upstairs.

Continuation of September 1, 1988 Minutes.

Discussion continued on the Basement and basement ramp. There is a lot of rearranging to be done.

A motion was made by Jack to have the box replaced at the front and Bill Ealy come down every couple of weeks and empty it. No action- did anyone hear it?

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Billie Zolkosky
Secretary

CRAFT SHOW

Many interested People attended the Craft Demonstrations at the Museum, October 15th. It was sponsored by the Administration Committee and included twelve demonstrators. These included Rope Making on our Rope Making Machine, Corn Husk Doll Making, Clothes Pin Dolls, Quilting, Rug Making, Basketry, Spinning, Woodworking, Rug Weaving, Lace Making, Tatting and Chair Caning.

These demonstrations have become an Annual Event which we hope will continue.



It is hoped that you have noticed the two Urns filled with colorful plants the past summer. Dr. William Edmunds donated the Urns. The likes of which were often seen in the yards of Victorian Homes. The Urns were installed by Dr. Edmunds and LaVerne Howard on one of the hottest days of summer. Kathryn and LaVerne Howard obtained the plants and arranged them in the urns where they added to the Beauty of the yard.

Of note also, were the plants in front of the house which were set out and cared for by Mrs. Paul Woodside.

At the side of the Museum, Mrs. Arthur Howard arranged and tended a Herb Garden which could be noticed as one entered the door to the Archives.

Doris Milliman

NEWS FROM THE SALES CASE

Many unusual items can be found in our gift shop now. More will be arriving this month for early Christmas Shopping.....Don't forget we also carry a nice selection of Ypsilanti Souvenirs, some of stoneware and china.

Sooooooooo-Support your City Museum and Historical Society by shopping at the Museum. We are open for your convenience every weekend except holidays from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

**WATCH FOR A NOTICE OF OUR SPECIAL
PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE TO BE HELD IN**

NOVEMBER

Christmas is only 8 weeks away.

Marge Gauntlett



THE YPSILANTI NOMADS 1955-1965

Dedicated to safe driving and to courtesy on the Road, The Ypsilanti Nomads were organized by Mr. Harold C. Foster, a member of the Ypsilanti Police Force, and Mr. Emil Susterka, Chief of Police in 1955. It was Ypsilanti's First "Hot Rod" Club and held it's meetings at the Police Station, corner of South Washington and Ferris Street.

The ten members pledged themselves to Quote:

"I will conduct myself in all Automotive Activities, Club Sponsored or Not, in a Safe and Sportsmanlike Manner, Acknowledging the Aims and Purposes upon which the Club is founded. I further agree to bring credit to myself and my Club, be careful and considerate driving on Public Highways, and by strict observance of the Motor Vehicle codes of my Community and State".

Members of the Ypsilanti Nomads were-

Jake Lambert. Clyde Hoover, Egbert House, Jack Miller, Melvin Foster, Joel Holding, Bob Holding, William Kessick, Jack Washburn and James Gimson.

As a member of the Michigan Hot Rod Association, the Ypsilanti Nomads worked on a drag strip which was built in 1956 at 26 mile road about 5 miles west of Marine City, Michigan. This was the first actual drag strip in the State of Michigan and was operated for many years by the Michigan Hot Road Association.

(We are grateful to Mr. Jack Miller for this Historical Information).

-JACKS-

If you have never seen a Buggy Jack, come to the Museum and see the one we have in the Tool Room. It is a new acquisition and has an interesting history.

Eric Sloan, in his book A Museum of Early American Tools, illustrates various types of antique jacks and writes about them thus:

The early American was an artist at lifting and moving heavy objects. Foundations and Stone Fences were built with the lever principle and a few gadgets as well as with the help of Oxen. The "Wagon Jacks" you find in antique shops were used for many purposes. Carpenters, Framers, Blacksmiths, and Wheel Wrights included these jacks in their list of shop Tools. Some of them were made entirely of Wood(This Buggy Jack is) and they have outlasted many Automobile Jacks that have rusted away and ended in the junk pile while wooden jacks are as good as they were a century ago.

Doris Milliman

WILLIAM LAMBIE DIARY - 1890

January

1. Frank and I drove to the Depot with Anna in a pouring rain to take the Huckleberry train for Elkhart. Mrs. L, Mary and I called on Mrs. Morey and family and enjoyed our visit.
2. Robert and Leah sick with the prevalent influenza, has to keep a colored boy to help him.
3. Sent a dollar for the Michigan Farmer-mild and muddy. A hungry man helped to saw wood. Mr. Neismith sent a callender from Scotland.
4. Wrote regarding Christmas and Santa Claus in the Banner.
5. Went to Church, rain and mud. Sermon on revivals.
6. Frank and Mary went through the mud to Azro-Robert and his helper able to set by the stove-Went to see them.
7. Blinks of sunshine, Wentdown to Roberts three times.
8. Frank went to the Insurance Meeting-Robert came for a load of stalks dreary blasts.
9. Belle called to see us-Mrs. L walked to Roberts-Azro went with Mrs. L, Mary and Willie to G. Stephensons.
10. Called on Mrs. Taylor-Robert buying Turkeys.
11. Drove up wood from Robert's Lane-Got papers from Robert and Frank.
12. Went to Church in the rain-Sermon on prayer and prayer meetings.
13. Rain in the night-Snow showers and dreary blasts. Azro came for Mary to help Mrs. F.
14. Went to Town and Robert sawed some wood.
15. Azro, Mrs. L and Willie came back with Mary. Saw a fire up the river at bedtime. Governor Luce addressed the Grange here.
16. Robert had Harvey James, his engine and men sawing wood. Walked down to the old home to see them. Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher, Willie, Leah and Minnie were here too.
18. Mild and hazy. Mary and I went to Town. Mrs. L had a headache.
19. Mrs. L and I went to Church alone, first ice on the river.
20. Heavy rain in the night, wind storm in the morning.

Lambie Diary - 1890

January

21. Dull Sky and bitter blasts. Mrs. L has Influenza.
22. Walked to the old home-Robert brought two loads of wood and got a load of stalks and James Wallace called yesterday-coldest day this winter so far- 4 above zero.
23. Heard of Mrs. Rambo's death. Snow showers-ground white. Robert went for medicine for his Mother and him. Hattie and children stayed for dinner.
24. Mrs. L unwell. Mr. LaFurge brought a load of wood. Clear sunshine an pure snow. Brother Robert brought me some papers.
25. Burn's Anniversary. Robert and his man sawed and split LaFurge's wood and I helped.
26. Showery-Mrs. L was sick. Mary and I went to Church. Robert and Azro's family came to dinner. Dark and damp.
27. Mild and sunshine, like spring-Mary and I went to Town and got Dr. Kinnie to come and see Mrs. L.
28. Uncle Andrew and his son Dan gave us a friendly call.
29. Robert sold the brown cow we bought of B. Roberts years ago for \$15 and paid me most of it. Walked through the mud to Roberts. Robert got more medicine for his Mother.
30. Like Spring-Robert brought a load of wood and an old sheep. Received a letter from Robert Pate at Browncastle.
31. Mrs. L, Mary and I had a pleasant ride in the balmy air for health and pleasure. Some more Grosbeek birds in the dairy yard.

February

1. We can hardly think of the winters past and the next month will be Spring. Called on Robert and got papers from him.
2. Dark morning- 3 able to go to Church-Sermon on the widows-few old men out.
3. Robert got a load of stalks. Mrs L and I drove to the old home-rain at night.
4. Misty morning-Robert was sick and went to see the Doctor.
5. High winds in the night-LaFurge came to sell trees. Mary and Miss Draper went to Roberts-Azro and Liz and Willie went to hear Mr. Lowell at night.
6. Wife and I went to Town-took apples to Dr. Kinney.

Lambie Diary - 1890

February

7. Looked over old letters-Frank got Eagle shod. A new snow storm all afternoon about the first of importance.
8. Shoveled snow to get to the Barn. Mary came back-Stormy. Mr. Fletcher brought the papers from Brother Robert.
9. The two Marys and I went to Church-Sermon on Jericho. Some were out with the Cutters and bells.
10. Robert sick-Had to get Dr. Owen. Mary went to help Hattie-BRight sunshine-snow melting.
11. Robert better-We went to see him. Went to Town in afternoon-Like Spring.
12. Robert was able to come and see us-Dan called on him.
13. Mr. L drove Mary to Harries-Mary went to Church at night with Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher-Balmy day.
14. A wet morning-A letter from J. Camman-Mary walked to Roberts in the rain.
15. Two years to the day since Grandfather died-clear sunshine and frost after the rain. P. VanAten came to trim the Orchard. P. Stephens and Mr. Wilcox died this week. Robert's man filing saws and sawing wood.
16. went to Stephens burial. Sermon on the conversion of Paul.
17. Mrs. L and I went to Azro's for dinner. Called on Mr. & Mrs. Webber. Drove to John McDougals to tell them of the death of old Mrs. Gardener.
18. Misty and damp-Mrs. L not well enough to go the Mrs. Gardner's funeral. Robert came up sick-Mother went and stayed with him. Mar and I went to Town. Azro, Elizabeth and Willie came for Mary to go to Theodores late. More rain in the night. A robins singing feebly in the dreary and trees. Robert and family made us a pleasant visit.
19. Bleak blasts, dull skies and Mary and I saw the old Camp House blazing and burning in the dreary blasts. Split wood.
20. Mother's 93rd birthday-the side walks were a sheet of ice-went to Detroit-CALLED on James-Mother as well as could be expected at her time of life. Shw was able to sit up about an hour-talked of the happy days of Auld Lang Syne. May the frequencies of God's mercies not lessen our gratitude all our meeting and parting make us better. Called on Sister and she accompanied me to the Depot.
21. Walked down to see Robert-Bitter blasts-Bell called after dinner-Mary went to visit Mrs. Everts.

Lambie Diary - 1890

February

22. Washington's Birthday-Mother's Birthday is of greater importance to me. Had a cold stayed at home. Robert called and brought word that Joe Saunders fell down and died in his store.
23. Snow showers-the two Marys drove to Church-I stayed home-Robert and family came to dinner.
24. Mild and misty and damp. Split some stove wood.
25. Rain in the night, cloudy skies and muddy roads. Mrs. Fletcher and Mary went to Roberts and they were sorry he was away spending money his family needed.
26. Mrs. L went to see daughter Belle. Ring trimming and burning brush in the Orchard.
27. Frank went home with Azro to see Willie. Cut off sprouts round the apple trees.
28. More rain-Mrs. J. Campbell came through the mud from Augusta, took down Mrs. Campbell's team at night. Robert got back seemed to be better. Farewell to Winter.

March

1. Welcome another Spring, cold breezes. Robert got a load of stalks. Belle came, called on Brother Robert-he looked sad and weary.
2. The Young Men's Christian Association conducted the Service at Church. The river about froze over the first time this winter or Spring.
3. Rough roads-Frank took both horses to Town, Crows cawing and forming in long rows in the field before the house. Wife and I drove down to Roberts-but all was deserted-snow showers.
4. More snow and then sunshine. Frank has Dick drawing stove wood for his customers. Frank, Robert, Azro and all the third generations came and the youngsters had a gleeful time.
5. 9 above zero-the men who want ice may rejoice. Went to Town called on our old friend John Taylor, found him looking well. A turnout over at Azore-Belle came.
7. Above zero, Uncle William made a short pleasant call.
8. Belle, Leah and I called at Brother Roberts. A great many in Town. Men building an ice house, and filling it.
9. Sunshine-The Church full and Professor helped the Minister.
10. A snow storm in the forenoon. Robert and his man up here cleaning wheat. Robert sold a load of wheat to Mr. Dubal.
11. Robert's Birthday. Deep mud and a long race after a stupid cow. Mary and Belle went to Town.

Lambie Diary - 1890

March

12. More rain in the night. A robin sung seedly in the dreary day. Robert and family made us a pleasant visit.
13. Dug parsnips in the garden. Mr. & Mrs. Taylor walked up. went home with them after supper.
14. Wife and I had a pleasant visit at Mrs. Stephens. Called on Mrs. Thomas Phillips who is very sick.
15. Cold snow showers-Did not go Downtown in the storm. Brother Robert kindly sent papers by Frank.
16. Ice on the water paid in the kitchen. Went to Church in the bleak blasts- came gentle Spring eternal mildness came.
17. A little below freezing and a little snow. Mr. Stanley buried yesterday. St. Patrick's Day.
18. Robert and his boy got the stable manure on the garden. Frank paid me the Greenman not \$22.00. Spread manure in the garden, sowed Lettuce and Raddiah. Tulips and Snow drops peeping up. Raked off the Rhubarb.
19. Ground white with a morning snow shower. Azro making Maple Syrup. Belle came to see us.
20. Went to a prayer meeting in the Baptist Church yesterday.
21. Went through the deep mud to Azros. Willie and I had a grand walk in the pale forest and saw them boiling sap. The two Marys went to a Ladies meeting in the Church.
22. Robert's boy plowed the garden with our help. Got papers from Brother Robert.
23. Mary over at Azros. Mrs L and I went to Church and took old Mrs. Rorisan home; only Frank with us at dinner.
24. Bleak March blasts, laid up rails between the old farm and Wilbers. Mary and Willie walked over and back.
25. The bonnie birds sung in the sunshine at dawn when we left for Uncle Williame where we had a pleasant visit but the wind blew bleak and dreary coming home.
26. Bleak, bitter blasts-Robert and family called on us, next Azro and his folke, glad to get in the house by the stove.
27. Wife and I called on John Mann and Mr. & Mrs. Lay, some of the few friends we found fifty years ago.
28. A great viariety of weather, thunder and lightning in the night, snow, hail and rain in the forenoon. Robert came through the driving snow to see us.

Lambie Diary - 1890

March

29. Sunshine after the snow storm- Did not go Downtown.
30. Sacrament over 20 additions to the Church. Mr. Green about the only one of the Sacrament hosts, the others mostly gone to their homes.

April

1. Paid Mr. C for the Commercial and Mr. Woodry for the Sentinel. Birds singing.
2. Went with Frank over to Mr. Arnold's. Aunt Kate and Jay came-Mrs. L drove them over to Azros. Sowed cabbage, beets, carrots and onions.
3. A morning shower, Snow drops peeping through Rhubarb leaves forming a wet day. Belle and Mary went to Town in the rain.
4. Wet morning, birds singing, gladsome day.
5. Met Belle in Town. The farmers met in the Grange Hall. A great sale of City Lots in Windsor.
6. Easter. The pulpit adorned with flowers-Sermon on Easter. Went to the home of Mrs. and Sarah Rorison. Mrs. L went home with Willie.
7. Town meeting-Robert and family came, grand day-Repaired fence. Reeler got 26 dozen eggs-Loud thunder in the night. Warm sunshine that Robert's children enjoyed.
8. Great thunderstorm in the night-too wet for Frank to work. The Ministers forming-the Presbyterian came.
9. Walked down with Robert to see about fence posts in the woods where I wandered when young. Took down chickens for Ministers. Mrs. L attended a Missionary meeting in the Baptist Church. Cold blustry and dreary after the sunshine and thunder. Robert has 4 lambs.
10. Cold dreary blasts-Willie said he wanted to go home awful bad.
11. Mrs. L and Mary went to Town-Our old friend Mr. Pasone was buried. planted potatoes-birds singing among bursting buds.
12. Mary and I set out 15 Ohio Roses - Thunderstorms last night. Peach trees begining to leak road with blossoms.
13. A full Church-a good Sermon- a beautiful day.
14. Robert and Will begun to plow for Oats south of the house. Repaired fence round the barnyard.
15. Mr. Birthday, having lived 69 years and beginning my seventh year-Mans allotted time upon earth. The joys of young life and mature life are past and solemn thoughts comes over the mind as one thinks of so many old friends gone and that we are now in the front ranks on the march to the unseen world. A beautiful day with a pleasant party to dinner.

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April

16. Wheeled ashes on the garden. Robert and Hattie went to Miss Martin's wedding. Peach trees bursting in the red beautiful bloom. Mrs. L and I went to our old friend E.C. Peck's funeral.
17. CALLED on N. Voorhees and got 3 dozen eggs for sitting. Got strawberries and Cuthbert plants from Mr. Everts. Azro sowed Oats south of the house. Frank let the Miller farm to Harvy James.
18. Uncle William, Azro and Frank drove past Belleville to look at farms he had a claim on. Planted Cuthbert and 100 strawberries. Mary, Mrs. Fletcher, Belle, Willie and Leah gathered wild flowers in our old woods. Robert harrowing Oats.
19. Fine Spring day-Frank getting the Buggys painted.
20. Mr. Morey preached a good Sermon.
21. Robert sowing clover seed-the boy rolling and plowing-bought one bushel timothy seed and $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel clover. Received and planted 7 fine peach trees from the Monroe Nursery.
23. A fine refreshing shower. Mary, Mrs. F and Willie went to Uncle Andrews-planted potatoes, sowed parsnips. Robert has 20 lambs.
24. Dug ~~sassafras~~ bushes on the old farm and grapes and planted them up here-Wild flowers in the woods.
25. Planted and trimmed trees that I dug up-Robert sold potatoes.
26. Walked to Roberts. Came back in the rain. Robert sold his team to Theodore. Fussing with sitting hens.
27. Mr. Marsh preached a tiresome Sermon on Alma College.
28. Mrs. L and I called on Mrs. Renton and Nehall and on J. Mann. When we came to our good old friend Dr. Patterson he told us he? far gone to see us passing away to a glorious immortality. Planted two Peach and a Quince tree, Mrs. L had bought of Mr. LaFurge. Dandelions in bloom. Robert's boy plowing.
29. Showers in the night-sunshine in the day time.
30. Went to Mr. Lay's funeral - One of the best on earth. Willie's Birthday. Mrs. Fletcher, Hattie, Mary and Belle held a picnic in Norton's woods among the wild flowers.

May

1. Robert and I set Evergreen trees north of the house. Brother Robert called on us and told us Mother's welfare.
2. Robert and I finished setting two rows of green trees. John Taylor came-Went to Town with him. Old Mrs. Scotney came and told her tale of woe and abuse. Robert cultivated potatoes. The buggys both painted and dry.

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May

3. Planted corn in the garden. Peaches in beautiful bloom. Wrote verses regarding our old friend Mr. Lay.
4. A Sermon on Sabbath Schools.
5. Wet forenoon-Mr. Morgan came to show us his portrait of Carthle.
6. Went to Mr. Howlets with Frank. Cold rain and some hail. Robert, Leah and I walked by the brook where will was plowing for Corn. Fox trimming apple trees.
7. Planted potaotes, a little frost at sunrise-not well.
8. Turned the sprouting potatoes-Robert and his Mother went to the old farm- 7 chickens- a little frost again.
9. Wet and stormy- the rats killing the wee chicks.
10. So wet we did not go to the Town. Robert and Will helped Marz to clean the house. Ben Smerick, Mr. Beuland and Bice died this week.
11. Clear and cold after the heavy rain, ice on the pail as thick as a half dollar. A Sermon on Calvin.
18. A Sermon on Presbyterianism and the Declaration of Independence
Went to Chruch in the Rain.
19. Cloudy & Showers. Hoed in the garden-Have pie plant, asparagras and radishes.
20. Received 4 Roses from the Dingle Rose Company in Philadelphia.
21. Wife and I called on Mr. & Mrs. Albian and got seed from them. Made a pleasant call on the Miss Lumas we have known.
22. Mary's Birthday-She went to Ezras- Belle made her a new dress. Robert and family went to Azros for seed corn.
23. Robert had two teams harrowing and one rolling-I cleaned out the drift wood at Harries fence. Mrs. Lauvedge brought Mary home and took our mail to Town. A grand day.
24. Queen's Birthday- A morning shower-a tremendous shower at G. Allians on both us and Azro's family.
25. Sermon on Joshua . More showers.

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May

26. The rain made the Roberts land to wet for planting corn but the stream in fine order for washing sheep, his man and Ernie Ring made light work of it-Received 1 ounce of silk worm eggs from Washington and don't know what to do with them. Robert and his man marked and planted corn north of us.
27. Beauty of a morning, like long ago. Robert had Ring, Ross and Fox planting corn.
29. Mrs. L and I called on Mr. & Mrs. Finley and Son, John, Mr & Mrs A Campbell, Mrs. Elsworth and Mrs. Parsons. Robert went with Mr. Knapp.
30. Decoration Day. The two Marys and I went to Church. Met the Parade of Veterans and the band with marshall music both going and return. Warm 82 degrees at supper time. Robert's man plowing for beans.
31. Let out about 50 chickens we kept in the barn. Robert brought home the Calf Bessie he bought from A. Knapp. A friend from near Wayne called on brother Robert.

June

1. Sacrament-the Church full, some additions but John Geddis and Mr. Lay comes nevermore.
2. Splendid summer morning-Helped Robert to load manure-Ernie Ring helped Mary to clean the house.
3. Howed potatoes till it came a thuderstorm-paid Robert \$5 to help pay for the shearing of the sheep. MR. & Mrs. Fletcher, Willie and Mary went to Uncle Williams to help spray the trees. Fox and his partner shored Robert's 48 sheep.
5. Put paris geen on the potatoes-Robert replanting corn-his man plowing for beans.
7. Went with the Presbyterian Excursion and found brother Frank in James store looking poorly. Was glad to see Mother's white Mutch at the window, being able to sit up and talk of days of long ago-Called on Sister Agnes as she returned from Lapeer and intends to live in the country at Clark Villa this summer.
8. A bonnie summer day. Mr. Faifield preached among the flowers it being Children's Day. Robert finished planting beans and brought up the wool-sowed grass seed and planted corn on the burnt marsh.
10. Fifty-one years today since we came from native Scotland to the Moon farm in Michigan. Mother still living and in her right mind. Father the only one to leave us in our long exile. A wet day.
12. Ernie Ring helped to carry the potatoes to the barn and I mowed the four yeard and a few strawberries. Belle came.

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June

13. Wife and I went to Ann Arbor and enjoyed a pleasant visit with Mr. & Mrs. R. Campbell-called on Lasher Kimme and Mrs. Strang and took dinner with Azro and family.
15. Mr. Morey preached about giving. A grand summer day. Three generations to dinner.
16. The Robins sung o'er my cottage door to see the rising sun at four-as glad as the days of yore.
17. Cultivated potatoes, cleaned out the brook-Belle came.
18. Mr. Whittelsay looked over the Wool and offered 26 cents.
19. Looked over the old orchard and the crop of apples seems to be a failure.
20. Wrote regarding Mr. Allison's great flock of sheep in Australia. Refreshing rain in the night.
21. Old Dirk had to get a rest after Robert's cow hurt him and we lent him Eagle and I think of the time I said "My kingdom for a Horse". Belle came for the Augusta Organ to celebrate her Birthday after the surprise party at her home.
22. The longest day- A good sermon on the Lord's Prayer. Very warm was glad to get out of Church.
23. Went with Frank over to Boatwrights-met with Mr. Sabers. Called on Elizabeth-Robert's man put Green on his potatoes. Went to see him cultivating his big field of corn by the orchard brook.
24. Glad beautiful morning-very warm about 90 in the shade. Belle came and her and Mary drove over to Roberts.
25. Robert working on the roads. Tolbert cultivated potatoes about 90 in the shade. Howed potatoes, green peas for dinner. Mrs. F brought Mary back and took away Mrs. L.
27. He causes morning and evenings to rejoice.
30. Mrs. L Birthday-Went with Frank to Boatwrights-Another thunder storm.

July

1. Damp misty morning-Robert has 2 men hoeing potatoes. Mrs. R and Unie Lambie went to visit friends at Vassers.
3. Robert and I took a walk to Ainsworth, a falling market. WE got 26 cents for all but 3 fleeces, 18 for them. Small returns for feeding sheep all winter-about \$59 to divide between Robert and I-48 fleeces.

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July

4. Fine cool breezes and great guns booming in the morning. Robert mowed the clover field.
5. Helped to cack up the hay as of old, liked the work-very weary the spirit willing but the flesh weak.
6. Brother Robert called and we rode out to see the wheat waving before the harvest.
7. Drove with Frank to Boatwrights barn, Theodore started to mow the field by G. Allens and broke the saled tongue of the mower the first time round.
8. Robert's man went to Canada-A new man mowed by G. Allens and did not break anything among the stumps. Robert reaped for Theodore and his reaper did not run well. I brushed bugs off Robert's potato field with the broom-electric light at night. Anna walked to Belles.
10. Fine cool morning, green peas drying up-Robert's man came back from Canada-him and W. Cary got in all the hay by G. allens in nice order. Robert reaped for Wanger-Frank returned from Boatwrights-fine breezes-Anna and Mary walked to Azros.
11. Fine harvest morning-Robert reaped Harries wheat-Mrs. L brought Anna and Mary home. Azro and Willie came for Frank and Eagle to help them.
12. Currents and berries ripe-peas dried up-potatoes very small. Robert's reaper bothered him and broke down again. Bound a few sheaves on the harvest field. Brother Robert's wife and daughter returned from Caro.
15. Robert reaped all his wheat and went to reap for Bennet. Mr. Fletcher, Elizabeth adn Willie came with berries.
22. Howed in Robert's corn-his men got in the Orchard hay while he is with the thrashers.
23. Received the Agriculture report from Rusk at Washington. Cut weeds in Robert's corn-gathered gooseberries. Robert's men got in the wheat rakings.
24. A welcome refreshing shower in teh night-Rain and fruitful seasons to fill our hearts with joy and gladness.
26. Caught and tared a rat-cut weeds in the corn till I was weary. Brother Robert and family made us a pleasant call. Frank repaired Harvie's thrashing machine.
29. Mrs. L, Anna and Mary went to Uncle Williams-90 in the shade.

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July

30. Went with the Sabbath School Excursion to Detroit and spent the day with my good old Mother and Sisters in Windsor. A soul refreshing visit-very warm.
31. Wrote a letter Cousins in Glasgow-92 in the shade. Robert reaped the Oats.

August

1. Went to see John Mann yesterday and may never see him again. The colored mens day. Received a letter from the Editor or the Evangelist.
2. Warm, sultry and oppressive today-94 in the shade-Helped Robert to mow away two loads of Oats-A thunderstorm in the north.
3. A good sermon on "Who is my neighbor". 94 again-hot.
4. A welcome rain and thunder in the night to refresh the dry ground. went to F. Smiths with Frank-gathered apples on the old farm.
6. Robert brought back his reaper. Eagle bit the nail off wee Minnie's thumb, it's getting better now.
7. Glorious morning-Bought a gallon of Owens mineral water and he showed me his horses, cattle, hogs, dogs and buildings.
8. Got a card about Anne Campbell's wedding. Moved weeds and nettles from the old farm. Robert and his men got in the Oats by the stream.
9. A fine breezy morning. A morning drive with Frank. apples ripe but apples and peaches a failure this year.
10. Cool like autumn-Mr. sell preached-Mrs. L, Anna, Mary and I went to Church.
11. Went to Roberts and walked in his big cornfield that was a marsh in the long ago. Belle came and we went to Town.
12. The day we walked among the blooming heather in bonnie Scotland when life was young and hope was high. Robert and the two children had a nice ride round the clover field. Frank finished Frank Smith's barn. Anna and Mary went to Belles for supper.
13. Anna went to Azros with Belle. Robert going to plow and sow the corn field for me.
14. Harvey thrashed our Oats and 68 bushel and then Robert and Mrs.L and I drove to the old home in Augusta. The home looks as of old but the old friends were away to the spiritland.
6. Robert went to Whitmore Lake-called on our old sick friend John Mann who could hardly lift his head so weak and weary.

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August

17. Nine head of cattle got in the potatoes at midnight therwe had a weary chase after them. We enjoyed a welcome refreshing shower after the dry dusty weather to fill our heart with joy and gratitude-the first time we failed to go to Church this summer.
18. Went to Town with Frank-dug potatoes among the wild geese.
20. Robert's Oats damp, he spread them on the barn floor. Waled with Robert over the farm. Mrs. A Campbell and daughter came to supper. Robert's man plowing for wheat.
21. A wet morning. Abundance of water to molify the dry grass. Robert sold 25 sheep to G. Wilbur for \$150. Robert got \$15, for his share. Was unwell in the night-
22. Went to Town with Frank-had a plesant walk with Robert through the rows of his big corn crop.
24. No preaching in our Church-went to the Methodist. Mr. Kining unwell. Another Minister preached. Robert and family cmae.
25. Went to Boatwrights with Frank-called at Ezras coming back-Anna drove to Azros.
26. Mrs. L and I went to Town in the rain-The Detroit Exposition began today.
27. Went to the Detroit Exposition- a vision of delight was the balloon going up and the man coming down in a parachute. Got to Mothers after dark.
28. A plesant visit with Mother and Sisters-could not get out on the Noon train-had to wait till five. Brother James vexed me but no one but him. A full company at supper before Anna goes away.
29. Went with Anna and her trunk to the Depot. Belle coming too. Went to John Mann's funeral in afternoon. William Campbell, Wife and daughters came too.
30. Wrote lines in memory of my old friend John Mann.
31. Mr. Pitman preached well as usual-the last summer day of 1890.

September

1. Intended to go to J. Campbells for seed wheat but Robert was gone to thrash-Frank paid \$15 for interest.
2. Mrs. L and I went to J. CAMPbell bought 16 bushels Pool Seed wheat and returned shortly after noon-got the reins renewed for a \$1. Azro pulling beans with his machine, Robert digging stumps.

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September

3. Mrs. L and I went to Ann Arbor and Dexter to the Pioneers Meeting. I read lines to our old friend E.D.Lay. We would have preferred Ann Arbor other than Normands Grove.
4. Showers-Robert cuts beans with Ezras machine-the weeds bothered him-Smith mowed bushes in the marsh.
6. Robert begun to drill wheat-Robert's man drilled 16 bushels of wheat in the corner field near us. Helped Robert and 3 men to turn wet dirty beans-discouraging work-sultry. Mrs. L and Mary went to Town.
8. Mr. Morey came back and gave us a very good sermon-very warm day. Wet morning-Eagle went down to Roberts in the night and we looked for him in the wet grass.
9. Robert's man got hurt in Town. Helped Robert and his men to turn beans and weeds. The two Marys wnet to Uncle Williams. Lydia Hewens paid \$22 interest money. A sunflower in the garden over eleven feet high with 18 flowers.
11. Mrs. L and I went to Town to get men to fork up Azro's beans.
12. Old Mrs. Yakley died. Robert drew in some beans-forked weeds in the furrows while Fox and Augusta were plowing. Mrs. L and Mary went to Church.
14. Sacrament-John Taylor back all right-went with Mrs. Rorison to her home-the first white frost-saw no ice but some said they did.
15. Went with Frank to McKims corners-Robet's sick man better. Called on Mrs. F and got melons.
17. Mrs. L and Mary, Mrs. F and Willie went to the Fair. I stayed and gathered grapes. Robert rolled the bean land. Mary went with Uncle William.
18. The morning mist fading in the sunshine with the prospect of a grand day for the Fair. Went to the Fair.
19. Went and called on Belle, she went with me and we bought 10 pulletts for \$4. Was on the Fair grounds most all day yesterday-fine weather and a good turnout-met a few old friends. Was about as well entertained seeing Fox cutting Robert's field of good corn as I saw at the Fair.
20. Robert's man working on the bean field-B. Voorhees brought me some peaches.
21. Mrs. L, Mr and Mrs F, Willie and I went to Church. Mary at Uncle Williams.
22. Robert and his man drilled wheat in the bean field. Got a letter from Editor Naismith, told Brother Robert regarding it but he did not like it.

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September

23. Mrs. L and I drove to Ann ARbor-Saw the procession from the Sermon. Another pleasant visit with Mr. & Mrs R Campbell. Sent an answer to Mr. Naismith's letter.
24. Days growing shorter, the forest trees getting on their robes of Autumn splendor. Picked all the grapes. Mary and I went to the old home.
27. Mrs. L, Mary and I had a pleasant meeting and a bountiful dinner along with Brother Robert and family at Azros. Robert thrashing at Bens, his men culling corn.
28. Frank's Birthday. Mary and I went to Church by Moonlight.
29. Went with Frank to work on Newton s barn-Called on Mr. F, got a certificate at the Bank for Frank. Went to the old farm to see Azro gathering Apples he bought of Robert.
30. Sent another letter to Wm. Naismith. Went to the sale at Raslers-the hens were sold before I arrived. Mary and I went to a pleasant Church Social at night-Skies and forest a vision of delight.

October

2. Went to Mrs. F's with Mary-Dug some potatoes. Have hardly enough to pay \$15 for insurance.
3. Robert, Hattie, Babe and I went to Ann Arbor to the Fair. Glorious day, a good Fair. The forests on the hills in Autumn are a splendor and vision of delight.
7. Mrs. F and Mary went to Town. Robert and I walked over the old farm, Azro picking and packing Robert's apples.
8. Frank and I had a delightful ride to Ann ARbor but the Street Cars frightened the horse. Robert and his men picked our apples.
9. Robert headed up two barrels of apples for Anna and I marked them and took them to the Hillsdale Railroad at night.
10. Frank got back from the Jury and I went with him to his work on Newton's farm.
11. Mowed weeds and Canada Thistles-Robert and his men digging potatoes. Had a Pleasant visit at Brother Roberts, was real glad he had such a fine interview with our good Mother and Sisters. Robert exchanged his colt for the big horse Jim.
12. Great rain last night. Went to Church in dampness. Mrs. Dickensen rode home with us, Robert and family came with Milk and the big horse Jim.
13. More rain-too dark and wet for Frank to work but it cleared up at noon. we drove over to Newtons. A heavy shower at night.

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October

15. Got the lines mended-husked sweet corn-fed Robert's lambs.
16. Wet day-Azro and Willie came for Mary to help-Mrs. F being away at the death of Mrs. George Voorhees.
17. Went to Mrs. Voorhees funeral-husked corn in the Garden-Sent a letter to Mr. Rait, Sandford, Scotland. Robert begun to plow the Marsh for corn next year and put Jim the ram with the ewes. Men from Glasgow want to come and sing in Ypsilanti but it is not in my line.
18. Robert had to leave the plow and help Augusta to get in his beans. Dug two rows of potatoes with the fork while Robert's men dug one with the hook, besides going after the boy gathering nuts he promised to give us half, he brought a pan full.
20. Drove with Frank to Newton's barn they intend to raise today. Fed Robert's Lambs, walked over his field and saw them plowing the Marsh.
21. Went to see Robert plowing the Marsh, got most of our Apples gathered and put on the barn floor. Azro drawing apples out of Robert's orchard to Town. Thought we could not spend the money to go to J. Cammons.
22. Tried to help Robert to plow the land that has lain unplowed since Adams time. Went to Azro for dinner-saw his fine crop of apples. Belle got the last of the apples. Received a letter from Brooklyn addressed to Rev. William Lambie.
24. Got the harness mended. Had a pleasant meeting with A. Campbell.
25. Sent a letter to Rev. R. Lawson. Cold and blustry.
27. Went with Frank and saw the fine new barn. Robert sold potatoes to Mr. Post. His man plowed the Marsh and the plow broke again.
28. Clouds and rain. Frank came home unwell. Carried potatoes down cellar. Dr. Kinney came to see Frank.
31. Last of Golden October-Robert's men drawing corn up here. Read of Mrs. Rosison's death and burial. Frank not able to work.

November

1. Chilly surly blasts-Mrs. L walked down to Roberts.
2. Went to Church, some rain-Church was full.
3. John Ross shingling the Corn Crib. Received a group of papers from Australia. Drew up poles from the woods to keep the fire burning.

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November

4. Election Day-Democrats like to seep all. Was surprised that CAptain Alla was defeated.
5. Frank able to work. Went with him to Cherry Hill. Rough roads. Went to Azros with Mary and Belle and I took Belle home-hard frost in the morning and then mud.
6. Went with Robert to Tafleys raising and then to Harvey's sale. Indian summer day-Robert's men got in all the Potatoes.
7. Carried the Cabbage and Carrots down cellar. Mrs. L went to Azros and then Mrs. F, Mary and Willie drove to Town.
8. Wet night - Heard of the death of old Mrs. Morton.
9. A sermon on the Young Men's Christian Assocation. Went to old Mrs. Morton's funeral. gone at four score and eight, like a shock of corn fully ripe.
10. Went with Frank to Newton's barn-muddy road. Boarding up the hen house. Robert plowing the Marsh.
11. Called on Brother Robert, Eunice talked regarding her Mother's death. Grand day laid straw round rose bushes. The two Marys went to the Church Meeting.
12. Went on an excursion to Detroit. Called on my good old Mother, her mind that was so long and clear wanders now. Grand day. Mother said the sun in the Heavens and th Leas(?) of righteous were both shinning on me.
13. Another beautiful day-Went and saw old Mrs. Crippen and Robert is getting in stalks-he sold 9 lambs and 2 wadders to Gorton, 26 in flock left. Mrs. L and I went to Church and heard the Evangelists from Chicago. One of them sang well but the speaker was not adpated for me.
Had Robert's family and Mrs. Crippen to supper.
15. Mild and cloudy-dug carrots-wet afternoon. Robert plowed in the rain. Mary went to Town with Mrs. F and Willie.
16. Forty one years since our marriage in a full Church. Mr. Morrey earnest for a great revival. Went round with old Mrs. Rosison.
18. Went to Roberts and down town, pleasant sunshine after the rain. Robert bought a grist for him and us.
19. Pure sunshine and clear skies. Robert man drawing gravel on the road. Mary walked to Azros. Mrs. L has a sick headache.
20. Fine day-Belle came and Mrs. A. CAmpbell. some villins stole two of Robert's turkies and he sold 7 violets in bloom yet.

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November

21. Made a fence by the corn crib-Robert and his man helped Azro to thrash beans. 90 bushels- Another grand day.
22. Robert got in all the corn and stalks-carried the apples from the barn down cellar-was unwell in afternoon. Mrs.L and Willie walked up home and Mrs L came back alone.
25. Brought up some wood from Roberts. Smith sawed wood and old boards. Robert's plow broke again.
26. Mrs. L and I went to the Church to meet the Chicago Minister and singer. Went with Mary to Azros. Belle came.
27. Thanksgiving-The first snow that stopped plowing. Mrs. Fletcher could not leave home so we went and took dinner with her-a grand gathering.
28. Some frost-Robert plowed in the afternoon, Frank and Mr. Newton drove up to Ann Arbor with Eagle. Mr. Calhoun paid interest.

December

1. First day of Winter, got the coal stove started. Mrs. L carried in wood in the snow shower.
2. Cold 10 above zero. Mrs. L went to Belle's winter family. Settled with Robert for the summers work.
3. Snow about 4 inches deep, Frank hitched Eagle on the cutter the first time for one or two years. Frank, Mary, Robert and Robert's girls came in the cutter then the boys went to hunt rabbits.
4. Got chilled, sad,, sick and weary.
5. More snow, not well. Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs L and Willie came.
7. Mr & Mrs Fletcher and Willie, Mrs. L, Mary and Frank drove to Church in the cutter. I was glad to stay home. Robert and family came to see us at night.
8. Was thirsty all night.Frank started in the cold gray morning for Mr. Rooks.
9. Cold snow, a blue haze in the woods. Able to feed the Horse and hens and carry in coal and wood.
10. Thaw at noon-drove down to Roberts and saw his round Oak stove and his farm stock. Got chilled and am not well.
11. Azro, Frank and Willie drove down Azro's hogs. Mary had her teeth pulled. Could split a little wood. Robert and family came.
12. Cold north blasts- glad to stay in the house. Mrs. L, AZro, Mr. and Mrs. F and Willie went to Church. Frank brought over shoes.

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December

13. Anna's Birthday-enjoyed a good rest last night-cold and dreary. Frank paid the taxes on the old farm \$15. Mary got medicine from Dr. Kinney.
15. Did not sleep very well-it's like a Spring morning, pure sunshine and pure snow. Dr. Fields of the Evangelist was pleased with the mummy peas I sent and published the Thanksgiving Lines. Frank went to Azros and the Free Church. Robert sold corn to L. Yost.
16. Robert sold a load of hay to Ring. Mr. LaFurge brought 2 loads of dry rough elm wood. Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher came. Mary went with them.
17. A little snow, dark and damp. Mr. Crittenden left \$13 for Frank.
19. Frost and Sunshine. Frank came from Mr. Rooks and went to Town with Mary, Mrs. F and Willie. Not well-long night.
20. Brother Robert came to see us, Anna arrived after dark unexpected and we were all glad to see her.
21. The two Marys and Frank went to Church. Mild and springlike.
22. Shortest day-sunshine and soft breezes-6 hens only lay 2 or 3 eggs per day. The two Franks pumped the well out.
23. Another good bright winter day. Anna and Mary went to Azros. Cold driving blasts in the afternoon.
24. Calm quiet frosty morning. Sent papers to Scotland.
25. Christmas 22 years since Father left all that is of the earth earthy. Robert and family and Azro and his came- had a grand turkey dinner, a pleasant gathering and fine presents to one another. Robert went past with the jumping cow, some swine and the bunting sheep.
26. Sharp morning, Mrs. L went with Anna and Mary to Azros. Along with the other presents I got this fountain pen from Belle. drove down to Roberts.
27. Snow in the night and still storming.
28. Frank, Mrs. L and Mary went to Church-10 above. Robert and family came. Belle came. Got a Callender from William Naismith in Scotland.
31. The last day of 1890, dark, damp.Went and helped Robert to load up a big load of corn-was sick and sad. Anna, Mary, Mrs. F and Willie went to Belles and stayed overnight with Mrs. Fletcher.

Acquisitions

Mrs. Jackson

Muff

Mrs. Yates

Valentine, Necklace
Picture

Irene Schrepfer

Old fashioned skates,
Music, Pictures of WW1
a Dress that was her
grandmothers.

Doris Mason

Widow's Veil, 1 Small
black hat and 2 shawls.

Sharjns Sturgeon Greenwald
Granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Hugh Morrison

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Preston Tucker Garage

Set Educated Nuts

William P. Edmunds

Buggy Jack
Pair of Urns for the
front lawn.

Mr. Clyde Hoover

Metal Plaque-Ypsilanti
Nomads.

Mr. Egbert House

Shirt worn by the Nomads
Copy of The Constitution
of the Nomads Organization.

News from the Archives Office:

There is absolutely no reason for the Gleanings to be late, I started it early enough. I have been looking for an excuse but I am unable to find one. So I ask you to excuse me. I hope you were not waiting with bated breath.

Many visitors have been in the past several weeks. They are looking into researching their relatives, homes and friends of old. We are proud to say people are usually surprised to see that we have so much material and friends are remembering to bring us more.

Thanks to Esther Ensign for the fine Oxford American Dictionary. I tried to explain I couldn't look it up if I didn't know how to spell a word but she explained the process for that. Thanks Esther, I appreciate it.

Please remember in copying the Diary that I copy it as it is. Sometimes I don't quite understand a word or the meaning so I usually insert a question mark. Words of long ago were not spelled out as we do it, but I try to do it as close to their words as I can. Foster did a much better job than I.

The trees outside my pleasant office were beautiful a couple of weeks ago with the color change. Birds are beginning to come back and eat at the feeder that I am filling up again-and I do mean filling up.

Our next Gleanings will be ready the first of January. So if you have something you want in it, please let me know.

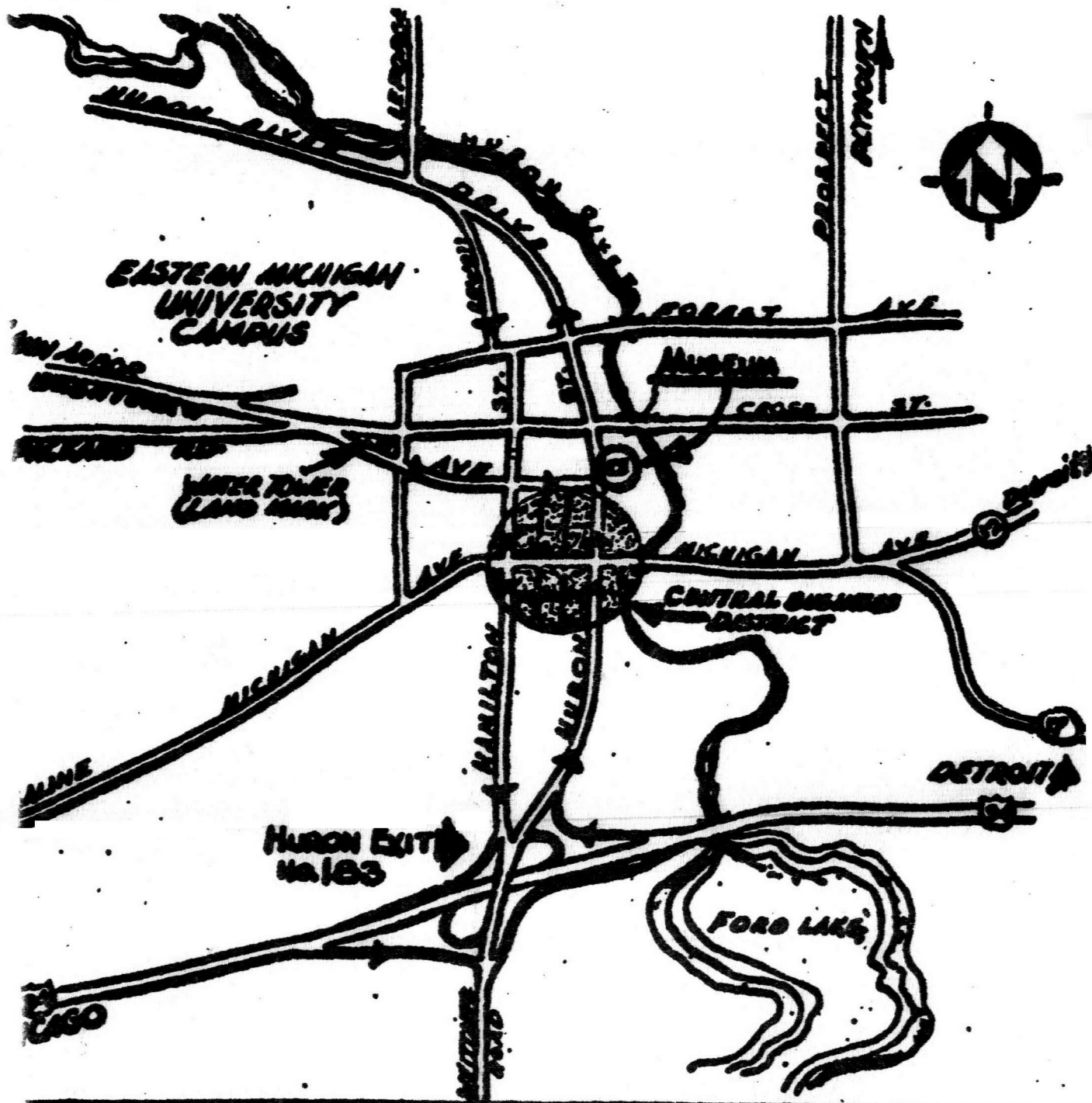
Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving and don't fill up on too much Turkey because Christmas will be just around the corner.

Merry Christmas to All.
and a
Wonderful New Year

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