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# YPSILANTI GLEANINGS

PAST SCENES and OLD TIMES

YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY-PUBLICATION-

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Ypsilanti Historical Museum  
• 220 N. Huron Street •

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HEAR YE!

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COME ONE AND ALL!

ANNUAL MEETING

YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DATE: SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 1989

TIME: 3:00 P.M. Till 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: YPSILANTI HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
220 NORTH HURON STREET  
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

AGENDA: REVIEW 1988-89  
PREVIEW 1989-90

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1989-90

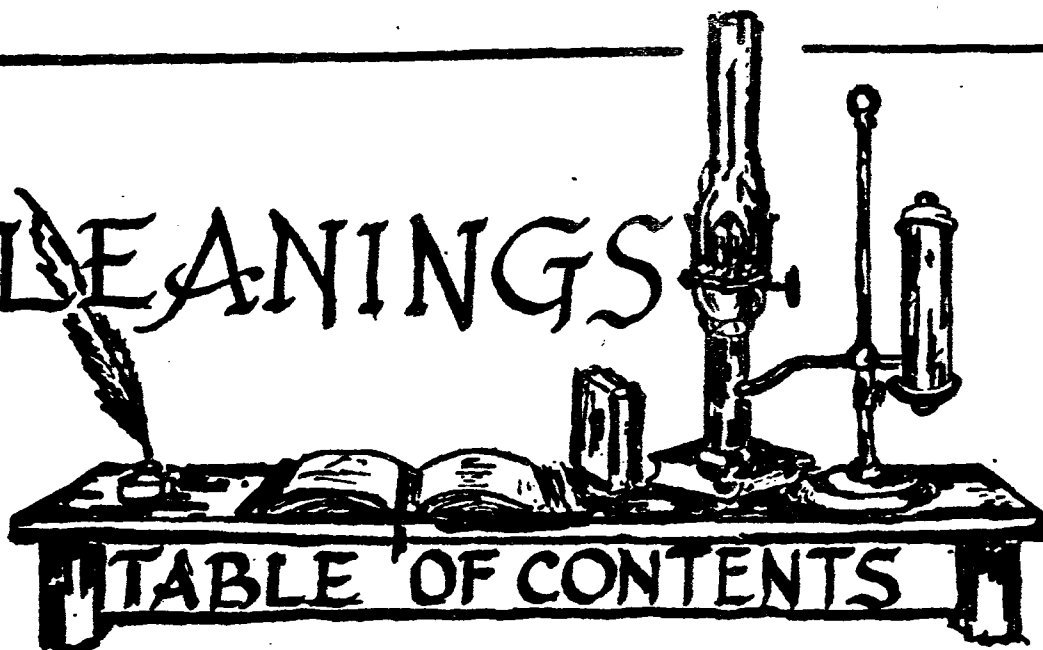
BRING A FRIEND, A NEIGHBOR, A NEWCOMER TO OUR COMMUNITY!

SHARE THE PRIDE IN OUR HISTORIC HOUSE AND VOLUNTEER TO  
MAKE IT BETTER AND BETTER!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

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# GLEANINGS



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History of Markers at Cross Street Bridge  
Re-Dedication of Markers, Mayor Clyde K. King

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Markers on Cross Street Bridge  
Dedicated July 4, 1919

Bridge Markers for World War I

Two plaques erected on the Cross Street Huron River Bridge stand as memorials to the men of World War I.

On one are the words "In honor of our brave men of the 107th Field Signal Battalion, U.S.A: which brigaded with the 32nd Division rendered distinguished service at Chateau Thierry, Soissons, Fismes, Juvigny and in the Argonne and in memory of those who in the cause of humanity gave the last full measure of devotion. A roster of the names of these men and women is preserved in the Archives of the city hall. Erected by the Ypsilanti Patriotic Services League, 1919"

On the other is inscribed "In honor of our brave men who served in the World War and of our devoted men and women who in hospital and hut, heartened and sustained our fighting forces and in memory of those who, in the cause of humanity sealed their devotion with their lives. A roster of the names of these men and women is preserved in the Archives of the city hall. Erected by the Ypsilanti Patriotic Service League, 1919".

With United States entrance into World War I, the local National Guard Signal Corps was expanded into a battalion of two companies, the first being a radio company and the second, a wire company. Glen B. Arnold was the Major of the battalion and Alfred Harvey and William Bergin were Captains of the respective companies.

On August 12, 1917, the corps left Ypsilanti to train at Camp Grayling. It was transferred in September to Waco, Texas, and was shortly assigned to the Depot Brigade of the Thirty-second Division.



# CITY OF YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

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CLYDE K. KING  
MAYOR

July 4, 1989

## RE-DEDICATION CROSS STREET BRIDGE MEMORIAL TABLETS

It's an Honor for me to be here today and have a part in this Re-Dedication ceremony of these Memorial Tablets.

Standing here today brings back many fond memories of this bridge even though it is new, and of these Memorial Tablets.

As a young boy I crossed the bridge and passed these Memorial Tablets daily on my way to and from school.

These Memorial Tablets being Re-Dedicated today, were first dedicated on July 4th, 1919, in Honor and Memory of the men and women that served their country so bravely in World War One.

A war to end all wars they said, history tells us it wasn't to be.

Casualties numbered 38 million with 8.5 million dead, including 325,000 thousand American casualties and 117,000 thousand Americans dead.

The City of Ypsilanti wishes to acknowledge, and honor and pay tribute to the memory of these brave men women who in the cause of humanity gave the last full measure of devotion, some sealing their devotion with their lives.

Now, Therefore, On Behalf of the Ypsilanti City Council, I Clyde K. King, Mayor of The City of Ypsilanti do hereby Re-Dedicate these Memorial Tablets this July 4, 1989, in Honor and Memory of the brave men and women who served their country so gallantly in World War One.



*Clyde K. King*  
Mayor

Letter from your President:

Dear Members,

It is Festival time in Ypsilanti again. This is always a great opportunity to show case our Museum to the thousands of visitors to the Festival. Because of our location we are able to take part each year and play a very important role in Ypsi's Heritage.

The Lewis House sale has been made and will be closed in mid September. The proposal we received from the purchaser was a very good one from two stand points. First, the repair and renovation of the house was in keeping with its historical value and second, the amount of money bid was what we had hoped for.

We have some very informative meetings planned for this Fall so please try to attend them when you receive notice of them.

The City has turned over to us for the endowment fund, the money from the Gertrude Nanry Estate.

Jack C. Miller  
President-Ypsilanti Historical Society

## City Archives

Did you ever wonder just what the Archives Collection in the Museum contains and why it is so important?

The collection has a long history, which really started when the city was planning for its Centennial in 1923. Mrs. P.E. Skinner and Mrs. P.R. Cleary furnished material from their scrapbooks, letters and pictures. Miss Florence Shultes, History Professor at Michigan State Normal College, helped to organize the material which was given to Mr. Harvey Colburn to assist him in writing the Story of Ypsilanti.

Later, Mr. Louis S. White, an office worker for the Michigan Central Railroad, began his methodical work on collecting Ypsilanti materials. His work and his collections were recognized by the Mayor, Mr. Ray Burrell and the City Council who made him City Historian in 1935. He was given the use of a room on the third floor of the City Hall to use for some of the storage.

December 21, 1959, Mr. White petitioned the City Council to establish a Historical Committee and appoint a Historian. This the Council did and made Mr. White City Historian to serve an indefinite period. Through the efforts of the Mayor, Mr. Rodney Hutchinson, rooms on the second floor of the Municipal Court Building were refurbished and the Historical material was moved.

Marion Spear, a retired librarian was hired to organize the Historical materials. Mrs. Ruth Shaw, a charter member of the Historical Committee assisted Miss Spear and also contributed 1200 Obituaries for the Biography file.

The Historical Society was formed in 1960 with Foster Fletcher as President. Plans were made by the Historical Committee, and the Society, for a Museum which would be staffed by members of the Society.

In 1965 the basement of the Public Library at 229 West Michigan Avenue was renovated through City money, and the physical efforts of William Edmunds, Kenneth Leighton and Phoebe Miller. Now it was possible to lock Archival Material in a room and also to have a space for the display of materials.

Mrs. Donald Disbrow was hired by the City as the first Archivist on a part time basis. She was well qualified as a research person and a typist.

Louis White died in 1963 and left a gap in our historical ranks and a large collection of historical material which included 1631 films, an autobiographical file of 30,000 names, maps of the area, plus much more valuable material. In 1966 Foster L. Fletcher was appointed City Historian and it was his duty to go on with the preservation of the material collected by Louis White. (To be continued in the next edition of the Gleanings.)

The above article was written by Dorothy Disbrow when she was the Archivist and is used with her permission.

Some of the material to be found in the City Archives is as follows:

**Map File**

File of Historical and Current Ypsilanti and area oral history file as compiled by Eileen Harrison.

Street and House files

City Directories

Michigan Historical and Pioneer Collection, Volume 1-40

Yearbooks of Ypsilanti High School, Roosevelt School and Eastern Michigan University.

Chronological File by Louis White



# Acquisitions

Picture painted by Ed. Thompson  
"Fisherman in Stream"

John E. Fretner

Fan & Dresser Scarfs

Estate of Phoebe Miller

Kaiser Car Emblem 1947  
Horn Button and Front Hood Emblem

Hiram Whirlow

Miscellaneous Articles  
Fan, Linens, Carpet beater

Mrs. Margaret Johnson

2 sets of Dominoes-1 Wooden-1 Plastic  
1 game of Tiddlewinks  
1 Harper's School Geography 1884

Estate of Phoebe Miller



**Museum Director:**

Due to the city's budget crunch, the position for Museum Director is no longer funded. This is the first time that the Museum has been without a Director since it was moved into this building, 220 North Huron Street in 1970. Ann McCarthy has ably filled this position for ten years, during which time she also served the Historical Society as President. Her guidance and her helpfulness will be missed. She will continue to serve as a member of the Administration Committee where she will be in charge of scheduling the docents.

Other duties of the Director will be assumed by volunteers as they are able to do so.

**A Guide is a Guide is a Docent**

Because the volunteers at the Museum have had special information about artifacts in the Museum, they are now to be called Docents rather than Guides. Docents do more than merely guide visitors through the Museum, they can inform them about the artifacts and can answer questions about them.

Another training session for all Docents is planned for this Fall and new volunteers will be welcome. If you are interested, please call Mrs. McCarthy (Wm. J.) 483-2929.

**Doris Milliman**  
**Chairman/Administration Committee**

**Volunteer Luncheon:**

On June 14th, the Annual Luncheon to show appreciation to the Docents was held at the Ladies' Literary Club House. Fifty (?) guests were present at the event which was hosted by the Administration Committee and the Board of the Historical Society.

Following the bountiful Buffet Luncheon, the President of the Society Mr. Jack Miller and Miss Doris Milliman, Chairman, gave messages of appreciation to the guests for the faithful service they have given to the Museum.

Mayor Clyde King, told of the Museum's benefit to the City and the part the Docents have in interpreting the history of the city.

Mrs. Marjorie Gauntlett introduced the Director of the Ann Arbor Susuki Institute who explained that method of teaching music to children. A group of pupils then entertained the guests who were fascinated with the ability of the players, especially the small children with their small violins.

**Doris Milliman**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 6, 1989

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ypsilanti Historical Society was called to order at 7:40 p.m., March 2nd, 1989 by the President, Jack Miller.

9 members present 4 excused.

Secretary read the minutes of February 2nd, 1989, correction was made to "the Bank will have an opportunity to set Approval" not to be pre-approved. Accepted.

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

Old Business: Jack had Ann check on total number of visitors last year. according to days. Fridays, 46; Saturday 88; Sunday 55. This does not include Children's Tours, Special Tours or Festival Days. Rex Richie will get in touch with Tom Dodd checking on advertising in the Depot Town Rag, and Mike will check with the Observer re: prices.

Jack reported Ernie will be starting the upstairs next week for the Costume Closet. Jack will assist.

Sharon reported bid packages are not ready on the Lewis House.

Coming events: Special program in April at the Presbyterian Church. DuMochelle Galleries would like to come and have an Appraisal Day. Dean Rockwell could be approached to be a Speaker.

Discussion on Endowment-Sharon made a motion to adopt a Charitable Spendthrift Trust Agreement with great pride. It was seconded and Motion carried. Make it effective March 2, 1989. Dr. Edmunds graciously gave \$500.00 to start Trust from Mrs. Edmunds and himself. Our sincere thanks to them.

Doris had a request to support a Dr. Rachel Harley that wishes to do research for an Outstanding Woman to be presented at Lansing.

Dr. Harley is from Eastern Michigan University.

It was unanimously supported.

Dorsi told a Genealogy Workshop to be held May 20th in the Archives sponsored by the Ypsilanti Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. All are welcome to attend.

Doris reported shades are needed for the Solarium-Doris was asked to look into them.

Sale will be held in Lewis House, date of sale to be determined by the Administration Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billie Zolkosky, Secretary, Ypsilanti Historical Society

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 6, 1989

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by the Vice President Sharon Patterson, April 6, 1989.

Minutes of March 6, 1989 meeting were read and accepted.

Bill Ealy read the Treasurer's report, accepted and placed on file.

A bill was presented for the Apprisor's fee. Ernie Griffin suggested the \$300.00 be paid for out of the Lewis Fund Account. Check will be requested of Arthur Howard.

President Jack Miller arrived to take over the meeting.

Sharon reported on the General Meeting, Mike will be at the Presbyterian Church before 2 to get everything in order. Requested donations of Nut Bread from Board members for refreshments. Trust Committee will hopefully honor us with their presence.

Ann requested windows in Salarium be replaced, there are about 6 ones that are broken. She was to call Jack Eritter at Acme Glass.

Subject of changing of hours and days for Museum to be open. Doris reported Administration Committee recommends day to change from Friday to Tuesday, no change in time, starting in July.

Old Business: Jack reported rezoning of Lewis House was turned down, but it will be pursued later.

Carroll Osburn suggested everyone on the Board read the books purchased about Museums. It will be very enlightening.

Doris asked if it would be possible to pay someone to finish the room upstairs. Jack said he and Ernie will take care of getting at it soon.

A request was made from the Administration Committee for a rope or preferably a gate to be put up across the stairway leading to the basement. Jack will take care of it.

Appraisal Day is June 3rd at the Literary Club.

Marge Gauntlett went to Cokesbury and purchased 2 books, Leather bound "In Remembrance" for the Museum. One is for Endowments and one is for Memorial Gifts. Marge has graciously donated these books in memory of David Gauntlett.

Jack reported the Nanry Bequest has been given to the City-there seems to be a slight mis-understanding about the bequest. This will be taken care of before the council.

Kathryn Howard requested some assistance on May 6th from 9-4 at the sale at the Lewis House. She wants table set up at Lewis House on April 10th so committee can get things set up May 4th and 5th and she will also need help at this time.

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It was requested that a Workshop be held for the Docents. Some are not familiar with Ypsilanti History. Marge will conduct one after Festival Time.

Mike Miller made a motion adjourn, it was seconded, Motion carried we left.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Zolkosky  
Secretary  
Ypsilanti Historical Society

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 4th, 1989

The meeting of the Ypsilanti Historical Society was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the President, Jack Miller.

Minutes were read and correction of "changing of days for the Museum to be open from Tuesday to Thursday; and Acme Glass connection name was Jack Fretner and Jack Fritter.

Bill Ealy read the Treasurer's report and it was accepted and placed on file.

Jack reported Yard Sale will be held at Lewis House and he will move small stuff in on Friday morning and afternoon-Needs more assistance to getting things from Museum to Lewis House. Saturday A.M. everything go on sale. Sharon discussed process of Sale.

Doris requested \$150.00 for Petty Cash Fund for Administration Committee so they would not have to wait for a check should they wish to purchase something, Refrased to read Administration Committee to have a check but any expenditure over \$100.00 will need Board Approval. Motion passed.

Sharon passed out copy of Bid Package, explained process.

Bill Edmunds will process letter re; Easement. Board approval with addition of Basements. Ernie made a motion to accept, Doris, 2nd, Motion carried.

Jack talked of his sojourn to City Hall about the Nanry Bequest. Museum had good coverage from newspapers. Mayor KING called and indicated we would get money but when and maybe not all at once.

May 22nd is Mayor's Exchange Day. Board is welcome to attend.

It was suggested Museum should consider Two year lease and continuing lease to ownership and operating when resources permit.

Doris reported the Annual Luncheon for the Docetns will be at the Literary Club, Wednesday, June 14th, 1989 12:30 P.M.  
A brief discussion on Gleanings.

Jack requested a check for Charles Soule for flowers for out front. Motion made and carried.

DuMochelle Galleries will be here June 3, 1989 at the Ladies Literary Club at 10 A.M, an appraisal should be scheduled for every 10 minutes. Schedules to be through the ARchives Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted

Billie Zolkosky, Secretary  
Ypsilanti Historical Society

**NOTES FROM THE GIFT SHOP:**

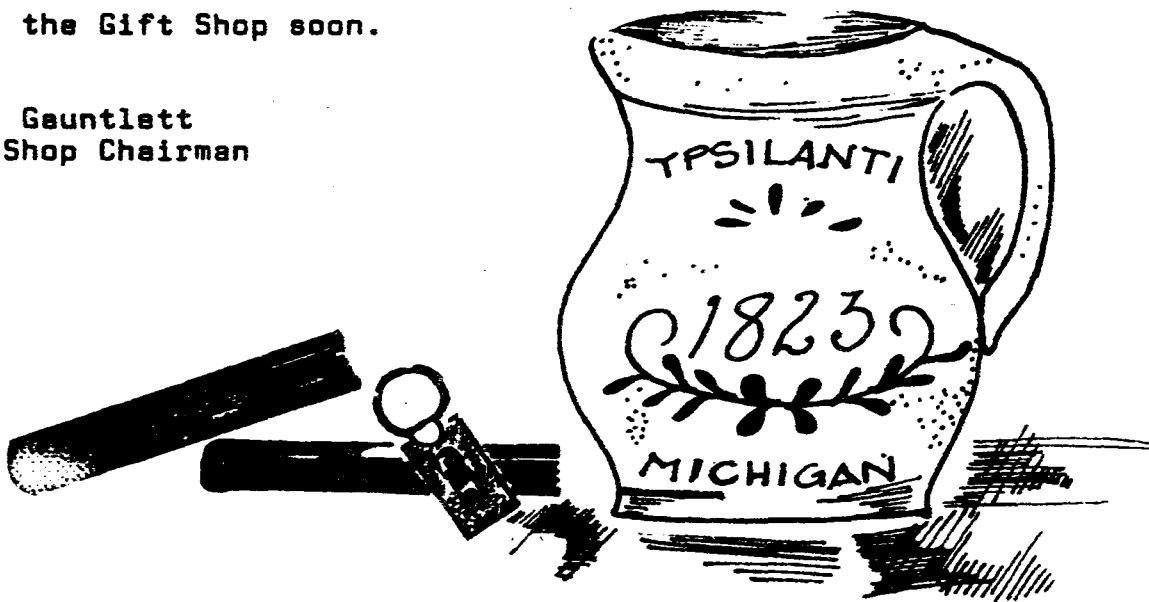
The Museum Gift Shop carries gift items such as Westweld Pottery from Pennsylvania. This pottery is personalized and had decorated. The quantity is limited. Other items included in our inventory are Gwen Frostic stationary, "Michigan" linen towels, Beatrix Potter Peter Rabbit towels, rugs and tote bags and much more.

Our gift shop is open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 - 4 P.M. as staffed by our Museum docents. This is the best place, perhaps the only (?) place in Ypsilanti to purchase souvenirs of our city.

Because this is the 100th Anniversary of the Ypsilanti Water Tower we have plected a variety of items in our inventory which commemorate the Tower.

Visit the Gift Shop soon.

Marge Gauntlett  
Gift Shop Chairman





LAMBIE DIARY - 1893

January

1. Driving snow storm all day. About all I could do to get in water and take care of the horse and hens.
2. Not very well in the night. It seems to be healthier shoveling snow and sawing wood than lying in bed.
6. Anna and Mary at Azros for Mrs. Fletchers Birthday. Mrs. Loveridge and Mrs. Camp called and then Brother Robert and daughter called.
9. Frank paid Wife and I Interest and cleaned the old clock.
10. Eight below zero and awful cold blasts. Brave Belle walked thru the drifts to get Frank to help Will with his Milk Wagon. Too cold to saw wood.
13. Frank brot load of broken rails. Robert sold the cow he bot from Martin. Wife and Mary went to Town in the Cutter. I sawed the rails.
16. Frank's horse Dick got away at the Creamery and Frank, Azro and Willie had to walk home. A meeting to see about building a new Presbyterian Church that I don't need.
17. Frank brot a new iron pump that saves me from drawing well water on icy planks. No hens layed.
22. Not very cold but did not go to Church on account of the snow. Wrote about Burns Natal Day.
26. We hear of fifty thousand voted to build a new Church when I think the old one good enough.
31. Hail, rain, ice and snow-rough roads. Went to John Renton and got horse shod. No eggs.

February

1. Frank brot another load of rails. More snow.
4. Mrs. F, Willie and the wee boy came. Eaves dripped by noon.
7. Wrote Mrs. Young in Scotland and Sister in Canada.
13. Mild morning. A little like Spring. Light at five. Hens are beginning to lay. Robert came with his family and cleaned the Organ and played and sang for us.
15. Roads a sheet of ice. Robert sold his pigs to Spencer. John Ross came with Robert and talked of renting the old farm.
17. Cut down straw off the stack to bed the horse. Let the old farm to Robert for 10 years at \$150 yearly.

LAMBIE DIARY - 1893

February

22. Brother Robert brot papers. Two Miss McDouglas and two Miss Gardeners called and also Robert and his family.
23. Eagle fell on the ice twice in front of the stable when taking him off the Cutter. Wife made me a shirt and I read to her about Blain and Scotchmen Curling.
27. Frank brot a load of coal. Robert left our old farm home and went with his family and furniture to Town.
28. Frank helped Mr. Read to move on his farm.

March 1 to March 21 is missing.

22. Twenty eggs. Frank went to Mr. Roberts funeral. He was 73.
25. Robert sold hay to Block. Wife and I went to Belles, 5 years since her marriage.
30. Wife went to see Mrs. F and the babe. Dug parsnips. Set a hen. Worked in the garden.

April

8. Frank took Seed potatoes to his farm. Trees budding.
11. Wheeled out the ashes. Smith split all the wood.
13. A fearful Cyclone struck Ypsilanti last night. Wife and I drove down and saw so many fine buildings wrecked. It was sad to see so much property wasted. One good thing no lives lost.(we have pictures in the Archives of the Cyclone that Mr. Lambie talks about)
14. Went again to see the ruins and then to the Creamery. Stopped at Roberts home by the river.
16. I am entering my 73 years. Am grateful for a good degree of health, strength, reason and joy from youth till old age.
18. Went with Frank to Mr. Rooks and called on Mrs. Boice and James Hamilton. Got early potatoes.
20. Mary took her Mother to the Motor to go to Uncle Williams. Too wet to work in the garden.
21. Clare Campbell and his sister came. James Hamilton and sister brot plants and we gave them Gooseberry and Currant bushes.
24. Went with Frank to Mr. Hunters and saw his fine barn ruined by the Cyclone. White hen brot out 12 chicks. Planted our early Rose potatoes and two rows of Empire State potaotes and then beach blows north of them.
28. Wife and I called on Mr. Laidlaw in his gardens at the Depot. Got Wet coming home.

LAMBIE DIARY - 1893

April

29. Went to Ben Voorhees-his wife was cheerful after suffering so much. Exchanged plants with Mrs. Everts. Bot a quarter of Mutton from son Robert.

May

1. Frank took away our horse and Mary walked to Azros.
4. Went with Frank to his farm-Called on Mrs. Loveridge, Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Ross at the old home.
8. Took potatoes to J. Ross at the old home, called on Robert's town home and then to the creamery.
9. Wife, Mary, Mrs Fletcher, the babe, Frank, Robert and wife, Will and Belle and a grand happy company went to Mrs. William Campbell's Birthday party.
13. Dark, damp morning-planted sun flowers and Holly hocks. Asparagus and Pie Plant to use.
15. Brother Robert and wife came and told us Eunice had gone to the World's FAir in Chicago. Mary and I went and saw the flowers in the Railroad gardens.
16. Wife and I attended the golden wedding Josiah Childs. Everyone seemed kind and friendly.
22. Mrs. L, Mary, Mrs. Fletcher, Willie and the babe went to Roberts to celebrate Mary's Birthday.
23. Wife and I went to Mrs. Strangs funeral. More rain.
24. Queens Birthday. Wife and I went to see old Mrs. Crippen, R. Mart and Ira Crippen family.
29. Frank went to Uncle Andrews with the horse.

June

1. Frank went to frame a barn near Plymouth.
4. Sacrament- about 30 added to the church. Harris Francis Fletcher was baptised. The Fletchers cammed on their way home.
7. I intended to hear J.G. Paton last night but was too weary. Mary, Belle and I went to see the show parade but only saw the tents and wagons.
8. Was up before the sun. Winters got a small load of hay out of our barn. Wife had a sore place on her neck and went to see Dr. Kinne.

LAMBIE DIARY - 1893

June

- 8 Got tomato plants from J. Hamilton. Andrew Campbell came and I went with him to the Depot.
12. Frank and I had breakfast and went to Mr. Rooks.
13. Wife, Mary, Mrs. Fletcher and wee Harris wnet to visit Willie and Leah's school.
15. Wife and I went to see Mr. & Mrs. Voorhees and it looks as though Mr. V will never walk again. Went to Thomas Phillips funeral.
19. Took Frank to Mr. Rooks-called at Azros-they came with me and wee Harris rode on my knees. Wife went to Belles to celebrate her Birthday and a picnic with others down by the River at Roberts.
20. Went to Detroit and the Oak- Will Todd and all his relatives were glad to see me. We took flowers to sister Isabelles grave. Will Todd brought me to the train and I called on James and his wife-they were all kind but sister Mary, after I was weary it vexed me.
23. Leah and Minnie helped pick peas. Winters sent up several loads of manure. Went to the depot to get Anna's trunk and saw Laidlaw. Very busy contending with weeds and bugs.
26. Green peas and new potatoes for lunch. J. Ross sold the wool. I used to get it all, then half, now none.
29. Boy picking cherries-howed potatoes-Mary went in the Surrey to Belles and then they all went to Azros.

July

1. Wife and I went to Town. Got milk from Mrs. Ring.
6. Ring family picking cherries on shares. Fearful lightning in the night and it struck and burned Mathews barn.
10. Dug  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel of potatoes-took them to the Depot-too small to sell. Wife and girls preserving cherries. Mowed round the peach trees and was tired. Turned the grindstone for Frank.
18. Dug more potatoes-The Empire State seem to be the best potatoes of 4 kinds.
20. Robert and Frank rigged up the reaper and Frank came in the afternoon to reap our wheat. Mrs. campbell and daughter came. We went to the old Campbell home as of old and found John very busy drawing in wheat and made a small stack.
29. Got a letter from Mr. Dunlop in Scotland(a relative who later came to the States to visit the Campbell farm and were astonished at how far the farm was from New York City).

LAMBIE DIARY - 1893

July

31. Azro sick and Robert had to manage the Creamery.

August

2. Brother Robert and daughter called. Anna, Mary and Belle took tin dishes to Azros for the Ten wedding celebration.
4. Mrs. Fletcher and Harris came. Ross began to reap Oats-Hattie's Mother came and I went with her to Roberts for a horse. Living on flour porridge is not fun.
5. Sad time with Banks breaking and so many idle men.
9. Frank had his wheat and oats thrashed, poor crop.
10. Frank, Mrs. Fletcher, Willie and Harris went to Uncle Andrews.
15. Mr & Mrs Voorhees came. Uncle William and Clare then Brother Robert. A letter from John Lambie.
19. Cut Canada Thistles in Ross corn field but it is too hard for me. Robert and the three girls came at night.
24. Frank and I had a fine swim and bath in the Huron.
29. The engine got to Ross to thrash. I went to see Laidlaw at the Depot and the beautiful gardens.
30. The engine came and thrashed our small stack. Only 36 bushels where we always had 96.

September

1. Frank took Anna to the Depot on her way to Elkhart. Put part of the Straw stack in the shed.
5. Some good peaches-more papers from Australia. Longing for rain.
8. Went to Azros for Mary-then round by Belles and got a glass of cream and a royal welcome. Picked grapes. Went to Church meeting.
12. A welcome shower. Frank brot 2 bushels of peas. Took 16 chicks to market.
14. Put down eggs for winter. Crowds going to the World's Fair. Some in debt. Dug potatoes. Frank brot a big load of poatoes. I put them in baskets and he took them down in the cellar. Marshes burning.
20. Took some pears to Robert. The river very small. Mrs. Strang met us at the Depot and we went with her to see her fine new home.
23. A shower at night. Franks man has left him and I am very glad. Robert is going to work and live on Frank's farm

LAMBIE DIARY - 1893

September

26. Frank and Uncle William went to attend the Fair in Chicago. Robert did chores at Frank's farm. Hattie and Mary gathered peaches.
27. Went with Mrs. L to Town. She went to Uncle Williams on the Motor. Robert, Mr. Fletcher and Harris came.
28. A little ice, the first this Fall. Wife and I called on Uncle Robert in forenoon. Dug potatoes in afternoon.
29. A fine quiet rain in the afternoon and we did not go down and get no papers.

October

1. Belle came in the beautiful morning. Mary took care of Harris so Mr. & Mrs Harris could go to Church Rolling day.
2. Grand morning-Robins feasting on the Mountain Ash Berries. Wife, Mary, Mrs. Fletcher and Harris went to Town. Went with Robert to Frank's farm at night. Uncle William sent a card from the World's Fair.
3. Refreshing morning shower, rain nearly all day, sistern full with refreshing showers, a day of rest.
4. Clear shining after rain. Wife and Belle went to Frank's farm and gathered pears. Read in the News that the Supreme Court had decided that Brother James should hold Brother Frank's property he left. I consulted of McMillan.
5. Grand Autumn morning. The trees gleaming through the mist of the morning, like great forest flowers. Frank back from Chicago Fair. Wife went to Frank's farm for peaches.
6. Mrs. Fletcher and Harris came-Wife and I went round by J.Hamiltons. Robert brot 10 bushels of Oats.
7. Wife, Mary and I went to Town, the creamery and then to Roberts. Rev. Mr. Morey and Mrs. Kachler, his daughter, called.
8. Grand autumn day, sermon on giving. Belle came, went round with her. Mr. Fletcher and family came.
9. Wife started after breakfast to get Belle to gather apples at Frank's farm.
10. Golden October day. Dug all our potatoes, got no help. Mrs. Fletcher and Mary went to Brother Roberts for dinner. Our friend Robert Campbell made us a pleasant visit and paid \$18.00 interest.

LAMBIE DIARY -1893

October

11. Wife took Mary to Azros-I shoved stones of the road. Wife and I went to Town, Met Rev. Mr. Vining and Mrs. Strang.
12. Grand morning-Robert brot his black horse. Wife and I drove to Belleville-Forest trees beautiful, very warm between 86 & 90°. Were kindly treated-came back by Mrs. Fletchers.
13. Cool and cloudy- Repaired fence- Wife, Mary and I met Mr. & Mrs. John Campbell and A. Campbell in Town. A sad accident on the railroad at Jackson, we heard 20 killed and 20 hurt.
14. Rain in the night-a wet stormy morning. Stormy and dreary all day-surly blasts drove the smoke down the Chimney-the house wet and comfortless.
15. Belle went to Church with us, cold-wore an overcoat.
16. Sunshine pleasant after the storm. Mrs. L, Mary. Mrs. Fletcher and Harris wnet to Town in the Surrey. Robert brot a load of Frank's broken rails.
18. Went with Robert to Frank's farm. Wife, Mary and I gathered a few bushels of Apples in our Orchard-Grank day. Helped Robert to get 45 busels of potatoes in the cellar.
18. Frank came and had breakfast about 6-Wife and Belle gathered apples in the Orchard. Ross getting th  $\frac{1}{2}$  from brother. Robert call on us
20. Frank had breakfast by lamplight-sawed some of the old rails till a shower came up. Wife went to see Willie with the Mumps and brot Mary back.
21. Grand golden day-Robert and Fox carried in the Kitchen stove-Wife, Mary, Belle and I went to Town.
22. A Sermon on Pauls power for Christianity. Robert and children came, then Azro and family like to border of the beautiful land.
24. Wife and I went in the Motor to our food friend R. Campbell in Ann Arbor enjoyed our visit. Paid 75¢ for the Register. Mary and Willie came for us.
25. Robert dug out fence posts and burned some of the Marsh. Wife and wee Harris drove over to Frank's farm. Belle came.
26. Railroad disaster and wrecks on the lakes. Mary went over to help at Azros.

LAMBIE DIARY - 1893

December

12. Ice and snow, not very cold, Mary, Mrs. Fletcher and Harris went to Franks to dinner. Willie came at night.
13. Frank sold Hay to Uhl. Mary convoyed Willie to School. Got Eagle sharp shod on the fore feet. Wife came home bringing word J.K. Campbell's boy was dead. John came from Lansing at night, by telegraph-Boy is about 4 years old.
15. Wet cold rain-Frank and his Mother went in the Covered Cutter to the funeral at Uncle Johns boy. Robert's Hattie not well. Mary went with Robert-Brother Robert called.
21. Mr. Calhoun came and paid interest in money and onions. Wife went to Azros and Mary came back-2 & 3 eggs a day.
22. Shortest day-Wife, Mary, Mrs. Fletcher and Harris went to Town. Wife went home with Belle-mild and muddy-Received a Christmas present from kind Sister Agnes.
24. Belle hitched her big horse on the Surry and 5 of us went to Church Mr. Morey able to preach-Mr. Vraman helped him-Little Harris like to speak in meeting-Azros family came a noon and Roberts at night. Ground soft and a beautiful sunset.
25. Twenty-five years since Father died and spoke to me for the last time. Green fields, blue skies and balmy breezes. Three generations 17 in all of us and went to Frank's farm and enjoyed a great joyful Christmas dinner. Anna and Mary stayed and we came home.
26. Cold breeze and the ground froze hard, Robert brot us 3 loads of wood and 20 bushels of Oats- Wife went to Azros for Anna and Mary.
28. Wife went with Anna and Mary up to Belles-Wife and I called on Brother Robert and family-Sent the picture of Straven Castle to Sister Agnes.
29. Sawed wood to keep us warm-got a few eggs-Wife went to Azros.
30. Hard rough roads-Robert paid the taxes \$22.35. I paid \$15. Robert the balance-Wife, Anna, Mary and I went to Town.
31. Last of 1893-Wife, Mary, Belle and I went to Church, A sermon on evil speaking-The last of 1893.



FRom the Archives Office:

Festival Time is here-Do Stop in and see the lovely displays in the Museum.

The past 4-6 weeks have been buzzing in the Archives as the newspaper writers have been in looking for material, as well as the Home Tour people, about years (and Years) past.

Hopefully things will settle a little now so I can get caught up. (There is a little humor in that remark).

The Lambie Diary will not be in the Gleanings until after the first of the year. The great great granddaughter of William Lambie has completed 2 full years of the diary and is working on more. As I have mentioned before anyone wanting a copy please let me know, there would be a charge for them. I only have 2 more years more to go with William Lambies.

We have a copy of Lottie F. Warner's diary and are going to use that for a while.

Please if you have anything you think people might be interested in it let me know, I shall be glad to use it.

My special thanks to Mollie Nieves for the drawing she did on page 11, advertising the Sales Case. She does beautiful work, and is an asset to the Historical Society.

We were very sorry about the death of Irene Schrepper, she will be missed by her many friends and was a great lady. She gave us the lovely dress on the manikin in the parlor as one comes in the door.

Another of our dedicated docents, Charles Morrison passed away in April. We will miss him very much.

Thanks to Bill Ealy and Carroll Osburn for cutting the bushes around the Museum. It certainly makes a big difference.

Now that the Festival is about over, I guess it is time to get back at the files and continue to redo them. Perhaps if we have a real winter I can have them finished by Spring.

Arthur Howard shared a poem with us again. I have put it on the last page.

Billie

How you can tell when it's going to be a Rotten Day!

You wake up face down on the pavement.  
You put your bra on backward and it fits better.  
Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.  
You call suicide prevention and they put you on hold.  
Your blind date turns out to be your ex-spouse.  
You wake up and your braces are locked together.  
You see "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office.  
Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.  
You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and there aren't any.  
You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.  
You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.  
You walk to work and find your dress is stuck in the back of your pantyhose.  
Your twin sister forgot your birthday.  
You wake up and discover your waterbed broke and then realize you don't have a waterbed.  
Your wife says "Good Morning Bill" and your name is George.  
Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.  
Your pet rock snaps at you.  
Your spouse wakes feeling amorous and you have a headache.  
You put both contact lenses in the same eye.  
Your income tax check bounces.  
The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.

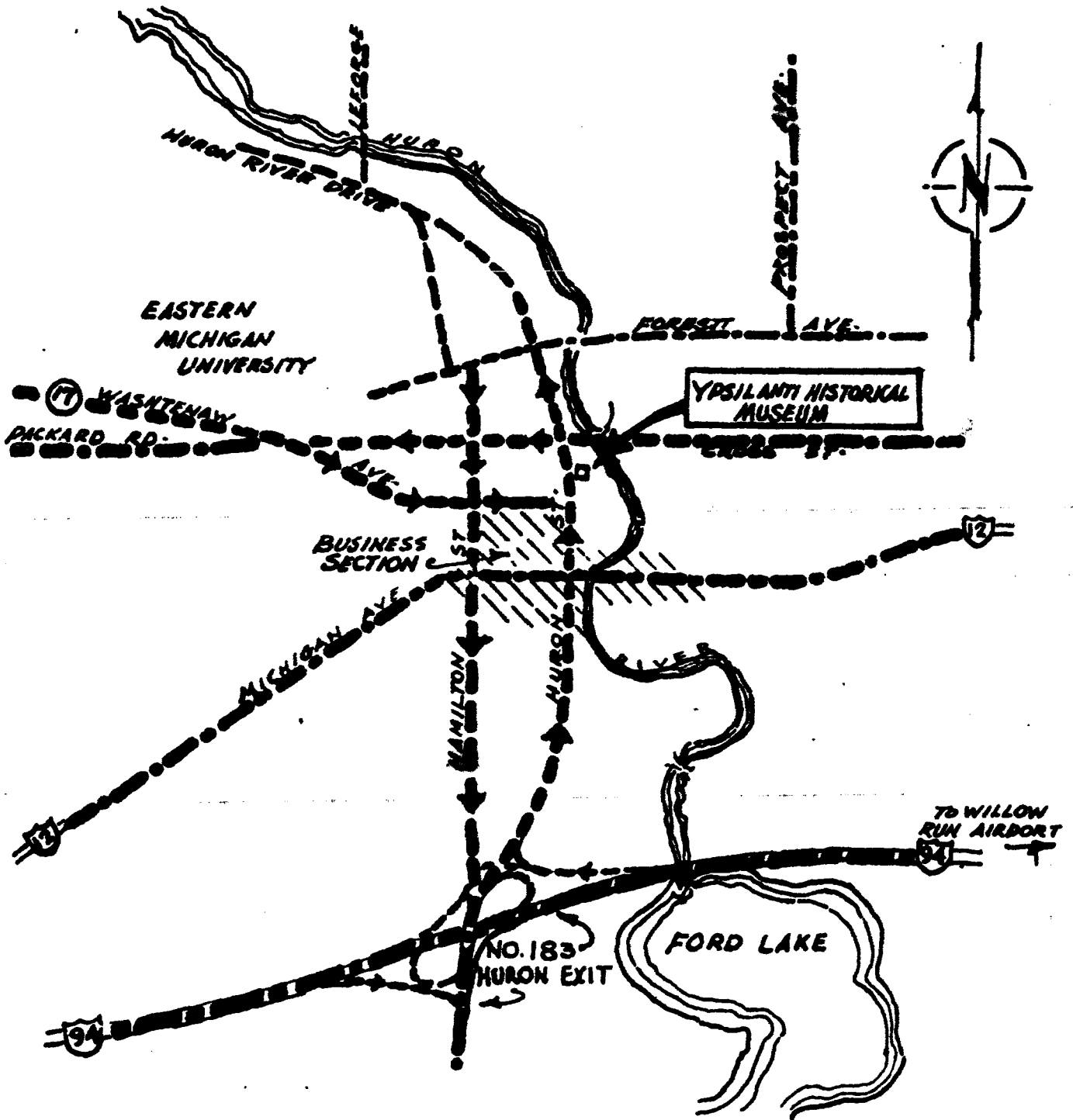
Author unknown..But troubled.

Thanks Arthur there may be a lot of truth in the above.

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