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Orville L. Hubbard

"IF I TRIED TO READ, MUCH LESS ANSWER ALL THE CRITISMS MADE OF ME AND ALL THE ATTACKS LEVELED AGAINST ME, THIS OFFICE WOULD HAVE TO BE CLOSED FOR ALL OTHER BUSINESS. I DO THE BEST I KNOW HOW, THE VERY BEST I CAN, AND I MEAN TO KEEP ON DOING THIS DOWN TO THE VERY END." — ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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# DEARBORN DOCTORS AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

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[EDITOR'S NOTE: IN 1900 DEARBORN WAS BASICALLY A SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY OF ABOUT 500 PEOPLE. LIKE MANY OTHER SETTLEMENTS THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN, THE COMMUNITY HAD NOT YET EXPERIENCED GROWTH TO MATURITY STIMULATED BY TECHNICAL ADVANCES, MASS PRODUCTION AND THE IMPACT CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS SO APPARENT SINCE THE DAYS OF WORLD WAR I AND EVEN TO 1966.

ABOUT 65 YEARS AGO DEARBORN HAD A PRACTICAL NEED FOR MEDICINE JUST AS WE OF TODAY'S FAST MOVING SOCIETY NEED THE SKILLS AND PRODUCTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DOCTOR'S PROFESSION. AS WE LOOK BACK IN RETROSPECT WE ARE EXPOSED TO WHAT THE LIFE OF A RURAL DEARBORN DOCTOR WAS LIKE, WHAT THE COSTS MAY HAVE BEEN TO HIS PATIENTS, AND OTHER DATA WHICH WAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR HERITAGE.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS COMPILED WHILE RESEARCHING FOR A CURRENT EXHIBIT ABOUT "DEARBORN'S PIONEER DOCTORS" IN THE MCFADDEN-ROSS HOUSE OF THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL MUSEUM. THE SKETCHES WHICH FOLLOW ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF SOME OF THE BEST KNOWN DOCTORS OF THAT ERA FOR WHICH WE HAVE RECORDS ON FILE OR ACCESS TO OTHERS. SHOULD ANY OF OUR READERS HAVE INFORMATION, PHOTOGRAPHS OR RECOLLECTIONS - BOTH CURRENT AND PAST, OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION - PLEASE INFORM THE MUSEUM'S RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. [WHA]

DR. THOMAS M. SWEENEY (OR SWEENY)  
? - 1871

DR. THOMAS M. SWEENEY CAME TO THE WILDERNESS OF MICHIGAN FROM THE EAST ON THE HISTORIC STEAMBOAT "MICHIGAN." HE LANDED IN THE SPRING OF 1834, LOCATING PERMANENTLY IN DEARBORNVILLE AT AN EARLY DATE. FOR YEARS HE WAS THE OFFICIAL HOUSE PHYSICIAN OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ARSENAL. HE SOON BECAME INTERESTED AND AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE DAY IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

IN ADDITION TO HIS PRACTICE AS A PHYSICIAN DR. SWEENEY HAD AN INTEREST IN THE SPECULATION OF REAL ESTATE. HE FREQUENTLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF IN VARIOUS TRANSACTIONS OF THIS KIND, EITHER SINGLY OR AS AN ASSOCIATE WITH OTHERS - DEPENDING ON THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DEAL AT HAND. AT ONE TIME HE WAS THE OWNER OF THE ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD OF ARSENAL COMMANDANT, LIEUTENANT JOSHUA HOWARD. LATER THIS HOME BECAME THE HAIGH MANSION WHICH STOOD UNTIL THE MID-1950'S ON THE SITE OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINE OFFICE AT HAIGH AND MICHIGAN AVENUE.

DR. SWEENEY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM WELL, AS "RATHER BLUNT" IN HIS MANNERS, BUT OF A KIND AND SYMPATHETIC DISPOSITION. HE NEVER FAILED TO RESPOND TO A CALL FROM THE SICK, IF IT WAS POSSIBLE, REGARDLESS IF THE ILL WERE RICH OR POOR - TREATING THEM ALL ALIKE. IN MANY SITUATIONS HE KNEW BEFOREHAND HE WOULD RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR HIS SERVICES. IT MAY BE SAID HE WAS WELL-LIKED AND POPULAR WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE.

WHEN THE DOCTOR WAS KEEPER OF THE POST OFFICE CAN NOT BE KNOWN FOR CERTAIN. THERE ARE NO SURVIVORS WHOSE MEMORY GOES BACK THAT FAR, AND THE RECORDS ARE NOT COMPLETE. ON OCTOBER 27, 1837, HE PURCHASED OF A MR. ELLIOT GREY, LOT NUMBER 1, EAST, ON MICHIGAN AVENUE, NEXT TO THE ORIGINAL POST OFFICE SITE, ON WHICH HE BUILT HIMSELF A TWO-STORY DWELLING, WHICH IN APPOINTMENTS, DESIGN AND APPEARANCE, FOR THOSE TIMES AND SITUATIONS WAS FAR ABOVE THE ORDINARY. THE STRUCTURE, INCIDENTALLY, WAS DESTROYED BY THE SAME FIRE WHICH ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 12-13, 1900, BURNED DOWN THE ORIGINAL POST OFFICE BUILDING NEXT TO IT, ON THE CORNER OF MICHIGAN AND CENTER (NOW MONROE) STREETS. SINCE DR. SWEENEY HAD HIS PROFESSIONAL OFFICES IN HIS HOME, IT MAY BE PRESUMED THAT DURING HIS INCUMBENCY AS POSTMASTER, HE HAD THE POST OFFICE THERE ALSO, UNTIL SUCCEEDED BY DAVID ALLEN, THE SHOEMAKER.

IN THE LEWIS IVES FAMILY SCRAPBOOK IS A RECORD OF THE DEATH OF MRS. JUDITH SWEENEY IN MARCH OF 1892. SHE CAME TO DEARBORNVILLE AT THE SAME TIME CAPTAIN FRANKLIN D. CALLENDAR ARRIVED HERE IN 1848 FROM NEW YORK. THE LATTER WAS THE ARSENAL COMMANDANT FROM 1848 TO 1851 AS WELL AS FROM 1844-1846. SHE MARRIED DR. SWEENEY AND REARED FOUR CHILDREN. SHE WAS A DEVOUT MEMBER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. DR. SWEENEY PRECEDED HER IN DEATH TWENTY-ONE YEARS EARLIER IN 1871.

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DR. CHARLES T. FOLEY  
1844 - 1933

DR. CHARLES T. FOLEY WAS BORN IN MONTREAL IN 1844, THE YOUNGEST OF A LARGE FAMILY. HIS EARLY EDUCATION WAS OBTAINED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF THAT CITY. HE STUDIED MEDICINE AT TRINITY COLLEGE (NOW THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO) FROM WHICH HE WAS GRADUATED WITH HIS M. D. DEGREE.

IN THE YEARS BEFORE HE BEGAN THE STUDY OF MEDICINE, CHARLES FOLEY HAD DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN THE FIELDS OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND PARTICULARLY TAXIDERMY. HIS EXHIBITS OF BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES WERE THE PRIDE OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH GRANTED HIM A LICENSE AS A GOVERNMENT NATURALIST. HE PREPARED AN EXHIBIT FOR THE PHILADELPHIA CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION IN 1876, AND IT WAS AWARDED FIRST PRIZE. DURING THE WHOLE OF HIS LIFE HE HARBORED A GREAT LOVE FOR THE OUTDOORS, AND HUNTING AND FISHING WERE ALMOST A PASSION WITH HIM. IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT DR. FOLEY DECIDED TO SET UP HIS OWN PRACTICE HERE SO AS TO GIVE HIMSELF MORE TIME TO INDULGE IN HIS LOVE FOR NATURE.

THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER PHYSICIANS IN DEARBORN WHEN DR. FOLEY BEGAN HIS PRIVATE PRACTICE IN THE HOUSE ON MICHIGAN AVENUE, WHERE JACOBSON'S STORE IS NOW SITUATED. BESIDES HIS

FRIEND DR. SNOW, THERE WERE DOCTORS THEODORE V. LAW, SAMUEL W. BARKWELL AND SAMUEL P. DUFFIELD AND OTHERS. UNFORTUNATELY, LITTLE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN REGARDS TO DOCTORS LAW AND BARKWELL.

IN SUCH A SMALL VILLAGE - AS DEARBORN WAS IN THOSE DAYS - IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE OUTLOOK FOR ANOTHER DOCTOR WOULD NOT BE TOO PROMISING. HOWEVER, THERE WAS THE BIG SURROUNDING FARM AREA WHICH APPEALED TO DR. FOLEY, FOR HE LOVED TO VISIT THESE FARMS AND DISCUSSED CROPS AND ANIMALS. HE WAS DR. SNOW'S PHYSICIAN UNTIL THE LATTER'S DEATH IN 1892, AND LATER HE SERVED THE SNOW FAMILY.

BEFORE COMING TO DEARBORN, DR. FOLEY MARRIED MARY JANE SHARP OF FENELON FALLS, ONTARIO. THEY SETTLED IN THE COTTAGE ON THE ST. JOSEPH RETREAT GROUNDS, WHERE DR. FOLEY WAS A RESIDENT PHYSICIAN. AT THIS TIME, HE COMPLETED A GRADUATE COURSE AT THE DETROIT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND RECEIVED HIS DIPLOMA FROM THERE IN 1891. THEIR ONLY CHILD, HUGH SHERWOOD, WAS BORN AT THE RETREAT IN 1892. IN 1922, AT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, HUGH S. FOLEY JOINED HIS FATHER IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. HE CONTINUES TO CARRY ON THE PROFESSION OF HIS FATHER IN DEARBORN TODAY.

MRS. FOLEY DIED IN 1910 AND WAS BURIED IN NORTHVIEW CEMETERY WHERE HER HUSBAND, CHARLES, WOULD BE LAID TO REST TWENTY-THREE YEARS LATER - IN APRIL 1933.

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DR. SAMUEL PIERCE DUFFIELD  
1833 - 1915

DR. SAMUEL PIERCE DUFFIELD WAS BORN DECEMBER 21, 1833, IN CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA. HIS PARENTS MOVED TO DETROIT WHILE HE WAS STILL AN INFANT. HIS FATHER WAS THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CLERGYMAN TO LOCATE IN DEARBORN.

AFTER HIS GRADUATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN 1856, DUFFIELD ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AS A MEDICAL STUDENT. A FEW YEARS LATER, BECAUSE OF TROUBLE WITH HIS EYESIGHT, HE WENT TO BIELEFELD, GERMANY, FOR TREATMENT BY DR. ALBRECHT VON GRAFFE. HE ALSO STUDIED PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY IN MUNICH, GERMANY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY ATTENDED LUDWIG UNIVERSITY AT GIESSEN, GERMANY, BEING GRADUATED FROM THERE AS A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY.

WHEN DR. DUFFIELD RETURNED TO DETROIT IN 1859, HE STARTED A SMALL DRUGSTORE ON WOODWARD AVENUE, WHICH IS REGARDED AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE UNKNOWNED PARKE, DAVIS & COMPANY.

IN 1862 HE STARTED A SMALL "LABORATORY" AT THE CORNER OF CASS AND HENRY STREETS IN DETROIT. THIS VENTURE WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE UNDERTAKEN WEST OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

AFTER A FEW YEARS HAD PASSED, DR. DUFFIELD PERSUADED HARVEY C. PARKE TO JOIN HIM AT THE RESEACH LABORATORY, AND OCTOBER 26, 1866 (WHEN THE PARTNERSHIP OF DUFFIELD, PARKE AND COMPANY WAS FORMED), IS REGARDED BY PARKE, DAVIS & COMPANY AS THE FOUNDING DATE OF THE COMPANY AS IT EXISTS TODAY.

DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, DR. DUFFIELD'S HEALTH WAS NOT GOOD, AND HIS CONDITION, AGGRAVATED BY THE CHRONIC ILLNESS OF HIS WIFE, CAUSED HIM TO WITHDRAW FROM THE FIRM ON JANUARY 18, 1869.

AFTER WITHDRAWING FROM THE BUSINESS, THE DOCTOR ENTERED THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN DEARBORN AND LATER IN DETROIT. HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AND HONOR AS HEALTH OFFICER OF DETROIT FOR TWO DIFFERENT TERMS, ONE FROM 1887 TO 1893, AND THE OTHER FROM 1895 TO 1898. HIS VERSATILITY AS MEDICAL WRITER IS NOTED IN THE VARIETY OF NUMEROUS PROFESSIONAL PAPERS WHICH HE CONTRIBUTED TO THE MEDICAL PRESS WHILE SERVING AS HEALTH OFFICER.

WHEN HE RETIRED AS DETROIT'S HEALTH OFFICER, DR. DUFFIELD AGAIN PRACTICED MEDICINE IN THAT CITY. SOMETIMES LATER, HE PRACTICED IN DEARBORN WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE PRACTICE IN 1906, AND UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1916.

IN 1950 THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION PAID JUST HONORS TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE DR. DUFFIELD WHEN IT ERECTED A MARKER NEAR THE LOCATION OF HIS DEARBORN HOME JUST WEST OF WHAT IS NOW THE SOUTHFIELD EXPRESSWAY ON MICHIGAN (U.S. 12) AND THE ENTRANCE TO HENRY FORD'S FAIR LANE ESTATE. THE TEXT READS:

DR. SAMUEL PIERCE DUFFIELD

1833-1916 - PHYSICIAN - CHEMIST - PHARMACIST -  
ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF PARKE, DAVIS & COMPANY.  
DR. DUFFIELD'S STATELY RESIDENCE WAS LOCATED  
ABOUT ONE-HALF MILE WEST FROM THIS MARKER. A-  
BOUT 100 FEET FURTHER WEST WAS LOCATED HIS LAB-  
ORATORY WHERE HE PRACTICED MEDICINE DURING THE  
LATTER PART OF HIS LIFE AND CARRIED ON MANY  
EXPERIMENTS WHICH HAVE AIDED MEDICAL SCIENCE.

THIS TABLET WAS PLACED BY THE DEARBORN  
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DR. EDWARD SPARROW SNOW  
1820 - 1892

DR. EDWARD SPARROW SNOW WAS DESCRIBED BY CONTEMPORARIES AS A "WHOLE-SOULLED, BIG-HARTED, GENIAL GENTLEMAN. NO ONE HAD WIDER OR WARMER ACQUAINTANCES, NO ONE WAS A MORE WELCOME VISITOR

AND NO ONE BROUGHT MORE SUNSHINE AND HOPE INTO HOMES SOMETIMES DARKENED WITH THE "DREADED SHADOWS."

EDWARD SNOW WAS BORN IN AUSTINBURG, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, ON JULY 5, 1820, THE SON OF SPARROW AND CLARA (KNEELAND) SNOW, BOTH NATIVES OF MASSACHUSETTS. HIS PARENTS WERE MARRIED IN SANDERSFIELD, BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1811, AND MOVED TO OHIO IN 1817. THEY WERE AMONG THE PIONEERS OF THE WESTERN RESERVE. YOUNG SNOW HAD THREE BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTERS.

EDWARD'S EARLY EDUCATION WAS RECEIVED IN THE COMMON SCHOOLS. AT 18 HE ENTERED GRAND RIVER INSTITUTE IN AUSTINBURG FROM WHICH HE WAS GRADUATED WITH HONORS IN 1842. WHILE THERE "HE NOT ONLY SUPPORTED HIMSELF, BUT PAID FOR HIS TUITION, BOUGHT HIS BOOKS, CLOTHES, ETC., AND SAVED \$25 WHEN HE FINISHED."

HE HAD DONE WELL AT SURVEYING IN SCHOOL (THEN A USUAL COURSE) AND HE APPLIED FOR A JOB AS ONE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL SURVEYORS OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY. HOWEVER, BEFORE AN APPOINTMENT CAME THROUGH, A CLOSE FRIEND WAS TAKEN ILL AND EDWARD TOOK CARE OF HIM DURING A LENGTHY ILLNESS. HE FOUND HIMSELF INTERESTED IN MEDICINE AND AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE FRIEND'S DOCTOR, DECIDED TO STUDY MEDICINE. IN ORDER TO FINANCE HIS EDUCATION, HE TAUGHT FOR A YEAR AT PALMYRA AND JEFFERSON IN OHIO. HE READ MEDICINE WITH AN OLD FRIEND, DR. O. K. HAWLEY, AT AUSTINBURG, AND IN 1847 WAS GRADUATED FROM THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE WESTERN RESERVE COLLEGE AT CLEVELAND.

DR. SNOW WAS MARRIED OCTOBER 22, 1851, TO ELIZABETH AUSTIN OF AUSTINBURG, AND THEY BECAME THE PARENTS OF TWO SONS.

THE DOCTOR INTENDED TO GO TO MISSOURI AFTER GRADUATION BUT WAS REQUESTED BY A FRIEND TO ASSUME THE PRACTICE FOR A YEAR FOR A DR. MARKHAM OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, WHILE THE LATTER REGAINED HIS HEALTH. THIS LED HIM TO SETTLE IN DEARBORN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, - ARRIVING HERE WITH ONLY A SMALL SUPPLY OF MEDICINE AND IN DEBT FOR THE HORSE HE RODE. HE SOON BUILT A SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE.

WHEN HE FIRST LOCATED AT DEARBORN, THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD WAS COMPLETED ONLY TO DEXTER, AND IT WAS ABOUT THE ONLY RAILROAD IN MICHIGAN. THE COUNTRY WAS COVERED WITH FORESTS, AND MOST OF THE ROADS WERE BRIDLE PATHS THROUGH THE WOODS. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS NEARLY ALL OF THE DOCTOR'S TRAVELING WAS DONE ON HORSEBACK. HE WAS ONE OF THE SURGEONS OF THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD FOR 43 YEARS.

FOR ONE YEAR WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO DEARBORN HE WAS ACTING ASSISTANT SURGEON AT THE DETROIT ARSENAL HERE. HE WAS REIN-

STATED AS SURGEON BY JEFFERSON DAVIS, THE SECRETARY OF WAR, AND SERVED FOR MANY YEARS UNTIL THE ARSENAL WAS CLOSED IN THE MID-1870's. HE HAD BEEN INTERESTED AT AN EARLY DATE OF HIS LIFE IN MILITARY AFFAIRS AND HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FIRST RIFLE REGIMENT, SECOND BRIGADE, OHIO DIVISION, SERVING AS ITS ADJUTANT FOR TWO YEARS.

DR. SNOW HAD MANY INTERESTS. HE WAS ACTIVE IN COUNTY, STATE, AND NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ATTENDED A NUMBER OF NATIONAL MEETINGS. AS A RESULT OF HIS WORK FOR THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, HE WAS APPOINTED AN HONORARY ALUMNUS OF THAT DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY IN 1876.

DURING THE CIVIL WAR, HE ATTENDED THE FAMILIES OF ARMY VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

DR. SNOW ATTENDED THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF DEARBORN IN 1870.

THE DOCTOR SERVED AS SCHOOL INSPECTOR FOR DEARBORN TOWNSHIP (THE "TWO ELECTED SCHOOL INSPECTORS WERE FORERUNNERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.") HE WAS LATER ONE OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE WORK TO BUILD A NEW HIGH SCHOOL. THIS SCHOOL, CALLED THE DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOL, WAS SITUATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCK NOW BOUND BY GARRISON, MASON, MORLEY AND MONROE STREETS.

IN 1874 THE DOCTOR BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE DEARBORN LITERARY SOCIETY. HE TRAVELED IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD AND ATTENDED THE PARIS EXPOSITION IN 1890.

HE BUILT A FINE BRICK RESIDENCE INTO WHICH HE MOVED IN THE SPRING OF 1860. THIS WAS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF MONROE AND SNOW WHERE THE SNOW HILL APARTMENTS NOW STAND. HE DIED AT HIS HOME ON JULY 18, 1892, AND WAS BURIED IN NORTHVIEW CEMETERY.

DR. SNOW WAS CONSIDERED TO BE "LOYAL, PROGRESSIVE AND PUBLIC-SPRITED," A MAN OF "BROAD HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT AND HUMAN HELPFULNESS, A TRUE FRIEND, DISPENSER OF GOOD CHEER, AND A SAFE AND WISE COUNSELOR," AND "A MAN OF BROAD VIEWS AND MATURE JUDGMENT."

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DR. HENRY L. BURDENO  
1870 - 1965

DR. BURDENO WAS BORN ON A FARM IN ROMULUS TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN, IN 1870. AFTER GRADUATION FROM THE DETROIT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, HE CAME TO DEARBORN IN 1901 AND PRACTICED MEDICINE UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1965 AT THE AGE OF 95.

DR. BURDEN, A DEDICATED "COUNTRY DOCTOR" AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEARBORN'S HISTORY, SERVED SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF DEARBORN FAMILIES FOR 65 YEARS FROM HIS OFFICE AT 22609 GARRISON AND OTHER LOCATIONS.

THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL MUSEUM WISHES TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. BURDEN'S FINE RECORD OF SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY AND TO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE DONATION OF THE DOCTOR'S MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS FROM HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, MISS HELEN BURDEN AND MRS. LORETTA SCOTT.

THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS ARE DR. BURDEN'S RECOLLECTIONS OF DEARBORN'S HISTORY FROM 1901-1911. THE RURAL-SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE IS PREVALENT IN THESE INTERESTING EXCERPTS.

MARRIED IN 1902 -

"...IN NOVEMBER, 1902, I MARRIED ELLA HOBAN OF DETROIT. WE TOOK A STREETCAR FROM DETROIT TO DEARBORN AND I WOULD SAY THAT THAT WAS OUR HONEY-MOON TRIP FOR IT WAS A LONG TIME BEFORE WE COULD MAKE ANOTHER TRIP DUE TO MY HEAVY WORK SCHEDULE...."

HOUSE RENT WAS \$6 A MONTH -

"...WE RENTED A HOUSE FROM "DEKE" SLOSS NEXT TO HIS STORE WHICH WAS WHERE THE BUNGALOW RESTAURANT IS NOW. ALTHOUGH OUR RENT WAS ONLY SIX DOLLARS A MONTH, I HAD TO WORK MANY HOURS TO RAISE THE MONEY...."

TOLL GATE TOLLS -

"...THE TOLL GATES WERE STILL HERE. ONE WAS LOCATED NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF THE FORD ESTATE AND THE OTHER IN INKSTER. THE TOLL WAS FIVE CENTS. SOMETIMES I DROVE THROUGH WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE GATE KEEPER...BUT THEY'D CATCH ME AT INKSTER AND CHARGE ME DOUBLE IF I DIDN'T HAVE MY SLIP FROM THE FIRST GATE...."

SLOSS AND KNOTT'S STORES -

"...ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MICHIGAN, WHERE THE MANUFACTURER'S BANK IS NOW WAS A GROCERY STORE RUN BY "DEKE" SLOSS AND BEHIND THAT WAS KNOTT'S SHOE STORE...."

GROCERY STORE AND DANCE HALL -

"...AT MASON AND MECHANIC [NOW NEWMAN] DAVID LAPLHAM RAN A GROCERY STORE AND ABOVE THAT WAS A HALL WHERE I WAS TO HAVE MANY GOOD TIMES AT DANCES IN YEARS TO COME...."

A SPOT TO 'HANG MY SHINGLE' -

"...THE OLD ARSENAL WAS ABOUT WHERE KRESGE'S IS NOW AND NEXT TO THAT I SAW A LARGE FRAME HOUSE. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A SPOT TO 'HANG MY SHINGLE'. A COUPLE RAN A LAUNDRY AT THE REAR OF THIS BUILDING AND RENTED ME TWO ROOMS IN THE FRONT FOR MY LIVING QUARTERS AND OFFICE FOR \$2.00 A MONTH...."

HARNESS SHOP AND A SALOON -

"...NEXT TO THE TWO ROOMS WAS A HARNESS SHOP (BLANKERTZ) AND A CORNER SALOON (MAUER'S)...."

HARD-WORKING FARMERS AROUND DEARBORN -

"...THE FARMERS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DEARBORN WERE HARD-WORKING PEOPLE AND VERY OFTEN I RECEIVED FRUIT, VEGETABLES, HAY AND STRAW IN PAYMENT FOR BRINGING A BABY INTO THE WORLD...THE KORTE FARM WAS ON RECKINGER ROAD (SOUTHFIELD)...THE CROWLEY'S WERE NEAR ECORSELRoad...THE JOHN SALLY FARM STOOD WHERE THE DEARBORN HILLS GOLF COURSE IS NOW...THE NIELANDS HAD THEIR FARM ON THE GROUNDS WHERE THE DEARBORN COUNTRY CLUB IS LOCATED...."

WAGNER BRICKYARD -

"...ON ELM STREET (OAKWOOD BLVD.) ANTHONY WAGNER OWNED A BRICKYARD AND THE MATERIAL USED FOR MAKING BRICKS WAS DUG OUT OF THE GROUND WHERE THE FORD TWIN LAKES ARE NOW...."

A RIDE WITH HENRY FORD IN 1910 -

"...I TOOK MY FIRST AUTOMOBILE RIDE WITH HENRY FORD IN 1910. HE AWAKENED ME AT 2:00 A.M. AND WANTED ME TO ATTEND HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, MR. JAMES RUDDIMAN, WHO LIVED AT THE CORNER OF FORD AND RECKINGER (SOUTHFIELD) ROADS...."

FORD HOMESTEAD -

"...HENRY FORD'S FATHER WAS LIVING AT FORD AND GREENFIELD...THE HOUSE WHERE HENRY WAS BORN AND WHICH IS NOW IN GREENFIELD VILLAGE...."

DELIVER FIRST BABY -

"...THE FIRST BABY I DELIVERED WAS ELBA ("STUB") HOWE, SON OF MR. AND MRS. LOUIS HOWE...."

I BOUGHT A \$15.00 BUGGY -

"...I HAD TO HAVE SOME MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION...I HAD HEARD OF OLIVER TROWBRIDGE, A HORSE TRADER WHO HAD A FARM AT MICHIGAN AND GULLEY ROAD. SO WITH EVERY PENNY I OWNED (\$10.00), I WALKED TO OLIVER'S

FARM AND BOUGHT A BEAUTIFUL HORSE WHICH I NAMED "SPORT". THE PRICE OF THE HORSE WAS \$100.00 SO I BOUGHT HIM ON TIME...NEVER HAVING BEEN ON A HORSE, I LED HIM BACK TO DEARBORN...IT DAWNED ON ME THAT I WOULD NEED A BUGGY, SO WITH MY NEXT \$15.00 I BOUGHT A BUGGY AT JOHN BURN'S HARNESS SHOP...IN ORDER TO DRUM UP BUSINESS I WOULD DRIVE SPORT AS FAST AS HE WOULD GO THROUGH MUD AND CLAY UP AND DOWN MICHIGAN AVENUE MAKING BELIEVE I WAS THE BUSIEST MAN IN TOWN..."

I BOUGHT MY FIRST CAR IN 1911 -

"...I BOUGHT MY FIRST FORD CAR IN 1911...I WORE OUT FOUR HORSES, FOURTEEN FORDS, A CHEVROLET AND A PACKARD WHILE PRACTICING MEDICINE IN DEARBORN...."

POOR ROADS -

"...THE ROADS AROUND DEARBORN WERE VERY BAD. PELHAM (OLD SAW DUST ROAD) AND TELEGRAPH WERE THE WORST - SOMETIMES IMPASSABLE. MY HORSE WOULD SINK UP TO HIS KNEES IN MUD AND THE HARNESS WOULD BREAK. HERMAN BLANKERTZ, THE HARNESS MAKER, WOULD REPAIR IT OR MAKE NEW ONES...."

INTERURBAN CAR ACCIDENT -

"...THE WORST ACCIDENT CASE THAT I CAN REMEMBER WAS WHEN TWO INTERURBAN CARS COLLIDED AT DUFFIELD SWITCH ON MICHIGAN AVENUE. THE MOTORMAN WAS KILLED AND MANY PEOPLE WERE INJURED...."

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## DO YOU KNOW...

1. ...WHO WAS THE FIRST POSTMAN IN DEARBORNVILLE?
2. ...WHO WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO HAVE A SUBDIVISION IN DEARBORNVILLE?
3. ...WHO WAS THE FIRST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OF SPRINGWELLS?
4. ...WHO WAS THE FIRST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OF BUCKLIN, PEKIN AND DEARBORN?
5. ...WHAT THE WHIGS ERECTED IN DEARBORNVILLE FOR THE ELECTION OF 1841?
6. ...WHO PLEDGED A COW AGAINST ANOTHER DURING THE CAMPAIGN OF 1841?

(SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE 19 FOR ANSWERS)

## YEW POST OFFICE

SABRIA PALMER LAMB

[EDITOR'S NOTE: IN VOLUME 4, NUMBERS 2-3 OF THE DEARBORN HISTORIAN, MAJOR GENERAL GORDON A. MACDONALD AUTHORED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "PITY THE POOR POSTMASTER." IT DEALT WITH THE EARLY POSTAL WORK IN OLD DEARBORNVILLE. RECENTLY A NUMBER OF MATERIALS WAS TURNED OVER TO THE MUSEUM'S ARCHIVES PERTAINING TO THE LATE SABRIA PALMER LAMB. THIS MATERIAL INCLUDED A BRIEF ARTICLE ABOUT THE OLD YEW POST OFFICE IN WHAT WAS THE OLD TOWNSHIP OF GREENFIELD IN 1866. THE ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME "YEW" HAS NEVER BEEN EXPLAINED, BUT POSSIBLY IT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE NAME YEW TREES IN THE AREA AT ONE TIME. WHA]

THIS IS THE SAGA OF THE RISE AND FALL OF YEW POST OFFICE, TOWNSHIP OF GREENFIELD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

YEARS AFTER OUR HARDY PIONEER ANCESTORS FROM NEW ENGLAND CAME TO THE FORESTS OF WAYNE COUNTY AND BEGAN CLEARING AND FARMING, THE LITTLE SETTLEMENT OF BROWN'S CORNERS WAS ESTABLISHED, SO-CALLED BECAUSE JOHN JEREMIAH BROWN BUILT HIS HOME THERE AND SET UP A GROCERY BUSINESS, WHICH MY FATHER, WILLIAM PALMER, BOUGHT AND TO WHICH HE MOVED HIS FAMILY FROM REDFORD IN 1866. THE RECORDS OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON, D. C. SHOW THE FIRST POST OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1866 UNDER THE NAME OF BROWN'S CORNERS. WHEN OR WHY THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO YEW P.O., I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT. BUT SO LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER THAT IS THE NAME BY WHICH IT WAS KNOWN. THE FIRST MAIL WAS RECEIVED ON ROUTE 12542 FROM NORTHVILLE VIA MEAD'S MILLS, PLYMOUTH, NANKIN, ELM AND OAK. MAIL WAS RECEIVED SIX TIMES A WEEK BETWEEN DETROIT AND NORTHVILLE.

DETROIT, SPREADING WESTWARD AND NORTHWARD, SWALLOWED UP YEW P.O. AND CHANGED THE NAME OF PLYMOUTH ROAD TO WEST CHICAGO BOULEVARD AND PALMER ROAD TO CHASE ROAD. AT GREENFIELD ROAD AND PLYMOUTH ROAD A JOG WAS REMOVED AND THE ROAD EXTENDED TO GRAND RIVER AVE. AND CALLED THE NEW PLYMOUTH ROAD, LOCATED ABOUT A HALF MILE NORTH OF THE OLD ROAD. BROWN'S CORNERS, ON THE OLD PLYMOUTH ROAD, WAS TWO AND THREE QUARTERS MILES WEST OF THE PLANK ROAD, OR GRAND RIVER AVE., ON THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF PLYMOUTH ROAD AND PALMER ROAD. IT TOOK AN HOUR OR MORE HARD HAULING THROUGH THE MUD FOR THE HORSES ON THE MILK WAGONS TO MAKE THAT TWO AND THREE QUARTERS MILES, AND NOW IT TAKES ABOUT TEN MINUTES.

HOW DO I KNOW ALL THIS? BECAUSE I WAS BORN THERE, LIVED AND TAUGHT SCHOOL THERE, HELPED MY BROTHER WHEN HE WAS POSTMASTER, TENDED THE GROCERY STORE AND HELPED WEIGH THE MILK IN HIS MILK DEPOT, UNTIL 1900 WHEN I SURRENDERED TO DETROIT AND MOVED TO TOWN.

THE NAMES OF THE POSTMASTERS OF YEW P.O. WERE HENRY PIERSON, CAPT. WALTER HENDERSON AND HIS SON WALTER HENDERSON, JOSEPH F. SHEFFERLY, WILLIAM HENRY PALMER AND CHARLES HANTZ. THE EARLIEST

RECORD OF COMPENSATION SHOWS THAT POSTMASTER WALTER HENDERSON RECEIVED \$7.01 FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOV. 30, 1866 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1867, OR 1.00 PER MONTH.

WHILE TRYING TO THINK WHO THE PATRONS OF YEW P.O. WERE WHEN MY BROTHER WAS POSTMASTER IN 1896, I THOUGHT OF MYSELF STANDING IN FRONT OF PIGEON HOLES WHERE THE MAIL WAS KEPT. THERE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER THE NAMES OF THE FAMILIES WERE AYRIS, BOEHMER, BUSH, CAMPBELL, DORMOY, ESPER, FORD-GEORGE, JAMES, SAMUEL, JOHN, HENRY, SR. AND ADDISON-, GRAEMER, GLEASON HALL, HENDRY, HENDERSON, HENNING, HOLMES, JURGENS, DORTE, KNOOP, MANCHESTER, MACFARLANE, MUFFAT, MYERS, NISSEN, NOBEL, OTIS, PALMER, PARDONNEY, REYNOLDS, RUDDIMAN, ROWLEY, SIMS, SHEFFERLY, SHEAHAN, TEAGAN, THEISEN, THIELKE, THROOP, VILLEROT, VIZARD AND WINN.

ACROSS THE ROAD FROM MY HOME WAS A SMALL WHITE SCHOOL-HOUSE, BUILT BY HENRY FORD, SR., KNOWN AS THE PALMER SCHOOL OR DISTRICT NO. 9. THE CHILDREN FOR MILES AROUND WENT THERE TO SCHOOL. I THINK THE LARGEST NUMBER FROM ANY ONE FAMILY WAS FOURTEEN FROM THE AYRIS FAMILY. IF THE WALLS OF THAT SCHOOL-HOUSE COULD TALK WHAT THEY MIGHT TELL! IT WAS USED NOT ONLY FOR A SCHOOL, BUT AS A CHURCH, CONCERT AND ENTERTAINMENT HALL, AND, POLITICAL MEETINGS WERE HELD THERE TOO. MANY TEACHERS WENT OUT FROM THAT SCHOOL, ALTHA E. REED, ETTA MACFARLANE, ELLA ELVARETTIA PALMER, SABRIA ANN PALMER, EDNA AND BLANCHE WINN. MOST OF THEM TAUGHT THERE ALSO. I WENT TO SCHOOL WHEN MY SISTER WAS TEACHING AND I ALSO TAUGHT THERE SIX YEARS.

OUR HOME, A LARGE WHITE HOUSE WITH GREEN BLINDS, STOOD FOR MANY YEARS ON THAT CORNER WHERE A GASOLINE STATION NOW STANDS. THE SCHOOL-HOUSE WAS MOVED SOUTH OF MY HOME AND CONVERTED INTO A VERY COMFORTABLE DWELLING.

AS THE DYNAMIC CITY OF DETROIT WENT WESTWARD, THE LOCALITY WHERE YEW P.O. WAS UNDERWENT A GREAT CHANGE AND IS NOW BUILT UP ALMOST SOLID FOR THE TWO AND THREE QUARTERS MILES TO GRAND RIVER AVENUE.

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SABRIA PALMER LAMB  
1873-1965

MRS. EMMET (SABRIA PALMER) LAMB, A CHARTER MEMBER AND A LIFE MEMBER OF DEARBORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, DIED ON AUGUST 15, 1965, AT THE AGE OF NINETY-TWO.

MRS. LAMB WAS BORN AUGUST 6, 1873, AT YEW POST OFFICE, TOWNSHIP OF GREENFIELD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. SHE RECEIVED HER EDUCATION IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, GREENFIELD, MICHIGAN, AND AT YPSILANTI NORMAL AND THE DETROIT CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN SHE BEGAN A TEACHING CAREER WHICH SPANNED THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF HER LIFE. SHE BEGAN HER FIRST TERM OF TEACHING ON APRIL 7, 1890, IN THE SCOTCH SETTLEMENT SCHOOL, WHICH IS NOW ONE OF THE BUILDINGS OF MR. HENRY FORD'S AMERICANA IN GREENFIELD VILLAGE. SHE MOVED TO DETROIT IN 1900 WHERE SHE FINISHED HER THIRTY-THREE YEARS AS A TEACHER. IN 1941 MR. AND MRS. HENRY FORD HONORED HER AT A PARTY IN GREENFIELD VILLAGE IN COMMEMORATION OF HER FIRST TERM OF TEACHING. PROGRAMS IN MARTHA MARY CHAPEL, SCOTCH SETTLEMENT SCHOOL, LOVETT HALL, AND A LUNCHEON IN CLINTON INN COMPLETED ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE DAYS OF HER LIFE.

AFTER HER RETIREMENT MRS. LAMB TRAVELED WIDELY IN EUROPE, ASIA AND CANADA. SHE MANY TIMES PROUDLY STATED THAT SHE HAD VISITED EVERY ONE OF OUR UNITED STATES BUT TWO.

SHE WAS ACTIVE FOR MANY YEARS IN CHURCH WORK, HAVING SERVED AS CLASS LEADER, TEACHER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE, SOCIAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE, PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AND DISTRICT SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

DURING HER LATER YEARS SHE DEVOTED HER TIME TO THE FURTHERANCE OF HER GENEALOGICAL INTERESTS. SHE ALSO READ AND STUDIED EXTENSIVELY, ALWAYS MAINTAINING AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE EVENTS OF THE WORLD AROUND HER. SHE LIVED THROUGH SEVERAL ERAS AND SAW MANY CHANGES AND ADVANCES DURING HER LIFETIME. SHE HAD A GENUINE INTEREST IN PEOPLE AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT. HER OWN PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE IS PERHAPS BEST EXEMPLIFIED BY ONE OF HER FAVORITE QUOTATIONS: "WHAT YOU ARE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU. WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOURSELF IS YOUR GIFT TO HIM."

OBITUARY WRITTEN BY MRS. ROBERT BURNS OF DETROIT, GREAT NEICE OF MRS. LAMB.

## A-BIT-O-HISTORY

DONALD V. BAUT

[EDITOR'S NOTE: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DETROIT ARSENAL OF MICHIGAN LOCATED HERE IN EARLY DEARBORN CAN NOT BE MINIMIZED. IN FACT THE ARSENAL - FIRST UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN 1833 - WAS THE INITIAL REASON FOR THE FIRST LARGE INFUX OF PEOPLE TO DEARBORN. MANY PEOPLE KNOW THE BASIC STORY OF THE ARSENAL AND WHAT HAPPENED TO IT. OTHERS KNOW THAT THE COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS AND THE MCPADDEN-ROSS HOUSE OF THE MUSEUM ARE REMAINS OF THAT PROUD ERA OF LONG AGO. HOWEVER, SOME PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW SOME OF THE INCIDENTS WHICH GAVE A HUMAN TOUCH TO THE MILITARY INSTALLATION WHICH WAS IN OPERATION SOME 40 YEARS. THE TWO-PART ARTICLE ABOUT THE EARLY DAYS IS INFORMATIVE AND, AT TIMES, AMUSING.

CLUB SPRINGWELLS, A PART OF OF WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED "EAST DEARBORN" TODAY, W/TH SCHOOLS LIKE OTHER COMMUNITIES IN MICHIGAN. THE NAMES IN SPRINGWELLS WERE DIFFERENT, AND PERHAPS THE SALARIES VARIED SOMEWHAT. THE A-BIT-O-HISTORY ARTICLE ON FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. SIX MENTIONS MANY OF THOSE NAMES AND TOUCHES ON SOME OF THE "TEACHERS' SALARIES." WHA]

### "EARLY DAYS AT THE DETROIT ARSENAL" (PART 1)

RECENTLY THIS CURATOR DISCOVERED A PIECE OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL THAT HARKS BACK TO THE EARLY DAYS OF THE DETROIT ARSENAL, LOCATED IN DEARBORNVILLE.

THE THIRD COMMANDANT AT THE ARSENAL WAS MAJOR STEPHEN H. WEBB. HE WAS COMMANDER OF THIS POST FROM 1835 TO 1842. IN THE LATTER YEAR, HE WAS CHARGED WITH MISAPPROPRIATIONS OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. HE CATEGORICALLY ANSWERED THESE CHARGES AND IT IS PART OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS.

MAJOR STEPHEN H. WEBB WAS APPOINTED BY THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE U. S. ARMY TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE COMPLETION OF THE BUILDING OF THE DETROIT ARSENAL. HE RELIEVED CAPTAIN HENRY WHITING, WHO WAS COMMANDING THE POST IN 1835.

WEBB'S RESPONSIBILITY WAS NOT ONLY TO SUPERINTEND THE ERECTION OF THE ARSENAL BUT ALSO TO SERVE AS STOREKEEPER. HIS MONTHLY WAGE WAS \$77.50 OR \$930 YEARLY, WHICH WAS BELOW THE WAGE FOR THIS POSITION. IN 1838 CONGRESS PASSED AN ACT WHEREBY A STOREKEEPER WAS TO RECEIVE AS MUCH AS A CAPTAIN OF ORDNANCE, \$1,476 PER ANNUM.

OTHER MEN EMPLOYED AT THE ARSENAL WERE WILLIAM POWELL, CYRUS HOWARD, BROTHER OF JOSHUA HOWARD, DR. THOMAS SWEENEY, GEORGE SAUNDERS AND TOBIAS HOLDEN. WILLIAM POWELL WAS EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM MAY 1, 1835, TO NOVEMBER, 1841. ON JUNE 1, 1836, HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT AND MASTER WORKMAN. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING A DAILY TIME ROLL MEMORANDUM ON

THE LABORERS. AT THE END OF THE MONTH, THIS ROLL WAS GIVEN TO THE CLERK, WHO MADE A DUPLICATE COPY OF THE MEN'S MONTHLY WAGES AND SIGNED BY THE COMMANDANT. AS THE WORKMEN RECEIVED THEIR WAGES, \$1.25 PER DAY, THEY EITHER SIGNED THEIR NAMES OR PLACED THE FAMILIAR "X". AN INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE ARSENAL WHEN THE BRASS FITTINGS ARRIVED FOR THE SLIDING DOORS OF THE COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS. CHARLES LUM, THE MASTER CARPENTER, WAS GIVEN THE JOB OF INSTALLING THESE TRIMMINGS. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TO FIT THESE OBJECTS. Thus, POWELL INSTALLED THEM.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1835, CYRUS HOWARD PROCESSED THE LIME NEEDED AT THE ARSENAL. THIS WAS FOR "PUBLIC WORKS." A KILN WAS BUILT ON PUBLIC LAND FOR THE NECESSARY SUPPLY. HOWEVER, IN THE WINTER, CYRUS "LEFT THE COUNTRY." (THIS MAY HAVE BEEN WHEN HOWARD RETURNED EAST TO BRING HIS FAMILY TO MICHIGAN IN 1836). THUS WEBB INSTRUCTED EMANUEL CONANT, CLERK AT THE ARSENAL FROM JUNE, 1835, TO MID-AUGUST, 1837, TO CHECK FOR A NEW SUPPLIER. CONANT JOURNEYED TO MALDEN (AMHERSTBURG, ONTARIO) AND RECEIVED AN AGREEMENT FROM A MR. CLARK. CLARK & COMPANY PROMISED THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES. WORKMEN WERE EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY, AND A KILN WAS BUILT AT DEARBORNVILLE WITH WILLIAM SLOSS PROVIDING THE KILN WITH TIMBER. A WAREHOUSE WAS BUILT TO STORE THE LIME, AND THIS PRODUCT WAS TO BE USED ONLY FOR GOVERNMENT PURPOSES. HUGH HENRY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KEY TO THE LIME HOUSE. CLARK & COMPANY COMPLETED THE LIME PORTION OF THE ARSENAL, ESPECIALLY THE WALLS OF THE COMPOUND, MUCH TO THE AGITATION OF CYRUS HOWARD, THE ORIGINAL SUPPLIER.

DR. THOMAS SWEENEY ARRIVED IN DEARBORNVILLE IN 1834. HE WAS EMPLOYED AS ACTING SURGEON OF THE ARSENAL FROM JUNE 1834, TO THE AUTUMN OF 1840. IN 1838-39 HE BUILT HIS HOME AND OFFICE ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS. THIS HOME REMAINED UNTIL THE FIRE OF APRIL, 1900.

GEORGE SAUNDERS WAS MASTER MASON IN 1836-37. UNDER HIS EMPLOYMENT WAS DANIEL LYON. TOBIAS HOLDEN WAS A CARPENTER HERE IN 1836-37. ALBERT WILLCOX WAS AN "ENLISTED MAN OF ORDNANCE" WHO, WEBB STATES, WAS DISCHARGED IN 1837 FOR ATTEMPTING TO GIVE GOVERNMENT ARMS AND MUNITIONS TO ABET THE PATRIOTS DURING THEIR REBELLION IN CANADA. WILLCOX WAS A CARRIAGE MAKER AND HE HAD THE HABIT OF DOING FAVORS FOR THE LOCAL POPULACE FOR A SMALL FEE--WHEN MAJOR WEBB WAS ABSENT FROM THE POST. THESE "PRIVATE TASKS" WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY HANDING THE COMPLETED JOBS OUT OF THE REAR WINDOW OF HIS SHOP.

"EARLY DAYS AT THE DETROIT ARSENAL"  
(PART 2)

IN 1832, \$1,082.71 WAS SPENT APPARENTLY TO BUY THE LAND FOR THE ARSENAL. HOWEVER, CONSTRUCTION COULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL CONGRESS APPROPRIATED MONEY, AND IN MARCH, 1833, \$20,500.00 WAS GIVEN FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THAT YEAR WAS \$30,466.96.

IN APRIL, CONSENT WAS GIVEN BY THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT FOR JOSHUA HOWARD TO EMPLOY CONRAD TEN EYCK IN ANY CAPACITY THAT WOULD AID IN BUILDING THE ARSENAL. EVENTUALLY TEN EYCK WAS ASKED TO DO TEAMING. ALSO IN APRIL, MONEY WAS TO BE PAID FOR EQUIPMENT USED BY THE BLACK HAWK WAR VOLUNTEERS. THE AMOUNT WAS STATED AS \$288.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

CONGRESS APPROPRIATED AN ADDITIONAL \$22,180.95 SO WORK COULD CONTINUE ON BUILDING THE ARSENAL. IN AUGUST, HOWARD WAS GIVEN THE ORDER TO REPAIR MUSKETS AND GIVE THE PRICE AND THE WORK DONE TO WASHINGTON. BY SEPTEMBER, HOWARD RECEIVED WORD THAT HE WAS TO BE RELIEVED OF HIS COMMAND. A CAPTAIN SAMUEL PERKINS ASKED FOR THE FUTURE ARSENAL COMMAND BUT WAS REFUSED BY LT. COL. HENRY WHITING. RATHER, WHITING ASSUMED THE SUPERVISION OF BUILDING THE COMPOUND UNTIL APRIL, 1835.

ON APRIL 25, 1835, CAPTAIN STEPHEN H. WEBB (MENTIONED IN PART 1) ARRIVED AT DETROIT. APPARENTLY HE ARRIVED ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT HE RECEIVED WORD TO APPREHEND TWO DESERTERS, CHARLES GAYNIER AND ALBERT HANER, AND HOLD THEM FOR TRIAL. WEBB ASSUMED COMMAND IN MAY. FOUNDATIONS FOR THE WORKSHOPS--PERHAPS THE BLACKSMITH AND CARPENTER--WERE LAID SOMETIME IN JUNE. WEBB WOULD REMAIN AS COMMANDANT UNTIL 1842.

IN 1835 CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AMOUNTED TO \$26,693.14 AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR DECREASED TO \$21,25.33. IN LATE MARCH, WEBB ASKED FOR THE PLAN OF THE FRONT GATE TO THE ARSENAL. (THIS COULD BE THE GATE THAT YOUR MUSEUM HAS AND IS PLANNING TO INSTALL ADJACENT TO THE COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS.

MEANWHILE, MR. W. D. THOMPSON OPERATED A LOG TAVERN IN THE SMALL COMMUNITY OF DEARBORNVILLE. IN AUTUMN OF 1836, HE TRANSFERRED THE BUSINESS TO HIS SON-IN-LAW, JOHN COCHRAN. IN THE SPRING OF 1837, WEBB INFORMED COCHRAN THAT HIS ESTABLISHMENT WAS ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND ORDERED THE LOG STRUCTURE TO BE REMOVED. COCHRAN REFUSED AND CAPT. WEBB ORDERED THE BUILDING DOWN. MEANWHILE, JOSHUA HOWARD, WHO WAS NOW A U. S. MARSHALL AND RESIDING IN DEARBORNVILLE, ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT ANY TROUBLE. THE NIGHT BEFORE THE LOG BUILDING WAS TO BE TORN DOWN, HE REMAINED NEAR AT HAND KEEPING A NOCTURNAL VIGIL. THE NEXT MORNING THE OPERATION OF THE REMOVAL OF THE TAVERAN COMMENCED. HOWARD TRIED TO KEEP THE SOLDIERS AWAY FROM DISMEMBERING THE LOG STRUCTURE BUT TO NO AVAIL. CITIZENS OF THE SMALL COMMUNITY BEGAN TO GATHER AND OBJECT TO THE REMOVAL. THIS RESULTED IN A SMALL ALTERCATION AND IN A MR. POTTER, A CITIZEN, BEING STRUCK ON THE HEAD WITH A CLUB. MANY ATTRIBUTE HIS DEATH TO THIS BLOW. HOWEVER, THE BUILDING WAS DESTROYED AND A FENCE BUILT AROUND THE COMPOUND.

IN 1837, \$17,686.21 WAS APPROPRIATED BY THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE BODY. APPROPRIATIONS WERE ALSO ALLOWED FOR PAINTING THE ARSENAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PLUS THE WALL. (THIS WOULD PERHAPS BE THE LIME PAINTING DISCUSSED IN PART 1.)

THE ARSENAL WAS COMPLETED ABOUT NOVEMBER 10, 1837.

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#### "FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. SIX, SPRINGWELLS"

SCHOOLS OF YESTERYEAR WERE JUST BEGINNING TO "COME OUT OF THE WOODS." MORE SUBSTANTIAL BUILDINGS WERE BEING CONSTRUCTED, ALTHOUGH MANY WERE STILL CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD. THE LOG CABIN TYPE SCHOOL WAS SWIFTLY DISAPPEARING FROM THE AMERICAN SCENE. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER CLASS STILL REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME, ABOUT FIFTY SCHOLARS; AS DID THE TEACHER'S PAY, ABOUT TWELVE DOLLARS.

IT IS DOUBTFUL THE FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. Six, SPRINGWELLS, MICHIGAN, WAS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THOUSANDS OF OTHER DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. MANY EDUCATORS HAD LITTLE MORE SCHOOLING THAN THE WARDS THEY WERE TEACHING. MOST TEACHERS REMAINED FOR A SEMESTER AND MOVED ON. TEACHING WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A TIME-CONSUMING VOCATION.

IN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. Six, THE OLD MAPLES SCHOOL, EDWIN R. SEELY WAS HIRED FOR THE TREMENDOUS SALARY OF TWELVE DOLLARS A MONTH TO TEACH SCHOOL FOR TWO MONTHS. HE SIGNED HIS CONTRACT ON JANUARY 10, 1851, FOUR DAYS AFTER THE SCHOOL SEMESTER BEGAN. ON DECEMBER 6, 1856, CHARLES H. B. KELLOGG WAS HIRED TO TEACH FOR TWENTY DOLLARS PER MONTH WITH SCHOOL COMMENCING TWO DAYS AFTER HE SIGNED HIS CONTRACT. APPARENTLY, MR. KELLOGG MUST HAVE BEEN A MUCH SOUGHT-AFTER TEACHER TO BE PAID THIS SALARY.

WOMEN WERE USUALLY HIRED TO TEACH THE SUMMER SEMESTER, WHILE MEN WERE TO TEACH THE WINTER SESSION. THE WINTER CLASSES CONTAINED MORE PUPILS THAN THE SUMMER GATHERING, ALTHOUGH, AS THE CENTURY PROGRESSSED, WOMEN WERE EMPLOYED THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR. AS FAR AS EMPLOYING WOMEN TEACHERS IS CONCERNED, MARY A. INNES SIGNED HER CONTRACT THE SAME DAY SHE WAS TO BEGIN TO TEACH SCHOOL, JUNE 14, 1852. HER SALARY WAS ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER WEEK. BY APRIL, 1855, THE SALARY HAD RISEN AN ADDITIONAL FIFTY CENTS FOR SUSAN L. MERRITT. HOWEVER, SHE HAD THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF BOARDING AT ONE OF HER PUPIL'S HOMES.

THE SCHOOL SEMESTER USUALLY WAS TWO OR THREE MONTHS LONG. IN HER CONTRACT, MISS MERRIT WAS NOT REQUIRED TO TEACH SCHOOL ON EACH ALTERNATE SATURDAY. A MONTH WAS CONSIDERED TWENTY-SIX DAYS, EXCLUSIVE OF SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

THE EARLIEST RECORD THAT THE MUSEUM ARCHIVES HAS AS TO WHAT CHILDREN ATTENDED MAPLES SCHOOL IS JUNE 22, 1848. AMONG THOSE ATTENDING WERE THE THREE FINEHOUT AND WHEELER CHILDREN (PERHAPS G.A.T. WHEELER). THE LATTER WAS TO BECOME MODERATOR AND DIRECTOR OF THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE IRWIN CHILDREN WERE RELATED TO THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR, W.W. IRWIN. THE SCHOOL SEMESTER OF NOVEMBER 15, 1875, TO MARCH 15, 1876, HAD ALICE E. FINN TEACHING FORTY-FOUR CHILDREN. AMONG THEM WERE THE FIVE LONGTONS, COLUMBUS, CHARLES, JOSEPH, ANNA, AND MARY ANN. MATHIAS AND CAROLINE KARMANN ALONG WITH LYSAENDER MAPLES' CHILDREN, CLARISSA AND MARGARET, WERE MEMBERS OF THIS CLASS. PERHAPS THE LARGEST REPRESENTATION FROM ONE FAMILY WAS THAT OF ANTOINE ROULO, INCLUDING LAURA, GILBERT, FELIX, JAMES COULBUS, RICHARD AND CLAUD IN MISS FINN'S CLASS.

AMONG THE TEXT BOOKS USED WERE McGUFFEY'S FOR READING, OF COURSE; GREENLIEF FOR ARITHMETIC; COLLINSON AND GREENLIEF FOR MENTAL ARITHMETIC; SMITH FOR GEOGRAPHY; SMITH AND KIRKHAM FOR GRAMMAR; AND WRITING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY USING THE TEACHER'S COPY OF PENMANSHIP.

UP THROUGH 1876 THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHOWED NO GRADING SYSTEM IN THE DISTRICT. IN 1877, A SCHOOL LIBRARY WAS PROVIDED WITH THIRTY-NINE VOLUMES. BY 1888 THIS NUMBER HAD RISEN TO THREE HUNDRED-NINETEEN.

[ABOVE MATERIALS COMPILED FROM HISTORICAL COMMISSION ARCHIVES]

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## "DO YOU KNOW" ANSWERS

1. THORNBY E. SCHOOLER IN 1831.
2. JOSHUA HOWARD, FIRST COMMANDANT OF THE OLD ARSENAL.
3. PETER GODFROY, 1827-1830.
4. MARCUS SWIFT, 1827-30 (BUCKLIN); CONRAD TEN EYCK, 1830-32 (PEKIN); AND CONRAD TEN EYCK, 1833-39 (DEARBORN).
5. A LOG CABIN, REPRESENTING THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN "LOG CABIN AND CIDER" FOR WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON. THE DEMOCRATS HAD A HICKORY POLE ERECTED TO REPRESENT "OLD HICKORY," ANDREW JACKSON, WHICH SYMBOLIZED THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.
6. JAMES GRAHAM, A WHIG, AND HENRY CASSIDY, A DEMOCRAT. GRAHAM WON THE WAGER.

## NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM

NEW EXHIBITS: EARLY DOCTORS AND EARLY PHOTOGRAPHY. CURRENTLY ON EXHIBIT AT THE MCFADDEN-ROSS HOUSE ARE EXHIBITS, DEPICTING THE EARLY DEARBORN DOCTORS (ABOUT 1900). SHOWN IN THESE ATTRACTIVE DISPLAYS ARE SOME OF THE "TOOLS OF THE PROFESSION," MANY ILLUSTRATIONS AND SOME DOCUMENTS OF THE PERIOD.

OF EQUAL INTEREST ARE EXHIBITS OF EARLY PHOTOGRAPHY IN DEARBORN. WILLIAM COGAN IS REGARDED AS THE FIRST COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHER HERE. SHOWN ARE SOME OF HIS ORIGINAL CAMERA EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHS, EARLY LANTERN SLIDES, AND MATERIALS RELATED TO THIS IMPORTANT PROFESSION. WHEN HISTORY COMES ALIVE THROUGH THESE EXHIBITS WE ARE ABLE TO APPRECIATE THE PRESENT.

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DEARBORN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED. ON JANUARY 31, 1966, THE DEARBORN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE MCFADDEN-ROSS HOUSE OF THE MUSEUM. THE NEW HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION IS BEING SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND MUSEUM AND THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. ANYONE INTERESTED IN TRACING FAMILY HISTORIES IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. ONCE THE GROUP IS IN FULL OPERATION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER - MAY EACH YEAR. CURRENTLY THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THROUGH MAY. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE MUSEUM OFFICE.

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NEW STAFF EMPLOYEE. THE MUSEUM IS HAPPY TO INTRODUCE MR. GEORGE W. CHRISTIE AS THE NEWEST MUSEUM STAFF MEMBER. MR. CHRISTIE WILL BE WORKING WITH THE EXHIBIT PROGRAM, THE COLLECTION, AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS.

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MUSEUM GUILD OF DEARBORN FAIR. THE MUSEUM GUILD OF DEARBORN WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL "MUSEUM FAIR," ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1966, ON THE MCFADDEN-ROSS HOUSE GROUNDS. INCLUDED IN THE PLANS THIS YEAR ARE AN AUCTION (ITEMS BROUGHT IN BY A DEALER) AND AN OLD FASHIONED MUSICAL PROGRAM. KEEP THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH THE NEWSPAPERS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. THERE SHOULD BE FUN FOR ALL.

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OPERATION CLEAN UP. AS YOU CLEAN OUT YOUR ATTIC OR THE BASEMENT OR EVEN THE GARAGE, THIS SEASON, PLEASE KEEP THE

MUSEUM IN MIND. YOU MAY CONSIDER SOMETHING "JUNK" BUT OTHER PEOPLE MAY NOT. "JUNK" IS A RELATIVE WORD. SOMETIMES THINGS HAVE LITTLE MONETARY VALUE BUT THEY MAY HAVE HISTORICAL VALUE. SO, - WHEN IN DOUBT LET US THROW IT AWAY.

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ADDITIONS TO THE ARCHIVES. NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COMMISSION ARCHIVES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE INCLUDE: EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF PICCARD STRATOSPHERE FLIGHT MATERIALS, LARGE COLLECTION OF GENEALOGICAL PUBLICATIONS, SCHOOL YEARBOOKS, MANY REPRINTS OF NEWSPAPERS (1860's), VARIOUS BOOKS, DIRECTORIES, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THROUGH THE YEARS, CLIPPINGS, FRAMED PICTURES AND PHOTOS, AS WELL AS PERSONAL, CHURCH AND ORGANIZATION RECORDS.

WE URGE OUR READERS TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE RESEARCH DIVISION IS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN THE LOAN OF MATERIALS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AND THE PRIVILEGE OF COPYING SAID MATERIALS FOR THE FILES. THE MUSEUM HAS COPY FACILITIES FOR RECORDS WHICH MAY BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES OR EXHIBIT AND EDUCATIONAL USES.

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DEARBORN PASSES RESOLUTIONS HONORING TWO WELL-KNOWN HISTORIANS IN MICHIGAN. RECENTLY THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION ADOPTED TWO RESOLUTIONS RECOGNIZING THE DEVOTED HISTORICAL WORK OF DR. LEWIS O. BEESON OF THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND MR. GEORGE W. STARK OF THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND SOCIETY. UNFORTUNATELY THE RESOLUTION FOR MR. STARK WAS RECEIVED BY HIS WIDOW A FEW DAYS AFTER HIS SUDDEN DEATH. THE TEXT OF THOSE RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION TO GEORGE W. STARK - JANUARY 25, 1966

WHEREAS: IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION THAT GEORGE STARK HAS SERVED FOR TWENTY YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE DETROIT HISTORICAL COMMISSION; AND

WHEREAS: THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION CAN TESTIFY TO THE DEVOTED SERVICE WHICH GEORGE STARK HAS GIVEN OF THE PRESERVATION OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY; AND

WHEREAS: THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION CAN TESTIFY TO THE GOOD ADVICE AND COUNSEL WHICH GEORGE STARK HAS GIVEN DURING THESE TWENTY YEARS TO DETROIT AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS; AND

WHEREAS: THE TALENTS OF GEORGE STARK HAVE HELPED PRESERVE THE HERITAGE OF OUR STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES BY HIS MANY WRITINGS IN THE FORM OF NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES AND IN BOOKS; AND

WHEREAS: UNDER HIS FAR-SIGHTED LEADERSHIP, THERE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM, THE FORT WAYNE MILITARY MUSEUM, AND THE DOSS IN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ARTIFACTS, ETC.; AND

WHEREAS: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, THE CITY OF DETROIT AND THE METROPOLITAN AREAS HAVE RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FROM THE EXPERT ADVICE OF GEORGE STARK;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION EXTEND THEIR GRATITUDE TO GEORGE STARK FOR THESE MANY SERVICES DURING THESE PAST TWENTY YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE DETROIT HISTORICAL COMMISSION, AND EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT HE WILL HAVE MANY MORE YEARS TO DISPENSE HIS VALUABLE SERVICE IN BEHALF OF THE HERITAGE OF OUR COMMUNITIES; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO MR. GEORGE STARK AS A TOKEN OF OUR RESPECT FOR HIS VALUABLE SERVICES; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM, TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, TO THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL, TO THE DETROIT HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

RESOLUTION TO DR. LEWIS BEESON - JANUARY 12, 1966

WHEREAS: DR. LEWIS BEESON RETIRED NOVEMBER 1, 1965, AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION, COMPLETING MORE THAN NINETEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED WORK; AND

WHEREAS: DR. BEESON PIONEERED NOTABLE PROJECTS WHICH LED TO NUMEROUS IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING RAISING THE QUALITY AND FORMAT OF THE

MICHIGAN HISTORY QUARTERLY TO RANK AS ONE OF THE BEST OF ITS KIND; DEVELOPING EXHIBITS SPECIFICALLY FOR MICHIGAN'S HISTORY; CREATING AN EFFECTIVE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARCHIVES PROGRAM; ORIGINATING THE CENTENNIAL FARM PROGRAM; DEVELOPING THE STATE HISTORICAL MARKERS PROGRAM; GIVING HELP AND INSPIRATION TO MANY HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE; AND MAKING FAR-SIGHTED PLANS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE OF MICHIGAN'S RICH TRADITIONS; AND

WHEREAS: THIS STATE AND MANY OF ITS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FROM THE EXPERT ADVICE OF DR. BEESON;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION EXTEND THIS TRIBUTE TO DR. LEWIS BEESON UPON HIS ABLE SERVICE FOR MORE THAN NINETEEN YEARS AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT HIS SUCCEEDING YEARS MAY BE MANY, EACH FILLED WITH RICH REWARDS; RETURNING TO HIM EVEN AS HE SO GENEROUSLY DISPENSED HIS GIFTS; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT A COPY OF THIS TRIBUTE BE PRESENTED TO DR. LEWIS BEESON IN TOKEN OF THE ESTEEM AND RESPECT OF THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

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MR. BAUT BECOMES CURATOR OF RESEARCH. DONALD V. BAUT CURATOR OF EDUCATION AT THE MUSEUM SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 1963, WAS RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE POSITION OF CURATOR OF RESEARCH. MR. BAUT HAS DONE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF RESEARCH FOR THE MUSEUM AND WITH HIS NEW DUTIES HE WILL HAVE MORE TIME FOR THIS IMPORTANT WORK. HE WILL ASSUME THE EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES UNTIL A CURATOR OF EDUCATION IS PROCURED.

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MUSEUM AND MUSEUM GUILD RECEIVE SERVING TRAY. MRS. JOHN L. KERMATH RECENTLY GAVE A BEAUTIFUL LARGE SERVING TRAY TO THE MUSEUM AND MUSEUM GUILD TO BE USED FOR MEETINGS AND HISTORICAL EVENTS.

## ACCESSIONS: OCTOBER, 1965 - MARCH, 1966

MAN'S FROCK COAT AND LADY'S  
ACCESSORIES (1860-1887)

MRS. O. P. GOSSARD

BOUND VOLUMES ON THE HENRY  
FORD AND DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL'S  
ADMINISTRATION (1928-1934)

MRS. R. D. (ONABELLE MILLARD)  
ANDERSON

SILVER SOAP DISH (CA. 1900)

MR. CHARLES U. CHIECA

BOOK ON INDIANS (1964)

MRS. DONALD HANCHETT

PAINTING BY LYDIA SCHLUCHTER,  
1890 COFFEE MILL, & EXHIBIT  
ITEMS (1890-1920)

MISS MARY I. SCHLUCHTER

THE PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN  
ROSTERS & BUILDING PROSPECTUS

MRS. DOROTHY BUTLER

FINE 1890 DRESS, EVENING CAPE,  
AND BAGS (1920's)

MRS. GRACE FORD

5000 ARSENAL BRICKS (1830's)

MR. ANDREW PALMER

THREE FROCK COATS

MRS. ESSIE M. HAYNOR

GIRL SCOUT DRESS AND BERET

MISS JUDITH BARNES

PHOTOS OF DEARBORN SCENES AND  
AN 1880'S CHINA HEAD DOLL

MR. HOWARD BROOKS

ITEMS FROM THE GRIFFITH FAMILY  
INCLUDING TABLES, GLASS, CHINA,  
COSTUME & ACCESSORIES (1860-1930)

MRS. LEO ZIEGLER

U.S. NAVY RADIOMAN'S UNIFORM

MRS. GORDON A. MACDONALD

1860'S CRADLE, 1898 CAP & SHAWL

MRS. ROGER H. DENTON

HAND WOVEN WOOL SHAWL (CA. 1815)

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR WARD

"HARPER'S WEEKLY" (1872-1874)

MR. ROY D. MEGAHAN

1896 LT. (JG) U.S. NAVY UNIFORM

SGT. RICHARD E. DAVIS

EYE-GLASSES (LATE 1800'S)

MRS. JOHN MOORE

1915 FOLDING BUSTER BROWN  
CAMERA AND 1912 ICE SKATES

AMERICAN MADE ORIENTAL RUG (1900)	MR. AND MRS. ALEX LEBEDEFF
EARLY FAN, BEADED BAG, LACE, AND PAPERS FROM HAIGH AUCTION	LAWRENCE J. GOEBEL FAMILY
TWO HAND EMBROIDERED AND CROCHETED TABLE COVERS	MRS. STEPHEN KUCHTA, SR. TONY AND CHRISTINE KUCHTA
HISTORIC NEWSPAPER	MR. HARVEY MASTEN
1912 RADIOPHTICAN, TWO CAMERAS, STEREOSCOPE, CARDS & FIGURINE	MR. HAROLD LOCKER
FINE MATCHING 1910 BUGGY AND CUTTER, PHOTO OF BUGGY, POWDER HORN, SHOT CONTAINER & SHREDDER	MR. AND MRS. EDWARD KAISER
EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF WOOD- WORKING TOOLS OVER 100 YEARS OLD	MR. RALPH TAYLOR
ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH OF MRS. ROBERT A. WAINWRIGHT, WIFE OF ARSENAL COMMANDANT 1851-1855	MRS. G. E. MOORE
HISTORY OF PHARMACY AND MEDICINE IN PICTURES WITH TEXTS	MR. GEORGE BENDER PARKE, DAVIS AND COMPANY
HISTORY OF SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR & 1901 POLITICAL POSTER	MR. HARRY MOLEMAKER
"THE BRYANT HOMESTEAD AND THE MARTHA MARY CHAPEL", A HISTORY WRITTEN BY THE DONOR WITH EX- TENSIVE COLLECTION OF PHOTO- GRAPHS AND FAMILY GENEALOGY	MR. EDWARD L. BRYANT
REPRINT OF A DRAWING OF MICHIGAN AVE. BY RAGNAR L. ARNESON	MRS. FRANK (ANNA) FUKALEK
A COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF DR. EUGENE C. KEYES & CLIPPINGS RELATING TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS	MAYOR ORVILLE L. HUBBARD
GASOLINE BLOWTORCH, 1872 DOLL CRADLE, 1908 TENNIS RACKET, CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES, 1925 WALL MIRROR, SCHOOL BELL, RE- PRINTS OF CIVIL WAR PAINTINGS, AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTIONS OF PUBLICATIONS & EXHIBIT ITEMS	MR. AND MRS. FLOYD L. HAIGHT

THREE GALLON EARTHENWARE JUG AND EARLY KEROSENE CONTAINER	CITY OF DEARBORN LEGAL DEPT. MR. FRED WEIDEMAN
VILLAGE OF DEARBORN LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1919-1922	CITY OF DEARBORN ENGINEERING DEPT. - MR. HOWARD LILLEY
CLEOLA CONSOLE PHONOGRAPH AND EARLY 1900 RECORDS	MRS. GORDON CORNELL
1880 MEAT CLEAVER, HOMEMADE GARDEN MARKER AND PHOTOS	MRS. FRANK McCORMICK
WOODEN TRUNK OF ABOUT 1895	MR. EUGENE F. FREEMAN
1898 OLIVER TYPEWRITER	MR. WALTER GOLBA
DR. HENRY L. BURDENO'S MEDICAL KIT AND INSTRUMENTS, PHOTOS, POSTCARDS, & INFORMATION FOR EARLY DEARBORN MEDICINE EXHIBIT	MISS HELEN BURDENO AND MRS. WILLIAM SCOTT
WORLD WAR I GILLETE RAZOR SER- VICE SET.	MR. JOHN CIPOLLETTI
PICCARD STRATOSPHERE FLIGHT PIC- TURES (1933-34) AND PHOTOSTAT COPIES OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES & PICTURES (1934-1963)	MR. WILLIAM N. SARKES FORD MOTOR COMPANY
DR. SAMUEL P. DUFFIELD'S 1887 RECEIPT TO DONOR'S GRANDMOTHER & ENVELOPE, INFORMATION ON DOC- TORS & MEDICINE IN EARLY DEARBORN, TINTYPES AND 1905 POSTCARD	MISS MILDRED CRONOUE
POSTCARD VIEW OF HAIGH RESIDENCE	MISS MARGE LANGE
TWO FINE INFANT'S DRESSES WITH MATCHING PETTICOATS (CA. 1900)	MRS. J. S. BISHOP
TWO 1902 CORONATION SOUVENIR PITCHERS, MAN'S EVENING VEST, CUMBERBUNDS, BOW TIES & ACCES- SORIES, LACE, & INKSTER MATERIAL	MR. GEORGE SUNAL
VICTOR TALKING MACHINE (CA. 1902) AND AN EXTENSIVE COL- LECTION OF RECORDS	MRS. ROY McCARTER
LOXOL, AN EARLY PATENT MEDICINE	MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MAURER

EASTMAN FOLDING POCKET KODAK WITH INSTRUCTION MANUAL (1909)	MR. WILLIAM H. RUDD
NUMEROUS GENEALOGICAL BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS	MR. ERWIN OTIS
BOOK ON GENEALOGY	MR. JESSE CHANDLER
1930 WAYNE COUNTY MANUAL	MISS JOYCE MAPLES
REPRINTS OF "HARPER'S WEEKLY" (1861-1863), LOAN OF MATERIAL FOR USE IN EXHIBIT ON EARLY DEARBORN DOCTORS & COPYING	MRS. EDWARD CUSHMAN
NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND PAGEANT PROGRAM RELATING TO DEARBORN	MRS. FLOYD F. MAXWELL
AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF MATERIAL HAVING BELONGED TO MRS. LAMB INCLUDING CERTIFI- CATES, TINTYPES, COSTUME ITEMS, AND GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS	NIECE & GREAT NIECES OF MRS. EMMET (SABRIA PALMER) LAMB MRS. HARRY R. TOBIE, MRS. SALLY A. BYLENGA & MRS. ROBERT BURNS
PHOTO OF SCENE IN A DEARBORN DRAMATIC CLUB PRODUCTION PRE- SENTED IN THE ARMORY BUILDING IN 1899	MRS. LOIS SMITH
COLLECTION OF SHEET MUSIC (1909-1941) AND PENNANT	MRS. AUGUST C. BAUT
MEMORIAL RECORD FOR DR. FISHER, MRS. EDWARD F. FISHER PHOTOS, AND NUMEROUS CLIPPINGS	
1960'S WOOL SHAWL	MRS. LOUIS (EMMA) ROESER
MAN'S FORMAL SUIT (CA. 1916) & 1930 SILK UMBRELLA	MRS. VERA SHUART
AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF WORLD WAR I ITEMS INCLUDING U.S. MARINE UNIFORM, ACCES- SORIES & EQUIPMENT AND POSTERS; WORLD WAR II SHELLS & GAS MASK; CHILD'S 1870 PATENT ROCKER AND AN IRON KETTLE	MR. LUCIAN WILLIS BUGBEE, JR.
PHOTOS OF McDONALD FAMILY	MRS. BRYANT W. DONALDSON

1890 LACE SCARF & BABY SHOE,  
EARLY 1900'S NIGHT GOWN, EYE-  
GLASSES AND EXHIBIT ITEMS

MRS. AGNES RICHARDSON

CLIPPING RELATING TO HENRY FORD,  
INFORMATION REGARDING DR.  
THEODORE V. LAW AND LOAN OF  
PHOTO FOR EXHIBIT & COPYING

MRS. ROBERT MAYNARD

NUMEROUS EARLY ITEMS INCLUDING  
AN INDIAN DEERSKIN JACKET, TOYS,  
IRONS, KEROSENE TRAIN LANTERNS,  
KITCHEN UTENSILS AND TOOLS

MUSEUM GUILD OF DEARBORN

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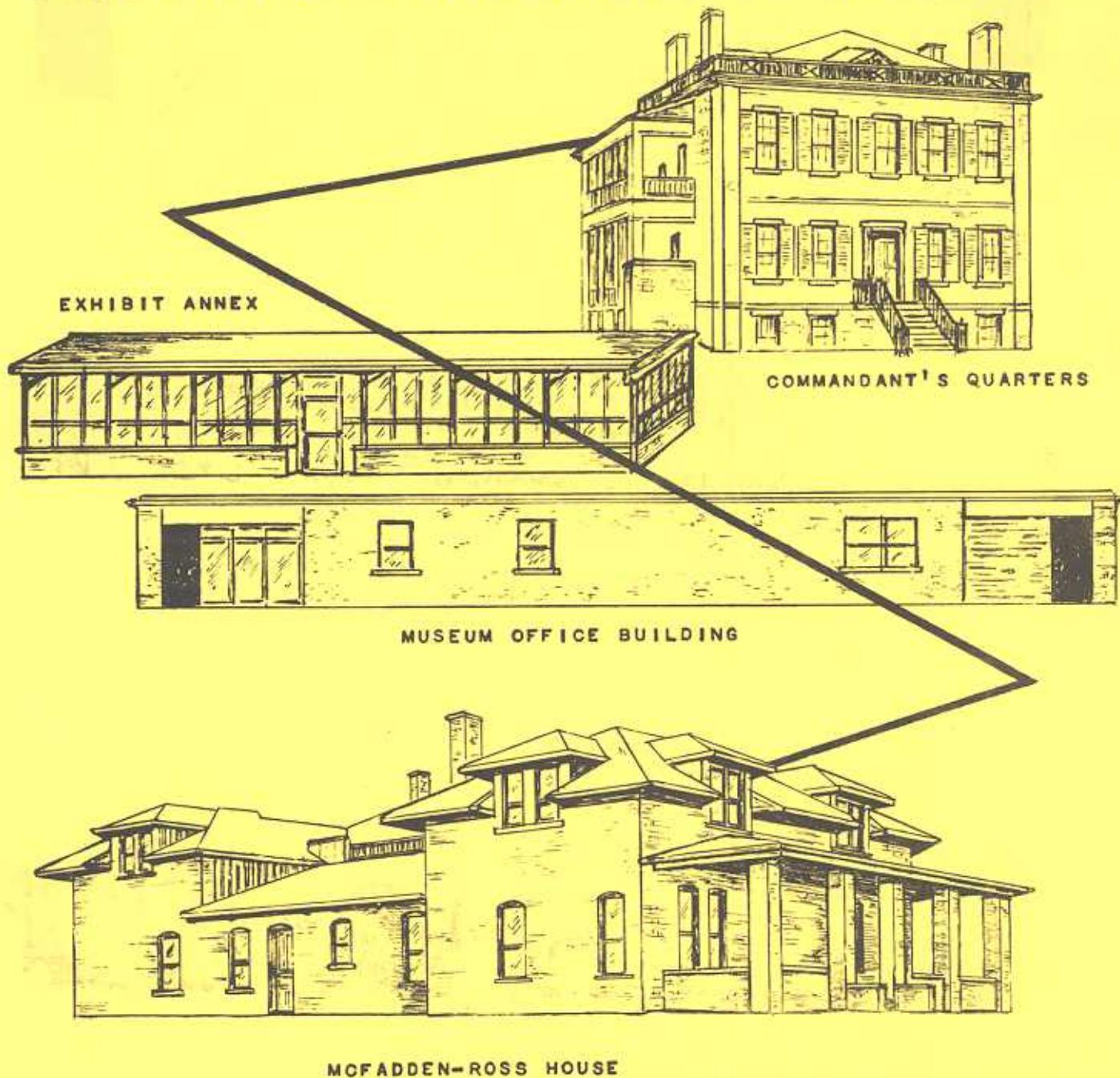
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