

Chronology of the Lansing's East-side

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Jerry R. Lawler was born on August 2, 1943, in Jackson Township, Webster County, Iowa. His parents Cornelius Rial “Cork” and Ruth Catherine (née Sullivan) Lawler operated a large farm just south of Clare, Iowa. Jerry attended St. Matthews Academy for grade school and high school in Clare.

After graduating from St. Matthews, Jerry served in the United States Army. Upon his discharge from the service, Jerry attend Drake University, graduating in 1966. He briefly worked for the Iowa Legislative Service Bureau before relocating to Lansing, Michigan, in 1968. In his early years in Lansing, Jerry managed two fast food restaurants, before finding a position as a clerk with the state of Michigan. He was also instrumental in the founding and growth of the Eastside Neighborhood Organization.

Jerry was fascinated by local politics. He was the moving force in opening city council committee meetings to the public. In 1977, *State Journal* writer Mike Hughes captured Jerry’s passion for research and exploring all aspects of a problem or question: “Lawler has an obsession for meticulous detail. His home is overflowing with charts, graphs, lists, overlays. He can show you the precise location of streetlights and stop signs and accidents and crimes. He can outduel city officials on everything from zoning to water pumps. He has built the ENO [Eastside Neighborhood Organization] into a strong force.” (4/18/1977).

He worked for the state of Michigan for thirty-eight years in a variety of nonpartisan positions, including as Director of the Legislative Council Facilities Agency. In 1989, he became Executive Director of the Michigan Capitol Committee, for which he managed the restoration of the Michigan State Capitol in the early 1990s and was instrumental in having the Capitol designated a National Historic Landmark. Jerry loved local history and was fascinated with the early settlement of Ingham County and the decision to relocate the state Capitol to the county. He was probably the leading expert on John Lansing Jr., a delegate to the U. S. Constitutional Convention of 1787, and indirectly who the city of Lansing, Michigan, is named after.

Jerome Raymond “Jerry” Lawler passed away on September 14, 2007, having received many awards and recognition for his community service, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. He was survived by wife Connie, two stepdaughters and a stepson, and two sisters.

How to use this Document

Jerry Lawler left his research notes, both digital and print, to the Forest Parke Library and Archives at the Capital Area District Libraries. For the first decade of the 21st century, staff have been updating Jerry's digital files. It has been a challenge. Jerry's digital documents were created on an iMac G3. When we migrated the files to Microsoft Word, there were several complications; for example, sometimes the date 1881 was rendered as l88l (uppercase "l" instead of the numeral one). Many have been corrected but this discrepancy still exists throughout the files. The Lawler Timeline was the first of these converted documents to be published. We hope to follow it with Jerry's other works, but it will take some time, given that there are still thousands of pages to edit and organize.

In the timeline text you will notice that following the quote or piece of information, there will be a citation. Sometimes the citation is complete, but mostly you will see something like this: "Government land surveyors in area. 12 pg. 51". If you check at the end of the document, you will find a list of sources. So, "12 pg. 51" refers to the source number 12 on the list, and the information will be found on page 51.

Physical Description Of Eastside

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In the 1830's the future site of the Capital of Michigan was a wilderness covered with forests, springs, ponds, swamps and drained by numerous creeks and streams as well as the Grand River and Red Cedar. The forest on the east side of the Grand river were not as dense as the forest west of the river. There were areas on the east side of the river described as similar to Oak openings.

There were two drainage systems on the east side of the river. A stream known as Alcott's ran into the Grand River near the North Lansing Dam and drained land north-easterly of the dam. The stream was named after S. B. Alcott, a land spotter for Seymour and other investors-speculators-developers and others. Alcott allegedly camped on the site while spotting land for eastern investors in 1836. An ashery was later located on banks of the stream and Ash street eventually laid out. There are accounts of ponds or pools of water near the intersection of Pennsylvania and Sheridan (now Saginaw), south of the bend in the Lake Lansing Road to North Lansing; two ponds south of Saginaw and east of Pennsylvania, which were later known as the Reform School ponds and two small ponds on what is now Groesbeck golf course. The larger of the Groesbeck ponds was just north of E. Grand River avenue and was very shallow. The pond was later known as Toll Gate pond when a toll gate on the Lansing-Howell-Detroit plank road was located near the pond. The pond also served as the head of a creek (Toll Gate creek) that drained the land east of Pennsylvania and Harrison Road south to the south of Grand River to the Red Cedar river. The second Groesbeck pond was located a quarter mile north of Toll Gate pond and was filled in the 1950s. The pond in the early part of this century was a favorite ice skating spot of area residents.

Price's Creek flowed into the Grand River south of the Saginaw bridge. The stream was named for Cpt. John R. Price, an early land owner who owned land on southwest and south east corner of Cedar and Wall Streets. Where the creek entered the Grand it created a small backwater which was eventually used as mill pond. The land west of Pennsylvania from Saginaw to Kalamazoo was described as a damp springy ground. There were at least two large flowing springs, one on what is now Shiawassee Street and one south of Shiawassee street. when the Boys Vocations School was established the springs was used to furnished water for the school. The spring water was feed to the school by use of wooden pipes and hydraulic ram and later by use of a steam engine.

West of Pennsylvania from Kalamazoo to junction of Grand and Red Cedar rivers the river bank was higher and area drained south to the Red Cedar river with no defined streams. The area was described as mostly high, dry, and rolling, interspersed with depressions and ridges of sand, gravel, and clay.

Source: *History of Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan*, Durant 1880 pg. 122.

Chronology of Eastside History

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(Numbers at end of string of information, indicates source and page.)

April 23, 1790 First recorded sighting by explorers Hugh Howard (British fur trader) of future site of Lansing; recorded in the John Askin Papers (in State Library).

"The banks of Red Land thence came to a River from the East & a little lower two Cabins of Indians from Sagana - they were providing canots (canoes) for their departure the course to this time nearly Nore West by Nore from thence high broken land and some pine and cedar..."

Source: John Askin Papers in State Library.

The "banks of red land," where a river flowed into the Grand from the east, was the Red Cedar. The "Indians from Sagana" were members of the Saginaw band of Chippewas.

THE HIGH, broken land is recognizable today as the east and north banks of the Grand in North Lansing."

Source: Article by Burt Darling for Gannett News Service April 1990.

1807 Treaty of Detroit: Indians cede lands in southeast Michigan, including Ingham County east of Meridian Road. 7 - pg. 182.

1819 Treaty of Saginaw: Indians cede most of remaining lands in lower peninsula, including Ingham County west of Meridian Road. 7 - pg. 182.

1824-1827 Lands in the Greater Lansing area surveyed. 7 - pg. 182.

1825 Lands in what became Lansing Township surveyed by Lucius Lyon in 1825, interior lines run by Musgrove Evans in 1827. 25 - pg. 122. Survey completed on February 21, 1827. (7 - pg. 11).

Jun 1829 Eastern portion of Ingham County opened for sale. 7 - pg. 11
Land East of Meridian Road; Land office in Detroit.

Oct 29, 1829 The Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan established legislation which created Ingham; Ingham and

the other "cabinet counties" are "set off" or delineated by the Michigan legislature; called a "cabinet county," it bears the name of Samuel D. Ingham, who was Secretary of the Treasury under President Jackson at the time. County which was to become Ingham marked off (known as Town 4, North of Range 2 West) stake placed in center of. 20 - pg. 12; 29 - pg. J3.

Nov 4, 1929 Legislature annexed Ingham County to the County of Washtenaw for judicial purposes; the counties of Ingham and Jackson, which were attached to Washtenaw County, were combined and became a portion of Dexter Township. Jackson County was laid out in 1829 and organized in 1832. Ingham was attached to Jackson County for judicial purposes to carry on legal and lawful matters between 1832 and 1838. (3 - pg. 6; 1-pg. 1-4.

1830 - 1834

Oct 1830 Western half of Ingham County opened for sale. 7 pg. 11. Land around Lansing and Meridian Township.

Nov 9, 1832 Eli Pierce purchased first land in Ingham County. 20 pg. 65. West half of SE 1/4 section 21; Pierce was Presbyterian minister of Farmington, MI; plat later part of plat surveyed by Anson Jackson, county surveyor, and given name of Hamilton (Okemos). 209 pg. 30. Land west fractional of southeast quarter of Section 21 in Meridian; land part of farm of Chief Okemos; land next to Cedar river on Mason to Okemos road. 267 pg. 33.

The first piece of land purchased, and deed recorded was in the Okemos area in 1832; settlers, moving into the county from the east and south, followed old Indian trails from Jackson, the Dexter-Stockbridge area and Pontiac. 4 pg. 1-4.

Apr 1834 David Rogers arrived in Stockbridge Township; Ingham County's first permanent white settler. Ingham settled from south and east. 96 pg. 8. First house in Ingham County; land east one-half of SE one-quarter of section 36. 243 pg. 53. Note: 267 pg. 34 notes in March.

1835

- Sep 23, 1835 William H. Townsend purchased quarter section. NE quarter of Section 21 - west bank Grand. 20 pg. 13-14. William Townsend purchased one square mile of land in Lansing. 12 pg. 51. Purchased 1,280 acres, 2 square miles including parts of sections 8, 9, 20 and 21. 7 pg. 24. William H. Townsend purchases entries on sections 9, 20 and 21. 25 pg. 122.
- 1835-1836 \$25,000 spent on Grand River Road; clearing away timber and constructing bridges over the Rouge, Huron, Shiawassee, and Cedar Rivers; road cleared to width of 100 feet and "probably as far west as the site of North Lansing." 18 pg. 92
Little work done on road west of Brighton, even as late as 1840. 18 pg. 92.
- 1835-1836 Approx. S. S. Alcott exploring public lands for James Seymour; employee started building house; fire burned shell down.

1836

- Mar 1836 Commissioners located county seat at "city of Ingham" in Vevay Township; no business ever transacted at. 29 pg. J3.

County seat laid out on sections 1 & 12; Charles Thayer & Co. owned land; built log house; never used. 18 pg. 308.

Established at quarter post between section 1 and 12 in Vevay Township; legal site until 1840 when removed to Mason; no business ever conducted at site. 267 pg. 36.
- Mar-Apr 1836 Biddle city plat (Washington at Mt. Hope Avenue) recorded; plat filled in Jacksonburgh (Jackson) by William and Jerry Ford.

Boundaries
N - Grand River & Grand Trunk Railroad tracks
E - Bailey Street
S - Mt. Hope
W - Line 10 rods west of Sycamore Street
Blocks 65 (Beal Avenue)
each block 16 lots (a few exceptions) (almost all S 1/2 of Section 21). 11 pg. 2; 20 pg. 14.

Mar 21, 1836	Frederick Bushnell and James Seymour purchased from U.S. government one tract and one tract jointly of land in what would become Lansing; Bushnell - heavy-wooded region in Section 9. 12 pg. 51
Apr 1836	Fords entered portions of section 21 east and south of Grand River. 25 - pg. 122.
Apr 7, 1836	Commissioners appointed to located county seat (Ingham) notify governor they selected quarter-section post, between sections one and twelve, town two north, range one west; land owned by Charles T. Thayer; Thayer laid out village of Ingham; no buildings ever built; never used as county seat.
Jun 15, 1836	Gov. confirms Mason as location of Ingham Co. seat. 127
Jul 7, 1836	James Seymour entered lands on sections 8, 10, 15 and 17. (25 - pg. 122.)
Sep 1836	Joseph E. North, junior and Henry H. North located lands in what became Ingham township; in spring of 1837 traded for lands section 32 of what became Lansing township. Source: Henry H. North in letter dated Nov 21, 1879; to Republican.
1836	Frederick Bushnell visited Grand River near N. Lansing; caught ague; died in Louisiana 1837. 23 pg. 13.
1837	
Autumn 1837	Cooley arrived in what would become Lansing Township; probably first white settler in township. 18 pg.194.
Sep 1837	Joseph E. North, junior and Henry H. North headed for land in section 32 of Lansing township.
Nov 2, 1837	Land grant issued to Jacob Cooley (Ionia Land Office) SE quarter of SW quarter of Section 30. 20 - pg. 15 Cooley purchased land section 30 "near the present intersection of Jolly and Waverly roads." 7 - pg. 22.
Aut/Winter1837	Jacob F. Cooley built first permanent dwelling (200 yards east 3535 Moores River Drive in Lansing Township near corner of Moores River Drive Waverly outside city limits). 1; 12 pg. 38 S. bank of Grand River. 15 pg. 5. Section 30 SW Lansing Township. 20 pg. 15

Note: Source I notes 1836-1837; Source 14 notes Cooley arrived late in 1837. Source 20 notes winter 1837-38. 15 pg. 5; 2. Source 14 probably right -- family came in June 1838.

1837 "Cyrus Hewitt a civil engineer, came down the river from Eaton Rapids in a dugout, or canoe, and surveyed the tract, (section 9 for Bushnell) and took levels for a dam." 8 - pg. 142

1838

Apr 5, 1838 Legislative act (PA 98 of 1838) of organization provided the County of Ingham "be and the same is now hereby organized and the inhabitants thereof entitled to all the rights and privileges to which, by law the other county inhabitants are entitled"; Act effective June 1838. County had population of less than 1,000. 96 - pg. 8.

Oct 1838 Board held first meeting at home of Hiram Parker - about four miles east of Mason; act organized county required to held at house nearest county seat site which was located by commissioners appointed by governor as quarter posts of sections 12 and I, town 2 north, range I west. 267 pg. 161.

Oct 16, 1838 Catherine and Coe G. Jones moved land on section 4 of Lansing Township. 267 pg. 28.

1839

1839 Seymour bought out Bushnell's interest; Bushnell died winter 1836-37. 7 pg. 24.

1840

Jan 6, 1840 Nathan Lansing Cooley born; 1st white child born Township. 20 pg. 17; 7; 1 pg. 171; 127. Cooley's third son. 7 pg. 24

Mar 6, 1840 By PA 26 of 1840 Mason designated as "seat of justice" of Ingham County. 7 Moved from City of Ingham (Vevay Township) no business ever transacted at. 29 pg. J3; 243 pg. 66.

1840 "This county, for a new county was considerably advanced....One could even get to a railroad in four or five days." John W. Longyear

1841

- 1841 Road cut "along east side of the river for the convenience of the south part of the township where the North and Cooley families had settled." 25 pg. 164.
- 1841 First crude log bridge constructed over Red Cedar at Cedar Street; first bridge in Lansing. 6 pg. 63; 11 pg. 84. Followed old Indian trail built at ford of the trail. 20 pg. 115. Built under supervision of Joseph E. North, Sr. Destroyed 1852. 25 pg. 145.
Note: Source 20 pg. 115 notes bridge built 1841 or 1842.
Note: Source 25 pg. 145 notes bridge built 1840-1842.
- Oct 13, 1841 John W. Burchard bought land (next to what became site of North Lansing dam) from James Seymour. 11 pg. 7. 109 acres for \$548; SE fractional quarter of section nine, town four, north of range two west including adjacent water power. 24 pg. 54.
- Dec 1841 Henry H. North, Joseph E. North, Sr., Roswell Everett, Zalmon S. Holmes framed petition to Legislature for organization of two townships; North suggested Lansing - wanted it named after Lansing, New York. 25 pg. 192

1842

- Feb 16, 1842 Michigan Legislature approved and organized Lansing Township. The name Lansing was suggested for the township by Joseph E. North Sr. after his homeland Township of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York. 3 pg. 12; 7; 25 pg. 192. Note: See Dec 1841
- "...the first township meeting was held near a whitewood stump on the south side of Cedar river. If that stump was now standing, it would be directly under the south end of Cedar river bridge, and it was the "table" on which the proceedings of the first township meeting were recorded."
Source: Henry H. North, in letter to Republican, and printed on November 21, 1879.
- Township passed resolution "That there be \$2 town bounty for wolf scalps." *Lansing Republican* Apr 28, 1855, pg. 2.
- 1842 Estimate of population of Lansing Township: 42. 176.

1843

- Mar 9, 1843 PA 98 of 1843 provides that John W. Burchard, his heirs and assigns, may built a dam across Grand River, in Ingham County, on section, 9 town 4, north, range 2 west, and that when required by the association judges of the circuit court of said county, said Burchard, his heirs and assigns shall construct their or therewith, a convenient lock for the passage of boats, rafts, canoes, and other water craft; dam not to exceed 8 feet in height.
- Apr 1843 Total 16 votes polled in Lansing Township. 25 pg. 197.
- Aug 1843 Col. John W. Burchard (age 33) a lawyer, came to what became North Lansing, built small log cabin, first house.
- Fall 1843 Dam completed. 25 pg. 124; 29 pg. C-16.

1844

- Apr 7, 1844 Burchard and 3 hired hands; William Pierce, Alonzo Baker, and 3rd believed to be Coe G. Jones went to repair dam; hands saved; Burchard drowned. 25 - pg. 124; 7 - pg. 24.
- 1844 Seymour hired Joab Page, son of Isaac Page, George Pease (Page's brother-in-law), Benjamin Rolfe and his son Alvin Rolfe and Whitney Smith at 50¢ a day, \$2.50 a week to fix dam.

1845

- 1845 Population of Lansing township 88 or 2.4 per square mile. 7 - pg. 22.
- Mar 24, 1845 PA approved by Governor authorized the expenditure of certain non-resident highway taxes on that part of the Grand River Road "Between the village of Howell and the house of Justus Gilkey, in Ingham County."(sec. 5 of Lansing Township); Ralph Fowler of Livingston Co. and Joseph H. Kilbourne, of Meridian, Ingham Co. were appointed "to have superintendence of said road within their respective counties, and to direct when the labor shall be performed on said road." 18 pg. 92.

1847

- Spring 1847 Bush, Thomas & Lee built store SW corner of Main and Cedar Streets. 29 – pg. C-18.
- Spring 1847 First bridge over Grand River erected foot of Main Street extended over to Cedar Street. Built by Bush, Thomas & Lee who owned general store. 6 pg. 64; 11 pg. 84; 127. Allowed for direct access from the west to the road which led to Jackson and south. 11 – pg. 84. Bridge of “bent” plan. 25 pg. 128. Built by George Mathews. 25 pg. 145.
- May 1, 1847 New school district No. 2 of Lansing included sections 8, 9, the south half of 10, sections 14, 15, 16 and north half of 21 and 22. School District No. 1 embraced sections 19, 20, the south half of 21, sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33. 25 pg. 202.
- May 23, 1847 First post office opened in Bush and Thomas’ general store. Mail came once a week by horseback; first postmaster George Washington Peck. 1 25 pg. 128. Peck appointed by President Polk. 11 pg. 81. Cost \$.25 for delivery of letter, many could not afford to send or receive letters because of cost. 29 pg. C-2. William Hinman, clerk in store was deputy postmaster; post office moved to Center Block in Dec. 1847. 138 pg. 15.
Note: Source 138 pg. 15 note established April 27, 1847. Believe May 23, 1947.
- Chapsaddles Hotel built corner E. Main and S. Cedar across from Michigan House. 29 pg. H-12.
Chapsaddles also known as National Hotel constructed east side of river next Bush, Thomas & Lee store. 6 pg. 58.
Chapsaddles Hotel built corner E. Main and S. Cedar across from Michigan House. 29 pg. H-12.
Clapsaddles House built corner of Cedar and Main along old trail from Jackson. 12 pg. 53. Public house erected on block 231 near Bush & Thomas store by Daniel Clapsaddle called National Hotel. Clapsaddle killed in 1848 raising barn. 25 pg. 128.
- May 18, 1847 New school district No. 3 formed to include south half of sections 15, 16 and 17, and sections 20, 21 and 22. 25 pg. 202.
- Jun 2, 1847 Plat of Town of Michigan made. 18 pg. 195.

- Jun 23, 1847 Plat of town on Michigan recorded at Mason (Liber 7, page 593) by State, James Seymour, Samuel P. Mead, George W. Peck and William H. Townsend. 25 pg. 129.
- Autumn 1847 Cedar street school shortly replaced large structure and winter term teacher was Eli Ellwood. 20 pg. 168
- 1847 Edward Elliott had small frame building near Bush & Thomas store had shelf hardware, stoves, tin ware, etc. kept tinsmith at work. Made stove pipe for Benton House. 18-pg. 128
- 1847 Peter J. Weller had small eating house restaurant or 'eat-house' – east of river. 18-pg. 128 Peter F. Weller came to Lansing from Adrian and opened "a genuine frontier store in the line of groceries and general utility. He first opened on what was at that time known as Mackerel Point, there being then no buildings in the city except one log house and sawmill....continued in business until 1871; later years dry goods line only; moved up to Washington Ave. 117 pg. 340
- 1847 Beal, known as "old man Beal" or "Deacon Beal", started manufacturing brick (1880 site of Shultz & Co.) manufacturing brick for Benton House. 25 pg. 139.
- 1847 Quackenbush built saw mill on east side of river between Michigan and Main Street – had one upright saw, steam saw mill. Didn't last long. 25 pg. 133.
"Midway between Upper and Middle towns, then so called, Mr. Quackenbush built a saw mill and residence." 276 pg. 177.
- 1848**
- Jan 3, 1848 First legislature meets in Lansing Township.
- Mar 15, 1848 Legislature appropriated (PA 75 of 1848) 10,000 acres of internal improvement lands for improvement of Grand River Road from village of Howell to Michigan (Lansing). 6,000 acres for portion of road in Ingham County. 4,000 acres for portion of road in Livingston County. Land to be sold in at least 40-acre parcels and at ? \$1.25 per acre. Governor to appoint special commissioner to control and manage improvements.

"The original route was laid out to the northward of the Cedar River, but in 1849, it was changed to a more southerly and direct one through the villages of Fowlerville,and Webberville, Williamston, and Okemos, to its terminus at North Lansing." 18 pg. 93

Apr 1, 1848

On the 1st of April 1848, an act was approved making provisions for the benefit of schools, streets, bridges, churches, asylums, and cemeteries in the town of Michigan. Section 4, relating to roads and bridges, reads as follows:

"In order to make the necessary provisions for the improvement of streets and sidewalks upon the grounds designated in the second section of this act, and the school lands within said town of Michigan, and to provide for the erection of a bridge across Grand River at the foot of Michigan Avenue, and to lay out a road from the east end of Michigan Avenue, in an easterly direction, until it shall intersect the Grand River road; and also to improve the said avenue and road from the said bridge to the Grand River road, 5,000 acres of internal improvement lands are hereby appropriated." 25 pg. 130.

Apr 3, 1848

Name of MI, MI, changed to Lansing, MI. 127.
Note: See April 31, 1847.

Apr 3, 1848

Legislature approved donating blocks 247 and 248 to Lansing Township for cemetery purposes (NE corner of section 16). 25 pg. 179.

1848

First wooden bridge built over Grand at Michigan Avenue. 6 pg. 65; 15 pg. 15. Built by state by Taylor, stood until 1863. 25 pg. 145. "The first Michigan avenue bridge was of wood and its eastern approach was reared on a long trestle, or viaduct, because the land on the east side of Grand river was low and sloping. This trestle, built on piles, extended clear to Cedar street, where the land rose to the level of the bridge floor. Later, when Cedar street was graded, the land was used to fill in Michigan avenue and the wooden causeway was not necessary for subsequent bridges." Source: The State Journal, pg. 85.

1849

Mar 15, 1849

Legislature (PA 65 of 1849) directed state Land Commission to sell block 248 which had been set aside as a burial

ground under PA 291 of 1848; money to be turned over to Lansing Township Board of Health to be applied by them towards the purchase money and improvements of the grounds purchased for cemetery by board. Note: Block 248 bound by Saginaw (N), Larch (W), Shiawassee (S), Jackson Lansing & Saginaw RR tracts €.

Mar 17, 1849 Passed act (PA 102 of 1849) for improving Grand River in Lansing Township as a public highway; required dam owners to erect and maintain a dam and lock suitable for the passage of boats; inside of lock to be 80 feet long, 18 feet wide, and 3 feet in depth of water for free use of US citizens; dam owner pay for damages for flowing lands; could not injury lawful existing mills or any mill site above or below it on the stream.

Apr 2, 1849 Annual town meeting; Board of Health was established to purchase and lay out burial ground. 25 – pg. 199. 25 voted at meeting.

1850

Feb 1850 Smallpox broke out in Lansing.

“The influx of people, lack of drainage, and general unsanitary conditions caused much sickness. Everyone suffered from malaria or “chills and fever,” you froze one day and burned up the next. Quinine was the universal remedy and no household was without its wide-mouthed, blue bottle of this drug. A daily dose was the rule and most of the elders always took it mixed in a little whiskey, just to take away the bitter taste. 6 pg. 21.

Jul 1850 Lansing and Howell Plank Road Co broke ground. 18 pg. 95 Work started on Plank Road. 113 pg. 15.

1850 (Summer) Detroit and Howell Plank Road Company completed plank road between Detroit and Howell. 6; 7 pg. 38.

1851

Mar 31, 1851 School district No. 3 organized – embraced all section of 16 south of Michigan avenue and east of river and 3 additional sections. School held until building on Cedar Street near Cedar Street bridge. 6 pg. 102. 46 children in district (1853)

- school in private residence (McGovern house on S. Cedar).
6 pg. 102.
- 1851 Frame structure (former residence) used as fifth ward school; located on east side of S. Cedar street, a little south of E. Main street; later Pilgrim Congregational Church. 11 pg. 138C
- June 1851 Plank Road opened for business between Lansing and Okemos. 113 pg. 15; 18 pg. 95.
- Summer 1851 Lansing/Howell Plank Road completed to Williamston.
- 1851 “Spinal Fever” epidemic in late summer. Probably type of spinal meningitis. In the late summer of 1851, a serious epidemic broke out, no doubt caused by the unsanitary conditions. The disease was then called “spinal fever” but was probably a malignant type of spinal meningitis. Contemporary accounts state its action was swift. Victims passed away in a short time after being stricken. Many died and the town was in a panic. As colder weather came on, the disease became less violent and soon died out. 6, pg. 21
- 1851 Original (1847) Cedar street school razed, replaced by two story school; 1851 building reopened 1876. 9 pg. 350; four rooms, brick, basement and belfry. 15 pg. 51. Cost \$5,000. 20 pg. 169. House moved away, new brick school erected, four rooms, cost approximately \$5,000; 1850 had 172 students; district 2. 25 pg. 165. Was first two-story brick school built in city. 8 pg. 113.
- “A two-story brick building was erected on the site of the former school. A good grade of clay was found about two city blocks east between what is now East Grand River and Saginaw Streets. It has been estimated that the new building cost about \$5,000. It had four rooms, two below and two above – usually the older pupils were housed on the second floor. The school building was square in shape. It and a basement and a belfry adorned the roof. The building set back from the street (cedar Street) and had a sizable playground at the rear. It was fence by a high board enclosure on two sides and the rear. A similar fence divided the grounds into two divisions, one was for the boys and the other for the girls. A full basement used for the storage of wood extended under the entire building.” 269 pg. 5.
Destroyed by fire in 1868. 269 pg. 5.

1852

1852 New log bridge built over Red Cedar at Cedar Street. Replaced first bridge (built 1841). 6 – pg. 63. Original carried away in spring flood. 25 – pg. 145.

1853

Jun 20, 1853 Election held on question of prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors; vote in favor of prohibition 183 against 48. 25 pg. 199.

Jul 1, 1853 Lansing-Howell Plank Road completed; connected to Howell-Detroit Plank Road. 6. US – 16 follows almost identically to plank road routing between Lansing and Detroit. 11 pg. 116. Contractors H. H. Smith, James Turner and Charles Seymour. 29 pg. 2-G. M-43 traces the route of the Old Lansing and Howell plank road. 96 pg. 9.
Note: See Dec. 1852.

“Eastern capital was sent into this section for investment in land and roads, because roads enhanced the value of lands along the right-of-way. Indian trails were the basis for the original roads through this section of Michigan,

Sawmills were established all along the plank road route. When the roadbed had been graded after a fashion, over one section, heavy string pieces were laid laterally along the road, and oak planks were spiked to them. The timber was three inches thick, and it was calculated to last for many years, but the increase of traffic which resulted from the easier transportation, shortened the life of the road accordingly. The planks wore out in the middle, and the ends began to turn up, warped by the heat of the summer sun. Winter didn't improve them, with heavy stage coaches banging along on the warped planks.” 11

Seven toll gates from Lansing to Howell. 29 pg. G-2.

Plank Road started east of Franklin Street Bridge. First toll gate junction Oakland and Grand River Avenue (US-16). 9 pg. 23-24. Toll gate between Lansing and Howell. 15 pg. 21. Toll house stood 4739 Marsh Road. 9 pg. 241.

There were toll gates in East Lansing, two miles west of Okemos, at Red Bridge, at Podunk at Leroy, near Fowlerville, and between Fowlerville and Howell, and at Howell. Another road connected Jackson with Eaton Rapids. 52 pg. 94.

Two houses in Meridian – one west of Park Lake Road kept by Alonzo Proctor and the other west of Red Bridge (bridge crossing Red Cedar at east most part of township). 113 pg. 15.

Winter 1853-1854 Small pox broke out. 25 pg. 199.

1854

1854 Michigan Avenue extended to what became college. 6; 29 pg. C-19. Note: Doubt, see 1856.

1854 Lot 10 block 220 between Hazel & Elm streets on east side S. Cedar purchased for school by School District 3. 20 pg. 169.

1855

Feb 10, 1855 House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders organized by Legislature. 20 pg. 82. Legislature authorized establishment of House of Corrections for Juvenile offenders at or near Lansing provided at least 20 acres devoted for purpose. Citizens of Lansing donated 30 acres. State purchased additional 195 acres. 25 pg. 82. The original property acquired for the site was granted on April 13, 1955 by Champlin Havens & Wife and George W. Peck and Wife and concluded in April 1901 by Lydia A. Pond. 148. Area semi-wilderness; Pennsylvania Avenue a cow pasture with few cabins and farmhouses. 20 pg. 82.

May 1855 Laborers at Seymour's saw mill paid \$7 per week, worked 6 days a week, worked 70 hours; worked 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 12:15 to 6:30 p.m. 29 pg. 2-H.

Jun 10, 1855 Severe frost hit county, did considerable damage. *State Republican* called freeze – ice formed ¼ inch thick. 9.

1855 First water well dug 148 S. Cedar Street. 1

1855 Wild turkeys could be shot 3 blocks from capitol; sturgeon in Grand River. 13 pg. 236.

1856

Sep 2, 1856 House of Corrections for Juvenile Offenders opened. 25 pg. 82.

"In the early days, the inmates, dressed in prisoners' attire, worked hard to produce their own food and clothing in farms and shops kept by the school. Their daily regimen consisted of five hours of compulsory work, five and a quarter hours in class, an hour of military drill, and only occasional recreation in a high-fenced three-acre playground. From time to time, the boys were employed in such pursuits as manufacturing cigars (until 1875) and caning chairs for outside contractors. Over time, the institution was liberalized, and bars on the windows, high fences, and prisoners' garb gradually disappeared." 7 pg. 40.

Pre-railroad William Woodhouse and C. W. Butler manufacturing chairs at State Reform School; employed 200 boys, chairs hauled by wagon to Jackson and shipped to Chicago; twice burned out supposed by incendiaries. 25 pg. 139.

Fall 1856 Drought in summer followed by brush fires, marshes and woods all over central Michigan burning; "smoky fall". 11 pg. 139.

Oct 14, 1856 "Clouds of smoke encompass us by day," "and thousands of fires by night," "At the present writing, 4 p.m., the air is loaded with smoke, and people across the street, though prominent physically and socially, can scarcely be distinguished. The weather has been extremely dry, and stumps, undergrowth, grass, even earth, are in a highly combustible state. In some instances, fires in the woods are fought late at night, to prevent destruction of valuable property. Marshes in the vicinity of DeWitt are burning – the soil itself furnishing food for the destroying element." 17

1857

Oct 5, 1857 Public meeting held in Senate Chamber; participants decided to organize fire company. 6 pg. 80.
George W. Peck, chair of meeting; committee appointed to draw up by-laws and constitution; committee met Oct 27,

- 1857 in Rep. Hall; company named Torrent Engine Co., No. 1.
- Oct 27, 1857 Public meeting held in Representative Hall to organize Torrent Engine Company No. 1; adopted constitution; by laws, etc. 6 pg. 80.
- 1857 Flood destroyed Main Street bridge. 11 pg. 85; 29 pg. C-16.
- 1858**
- 1858 Second Michigan Avenue bridge built; wooden, lattice structure, no roof. 6 – pg. 65. Torn down in 1871. 11 pg. 86A; 29 pg. C-16.
- 1858 First Cedar Street School built, replaced 1918. 61 – pg. 36. Note: Check
- 1859**
- Feb 12, 1859 Name of House of Corrections for Juvenile Offenders changed by legislature to Michigan State Reform School. 25 pg. 82; 7 pg. 40. Name changed again in 1893 to Industrial School for Boys. 148
- Feb 15, 1859 Act incorporates Lansing. 11 pg. 131.
- Boundaries
- N – North street
 - E – East Street
 - S – Mt. Hope
 - W – line 10 rods west of Sycamore Street
- 3 wards – divided by St. Joseph and Saginaw Streets. 25 pg. 130; 12 pg. 51.
- 1859 City annexed Boys Training School area from railroad tracks on west to Clemens St. on east. 148
- 1859 Vigilance committee formed; cattle stealing prevalent. 9
- 1860's**
- Pre 1860 Water obtained from springs and shallow open wells; 50 feet deep max.; used for water. 8 pg. 154.
- 1860s Water obtained from shallow open wells. 8

1860

Mar 1860 Flood destroyed Main Street bridge. 11 pg. 85; 29 pg. C-16.

1861

Mar 13, 1861 City Charter amended by PA 138; created school district; Lansing constitute one school district; 3 member of school board selected from each ward, served 3-year staggered terms, 1 elected each year; Power:

 Appoint superintendent of schools

 Purchase sites and build schools

 Est. high school

 Est. school library

 Est. school year of not less than 6 months

 Employ and examine teachers.

 Tax on real and personal property not exceeding \$100 to support school library tax not exceeding \$1 on each child between ages 4-20 for support and maintenance of school.

Apr 1861 City fire bell tolled out message Fort Sumpter had been fired on. 29 pg. C-4.

1861 Grand River bridge at Main Street swept away by high water. 6 pg. 64.

 Note: See 18611. Sources 11 & 29 note 1860. 2 years in row? of 1860 or 1861?

1862

Apr 2, 1862 State Republican noted: "It is stated for the twentieth time that the iron has been procured for laying the track on the Ram's Horn to Michigan Avenue we admonish our citizens to give aid in the work of grading." 267 pg. 551; 273 pg. 395.

May 21, 1862 State Republican notes problems with "sink hole" in "big marsh" north of city. 267 pg. 551.

Aug 6, 1862 State Republican noted: "The contractors (Ram's Horn) have surrendered the job of filling the 'sink hole' to the enterprise of the city." 267 pg. 551; 273 pg. 395.

Aug 27, 1862 State Republican noted problem of sink hole overcome. 267 pg. 551; 273 pg. 395.

- Nov. 5, 1862 State Republican noted: "Iron (Ram's Horn) laid into the city." 267 pg. 551.
- Nov 19, 1862 First train came to Lansing from Owosso. 1
29 pg. 4-G notes completion on November 4, 1862;
State Republican noted "the railroad - the iron is laid into the city and we now have a rail road. Hurrah." 29 pg. 4-G.
State Republican noted: "The cars are now running to Franklin street, Cars running to Franklin street!"

1863

- Mar 19, 1863 Pa 154 of 1863 directed ALTB Railroad Co shall Within 6 months finish and open their road for use to Michigan Avenue
- Aug 25, 1863 Ram's Horn reaches Michigan Avenue. 267 pg. 550; 273 pg., 393.

"Anyone desiring to know which way the train was moving was obliged to get off and make a chalk mark upon the track." John Longyear. 188
- 1863 2nd Michigan Avenue bridge built at cost of \$3,500 by David Burnett of Grand Rapids and Smith Tooker of Lansing; stood until 1871. 25 pg. 145.
- 1863 John Swindenner started manufacturing potash on Larch Street.; still manufacturing pearl ash in 1874; sold C. D. Denis in 1876; in 1879 refitted new steam-engine, kettles, leaches installed; in 1880 produced 25-30 tons of ash; sold ash in New York for \$125 employed 5. 25 pg. 140.
- 1863 Well bored at confluence of Grand and Cedar for salt brine; successful but Saginaw stronger brims forced out of competition; 1873 site of Mineral Well Hotel baths. 18 pg. 19.

1864

- Jan 20, 1864 Telegraph arrived in Lansing. Michigan Central Railroad received subsidy run telegraph line from Owosso to Lansing. 29 pg. 101.
- 1864 S. Cedar street school, between Main Street and Red Cedar River; original McGovern residence remodeled. 20 pg. 179.

1865

Sep 1865 Cedar Street bridge fell of own weight; had been condemned; debris blocked stream. 29 pg. C-13.

1865 City established fire department; built Station No. 1 on East Allegan; city purchased steam pump, hose cart and hired engineer and fireman. 8 pg. 155-156.

1866

Jun 1866 City erected wooden covered lattice bridge over Red Cedar at Cedar Street; built by Smith Tooker at cost of \$3,250; replaced 1852 bridge. 6; 25 pg. 145; 11 pg. 87.

1866 Legislature authorized planks on Lansing-Howell Plank Road pulled up and changed to gravel. 6. Toll gates remained; cost of digging and hauling gravel restricted use; completed about 1870. 113-pg. 16

1867

1867 - 1905 Lansing's first numbering system (used in Mudge's) was in use from about 1867 - 1833. The numbers seem to run from south to north and west to east with no divisions by blocks. They did not use north, south, east, or west, only Washington Ave., Michigan Ave., etc. 53 pg. VIII.

Jan 12, 1867 Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay conveyed property & land grant south of Michigan Ave. to Northern Central Michigan Railroad Co.; completed line to Jonesville in 1872; opened service to Lansing Jan. 13, 1873. 85 pg. 396.

1867 S. Cedar Street School abandoned (a residence between Main Street and Red Cedar River - McGovern house); new school built on South Street (east of Grand Trunk depot); 2 rooms; brick; built at cost of \$3,000. 20 pg. 179. Each room built for 50 students. 269 pg. 7. Cost approximately \$3,500. 25 pg. 166.

1868

1868 Brick Cedar Street school built in 1851 extensively damaged by fire; Methodist and Presbyterian churches basements rented as well as North Lansing House and Engine house for school rooms; new school built on site in 1876. 159 pg. 5.

1869

Mar 24, 1869 Legislature (PA 338 of 1869) authorized city of Lansing to assess tax to defray expense of grading Cedar Street; remove earth into approach to bridge across Grand River on Michigan Avenue. Governor to appoint commissioner (not resident or city property owner) to assess tax.

1869 Jacob Schultz started stave factory east side of Michigan Central Railroad tracks. 12 pg. 56; 8 pg. 138. Closed 1907. 8 pg. 138.

Note: 1868 Schultz & Sattler started as Henry & Schultz changed name 1875. Manufacturing staves and heading, barrels. Specialty pork-barrels and lard-tierces; had 75 horse steam engine. 25 pg. 137.

1870s

1870s "Sea Bird" "Minnie Cass" "Pickwick" under the management of Capt. A. P. Loomis, and made regular trips up and down the river, plying between the dam at North Lansing and the Mineral Well House, with a stop at Michigan Ave. bridge, where a dock was provided alongside of the center abutment with a stairway leading from the foot walk of the bridge.

Riding on these "steamers" was a very popular amusement at the time, and really was a pleasant experience. The river had not then been encroached upon by the factories, and was not contaminated by sewage and refuse, so a summer afternoon excursion on the "Minnie Cass" or the "Pickwick" was enjoyed by old and young. 6 pg. 116.

1870s Lansing largest wheat market in state; in Aug and Sep of 1875 railroad & elevator crews worked day and night to loading wheat; 20 carloads shipped from MI Ave depot of Lake Shore and MI Southern in Sep of 1875; in two-month period 300 carloads left city. 240 pg. 31.

1870

1870 Up to 1870 shallow open wells and drilled wells used for water. 8 pg. 154. Water for firefighting pumped from river or drained from 1,000-barrel cisterns located in downtown area. 48 pg. 16.

- 1870 City passed ordinance provided every lot owner should plant trees in front of their property. 6 pg. 42.
- 1870 Larch Street School built. 6 - pg. 104. Two rooms, Larch north of Michigan Avenue, cost \$3,500. 25 pg. 167.
- 1870 Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway later New York Central passenger station east side of Grand River just north of Michigan Avenue (1904). L.S. & M.S. (Lake Shore and Michigan Southern) railroad built into Lansing from south; built station on grounds of Mineral Well Hotel. 6 pg. 118.
- 1870 Mineral Well Hotel built and opened east side of River Street; frame construction; 3 stories and basement with wide verandahs; bathhouse-west side of River Street, 25 small bath rooms and plunge bath 25x40 feet. 6 pg. 117. About 900 River Street. 11 pg. 78B. Opened spring of 1871; built at cost of \$12,000. 25 pg. 129.
- The hotel accommodations are ample and excellent. The spring is located at the confluence of Grand and Cedar rivers, about a mile up the Grand river. A commodious bath house is in operation, and a large first-class hotel has been built in connection with the spring. The well is about 1,400 feet in depth, and discharges 1,500 gallons per day. An analysis made by Dr. Jennings, of Detroit, presents the following result:
Chloride of sodium, 320.224; bicarbonate of lime, 107.590; bicarbonate of soda, 112.081; bicarbonate of magnesia, 23.027; bicarbonate of iron, 1,882; sulfate of potash, 14.940; sulfate of soda, 30.065; silica, 3.966. Solid contents of one imperial gallon, 613.775. Total carbonic acid, 235.550 cubic inches. 91 pg. 666-667.
- Mineral and Magnetic Well 1,400 feet deep, flow at rate 1,500 barrels per day. facilities for cold, hot shower or vapor mineral baths and open air plunge bath. Water cures: Rheumatism, paralysis, dyspepsia, scrofula, erysipelas, gravel, diabetes, piles, catarrh, liver complaint, kidney complaint, eruptions of the skin, weak lungs, inflamed eyes, bronchitis, salt rheum, neuralgia, scrofula, chronic diarrhea, and the afflictions of the mucous membranes. Dr. H.B. Shank, Medical Advisor. Run by Woodhouse, Butler Co. 101 pg. 89

1871

- Mar 22, 1871 City charter amended by PA 234:
 -Number of wards changed from 4 to 5
 -Authorized city to sell Oak Cemetery; move bodies (Title V, Sec. 11)
 Authorized city to require land with stagnant water to be raised, filled and drained. (Title VI, Sec. 17.)
- Aug 31, 1871 Detroit, Howell & Lansing railroad commenced operation to Lansing (Michigan Ave). (Road Detroit to Plymouth opened June 30; Plymouth to Brighton on June 31; and Brighton to Lansing Aug. 31. 90 pg.484; 56. Train ran through Williamston. 227 pg. 17.
- First direct route from Lansing to Detroit; prior only direct route by Detroit, Lansing and Howell Plank Road.
- Detroit, Howell & Lansing connected with Ionia and Lansing Railroad at Michigan Avenue. 245 pg. 17.
- Oct 9, 1871 Fire sweeps across east side, number barns and dwellings lost. 20 pg. 89.
- Nov 1871 Iron bridge built over Grand at Michigan Avenue, replaced wooden lattice bridge. 6 pg. 65; 20 pg. 116.
- Mayor Robson noted "the timbers creaked and gave every evidence of weakness even when a dog trotted across, and as for heavy traffic, it was perilous." 7 pg. 39.
- New "iron" Michigan Avenue bridge completed; had sign anyone going "faster than a walk" fined \$25. 11 pg. 86B. Carried away by flood 1875. 25 pg. 145; 25 pg. C-16. Cost \$10,400; constructed by Wrought Iron Bridge Co. of Canton, Ohio. 29 pg. C-16.

1872

- May 4, 1872 George Jerome addition add to city; south thirty acres of the west half of the northwest quarter of section. 15. 18 pg. 130. Jerome's addition boundaries:
 N - Lot line N. Vine
 E - Hosmer
 S - Michigan Avenue
 W- East Street. 6.

Jun 19, 1872 Gas Light Company organized by James Clements & Thomas M. Cooley of Ann Arbor and E. F. Cooley of Lansing; by 1880 laid approximately 5 miles of mains. 25 pg. 136.

Factory built at 225 N. Grand to manufacture illuminating gas; company organized by Fredrick Thoman, E. F. Cooley. Gas mains laid; first gas manufactured in fall of 1872. 8 pg. 149.

Sep 18, 1872 George Jerome added Green Oaks addition to city; southwest quarter of section 15. 18 pg. 130.

Sep 1872 Green Oak addition added city east side south of Michigan Avenue. Jerome addition added north of Michigan Avenue. 6 pg. 40.

Green Oak Subdivision Boundaries

N - Michigan Avenue

E - Holmes

S - Rail tracks

W - East street 6

1872 Appx. James I Mead built plant (chair factory) on E. Shiawassee near bridge; in 1874 added flour mill. TSJ 5-15-1957

1872-1894 City election every year "to victor belong spoils." 6

1873

Jan 13, 1873 Northern Central Michigan Railroad creature of Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad reached Lansing to Eaton Rapids, Albion and Jonesville; depot on east bank of Grand River across from Ottawa Street dead end; ceased operation 1930s. 29 pg. 8-G; 56; 20 pg. 59. Note: See 1870.

Line entered Lansing from Southwest, crossing Logan and S. Washington Ave at Mt. Hope, turned North between Washington Ave and Cedar Street following east bank of Grand River to North Lansing , ended at Franklin Ave - Mile Post "O".; line connected with Lake Shore and Michigan Southern (Chicago Line) at Jonesville, MI.

May 6, 1873 Growth of city and unfavorable location of (Oak Park) cemetery. City purchased east half of NE quarter of section 27, Town 4 north, range 2 west, (Mt. Hope) 80 acres for sum

of \$8,000. Contained brick dwelling, frame barn and orchard. Bodies removed from Oak Park (1874-1880) re-buried. 25 pg. 180; 61 pg. 29.

Jun 1873 Common Council authorized mayor to negotiate with the Lansing Gas Company for 28 lamp posts with Bartlett lamps for city streets. 29 pg. C-18.

Jun 30, 1873 City charter amended by PA 271:
-City given power to erect lamp posts.
-City given power to sprinkle streets and assess cost if requested by property owners.
-City authorized to bond for bridges. Title VI, Sec. 34.

Winter 1873-74 Depression started, resulted in families without food and heat; depression lasted 7 years.

1873 "Railroad Eating House" located by station of Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw (later Chesapeake and Ohio) on E. Michigan served "both ladies and gentlemen". 29 pg. H-11.

1873-1874 Five new iron bridges opened over Grand River:
Washington Avenue
River Street (Mineral Well bridge)
Saginaw Street
Shiawassee Street
Seymour Street (connected Grand Rapids road). 11 - pgs. 88-89; 29 - pg. C-16.

1874

Mar 21, 1874 John Harris addition added city; southeast quarter of section 21. 18 pg. 130.

Jun 18, 1874 First lot sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery. 25 pg. 180.

Oct 1874 Supreme Court granted mandamus in case of The People ex rel. John M. French vs. The Common Council of Lansing. City directed to levy second assessment to pay for the grading of Cedar Street. 229 pg. 30 of Oct. Term 1874.

1874 Mineral Well Hotel purchased by C.W. and C. Y. Edwards; destroyed by fire on February 5, 1976. 236 pg. 23.
Note: Durant notes purchased in 1873 and 1874 made extensive additions at cost \$4,000. 18 pg. 19.

1874 Dr. George E. Ramey, Lansing physician wrote "paper suggesting the connection between bad water and typhoid fever..." 16 pg. 25.

1875

Apr 1, 1875 Five bridges destroyed by flood: River Street, Shiawassee, Saginaw, Franklin & Seymour. 11 pg. 89. All bridges over Grand River swept away except 2 at Washington Avenue & Michigan Avenue. 6 pg. 65. Michigan Avenue bridge moved 18 inches north. 11 pg. 90. Four bridges rebuilt or salvaged at cost of \$14,653.29. 29 pg. C-16.

"On the 1st day of April 1875, there occurred a memorable flood in Grand River which involved great destruction of property in Lansing. The stream spread over all the low bottom lands, and immense quantities of drift-wood mingled with the ice jam which swept majestically down the valley, bearing destruction in its course. Some of the streets of the city were navigated in boats, and the scene resembled that often witnessed along the Mississippi and its tributaries." 25 pg. 144.

Jul 3, 1875 Professor Donaldson demonstrated "aerial ascent" in balloon near Lansing - city's first glimpse of aviation of any kind. 20 pg. 228.

Aug 21, 1875 Special election approved \$14,000 in bonds to build new bridges by vote 669 to 289. 20 pg. 119.

1875 Grist mill on north side of East Shiawassee Street on east side of Grand River constructed by James Meade; mill equipped with "four run of stones." 9 pg. 208.

1875 H & B Cortrite (brothers) began "Eureka" Fanning Mill on E. Michigan Avenue; 15 employees, 7 of whom on road selling (1880); sold for \$30; sold mostly in Michigan. 25 pg. 139.

1876

Jan 1, 1876 Pansies in full bloom in several gardens; due to 'recent pleasant weather.' 9 pg. 211.

Jan 1, 1876 Cigar business discontinued at Reform School. Source: *Grand Ledge Independent*, Nov. 5, 1875.

- Feb 5, 1876 Mineral Well Hotel burned. 12 pg. 58; 14 pg. 25; 15 pg. 37. Well running dry, never rebuilt. 15 pg. 37; 20 pg. 216; 25 pg. 129; 29 pg. C-8. Loss about \$12,000. 25 pg. 144.
- Mar 18, 1876 "citizens' convention met (Mead's Hall) March 18, 1876, "for the purpose of nominating a city ticket composed of experienced businessmen... without regard to party affiliations," as the depression of 1873-79 aroused the townsfolk to demand a more careful accounting of city hall affairs." 20 pg. 110.
- Jun 17, 1876 George Ganssley addition added city; northeast quarter of section 15. 18 pg. 130.
- Jun 18, 1876 Planing mill, sash and blind factory of A. Allen & Co. burned; located at east Michigan Avenue 300 block south side. 9 - pg. 181. Estimated loss of \$15,000; rebuilt in 1907; 1880 general planing manufacturing sash, doors, blinds, etc.; 25 employees; had 50 horse engine. 25 pg. 135. Estimated loss \$20,000; largest establishment of type in city; employed over 20. Building erected in 1865. 25 pg. 144. Fire at A. Allen & Company mill on E. Michigan Avenue; team brought engine from N. Lansing "was seriously injured in driving through the heated air under the flames of the burning building.
- It was felt that each horse would probably lose an eye, and there were numerous blisters on the side of the horse most exposed to the fire. At the same time the driver, a Mr. Jones, had the side of his face and the back of one hand blistered." 9 pg. 281. Note: Check date 1907.
- Jul 1876 Construction started on new Pilgrim Congregational Church; designed by G.H. Edbrooke of Chicago; Mr. Ayres contractor - took contract of \$15,000 in May 1876. Dedicated Mar 18, 1877. 94 pg. 413.
- 1876 New Cedar Street School constructed; replaced 1851 building. 9 pg. 350. Cost \$6,457. 20 pg. 177. 1868 fire severally damaged brick school built in 1851; unusable after fire; in August Mr. Glassmer contracted to build new school for \$6,457 plus salvage rights of old school. 269 pg. 5.

1877

- Sep 8, 1877 "the stave-factory of Schultz & Co., was damaged (fire) to the extent of \$75,000, principally by the destruction of sheds

and stock. About 4,000 tight barrels and a million staves were burned." 25 pg. 144.

1880s

- 1880s Commercial canned foods (sea foods) began appearing in Lansing. 29 pg. A1.
- 1880s Ice houses appeared; made possible to have fresh meat and produce more of year. 29 pg. 35A.
- 1880s Charles J. Davis built "Audubon Place" estate at 1326 E. Michigan Avenue. 20 pg. 55.
- 1880s Horse-drawn streetcars arrived; restaurants begin coming into own; prior to time sideline at bakeries, confectionery stores, bowling alleys and saloons. 12 pg. 59

1880

- Feb 8, 1880 Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway completed the Port Huron-Chicago line via Flint, Lansing and Battle Creek. 56
- Apr 6, 1880 First freight train from Chicago to Port Huron passed though Lansing. 245 pg. 13.
- Dec 16, 1880 Downey Hotel had first commercial telephone. 1
- Dec 18, 1880 Telephone exchange opened. 29 pg. 10I; 7 pg. 182.
- 1880 Lansing had 2 night watchmen and some special police at railroad stations. No police station. 52 pg. 39.
- 1880 Water supply from shallow open wells and many drilled. 8 pg. 154.
- 1880 Lansing Gas-Light Co. had approximately 5 miles of gas mains; 61 street-lamps, about 200 private customers; gas per 1,000 feet is \$2.80. 25 pg. 136.
- 1880 Common laborers making 12 cents an hour, 60 hours week. Horseshoes making 30 cents an hour, elite craftsmen, carpenters 24 cents an hour - 10 hours day. 29 pg. 2-H.
- 1880 Mineral well owned by Isaac Owen; hotel burned in 1876; water still sold. "It has an extensive reputation as one of the

most noted flowing wells in the world, and the cures wrought by the use of the water are something remarkable; among them well-established cases of Bright's disease of the kidneys. The water is pronounced by experts to be superior to the most famous water of the German spas."; well 740 feet deep. 18 pg. 19.

1880-81 Toll gates abolished on Lansing-Howell Plank Road. 6

1880-1958 Original buildings in 100-200 block (6 acres) of Mill Street (Museum Drive) occupied by Rikerd Lumber Co.; 1958 purchased by Reniger Construction 1958.

1881

1881 First telephone directory published with 93 names and no numbers. TSJ 5-24-1959

1881 Lansing Wheelbarrow Company started corner Grand and Washtenaw. 15 pg. 25. Later known as Lansing Co.; at one time made most of wheelbarrows in US; later moved Cedar and Saginaw Street. 61 pg.28. Ceased in early 1970's.

Lansing Wheelbarrow Co. moved to Lansing; name later changed Lansing Co.; mfg. wheelbarrows, picket fence machine, a horse poke, sleigh runners, lard presses - all for farm trade; by 1929 mfg. road making and contractors equipment, cement mixers, dock & factory trucks, lumber yard and coal dealers equipment; plant covers 15 acres at Saginaw and Cedar Street; used in excess of 3,000,000 feet lumber a year; operated own mills. 176 Sec. 5, pg. 7

In 1895 plant covered six acres and produced 80,000 wheelbarrows annually; mfg. runner attachments, warehouse trucks, express wagons, baggage barrows, contractors' carts, hand push carts. 253 pg. 16

1884

Jan 26, 1884 Voters approve establishment of public instead of private waterworks. 7 pg. 64.

1885

Jan. 26, 1885 Lansing voted 445-49 to issue \$100,000 in bonds to develop water system. Source: *State Journal*, September 1, 1992. 48 pg. 16.

- Feb. 16, 1885 Common Council passed ordinance creating "Water Board." 48 pg. 12.
- Feb. 24, 1885 City contracted for twelve 2,000 candle power arc lights to burn until midnight; exception bright moonlight nights. 48 pg. 14 & 22. Used to light intersections; cost \$90. per year. 206 pg. 22.
- Lights operated on a single series circuits when on went out every light circuit went out. Carbon incandescent light burned out quickly. 48 pg. 22.
- Mar 14, 1885 City established water board. 8; 20 pg. 146. Built pump station on S. Cedar and steel stand pipes on east side of 100 block of S. Cedar. 20 pg. 147. Pumped to mains by two 2 1/2 million gallons per minute steam pumps. 67 pg.3
- 1885 First water supply system; water drawn from open brick well by steam pumps; used 2 1/2 million gallons of water each day. 1 Erected water standpipe on S. Cedar, torn down in 1949. 29 pg. 41.
- Board of Water and Light formed to furnish water and electricity. 8 First well 30 feet in diameter and 18 feet deep. 48 pg. 16. Furnished citizens water through 45 miles of water mains connected with 350 hydrants. 127
- Apr 8, 1885 Lansing Electric Light Company is stringing lights on Washington Avenue and will erect poles on Michigan and hope to light those up for the first time tonight. Source: *The Republican Weekly*, April 8, 1885
- 1895 - 1905 The second street numbering system used (about 1885 - 1905) was similar to today's with north, south, east and west streets, and divisions by block, 100, 200, 300, etc. Many of these numbers in the business district are the same as today, but many in residential areas are different. 53 pg. VII.
- 1885 Lansing Iron and Engine Works started SW corner E. Shiawassee and N. Cedar; produced steam engines. 12 pg. 59. Used for grist and saw mills. 15 pg. 26. Note: Source 7 pg. 64 stated 1872.
- 1885-1888 Door to door delivery of milk started. 29 pg. 35A.

1886

Apr 1886 100 women met in Hotel Downey to organize hospital; by time organized were 37 women; rented Robert B. DeViney House at 310 West Ottawa Street; opened with 11 beds; Dr. Rush shrank brought first patient-a leg amputation; in 1888 (?) moved to John S. Moffatt House at 205 South Grand for six months; in 1899 moved James Mead House at 429 N. Cedar. 259.

1886 Day labor earned \$1.40 for 60 hour week; printers \$2 a day for 59 hour week.

1887

May 5, 1887 Legislature (PA 454 of 1887) passed Act created fund to pay for sheep and lambs killed or wounded by dogs within city and Lansing Township.

1888

1888? Hospital moved from Robert B. DeViney House at 310 W. Ottawa to John S. Moffatt House at 205 s. Grand for six months; in 1899 moved to James Mead House at 429 N. Cedar Street. 259

1888 Larch /Mill Street School moved SE corner of lot; new four room brick school built; Mill Street just east of Grand River. 20 pg. 180. School abandoned in 1950 and dismantled. 269 pg. 9.

1988 H. W. Rikerd Lumber Co. started; specializes in hardwood interior finish and veneer work; was successor to Capitol Lumber Co. 253 pg. 10.

1889

Jul 1889 Nurse training school organized and opened at City Hospital (Sparrow) located at James Mead House at 429 N. Cedar Street; class had four students, only one graduated in 1901; school was two-year course; first public graduation took place in 1908. 259.

1889 Hospital moves to James Mead house at 429 North Cedar Street from John S. Moffatt House at 205 South Grand,

where been for six months; prior located in Robert B. DeViney House at 310 W. Ottawa Street (1886). 259

1890

Appx. 1890 Open brick water well abandoned, replaced by 12 open brick shallow wells about 50 feet deep. 1; 20 pg. 147. Water system and drilled wells. 8 pg. 154.

1890 Cedar Street bridge rebuilt, roof and lattice work removed. 29 pg. C-16&17.

1890 Bingham Street and Michigan Avenue Schools built; identical cost \$2,075 each. 20 pg. 183.

1891

1891 Gravel mine on farm of James W. Tillotson on Section 8, Lansing Township, adjoins city; "A gravel mine or bank on ...farm furnishes thousands of tons of gravel for street purposes in city of Lansing and is a considerable source of revenue." father bought farm in 1851 and wall all timber. 117

1892

Jun 29, 1892 Special election, voters voted to bond city for \$60,000 to purchase or build an electric light plant. 48 pg. 25.

Jul 1892 Voters approve purchase of Lansing Electric Light & Power Co. 7 pg. 64. Electricity shut off at 10:00 p.m. 7 pg. 64.

Jul 16, 1892 Board of Water Commissioners becomes Board of Water Works and Electric Light Commissioners. 7 pg. 182; 20 pg. 147; 8 pg. 160. Ordinance changed so could purchase electric light plant. 8 pg. 161.

Sep 1892 East Park school opened; east side Leshar Place; 2 rooms; cost \$1,850; later known Oak Park school. 20 pg. 183.

Dec 1, 1892 Lansing purchased Electric Light Company, 136 customers, system rated at 90 kilowatts; power plant at corner of Grand and Ionia. 13 pg. 223. 110 arc street lights. 48 pg. 26. Abandoned Lansing built Grand and Ionia new plant at Cedar and Joy near water plant in 1894. 13 pg. 223; 48 pg. 16. Changed name to Board of Water Works and Electric

Lighting Commissioners. 48 pg. 16. All night service inaugurated.

- 1892 Michigan Avenue iron bridge taken down and erected at Kalamazoo Street. 6
- 1892 Oak Park School begun; in 1895 name school changed to East Park. 269 pg. 9.
- 1892 Maud S. Wind Mill & Pump Co. formed. 29 pg. H-9. Pump a double acting force pump, invented by Henry A. French of Lansing and mfg. by Lansing Iron and Engine Works as side issue, became so popular own co. formed; purchased large brick building (three stories high and 250 feet long) on Cedar Street erected by Iron Works for mill supply department; in 1892 also started to mfg. windmill and tower. 253 pg. 11.
- 1892-1912 Lansing Spoke Co. operated at 1600 N. Larch; Auto Wheel Co. operated on site from 1910-1920, Gier Pressed Steel Co., from 1916-1920; and Motor Wheel Corp. from 1920. 248.

1893

- Jan 17, 1893 All night illumination (street lights) started. 20 pg. 148; 8 pg. 161.
- Mar 12, 1893 Pilgrim Congregational Church organized after Plymouth Church had established a successful Sunday School on the east side; Rev. B. J. Aldrich served as first minister.
- Apr 18-19, 1893 Panic and depression; run on banks; depression lasted 4 years. 12 pg. 61
- May 3, 1893 Legislature (PA 371 of 1893) authorized Lansing City Electric Railroad Co. to extend electric street railway in Lansing Township from eastern terminus of Mi. Avenue in Lansing to grounds of Mi. Agric. College. Company to collect fares of 5 cents for one continuous trip in either direction.
- 1893-94 Michigan Avenue Bridge replaced at cost \$57,932. 11 pg. 90. Touted as widest in world; 108 feet edge to edge. 29 pg. C-5. Note: See 1895.
- 1893 Addition added to Larch Street School. 20 pg. 181.

- 1893 Name of MI State Reform School changed to Industrial School for Boys; name changed again in 1925 to Boys' Vocational School. 148
- 1893 First telephone directory issued by Citizens' Telephone Company. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 58.

1894

- About 1894 Home mail deliveries began. 29 pg. C-18.
- 1894 First brick pavement laid on N. Capitol from Ottawa to Shiawassee Streets. 29 pg. C-19.

1895

- Sep 1895 Police force organized (1859 to 1895 had town marshal and night watchman); hired first chief of police (John P. Sanford); had force: 1 captain, 1 jailer, 1 truant officer, 7 patrolmen; total 11 men. 1; 20 pg. 150.
12 men on police force. 20 pg. 151.
- 1895 New MI. Ave. bridge built. At time world's widest "street" bridge. 234 feet long and 155 feet wide. 61 pg. 28; 253 pg. 2. Note: See 1893. Note: Source 244 pg. 336 notes completed in 1894 and was 108 feet wide, less than 100 feet long; is a single span of concrete; in 1935 reinforced and repaved by WPA.
- 1895 Industrial School For Boys: has 8 acres of lawns, drives around buildings; 260 acres total; capacity 500 boys in 1895 had 560; boys 10-16 years of age, can remain until 17: 45 employees; trades taught - carpenter (60), tailors (70), printing (50), shoemaking (20) , baker (10), engineering (10), farming (100), chair caning (balance); in school 4.5 hours, work 4.5 hours each day. 5 hours for meals and recreation; average stay 20 months. 253 pg. 4.

1896

- Mar 1896 Women's Hospital Association organized, acquired DeViney Place on 400 W. Ottawa, (Note believe 310 W. Ottawa) started hospital (May). 15 pg. 56-57; 20 pg. 141; 1 pg. 171

Association consisted of 37 women; hospital known as Lansing City Hospital; had 11 beds. 122 pg. 6. Hospital at 310 W. Ottawa called Cottage Hospital; hospital moved 205 S. Grand in 1899. 152

- Apr 1896 City Hall tower began striking time "standard time". Introduced by railroads in 1896 instead of sun or local time, differed 20-25 minutes from standard time. 7 pg. 67.
- Summer 1896 Old's drove gasoline-powered vehicle on city streets. 51 pg. 99.
- Aug 1896 William Jennings Bryan, running for president, visited Lansing spoke to crowds at Star Theater, old post office, Downey Hotel, front of Capitol and tent at corner of Cedar and Michigan. 7 - pg. 67.

1897

- Feb 24, 1897 Resolution introduced in House to authorize City to open and extend Jerome Street westward from to Penn., across state land, without expense to State. HJ 2-24-1897, pg. 757-758.
- 1897 Lansing enacted first bicycle ordinance cyclist to get off wheels when passing pedestrian at close range -cyclist not to exceed 6 mph within half mile of center of town - 10 mph elsewhere. 176 Sec. 3, pg. 17.
- Jul 17, 1897 Library moved from high school to city hall; corner Capitol and Ottawa Streets. 1;294 pg. 18.

1899

- Jan 9, 1899 Pilgrim Congregational Church burned down day of dedication (Pennsylvania and Eureka Streets). 20 pg. 204.
- 1899 Hospital moved from 310 W. Ottawa to John S. Moffett House at 205 S. Grand Ave. then in November to Mead House at 429 N. Cedar St. 152 Was 316 North Cedar in 1906 renumbered to 429.
- Nov 1899 Hospital (Lansing City Hospital) moved old Mead House on west side N. Cedar, just north of Shiawassee. 20 - pg. 142. New hospital had 19 beds. 122 pg. 6.

1899 Bates & Edmonds Engine & Motor Co. formed. 15 pg. 33; 7 - pg. 74. Produced only 25 of \$2,000 touring cars; continued manufacturing engines. 7 pg. 74.
Madison Bates and James P. Edmonds (former Olds employees) started company on Michigan Avenue; moved 1902. 281 pg. 5.

1900's

Turn Century Darius B. Moon (1851-1939), worked on over 150 buildings in the Lansing area.

1900

June 28, 1900 New Pilgrim Congregational Church dedicated, corner of Pennsylvania and Eureka. 46 pg. 8.

1900 Water system and few drilled wells supplied water to city residents. 8 pg. 154.

1900 4 additional fire stations built including:
 #4 corner Bingham and Prospect
 #6 North Pennsylvania and Sheridan (Oakland) Streets . 8 pg. 156

1900 City market sprang up on Turner Street just north of Grand River Ave as a cooperative effort of the North side Commercial club, the city and farmers; market moved Shiawassee & Grand in 1909. 159.

1900 Diphtheria epidemic; high school closed and fumigated to keep diphtheria from spreading. 58.

1900 Milk cost 5 cents a quart; kilowatt of electricity 10 cents.

1900 Capitol Electric Supply Co. started; in 1920 reorganized; 1925 reincorporated; 1930 located at 710-14 E. Kalamazoo. 176, Sec. 4, pg. 6.

1901

Apr 10, 1901 First class held by police for proper understanding of the bicycle ordinance. Class held in city hall for violators; most common violations: riding on sidewalk & riding after dark without a lantern. First class included minister and three city employees. Source: The Lansing Journal, April 11, 1901.

Jun 1901 Smallpox epidemic; tent city set up in North Lansing to isolate affected; fearful residents burned tent city down. 58

Jun 6, 1901 State transferred Jerome St. roadway property between Penn. and Jones St. to city for road.

1902

Jan 1902 City adopts ordinance regulating speed of automobiles on streets; requires speed of eight miles or less and every machine have a gong and lights and alarm sounded at each street crossing; commenting on proposed ordinance R. E. Olds said, "I understand that the council is contemplating adopting an ordinance limiting the speed of automobiles to eight miles an hour. I should be sorry to see it passed. An automobile can be operated on the city streets at 12 to 15 miles per hours with absolute safety. Of course, the requiring of bells, lights and the sounding of gongs before street crossings is all right." Source: TLJ 1-18-1902

June 25, 1902 Michigan Central Railroad and the Pere Marquette Railroad opened Union Station in Lansing. (637 E. Mi. Ave.) Featured 'ladies' parlor'. 120 pg. 59. Designed by Spiers & Rohns of Detroit; served as depot until 1972 when passenger service to Lansing discontinued. 248.

1902 Day laborers paid 17.5 cents an hour. 29 pg. 4-H.

Bates company organized by J. P. Edmonds, M. F. Bates, F. M. Seibley, J. E. Roe and Dr. H. A. Haze; started in old Armory building in 300 block of S. Capitol; built about 25 cars. 277 pgs. 5-6. Bates & Edmonds Motor company built 2 story brick building at Mill Street (240 Museum Drive), produced Bull Dog Line and put city on map as center of internal combustion engine industry.; appx. 1925 reorganized as Hill Diesel Engine Co. 248. Bates moved from Michigan Avenue site to Mill Street site which had been site of Capitol Wagon company and Alexander Furnace Manufacturing company; employed between 30-40. 281 pg. 5.

1903

1903 Streetcar to Collegeville "was a small car with four wheels under it, and it bobbed along on MI Ave. which was just a dirt

road at that time. Along about where Frandor is now there was the Baker switch. The car from Lansing would pull off there to allow the one from Collegeville to pass. There was just one track for the streetcar and only two cars on that line. They ran about every half hour, and the motorman called the streets off as they went along. I remember one time we came home from downtown in the rain and people had to put their umbrellas up in the streetcar to keep dry." 147 pg. 135. Remembrance of Iva Jensen Foster.

Sep 1903

Hospital association incorporated. 20 pg. 143.

1903

W. K. Prudden Co. incorporated; capital stock of \$75,000. 14 pg. 13. Located at 421 E. Michigan Avenue. 15 pg. 32; 20 pg. 161-162; 29 pg. 16-G. Manufactured racing sulky wheels. 29 pg. G-16. Folded 1905. 29pg. 8-G. Made 125 auto wheels a day, employed 100 in season. 184 pg. 31.

1904

Mar 1904

Grand River flooded, caused \$300,000 damage. 52 pg. 97. Kalamazoo Street bridge in flood floated down river lodged against east end of Michigan Avenue bridge; re-erected at Kalamazoo. 6 pg. 65.

1904-1929

Lansing Motor & Pump Co. operated at 326 S. Hosmer; The Ebel Hoist & Pump Co. operated at site from 1930-1942. 248.

1905

Jun 5-6, 1905

5 inches rain fell in less than 24 hours. 29 pg. C-17.

Jul 27, 1905

Number of typhoid fever cases in city; believe dome ice used in drinking water; ice taken from river. Source: The State Republican 7-17-1905

1905

City Fire alarm system installed. 1. First police call box installed on corner of Michigan and Washington. 44 pg. 34. Call boxes used until 1960's. 69 pg. 4A.

1906

1906

Michigan Screw Co. formed. 13 pg. 106. Organized by Olds. 52 pg. 63. Note: See 1907

- 1906-1930s Michigan Screw Co. operated at 508 S. Hosmer; c1930-1932 Michigan Aero Engine Co. operated at site. 248.
- 1906-1916 W. K. Prudden & Co. operated at 701 E. Saginaw; Prudden Wheel Co. operated at site from 1870-1920; and Motor Wheel Corp. from 1920. 248

1907

- Dec 1907 East Park (Oak Park) school partially burned. 20 pg. 183.
- 1907 Novo Engine Co bought and reorganized by Clarence E. Bement; bought old Shultz Stave factory and toy gun plant; Novo expanded on site over years, houses moved off site; by 1930 had foundry capacity of 75 tons of metal a day; by 1930 built oil and gas engines for contractors, road makers and ship docks, etc.; mfg. 15 different engines from 1 1/2 to 50 horsepower; employed 500 in 1929. 176 sec. 5, pg. 2
- About 1907 William H. Newbrough built autos in old Lansing Iron & Engine Works on north Cedar Street. 277 pg. 6.

1908

- Apr 18, 1908 First public graduation of City (Sparrow) Hospital School of Nursing took place; seven graduated; graduation in home of Mrs. R. E. Olds; 100 attended; school started in 1899, first graduate in 1901. 259.
- Dec 16, 1908 Lansing put automobile fire engine into service - first in nation, cost \$6,500. 6 pg. 86; 27 pg. 29.
Engine used for driving pump as well as traction. 11 pg. 110.
Arrived in city on December 4, 1908. 29 pg. C-12.
- 1908 2 room addition added 2 floors Larch Street School. 20 pg. 181.

1909

- Apr 1909 City purchased "old Hay Market"; Shiawassee and Grand and 2 other properties for city market; started in 1913. 14 pg. 19. Remained an open air market until 1914 when roof built to cover it; site of Central Fire Station; moved in 1938. 159.
- May 1909 Legislature authorized Commissioner of State Land Office to investigate if benefit to State and necessary for public

health to deepen, widen, straighten, reconstruct and extend Tool Gate Drain for sewer and drainage, authorize release of state lands and pay assessment for; state lands involved, east one-half of SE quarter of section ten, except west ten acres of portion north of State road; SE quarter of SE quarter of section ten; portion NE quarter of section fifteen lying north of Rumsey's MI avenue addition and additions adjacent thereto situated in city of Lansing. PA 94 of 1909.

1909 4 lights installed on Michigan Avenue bridge to achieve according to the *State Journal* "a Great White Way". 50 pg. 259.

1909 School district purchased land on SE corner of Kalamazoo and Allen Streets; school built on site in 1913. 269 pg. 10.

1910

Jan 1910 School board increased salary of grade teachers \$50 with \$50 increased each succeeding year; prior salaries beginner paid \$350 and \$25 increase each until \$500 reached; grade principals received \$550 first year with \$25 advances until \$650 reached. TLJ 1-25-1910

Apr 1910 Ingham County voters approve prohibition. 7 pg. 183. Voters approved prohibition under local option rule beginning May 1, 1910. 292 pg. 21.

Apr 1910 Sparrow donated \$100,000 for new hospital; \$12,000 to be used to buy Weed property and balance for building. Edward W. Sparrow Hospital Association incorporated. Source: A Century of Caring, Edward W. Sparrow Hospital, Centennial History 1896-1996 by Jean Frazier, 1996.

May 1, 1910 34 saloons close down due to prohibition. 292 pg. 21.

Jun 1910 Michigan Avenue Methodist Church began. 20 pg. 209.

1910 MI Ave. Methodist Church organized; built church on corner of E. Michigan and Ferguson. 176 Sec. 6, pg. 23.

Jun 24 -31, 1910 Lansing Chautauqua held in East Side Park.
Program:

Governor Edward Wallace Hoch

Father J. Daly - Topic: "Is a Boy Worth Saving"

Edward Amhurst Ott - Topic: "The Haunted House"

Opie Read - Reading "Lem Junklin at the Chautauqua"
 Ralph Bingham
 Andrew Newens - Readings "Sky Pilot"
 Hruby Brothers Concert; poorly attended.
 Col. Bob Seeds (fictitious name) - Topic: "Had God Makes Soil Fertile"; farmers day poorly attended. 50 pg. 261.

- 1910 Multiple series lights using 263 cast iron poles and 60 tungsten lamps installed on Washington and Michigan Avenue. 48 pg. 14.
- 1910 Water supplies by water system and few drilled wells. 8 pg. 154.
- 1910 First concrete pavement used on Grand Avenue from Michigan to Shiawassee. 29 pg. C-19.
- 1910 City constructed services to new additions "E. Michigan Avenue to the beautiful little city of East Lansing presents one almost continuous line of homes." 10 pg. 229.
- 1910 Auto Wheel Company completed plant at E. Saginaw across from Oak Park. 10 pg. 229. Auto Wheel Co. operated at 1600 N. Larch; Lansing Spoke Co. operated on site 1892-1912, Gier Pressed Steel Co. operated on site 1916-1920, and Motor Wheel Corp. from 1920. 248.
- 1910 Martin Block Co. organized. 29 pg. H-5; 12 pg. 63.
- 1911**
- Nov 1911 Lansing City Rescue Mission started; outgrowth of mission that existed in early 1900's; mission located at corner of Francis and East Michigan; Mission incorporated in March 15, 1949.
 Source: *Registry of Religions Ingham County, 1987*, pg. 20
- 1911 Old shallow tile wells abandoned in city water system.
- 1911 Board of Water & Light purchased first truck; previously used horses and wagon; conversion to trucks completed in 1916. 264 pg. 3.
- 1911 Citizens group formed to improve playgrounds. 52 pg. 140.

1911-1913 Spagnuolo Brothers cigars, tobacco, fruit and candy store at 621 E. Michigan Ave. 231 pg. 59.

1912

Feb 10, 1912 Coldest day recorded in Lansing; 24.7 degrees below. 29 pg. A15.

Jun 1, 1912 Sparrow Hospital opened. 15 pg. 57; 29 pg. 40; 20 pg. 144. Edward Sparrow gave money for, had room for 54 patients. 52 pg. 37. Sparrow gave \$100,000 for hospital; had 44 beds; name changed from Lansing City Hospital to Edward W. Sparrow Hospital. 122 pg. 6; 259. Opened at 1912 E. Michigan. 231 pg. 60. Note: Source 140 pg. 184 notes opened on Nov. 6, 1912.

Oct 1912 Sparrow Hospital opened; total cost of structure \$112,000. Source: A Century of Caring, Edward W. Sparrow Hospital, Centennial History 1896-1996 by Jean Frazier, 1996.

Nov 6, 1912 Sparrow Hospital School of Nursing started, formerly City Hospital School of Nursing. 259. Had 18 students. 29 pg. 4-O; 259. Student lived in former private residence east of hospital grounds. Source 20 pg. 144 notes opened November 12, 1912. City Hospital, which became Sparrow, school of nursing started in 1899. 259 Note: See 1899.

1912 City charter revised. 20 pg. 154. Lansing became a home-rule city under provisions contained in state constitution. 189 pg. 7.

1912 Park Board and Parks Department created. 29 pg. C-6.

1912 Police Department begins regular automobile patrol. 29 pg. C-15.

1912 James W. Potter deeded land for Potter Park to city. 20 pg. 155; 256 pg. 13. Note: See July 24, 1914. Source 127 notes donated land July 24, 1914.

1912 Ingham County voters repeal prohibition. Saloons re-open. 7 pg. 84.

- 1912-14 George Spagnuolo Jr. operated fruit dealership at 423 E. Michigan; opened a second shop at 127 E. Michigan in 1914. 231 pg. 59.
- 1912 243 factories, 7,184 men employed, average daily wage \$2.33. 9 pg. 232
- 1912 John Deere branch opened in Lansing; building eventually acquired N. Hosmer. 13 pg. 44.
- 1912-1915 The Original Gas Engine Co. operated at 704 E. Kalamazoo; Ideal Engine Co. at site from 1916-1923; Ideal Power Lawn Mower Co. from 1914-1945; and Hill Diesel Engine Co., plant No. 2 in 1945. 248.

1913

- Feb 1913 Allen Elementary School opened; cost \$33,500; had ten rooms. 20 pg. 184. More land acquire at site in 1914. 269 pg. 10.
- 1913 City market corner Shiawassee and Grand started. 14 pg. 19. Covered in 1914.
- 1913 Ingham County Hospital established as 10 bed Tuberculosis Sanitarium. 52 pg. 165.
- 1913 First asphalt concrete used for paving. 29 pg. C-17.
- 1913 7,342 men employed in factories; daily wage \$2.43. 9 pg. 232.

1914

- Jul 24, 1914 Potter donated property which later became Potter Park Zoo. 127. Note: See 1912. Source 20 notes land donated in 1912.
- 1914 Ingham County voters reinstate prohibition. 7 pg. 183
- 1914 Roof erected over city market. 33
- 1914 Stop sign erected intersection Washington & Michigan Avenues; a post with "STOP" on two sides and "GO" on the other two; officer turned every so often. 1.

1914-1945 Ideal Power Lawn Mower Co., operated at 704 E. Kalamazoo; Ideal Engine Co., also at site 1916-1923; Hill Diesel Engine Co., plant No. 2 in 1945; and The Original Gas Engine Co. operated at site from 1912-1915. 248.

1915

Jul 5, 1915 J. W. and Sarah Potter gave 58 acres (Potter Park) to city. LSJ 9-25-1995.
25,000 attended picnic in Potter Park. 7 pg. 82.
Dedication of Potter Park; 885 acres 7 pg. 183.

To celebrate gift of Potter Park to city mass picnic held. "was described this way: The largest basket picnic ever held in the U.S. The plan was to have the entire population of Lansing transported by car to the picnic site at Potter Park. Some 25,000 people attended despite it being the coldest July in memory.

As though the extraordinary mass picnic was not enough, a municipal barn dance and moonlight festival celebrated the completion of the roof over the Farmer's Market later in July." 21 pg. 15.

1915 W. K. Prudden laid concrete strip between Lansing and E. Lansing to dramatize need for improved roads. 14 pg. 16.
"....he (Prudden) induced Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris to build three miles of concrete highway between Lansing and East Lansing, on an experimental basis. It was the first strip of concrete highway in Michigan, if not the entire United States, and a plaque just east of Lansing's east city limits, where the boulevard divides, marks the site." 20 pg. 227-228.

1915 Sparrow Hospital first hospital in city to open medical unit exclusively for children.

1916

Apr 3, 1916 Ingham County voters uphold prohibition in record turnout; 63% for keeping county dry. 7 pg. 85 and 183.

1916 New East Park (Oak Park School) erected. 20 pg. 183.
Original built in 1892; name changed to Oak Park School in 1926. 269 pg. 9.

- 1916 Sparrow Hospital expanded; sun porches turned into patient rooms; Hardy and Post wings added on each end of hospital. 152.
- 1916 Prudden built new plant E. Saginaw. 29 pg. 16-G.
- 1916-1920 Gier Pressed Steel Co. operated at 1600 N. Larch, Lansing Spoke Co. operated on site 1892-1912, Auto Wheel Co. 1910-1920, and Motor Wheel Corp. from 1920. 248.

1917

- Oct. 17, 1917 East wing of Pilgrim Congregational Church destroyed by fire. 46 pg. 8.
- 1917-18 Large reservoirs built east bank of river on west side of S. Cedar and west and south from old standpipe. 8 pg. 154.
- First water storage tanks constructed south of pump station, 148 South Cedar Street. 1 Two 3 1/2 million gallon reservoirs constructed south of Cedar Street pump station. 48 pg. 17; 239.
- 1917 George E. Ranney donated 20-acre tract land between Lansing and East Lansing for park (Ranney Park). 243 pg. 338.
- 1917 Mr. & Mrs. Potter donated additional 27 acres to city to increase size of Potter Park from 58 to 85 acres.
- 1917 Addition added and name school district No. 6 Lansing Township changed to Foster. 20 pg. 184.
- 1917 Legislature ordered Boys Training School site sold; in 1919 appropriated \$600,000 to buy land and begin building new facility; appropriation canceled in 1921. 148.
- 1917-1918 Due to WWI fuel shortage, schools forced to close, city sold wood at cost. 29 pg. C-6.
- 1917 East Church (Olivet Baptist) held first meeting in building on South Magnolia.
Source: *Registry of Religions Ingham County, 1987*, pg. 22

Appx. 1917-1926. Michigan Dairy Co. at 814 N. Cedar Street started; changed name in 1920 to Biergans Brothers.

1917 Abrams Aerial Survey Corporation founded by Talbert Abrams; by 1967 had mapped 1720 American cities; 515 counties; 5800 miles of highway design sites and more than 48,000 miles of utility lines. SCR 105 of 1967.

1918

1918 "Spanish Lady" flu epidemic sweeps city; 127 die Oct. - Dec. 45 pg. 27.

Oct. 10, 1918 150 flue cases, 5 flu devils, East Lansing placed under quarantine to protect students and Army Corps at Michigan Agricultural College. 45 pg. 29.

Oct. 17, 1918 All theaters, churches, dance halls, pool rooms, fraternity meetings, banquets, social meetings and political rallies closed due to flu epidemic. 46 pg. 30.

Oct. 23, 1918 City Schools closed due to flu epidemic. 46 pg. 30.

Nov. 6-7, 1918 Schools reopened. 46 pg. 30.

Nov. 8, 1918 Ban on public gatherings lifted. 46 pg. 30.

Dec 31, 1918 140 dead during year of flu; total 200 died during plague. LSJ 2-8-1998; pg. E1.

1918 City owned asphalt plant placed in Oak Park; removed to South Street about 1921. 29 pg. C-19.

1918 Penn. Ave paved; sometime between 1855 and 1918 roadbed given to city by state; originally part of BTS property. 148.

1918 Foster Elementary School addition built. 20 pg. 184-185.

1919

Mar 1919 Sewage flowed into city water system, hundreds ill, schools, factories closed. 7 pg. 90.

May 12, 1919 119th Field Artillery arrived Grand Trunk Depot, parade held and mustering out. 7 pg. 89.

- Dec 1919 School district purchased 12.8 acres of Boy's Vocational School for \$90,000. 20 pg. 186. East Junior High opened in 1921. 148.
- 1919 National coal strike; City Council asked residents to conserve light, heat and power due to coal shortage. 29 pg. 2-H.
- 1919 All horse-drawn equipment retired from fire department. 1; 27-29; 29 pg. C-13.
- 1919 Junior high school system established. 15 pg. 53.
- 1919 Fireproof Storage company at 430 North Larch established; still in operation in 1939. LSJ 1-1-1939.
- 1919-1923 Michigan United Railway waiting room and ticket office at 314 E. Michigan. 248.

1920s

- Early 1920s Zoo moved from Moores Park to Potter Park. 20 pg. 156.
- 1920s Electrical lines started to be buried underground.

1920

- Jan 17, 1920 Weis & Leah Mfg. of Memphis, Tennessee (wood source). Gier Pressed Steel Co., Auto Wheel Co. and Prudden Wheel Co. formed Motor Wheel Corporation; moved operation to Prudden plant on E. Saginaw. 29 pg. 16-G; 12 pg. 64; 29 pg. G-5. Note: Source 224 notes Lesh Manufacturing Co. not Gier Pressed Steel Co. as firm that merged.
- Oct 1, 1920 Girl Scout troop one, Plymouth Congregational Church registered first permanent troop. 20 pg. 256.
- 1920 All residents on city water system, no wells. 8 pg. 154. Water system production capacity increased by installation of air lift pumping equipment at Penn. Ave. station. 67 pg. 3.
- 1920-1921 Post war recession 88 pg. 153.

1921

- Feb 1921 New fire station at N. Pennsylvania and Sheridan (Oakland) opened. LSJ 2-19-1921.
- Apr 1921 City adopted first building code adopted after Gary, Indiana. 7 pg. 91.
- Sep 1921 East Junior High School opened at cost of \$301,000, athletic field cost \$48,000. 20 pg. 186. Funds for athletic field and stadium raised by subscription and gift from REO Company. 8 pg. 118. Enlarged in 1923.
- About 1921 City asphalt plant moved from Oak Park to South Street. 29 pg. C-17
- 1921 Zoning ordinance defeated. Passed 1927. 7 pg. 92.
- Jun 23, 1921 Potter Park pavilion built. 7 pg. 93. Opened with dance on June 23, 1921; referred to as "new civic dancing and rest pavilion"; cost \$24,000. TSJ 6- 23-1921.
- 1921 League Park or Central League Park built near S. Penn and E. Hazel Street - north of Potter Park. 258 pg. 33.
- 1921 National Guard Armory site transferred to Guard from Boys Training School. 148.

1922

- Jun 15, 1922 Church of the Resurrection founded, first mass December 25, 1922. 20 pg. 207; Jun 15, 1922 Church of the Resurrection opened. 20 pg. 207. Bishop of Detroit sent Father John Gabriels to Lansing to form new parish included all area east of Michigan Central and Pere Marquette railroad tracks including East Lansing, Okemos, Haslett and Bath on June 15, 1922; on July 7 purchased Hayes property at corner of Michigan and Rumsey ; home at corner of Rumsey and Michigan into rectory; on Sep 15 ground broke for 12 room school to be temporarily used as church, completed on Dec. 25, 1922.
- 1922 Addition added to East Junior High School, named changed to Pattengill, at cost of \$142,000. 20 - pg. 186. Named "after Henry R. Pattengill, a "Your Stater" who had come to MI Agric College in 1874 as an assistant professor of English,

and who had become editor of the *Michigan Moderator* and, later, *Timely Topics*, both publications designed to keep teachers abreast of educational trends." Pg. 186 *City in the Forest*

1922 WHAL Radio was Lansing's first radio broadcast from Jeffery and Derby Drugstore at 225 North Washington; the range was city limits only and was mostly music, weather reports and local news read from the *State Journal*. 1 pg. 172; 29 pg. 32A.

1922 Group of Lansing residents lost a court battle to force the Boys Training School to move off eastside. 148.

1923

Jan 1, 1923 Lansing Fuel Co. organized along Pere Marquette railway with offices on MI. Ave; organized by E. H. & J. K. Hager. 176, Sec. 5, pg. 6.

Nov 1923 Sparrow in cooperation with MI Agric. College established a 5 year course leading to Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics, in addition to 3 year course of nursing already in operation; continued to offer 3 and 5 year courses until June of 1951; with establishment of Dept. of Nurse Education at MSC and admission of students to 4 year course of nursing. 122 pg. 6.

1923 Shiawassee Street bridge replaced at cost of \$180,000; Penn Avenue bridge complete at cost of \$88,600. 11 pg. 92; 29 pg. C-17.

1923 Holmes Street School opened at cost over \$97,000. 20 pg. 187.

1923-1930 ABC Airline Corp. operated at 340 N. Larch & 606 E. Shiawassee; Abram Aerial survey Corp. operated at site from 1930-1953; Abrams Instrument Co. operated at site 1930-1970s; and Abrams Air Craft Corp. from 1938-1946. 248

1924

1924 State gave land to city for opening of Saginaw and Marshall Streets. 148.

- 1924 Lansing first talking movie shown Allen Street School. 1.
- 1924-1935 Andrew Spaniolo operated poolroom at 529 E. Michigan.
231 pg. 60.

1925

- May 5, 1925 Public Act 185 authorized conversion of the Industrial
School for Boys into Boys' Vocational School.
- Oct 1925 Wings added to Allen Street School. 20 pg. 184.
- 1924-5 Michigan Ave widened; split rock at Kipling Blvd and MI Ave
removed; in 1866 2-foot-high black cherry sapling was
growing from small crack in rock, by 1907 trunk was 10 in.
thick. 147 pg. 5. 'Split Rock' (cherry tree grew through and
split boulder) north side of Michigan Avenue between
Lansing and E. Lansing moved 1/2 went MSU by Memorial
Building and 1/2 to porch E. Grand River in E. Lansing. 17
pg. 37. Note: See 1924.
- 1925 Groesbeck Golf Course opened. 29 pg. M15.
- 1925 Name of Industrial School for Boys changed to Boys'
Vocational School; changed again in 1961 to Boys' Training
School. 148.

1926

- Fall 1926 Resurrection School opened with 350 students; first 9th
grade class graduated in 1931; school had 552 grade and
200 high school students by Sep. 1938.
- 1926 Board of Water and Light contributes to home wiring costs to
ensure new homes installed 60 amps service entrance
switch.
- 1926 Kalamazoo Bridge replaced \$235,000. 11 pg. 92; 29 pg. C-
17.
- 1926 Name of East Park School changed to Oak Park School. 269
pg. 9.
- 1926 School district attempted to purchase additional Boys
Training School land without success. 148.

1927

- 1927 First zoning ordinance passed. 7 pg. 92.
- By 1927 High school so overcrowded that half day session held. 269 pg. 8.
- 1927 East wing added to Sparrow Hospital, main structure rebuilt and enlarged. 29 - pg. 4-O. Sparrow nurses' residence built; had living accommodations for 126 students, class rooms, laboratories, library and offices. 122 pg. 6.

1928

- Sep 1928 Eastern High School opened. 20 pg. 188. Designed by Irving Pond a Chicago architect. 61 pg. 29.
- 1928 Saginaw street bridge replaced. 11 pg. 92 Cost \$109,000. 29 pg. C-17.
- 1928 S. Penn Avenue grade separation viaduct over Grand Trunk tracks constructed. 11 pg. 92. Cost \$36,800. 29 pg. C-17.
- 1928 Sears-Roebuck Co. opened in Lansing; small store on Grand Ave; soon moved to 32,000 square foot building at 300 E. MI; in Nov. 1929 added 10,000 square foot warehouse in 100 block of N. Larch. 176 Sec. 2, pg. 3.
- 1928 John Deere erected building on E. Michigan. 13 pg. 44. NW corner of Hosmer and Michigan.
- 1828 Lansing Steel Corp. organized at 536-600 N. Larch. 176 Sec. 2, pg. 7.

1929

- Jan 15, 1929 Weissinger Paper Co. started at 201 N. Hosmer in former building of John Deer Plow co. 176 Sec. 2, pg. 7.
- Feb 8, 1929 Eastern High School dedicated; Cost building \$900,000; equipment \$100,000, pupil capacity 1400, present enrollment 980, auditorium capacity 1666. Source: Dedication program.
- May 20, 1929 Public Act 170 of 1929 provided that the State Administrative Board may with the approval of the State Corrections

Commission appropriate that part of sections five and six, Town 4 north, range 2 west, and sections thirty-one and thirty-two, Town 5 north, range 2 west, comprising in all nine hundred fourteen and sixty-one one-hundredths (914.61) acres, which is now owned by the state and inventoried to the boys' vocation school, that will be required for the purpose of a site for a state hospital. Note: Land never transferred, and hospital never built.

Sep 29, 1929 Goodyear's zeppelin the Puritan flew over Lansing & Capitol; first zeppelin in Lansing.

Sep 1929 Addition added Holmes Street School; cost \$50,000. 20 pg. 187; 176 Sec. 4, pg. 9

1929 Street Traffic Commission and Traffic Violation Bureau created; Commission during year placed appx. 600 signs about city. 176 sec. 3, pg. 4

1929 Animal house built at Potter Park. 176 Sec. 2, pg. 3.

1929 Red Cedar Golf Course opened. 29 pg. M15.

1930

May 19, 1930 Quadruplets born at Sparrow Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morlok, identical daughters. 29 - pg. K15. Edna, Wilma, Sarah & Helen whose first names reflect initials "EWSH" (Edward W. Sparrow Hospital). 152.
First documented case of identical quadruplets-four births from single egg. 294 pg. 11.

Jun 29, 1930 New Sparrow nurse's residence dedicated. 20 pg. 144.
Note: See 1931.

1930 New bridge opened over E. Grand River. 11 pg. 92. Cost \$100,000. 29 pg. C-17.

1930 N. Cedar Street ended at Grand River Ave.
N. Larch Street tied into North East St. 245 pg. 5.

1930 Addition added to Foster School. 20 pg. 185. Addition included gym. 269 pg. 10.

1930 Works Progress Administration built large animal house (Lion House) at Potter Park.

- 1930 Sohn Linen Co. started at 814 N. Cedar Street. 231 pg. 58.
Note: See 1934.
- 1930 Lansing Ice & Fuel Coal Tower built at 911 Center Street,
used until 1975. 1.
- 1930 John Deere Plow company of Lansing incorporated as
subsidiary of Deere and Company, Moline, IL; John Deere
Plow company est. in city in 1913; 1828 moved building at
Hosmer and Michigan constructed for company. LSJ 1-1-
1939.
- 1930-1942 The Ebel Hoist & Pump Co. operated at 326 S. Hosmer;
Lansing Motor & Pump Co. operated at site from 1904-1929.
248.

1931

- 1931 Fire station No. 8 at Michigan and Hayford opened. 29 pg.
C-13.
- 1931 Fire department added first-aid service. 1; 49 pg. 11.
- 1931 Sparrow Hospital Nurses home erected. 29 pg. 4-O.
Note: See 1930.
- 1931 Famous Grill started 539 E. Michigan. 29 pg. H-11.

1933

- Apr 15, 1933 City of Lansing started to issue script; issued to city
employees in amount up to 25% of pay; used to pay city
taxes and electric & water bills. 231 pg. 121.
- Apr 15, 1933 Last streetcar ground to stop. 29 pg. 6-G; 7 pg. 183.
- 1933 Michigan Screw Products closed. Lundberg Screw Products
Co. started on E. Kalamazoo. 15 pg. 33.

1934

- 1934 New bridge built over Red Cedar at Kalamazoo. 52 pg. 129.
- 1934 WJIM Radio began broadcasting. 1 pg. 172; 29 pg. 32A.

1934 Henry Crouse purchased Winans Dairy Co. and founded Heatherwood Farms. 7 pg. 158.

1934 Sohn Linen Service established. 29 pg. M7.
Note: See 1930.

1935

1935 City purchased SW corner of N. Larch and Shiawassee to relocate city market so city could build fire station on old market site of Shiawassee and Grand. 14 pg. 19.

1935 Michigan Ave. Bridge built in 1893-1894 reinforced and repaved by WPA. 244 pg. 336.

1935-36 School District attempted to purchase additional Boys Training School land without success. 148.

1935-6 Through Public Works Administration work done on Eastern High School. 269 pg. 12.

1936

1936 Ballot proposal approved, city purchases old electric car barns Shiawassee and Cedar for city market. 33.

1936 Monkey Island built at Potter Park with federal funds.

1937

Jun 7, 1937 Lansing Labor Holiday - 2,000 to 5,000 members of UAW and sympathizers seized control of downtown; cause Capitol City Wrecking Co. strike; leaders arrested night of Jun. 6, 1937; Governor intervened. 73.

Sep 1937 Work began on new Ottawa Street power station. 206.

1937 Eastern High School enlarged.

1938

Feb 12-13, 1938 4.33 inches of rain fell in 24-hour period; 100 families homeless. 29 pg. A15.

May 23, 1938 Lewis Fuel Company opened at 614 East Michigan; sold coal. LSJ 1-1-1939. Lewis Fuel Co. founded. 29 pg. B16.

Aug 27, 1938 New city market dedicated corner Shiawassee and Cedar. 14 pg. 19. Cost \$65,000, WPA labor. 33 After successful ballot proposal the property where the old electric car barns stood was purchased by the city in 1936, torn down new market erected. 159.
Foundations built by city building by Dorr D. Granger. LSJ

1838 City purchased Hunter gravel pit to develop as park. LSJ 1-1-1939.

1838 WPA crews improved river bank in Potter Park area; built animal exhibit areas in zoo; planted miles of trees, constructed new service building at Oak park; and, developed draining system to control water levels at Groesbeck golf course. LSJ 1-1-1939.

1939

Dec 1939 Palomar Roller Gardens (roller skating rink) opened at 3335 E. Michigan; 15,000 feet skating area, cost \$20,000; closed 1962-3. 284 pg. 16-20.

1939 Water conditioning plant built (148 S. Cedar) and placed in operation. 48 pg. 19; 67 pg. I. Was Works Progress Administration project; murals and equipment combined to create an Art Deco environment; Artist Charles Pollack painted murals portraying social control of water, including dams, irrigation, laboratory research and industry. 128. Cost \$750,000; \$300,00 furnished by WPA; designed by Black and Black as consulting architects; made reinforced concrete - 11,000 cubic feet; sculpture 32 feet high and 8 feet wide at main entrance; figure represented pumping of water and its conditioning; work under supervision of WPA with Samuel Cahwan, Detroit sculptor, in charge. LSJ 1-1-1939.

1939 Drought.

1939 East Side Commercial Club organized. 20 pg. 270; 29 pg. 56A.

1940

Jan 1940 Ottawa Power Station inaugurated, hailed as most modern electric generating station of era; at height, generated 80 megawatts of electricity and provided steam for heating and

cooling more than 600 homes and businesses; retired as electric generator in 1992. 223.

Cost \$3,500,000; foundation started in September 1937; Bowd and Munson architects; river wall constructed from Ottawa to Shiawassee in form of conduit for taking condensing water downstream from plant. LSJ 1-1-1939.

1940 Jon Anthony Florist started at 120 E. Michigan near Esquire Theater; moved in 1945. 29 pg. N17.

1940 Sears moved E. Michigan, south side, east of bridge. 13 pg. 59.

1941

Jun 16, 1941 First parking meters (608) installed. 1.

Dec 5, 1941 *State Journal* estimated 20 to 25% city labor force engaged war work. 7 pg. 109.

1941 First aviary started at Potter Park Zoo. LSJ 9-15-1995; 256 pg. 16.

1940 Minor league franchise baseball team played at Lansing Municipal Ball Park (Kircher/Memorial Field) located Clippert and East Kalamazoo Street. 258 pg. 33.

1942

1942 Spartan Lanes (bowling alley) constructed at 3411 E. Michigan. 197 pg. 12.

1942-43 Additions made to Chapin and Post wings of Sparrow Hospital; 4th floor added to center section; cost \$750,000. 29 pg. 4-O.

1943

Apr 12- May 20, 1943

Ingham County drive to sponsor construction of Navy destroyer; had to sale \$8,000,000 war bonds; County reached goal by May 2; destroyed launched on August 1, 1943 - the USS Hunt (DD-674) in Kearny, New Jersey; named for Garfield's secretary of Navy William H. Hunt; scrapped on December 1, 1974. 255 pg. 11

May 9, 1943 50,000 people watched huge parade to celebrate success of destroyer fund drive. 255 pg. 11.

1943 City announced plans to purchase Boys Training School and 119th Armory sites when it thought the land was going to be sold by State. 148.

1944

Jun 6, 1944 10:00 a.m. church bells tolled, and factory whistle blew - workers paused for moment of silent prayer - Normandy invasion. 7 pg. 110; 177 pg. 1

1944 City had completed eliminated debt; Mayor Crego planned for new \$1.5 city hall; were funds in reserve for project. 199 pg. 20.

1944 Library opened branches in Sparrow Hospital, Reo and Oldsmobile plants. School libraries established. 1.

1944 City won National Safety Council Award for all around traffic safety and promotion. 20 pg. 152.

1944 First baby born to a war bride in Lansing; First Penicillin used in Lansing at Sparrow Hospital. 152.

1945

Aug 14, 1945 Thousands celebrated end of WWII in downtown . 7 pg. 111.

1945 Jon Anthony's Florist moved to 809 E. Michigan Avenue from 120 E. Michigan. 29 pg. N17.

1946

1946 Legislature directed the Juvenile Institute Commission to buy a new site and authorized a joint leg. committee to dispose of the existing Boys Training School site. 148.

1947

Jan 20, 1947 Boys' Vocational School Joint Committee of House and Senate appointed pursuant of Act 20 of the Extra Session of 1946 issued report; concluded that: vast majority of population are of definitely limited mentality such that a complex vocational training would be entirely wasted upon

them; agriculture proven successful in majority of boys' schools; a complete hospital and resident physician and psychiatrist are desirable; physical plant prohibits proper program and proper segregation.

- Feb 19, 1947 WILS began broadcasting radio. 1 pg. 172; 29 pg. 32A.
- Mar 16-22, 1947 City and state observed centennial of Lansing selection as State Capital. 7 pg. 114; 7 pg. 183.
- Apr 1947 Floods on Grand and Red Cedar Rivers; damage over \$2,000,000. 1 pg. 31. Inch short of 1904 flood; 100 square block on east side under water for week; cause by rapid snow melt and 3 days of rains. 7 pg. 113. 2,500 homeless persons. 29 pg. K17.
- Grand River overflowed in low area where Heatherwood Dairy located; families brought to Eastern High School gym; occurred during spring vacation; second flood occurred few weeks later; families brought to BTS gym. 259 (memories of Margaret Beltz Barry).
- Jun 12, 1947 Public Act 188 of 1947 authorized State Administrative Board to lease property beginning at intersection of south line of Saginaw street and the west line of Marshall along west line of Marshall for 350 feet, thence parallel with south line of Saginaw for 400 feet, thence north parallel with west line of Marshall for 350 feet, thence east along south line of Saginaw street 400 feet to beginning (appx. 3.2 acres).
- Aug 9, 1947 Earthquake hit Lansing (est. 4.0 on Richter scale).
(9:47 a.m.) Epicenter near Coldwater, Michigan -- 80 miles south.
"Windows rattled, doors were opened, pictures on walls were shaken, beds were moved about rooms, and flowers on tables were observed quaking," reports read." LSJ Oct. 16, 1990, pg. 1D.

1948

- Summer 1948 "Audubon Place" mansion contents sold; estate of Charles J. Davis located at 1326 E. Michigan. 20 pg. 55.
- 1948 City police ambulance service started. 20 pg. 151.

- 1948 Underground water reservoir built 148 S. Cedar Street (east side) 415 feet long, 135 feet wide, 26 feet deep. 1. Had capacity of 10,000,000 gallons. 67 pg. 4.
- 1948 Sparrow Hospital Oak Park annex (45 bed) started; leased children's home at 620 Lesher Place from city for 33 years. 29 pg. 6-O. Note: Source 152 notes was in 1949.
- Appx 1948-1964 Morheat Company (mfg. steel water tube boilers) started at 700 E. Kalamazoo. 231 pg. 45.

1949

- Mar 15, 1949 Lansing City Rescue Mission incorporated; started in November 1911.
Source: *Registry of Religions Ingham County, 1987*, pg. 20
- 1949 Water stand pipe built in 1885 on S. Cedar torn down. 29 pg. 4I; 239 pg. 3.
- Fall 1949 Addition added to Cedar Street water treatment plant. 48 pg. 19; 239.
- 1949 Barn yard started at Potter Park Zoo. LSJ 9-15-1995; 256 pg. 16.
- 1949 Sparrow Hospital leases Lesher Place for children and the victims of polio and contagious diseases. 152.
Note See 1848. Source 29 notes in 1848.
- 1949 Pilgrim Congregational built new church (Pennsylvania and Eureka). 20 pg. 204. Note: See 1951.

1950

- Apr 29, 1950 First commercial TV broadcast (WJIM) from atop Bank of Lansing; NE corner of Washington and Michigan Avenue. Broadcast from 12:00 noon until 11:00 p.m. 1; 29 pg. 32A.
- Aug 6, 1950 Pilgrim Congregational Church (125 S. Pennsylvania) held first service in new church.
- 1950 School District and State reach agreement to allow the School district to use certain Boys Training School lands for physical education purposes. 148.

1950 Sparrow Hospital took over Ingham County Detention hospital at 2901 E. Michigan Avenue. 50 beds used by polio cases and convalescents. 29 pg. 6-O.

1951

May 27, 1951 New Pilgrim Congregational Church dedicated. 46 pg. 10.
Note: See 1949

Jun 1951 George and Nevenka Dines opened Dines restaurant at 321 E. Michigan; in Sep. 13, 1971 Alex Vanis and George Tesseris purchased the building from the Dines and renamed Alex's Restaurant and Cocktail lounge. HCR 944 of 1980.

Dec 25, 1951 A record 20 inches of snow fell in 24-hour period. 29 pg. A15.

1952

Apr 11, 1952 Legislature (PA 104 of 1952) authorized State to convey to Lansing Board of Education, 10 acres for a new public school building (Fairview School) Land sold for \$45,000; school constructed in 1954 at cost \$439,320.

Oct 5, 1952 New Resurrection Church dedicated.
Source: Registry of Religions Ingham County, 1987.

1952 City dump opened at Aurelius and Jolly 80 acres of 140-acre site; closed in 1973 and capped with two-feet clay. LSJ 10-24-1997

1952 Lansing hospitals formed Lansing United Hospital Expansion Fund.

1952 Construction started on Frandor Shopping Center. 29 pg. H-14. Note: see 1950.

1954

Aug 18, 1954 Legislature established (HCR No. 2) The Boys' Vocational School Joint Committee to study problems pertaining to juvenile delinquency, and to investigate suitable sites for the location of the boys' Vocational School.
The resolution noted in part:

Whereas, the problem of juvenile delinquency is of vital concern to the people of the State of Michigan, and the location of the boys' vocation School away from metropolitan area is consider by many a solution to the problem in the rehabilitation and training of delinquent boys as valuable members of the community; and Whereas, A study should be made by the legislature of a suitable site or sites with sufficient acreage to provide general agricultural and other vocational training for juvenile boys committed to the Boys' Vocational School.

- Oct 1954 Frandor shopping center built. 1.40 acres. 7 pg. 150.
Note: Source 127 notes first stores opened on Nov. 1, 1954.
- Oct 1954 Sears opened in Frandor. 12 pg. 69; 29 pg. H-14. 124 acres; 5,000 parking spaces; 450,000 square feet retail space. 29 pg. O-11.
- 1954 Board of Water and Light constructed lime plant on S. Cedar. 48 pg. 19.
- 1954 United Hospital expansion campaign conducted, raised \$4,300,000; provided for new 53 bed McLaughlin Osteopathic Hospital, St. Lawrence expanded to 400 beds and Sparrow to 367. 29 pg. 6-O.
- 1954 City acquired Fenner Arboretum Park, 120 acres. 1.
- 1954 Fairview Elementary School opened; constructed at cost of \$439,000.
- 1954-55 Michigan Bell converted numbers to two-letter-five-numeral numbers. TSJ 5-24-1959
- 1954-1966 LeClear Camera Shop operated at 3026 E. Michigan Ave. 231 pg. 38.

1955

- Jan 25, 1955 Boys' Vocational School Joint Committee of House and Senate established by (HCR No. 2 of the Extra Session of 1954) issued report. Report noted were inadequate facilities at school. 233 pg. 113-116. HCR No. 11 passed, provided for a special committee of the Legislate to study problems pertain to juvenile delinquency, and to investigate suitable sites for the location of the boys' vocation School.

- Apr 28, 1955 *Lansing State Journal* observed centennial. 13 pg. 236; 7 pg. 183.
- Apr 26, 1955 Legislature (PA 43 of 1955) authorized State to convey Red Cross site for \$1 for construction of Red Cross building; contained clause that if property ceases to be used for Red Cross it reverts to state; 3.14 acres.
- Jun 17, 1955 Legislature (PA 207 of 1955) authorized State to sell 15 acres of land to Catholic bishop of the Diocese of Lansing (Catholic Central site).
- Oct 30, 1955 Civic Center (505 W. Allegan) dedicated. Cost \$5.5 million; dedicated as "Living memorial to Veterans of all wars." 1.
- Nov. 1955 Voters approved new city charter; effective April 8, 1957. 48 pg. 13.
- 1955-1958 New \$4,500,000 city hall built. 231 pg. 80.
- 1955 Bingham Elementary School opened.
- 1955 Factory workers earned \$4,609 a year; work 40 hour week; None manufacturing earned average \$3,759 year. 29 pg. H-6.
- 1955 Bill Knapps across from Frandor at 3139 E. Grand River opened; sold in 1996.
- 1956**
- Jan 16, 1956 Select legislative Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Boys' Vocation School (HR 11 of 1955) issued report. Determined that present School wholly inadequate and recommended new site be acquire with minimum of 500 acres with not less than 300 of which should be good tillable land for farming. 232 pg. 33-34.
- 1956 Legislature passed Public Act 181 of 1956. Authorized the State Department of Social Welfare to acquire a site and to prepare plans for a new Boys' Vocational School. Lansing site to urbanized, public interest that Boys' Vocation School be removed from Lansing and relocated in a more suitable place.

- 1956 Sparrow Hospital first hospital in city to use radioisotopes.
- 1956 Red Cross constructed building at 1800 E. Grand Ave; wing added in 1971; new 43,000 square foot addition in 1977. 157.
- 1956 Dutch Elm disease appeared. 52 pg. 141.

1957

- Apr 6, 1957 2,000 people came to Grand Trunk Station to see last steam engine pull out of Lansing. 52 pg. 103.
- Apr 8, 1957 New city charter effective. 48 pg. 13. Mayor-council form of city government; mayor chief executive, council legislative body, municipal court with two judges from judicial part of city government. 187 pg. 8.
- Sep 30, 1957 Lansing Community College opened. 1. In old section of Central High School; had 424 students. 7 pg. 114. Had 4 classrooms. 126 pg. 31
- 1957 Lansing United Hospital Expansion Fund raised \$3,800,000. 52 pg. 164.

1958

- Mar 28, 1958 Legislature (PA 21 of 1958) authorized state to sell NE corner of Saginaw and Marshall to Greek Orthodox Church.
- May 1958 City Hall Building opened; construction started Feb. 1, 1955; cost \$4.5 million; 200,190 square feet.
- 1858 Foster Wing opens at Sparrow Hospital. 152.

1959

- 1959 Centennial of incorporation of Lansing.
- May 23, 1959 Centennial parade held, 175,000 watched; 7,000 people in parade; length 15 miles, parade time 5 hours, bands 39, musicians 1,828, floats 45, marching bells 230, marching brothers 175, majorettes 156, pretty girls 400, queens (America, Michigan, Lansing MSU, Junior 500, Diamonds and Dream) 7, new cars 350, old cars 104, horses 345, ponies, 12, donkeys 10, oxen 2, dogs 5, boats 4, helicopters

	2, airplanes 2, parade route 2 miles, 200 police on traffic patrol.
Jul 16, 1959	Leg. (PA 166 of 1959) transferred jurisdiction of 119 Field Artillery Armory site from Dept. of Social Welfare to Military establishment.
1959	City adopted Master Plan.
1959	First Lansing Community College class graduated. 1.
1959	Sparrow first hospital in city to use radiation therapy for cancer care.
1959	Sparrow Hospital's Oak Park Annex closed. 259.
1960	
Sep 1960	Shop areas added(Vocational Wing) to Eastern/Pattengill.
1961	
May 9, 1961	Name of Boys' Vocational School changed to Boys' Training School. PA 13 of 1961.
Sep 1961	Final class graduates for Sparrow Hospital School of Nursing; 32 students including 2 men; closed due to cost; started in 1899; 1,017 graduated from school. 259.
1961	Sparrow opened the first intensive Care Unit in out state MI. 140 pg. 184
1961	Spartan Lanes (bowling alley) at 3411 E. Michigan closed. 197 pg. 13.
1962	
Mar 19, 1962	Legislature (PA 11 of 1962) authorized sale of additional land next to Catholic Central to school.
Mar 19, 1962	Legislature (Public Act 12) authorized sale of land presently in Marshall Park to city for recreational purposes.
1962	Pattengill enlarged.

1962 Phase one of east west corridor or one-way streets (Oakland/Saginaw) opened. TSJ 2-14-1965.

1962 I-96 opened from Lansing to Brighton. 52 pg. 95.

1963

1963 City Council directed fluoridation of water. Upheld by vote in 1965. 48 pg. 19.

1963-64 School District attempted to purchase 14.5 acres of Boys Training School land for physical education program without success; State did agree to lease land to school district.

1963 Medical Arts Building (1322 E. Michigan Avenue) completed; 2 1/2 story with 50,000 square feet and 40 medical suites; owned and developed by Walter E. Neller.

1964

May 16, 1964 Legislature (PA 124 of 1964) authorized state to sell .212 acres of land to school district east of Pennsylvania Avenue and least 14.52 acres to Lansing School District (Eastern/Pattengill complex).

1965

Jan 1, 1965 Oakland and Saginaw Streets opened as one-way streets: "marked a major step forward in Lansing's long-term plans for speeding traffic east and west across the city."; cost of mile long project \$644,000; second phase - first section opened in 1962 provided construction of new highway along Sheridan Street between Ballard and Center Streets; third phase will be extend Oakland/Saginaw one-way pair to west city limits. TSJ 2-14-1965

1965 Church of the Resurrection (1531 E. Michigan) rectory and administration building constructed.

1965 Construction of eight story South Wing started at Sparrow Hospital. 152.

1965 Dialysis program pioneered at Sparrow Hospital in response to need to treat patients with End Stage Renal Disease. HCR No. 542 of 1985.

1966

1966 Sparrow Hospital acquired property located on south side of Michigan Ave.

1967

Jan 25, 1967 House Bill 2026 introduced in legislature to transfer Boys' Training School to the Department of Corrections; the bill died in committee; on March 14 House Bill 2964 introduced to transfer to all educational and responsibility and teachers to the Department of Education, the bill died in committee.

Jan 26-7, 1967 Great snow storm 24 inches in two days; started on Thursday Jan 26; had 28 inches of snow in 5 days; snow collapsed roofs.

1967 Sparrow Hospital occupied new 8 story wing. 52 pg. 164.

1968

Jul 1, 1968 City of Lansing income tax began. 1 pg. 173.

1968 Original Sparrow Hospital building torn down. 52 pg. 164.

1968 Cardiac Care Unit opens at Sparrow Hospital. 152.

1969

Sep 1969 Driver's education, physical education facilities, tennis courts, east parking lots, new gas boilers added to Eastern/Pattengill complex.

1969 Lansing held title of "the safest city in the world." 1.

1969 Jim Hough, LSJ columnist and other residents from Friends of the Zoo Society to support Potter Park Zoo. LSJ 9-15-1995; 255 pg. 16.

1970's

1970s Scarce and more costly energy, Double-digit inflation and Anti-redlining laws passed.

1970

- Feb 1970 Fire at Eastern High School auditorium; subsequently remodeled due to fire.
- Nov 6, 1970 House of Reps. adopted House Resolution No. 48 to designate I-496 as R. E. Olds Expressway. HR 48 of 1970.
- Dec 1970 I-496 completed. LSJ 2-24-97, pg. 4A.
- 1970 City stopped spraying for Dutch Elm Disease; battle lost. 52 pg. 141.
- 1970 City rezoned of 1203-1229 Eureka for purpose of constructing extended care medical facility by Medical Care Centers, Inc.; Medical Care Centers, Inc., went bankrupt in 1970-73; facility not completed, never opened as nursing home; Provincial house acquired in 1973.
- 1970 Sparrow Hospital starts first Family Practice Center in city.

1971

- Sep 7-13, 1971 Lansing schoolteachers strike. 9 pg. 394
- Sep 10, 1971 Leg. authorized (PA 110 of 1971) State to convey 119 Field Artillery Armory site to federal government; 26.9 acres.
- Dec 1971 Office of Eastern High School remodeled due to fire.
- 1971 Lansing added to federal model Cities program; residents designated priorities and decide how money spent. LSJ 2-24-97; pg. 4A.
- 1971 CATA; Capital Area Transportation Authority took over privately owned bus system which was in shambles. 162.
- 1971 Addition added to Red Cross building at 1800 E. Grand Ave.; another addition added in 1977. 157.

1972

- Jun 13, 1972 Leg. (PA 166 of 1972) authorized State to convey to Plymouth Congregational Church 6 acres north of Grand River Avenue between Wood and Fairview Street in return

for Lots 10,11, 12 of block 16 (SE corner of Allegan and Townsend streets.

- Oct 13, 1972 Last boys moved out of the Boys Training School. 148.
- Nov 7, 1972 Five members of school board recalled after voting in favor of cluster school desegregation plan. 269 pg. 14.
- 1972 Deer and elk exhibit donated to Potter Park by General Motors plants. 256 pg. 17.
- 1972 \$4,453 raised to purchased Bingo the elephant for Potter Park Zoo.
- 1972 Sparrow Hospital starts first burn unit in city.
- 1972 Impression 5 Science Center established.
- 1972 Union Depot, 637 E. Michigan Ave., closes when passenger service to Lansing discontinued; had served Michigan Central and Pere Marquette Railroads. 248.
- 1972 Capitol Area Transportation Authority started by act of Legislature; carried 739,000 passengers. 7 pg. 142. By 1976 readership nearly quadrupled to 2.7 million. 162. Note: See 1971.
- 1972-75 U.S. District Judge Noel Fox held several hearings relative to desegregation of schools. 269 pg. 14.
- 1972-1975 Sparrow Hospital acquired and developed several parcels of land west of Hospital for parking.

1973

- Mar 17, 1973 Major snow storm, I-94 closed. 52 pg. 96.
- Aug 27-28, 1973 Temperature was 98 degrees, strained electric system. 52 pg. 82.
- Dec 1973 Formal study of Eastside authorized by a cooperative agreement between Planning Board and City Demonstration Agency; meetings held throughout eastside in 1974; report entitled *Lansing's East Side - Your Invitation to Action*. 141 pg. 6

- 1973 Aurelius road extension opened; connected Aurelius road with Clemens Street. 141 pg. 3
- 1973 Sparrow Hospital delivered 100,000 baby.
- 1973 Gasoline shortage; stations closed Sundays; limited gallons, etc. 52 pg. 229.
- 1973 Mason General hospital affiliates with Sparrow Hospital. 152.
- 1973 Provincial House acquired uncompleted facility on Eureka Street and announced plans to open hospital.
- 1973 Legislature appropriated \$100,000 to demolish and dispose of 9 buildings on Boys Training School site.

1974

- Aug 1974 State agreed (Public Act 260) to sell 37.79 acres of the Boys Training School site to Lansing School District; act effective June 30, 1975. Note: See 1975.
- Oct 14, 1974 Police Helicopter Division formed. 1 'Air 80' LPD's first helicopter grounded in 1991. 44 pg. 36.
- Nov 4, 1974 Voters elected 9 persons to serve on Lansing Charter Commission.
- 1974 City Council adopted a position opposing the construction of the Aurelius-Wood Corridor from Kalamazoo to Grand River. 144 pg. 2
- 1974 Small train added to Potter Park. 256 pg. 17. Offered rides for 25 cents.
- 1974 Cedar Street School closed. 269 pg. 14.
- 1974 Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery opens at Sparrow Hospital. 152.

1975

- Apr 20, 1975 Disastrous flood. 7 pg. 183.
- Jun 30, 1975 School district purchased 37.79 acres of Boy's Training School land (Public Act 260 of 1974) from state; School

District issued bond of which \$3,600,000 earmarked for acquisition and renovation of Boys Training School property. Note: See 1974.

- Sep 1975 Peter Toth finished carving Indian statue in Potter Park. 7
- Dec 19, 1975 Federal court (Judge Fox) ruled Lansing "had created and maintained a segregated, dual school system" ordered integration plan be implemented by September 1976; ordered busing plan affecting 13 grade schools continued; School board appealed decision; decision upheld on June 26, 1978. 7 pg. 112. Note: Source 170 notes upheld on July 26, 1978.
- 1975 Michigan Avenue bridge replaced.
- 1975 Eastside sewer study completed. 146 pg. 4.
- 1975 Legislature authorized (Public Act 326) City to use northeast corner of Marshall Park for firefighting facilities.
- 1975 City market remodeled at cost of \$400,000. 14 pg. 19. Parking added, new heating system, rest rooms installed. 159.
- 1975 Model Cities program started in 1971 shut down after spending about \$16 million. LSJ 2-24-97; pg. 4A
- 1975 Community Mental Health Board establish half-way house at 1507 Jerome Street. 141 pg. 6.
- 1975-76 Proposal to close Riverside Mental hospital at Ionia and Dept. of Mental Health to lease Provincial House at 1226 E. MI for 100 bed mental health hospital; neighborhood opposed.
- 1975 Plymouth Congregational Church's new church at 2001 East Grand River completed.
Source: *Registry of Religions Ingham County, 1987*, pg. 14
- 1976**
- Jan 5, 1976 Centennial Cable television first in Lansing used at 1419 Cooper Street residence. 1 pg. 173.

Apr 26, 1976	Mail factory opened at 4800 Collins Road; post office at 2508 E. Michigan closed. 1.
Apr 16, 1976	School Board agreed to sell strip (60 feet wide and 451 feet long) of Fairview School playground to Red Cross; parents, neighborhood residents, etc. objected; school board withdrew its authorization (April 16); Red Cross withdrew its offer to purchase.
Jun 1976	Woodworking Shop of Eastern High School remodeled due to fire.
Jul 1976	Huge Bicentennial Parade held in city.
Jul 4, 1976	Riverfront Park dedicated.
Nov 2, 1976	Voters reject new city charter; rejected again in special election held on June 13, 1977 (165) approved Aug 8, 1977.
Dec 1976	Boy's Training School Field house renovation completed at cost of \$1,853,347 for Eastern-Pattengill complex.
1976	Provincial Hospital proposed turning faculty into Mental Health faculty; neighborhood opposed; never implemented.
1977	
Spring 1977	Eastern/Pattengill baseball diamonds and track opened
Jun 13, 1977	Voters reject proposed revised city charter; previously rejected in Nov. 1976. 165.
Jun 16, 1977	New fire station on corner of Marshall and Grand River dedicated; Pennsylvania and Hayford station closed.
Jun 1977	RUDAT (Regional Urban Assistance Team) an architect association program visited Lansing to study city problems and design plan of possible solutions; study found city had lot of good people and great features (Capitol and rivers) and simply needed to be played up to achieve or more prosperous community; story on Lansing team appeared in Wall Street Journal in Oct.
Aug 1977	Red Cross blood program moved into \$1.4 million new addition at 1800 E. Grand River Ave; 43,000 square feet.
	157

Oct 1977	North faculty and student parking lots added to Eastern/Pattengill complex.
1977	New Kalamazoo bridge constructed.
1977-1978	East Michigan Avenue beautification project, plant trees, curb modifications, etc.
1977	City adopted two ordinances to license and regulate adult book stores and movie houses; purpose prevent development of another sin strip (like E. Michigan between Cedar and Larch- 500 block); ordinance prohibits any new adult business located within 500 feet of residence and 1,000 feet of another establishment of adult products and services. 167
1977	Two lion cubs (Sonny & Butch) born at Potter Park.
1977	Lansing Civic Players purchase Hayford Street fire station.
1977	Eastside Neighborhood Organization sponsored community garden on portion of Boys' Training School site; first in many year.
1978	
Feb 13, 1978	City Council reaffirmed the Council position of opposing the development of the Aurelius-Wood corridor from Kalamazoo to Wood St. by vote 8-0. 142 pg. 6
Mar 13, 1978	City Council authorized the creation of parking lot on south side of 2000 block of E. Michigan between Clemens and Fairview. 142 pg. 5
Spring 1978	220 trees planted from Mifflin to Grand Ave. on MI; curbs modified; sidewalks upgraded. 142 pg. 5
Spring 1978	Construction started on new Kalamazoo bridge; 1926 bridge torn down. 142 pg. 6. Note: See 1977.
May 11, 1978	Thousands of baby Chinook salmon planted in Grand River.
May 1978	City Council approved funds for the development of Regent Park as a woods like park. 143.

- Jun 26, 1978 Supreme Court upheld Judge Fox's ruling on school integration. 7 pg. 112.
- Aug 5, 1978 Hundreds attend 2000 E. Michigan Block Party. 143 pg. 1.
- Aug 8, 1978 Proposed City charter approved.
- Oct 29, 1978 Oncology wing of Sparrow Hospital opened. 140 pg. 184; 152 Cost \$4,000,000. 153.
- 1978 Provincial Hospital requested and City rezoned 1226 E. Michigan for construction of a parking deck for Provincial Hospital; never built.

1979

- Jul 31, 1979 Provincial Hospital closed; purchased by Sparrow; on Aug. 8 Sparrow obtained possession of Provincial Hospital and designated Sparrow Hospital Annex.
- 1979 Foster school closed and converted into community center. 269 pg. 10.
- 1979 Sparrow opened Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. 140 pg. 184.

1980

- Jul 27, 1980 Earthquake shook lower Michigan, chandeliers swayed in Capitol.
- Sep 15, 1980 City adopted truck route ordinance. 145 pg. 4
- 1980 Parking fee started at Potter Park in attempt to halt vandalism and unruly behavior.
- 1980 First cancer patient treated with Interferon manufactured in Sparrow Hospital lab. 152.
- 1980 *Lansing Journal* changed name to *Lansing State Journal*.
- 1980 Impression V Museum occupied 8 buildings on Mill Street (Museum Street). 245 pg. 20.

1981

- 1981 Foster School turned over to city; city created Foster Community Center.
- 1981 City revises Master Plan for Eastside. 145 pg. 3
- 1981 Sparrow started HMO called Physicians Health Plan. 140 pg. 83
- 1981 Sparrow Hospital started new west wing expansion. 145 pg. 17
- 1981-1991 Lansing area lost 28% of manufacturing employment; loss of 11,500 jobs. 140 pg. 42

1982

- 1982 Huge chunks of ice backed up behind Kalamazoo Street Bridge over the Red Cedar near Clippert; workers used heavy equipment to break up ice before it could destroy the bridge. LSJ 17-1995.
- 1882 New aviary opened at Potter Park.

1983

- Jan 23, 1983 Sparrow Hospital opened new 170,000 square foot west wing; construction began in 1980. Cost \$36.8 million.

1984

- Feb 15, 1984 Cities 125th birthday party held at City Hall. 14 pg. 5.
- 1984 Regional Burn Center and Regional Neurological Intensive Care Unit opened at Sparrow Hospital. 152

1985

- 1985 Lansing conducted Eastside Transportation Study.
- 1985 Oak Park School closed. 269 pg. 9.
- 1985 Helicopter landing pad installed at Sparrow Hospital to accommodate air ambulance. 152.
- 1985 Lansing residents approved 1-mill 5-year parks levy. LSJ 9-15-1995; 256 pg. 17.

- 1985 Sparty's Coney Island opened at 1040 S. Pennsylvania; expanded to chain of four by 1995. LSJ 1-17-95.
- 1985 Lansing Catholic Central High School Football Team, 1885 prep season Class C State Champions.

1986

- 1986 The Friends of the Zoo incorporated as Potter Park Zoological Society. LSJ 9-15-1995.
- 1986 Sparrow Hospital obtain property at 703 E. MI (Foster-Schemerhorn-Barnes property) and developed as parking lot.
- 1986 Former Mason General Hospital renovated and opened as Sparrow Fairview Treatment Center for adolescent chemical dependency; Women's Health Center of Sparrow created; MSU Children's Center at Sparrow Hospital established with surgical clinic. 152.

1987

- Jan 1987 Lansing Center opened. 130 pg. 9
- Jun 1987 Earthquake centered in Southern Illinois rattled dishes and moved furniture in Lansing. LSJ 9-23-94 pg. 3B.

1988

- 1988 Ottawa Street power station stopped producing electricity from coal; used after only as downtown electrical substation . SJ 12-14-94 pg. 1A. See 1992.

1989

- Oct 22, 1989 Riverwalk Theater opened.
- 1989 Feline/Primate House constructed at zoo; culminated \$2.4 million, 1 year project to renovate Potter Park zoo monkey house. 256 pg. 17.
- 1989 State (PA 192 of 1989) sold 3.18 acres of state land to Plymouth Congregational Church at market value. Land north of church.

1990

1990 State (PA 253 of 1990) gave Lansing 11.82 acres between Fairview & Wood Street behind Plymouth Congregational Church for public park or recreation ground.

1991

1991 Sparrow Hospital starts first fixed unit, hospital-based MRI.

1991 St. Lawrence and Sparrow began merger talks; announced merger in December 1996.

1992

1992 Ottawa Power Station, at Ottawa and Grand, stopped generating electricity; started in January 1940. 223. See 1988.

1992 Sparrow launched the Sparrow Health System; designed to fulfill needs by providing quality, compassionate, cost-effective health care. 140 pg. 83.

1993

Feb 1993 \$25,000,000 expansion of Lansing Center started; exhibit square footage increased from 50,000 to 72,000 square feet. 130 pg. 8-13.

1993 Potter Park Zoological society presented first "Wonderland of Lights" (lighted animal sculptures) at zoo. LSJ 9-15-1995; 256 pg. 19.

1993 Sparrow Hospital delivers 180,000 baby.

1994

Jan 21, 1994 Capital Area Transportation Authority dedicated 3 new 1910 vintage streetcar reproductions (trolleys) cost \$119,000 came from Federal Highway Admin. and MI Dept. of Transportation.

Jan 31, 1994 First open-heart surgery performed at Sparrow Hospital. Performed by Dr. J. D. Talbott. 114 pg. 4-B.

- Sep 2, 1994 At 5:23 PM an earthquake measuring 5.23 on the Richter scale hit Lansing; epicenter was near Potterville.
- Oct 1994 Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Penn. completed 3,300 square feet addition and renovations; cost \$ 240,000.
- Oct 1994 Agreement reached with minor league baseball team called Sultans of Springfield, Ill to relocate to Lansing if 6,000 seat stadium built in time for 1996 or 1997 baseball season; proposed stadium to be built on north side of Michigan Avenue between Cedar and Larch streets. 216 pg. 11.
- Dec 1994 Board of Water and Light removed top 40 feet of smokestack near E. Michigan and South Cedar St.; top 40 feet removed to make structure sounder.
- 1994 City adopted new city seal; featured capitol dome in center, rising sun behind; trees on each side, and river in front.

1995

- Jan 1995 Sparrow started construction of \$3.8 million, two level, 258 car parking structure next to oncology wing (NE corner of Michigan and Holmes. SJ 3-5-1995, pg. E 1.
- May 30, 1995 Shiawassee Street bridge closed; construction started on new bridge.
- Jul 30, 1995 Lansing Board of Water & Light started supplying water from Board's Dye Treatment Plant on South Cedar Street to Lansing Township; in April of 1996 water from Lansing Township wells will be piped to Board's treatment plant. LSJ 9-24-95
- Sep 11, 1995 Lansing joined Mid-Michigan Water Authority with 9 other cities and townships (Lansing, Grand Ledge, Bath, Delta, Delhi, Lansing Township, Windsor Township, Dimondale and Webberville); authority to pool water resources throughout the region; first board meeting held Dec. 7, 1995; Lansing Board and Water and Light using only 17 million gallons daily of 50 million capacity, due dwindling industrial customers.
- Sep 13-16, 1995 Potter Park Zoo marked 75th Birthday with celebration in Park.

1995 Blue Coyote Brewing Co. opened brewpub and restaurant on Pere Marquette off E. Michigan.

1996

Feb 12, 1996 Spartan and Yellow Cab companies merged into Capitol Capitol Transport L.C. C.; company operated 32-35 cabs; operate out of former Yellow Cab building at 229 S. Cedar St. LSJ 2-25-1996, pg. 1A.

Apr 3, 1996 Oldsmobile Park opened; Michigan State University played University of Michigan; 5,736 seats 160 wheelchair & companion seats, total 5,896 seats; April 5, 1996 Lugnuts played opening game against Sultan of Springfield.

Apr 1996 St. Lawrence and Sparrow renew talks of merger.

Apr 1996 Construction begins on seven-story professional building on Michigan Avenue, across from Sparrow Hospital.

Jun 1996 Lugnut placed on top of Board of Water and Light stack by water plant on Cedar Street; largest lugnut in world.

Jul 1, 1996 New renovated Shiawassee Street Bridge opened; built 1923, renovated 1975; renovation started 1992, cost \$5.67 million. LSJ 6-30-96, pg. 3C.

Dec 19, 1996 St. Lawrence and Sparrow hospital announced merger; Sparrow to own 80% of new corp. St. Lawrence 20%.

1997

Mar 14, 1997 Ice storm hits area; 20,000 customers without power; some for 3-4 days.

Mar 1997 Sparrow begins west wing addition; construction to be completed in spring of 1998.

Apr 1997 South Annex of Sparrow (Provincial Hospital) demolished and work begins on 3 1/2 story parking ramp.

May 3, 1997 Construction starts on skywalk over Michigan Avenue between Sparrow Hospital and Sparrow Professional office building.

- Aug 20-23, 1997 Olds Centennial celebrated in Lansing; 2,200 Olds registered.
- Aug 23, 1997 Olds parade down Michigan Avenue from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; estimated 150,000 ; view.
- Nov 26, 1997 Sparrow and St. Lawrence hospitals merge.
- Dec 16, 1997 Sparrow opened Sparrow Professional Building; 255,000 square feet across from Hospital, south of Michigan Avenue; to house 100 physicians; linked by skywalk to Hospital; building has adjacent 600 space parking deck.

1998

- Feb 20, 1998 Curtis quintuplets (Leith, Logan, Lindsey, Lauren and Lucas) born at Sparrow Hospital; parents Leith Curtis III and Lori Curtis; second set of quintuplets ever born in State.
- Apr 1998 \$8 million, 30,000 square foot addition to Neuman Wing of Sparrow Hospital completed; house Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with 30 beds on 5th floor and the neuro-intensive care unit's 28 beds on sixth floor. LSJ 1-14-98

Chronology

1841	Cedar street cut to - Cedar bridged
1842	Lansing Township organized
1847	Bush, Thomas and Lee store at SW corner of Main and Cedar Main street bridge erected Post Office established in store Chapsaddle Hotel Weller eating house Beal brick mfg. Quackenbush saw mill
1848	Michigan Ave. bridge
1851	James W. Tillotson purchased farm Section 8, in 1891 started mine gravel - Hunter Park
1855	House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders authorized
1856	Fires
1858	Second Michigan avenue bridge
1859	Lansing Incorporated East boundary was East street Incorporated Boys Training School to Clemens street
1863	Rams Horn reached Michigan Avenue
1865	Cedar street bridge fell of own weight
1966	New Cedar street bridge
1869	Leg. authorized tax to grade Cedar Street, remove hill and fill in Michigan Ave to bridge.
1870	Mineral Well hotel -
1870	Prudden Wheel co. on 701 E. Saginaw 1910 Plant on E. Saginaw across Oak Park built
1871	Fire sweeps across east side

1872	Jerome addition added to city – N. Vine, E. Hosmer, S. Michigan Ave and W. East St Green Oaks added to city N. Michigan Ave, E. Holmes, S. Rail tracks and W. East
1873	Oak Park Cemetery moved to Mt. Hope
1880s	Audubon Place built by Charles J. Davis at 1326 E. Michigan
1880-1	Toll Gates abolished
1885	Lansing Iron and Engine Works E Shiawassee and Cedar
1892	Started mine gravel on what became Hunter park East Park School opened
1893	Electric rail line down MI Ave to College
Aug 1896	William Jennings Bryan spoke at the corner Cedar and Michigan Ave
1899	Pilgrim Congregational Church burned down day of dedication Bates & Edmonds Engine & Motor Co. formed - on Michigan Ave.
1900	Bingham & Prospect Fire Station North Pennsylvania & Sheridan Fire Station
1902	Union Station opened at 637 Michigan Ave - had ladies' parlor
1903	Street Cars ran every half hour to College - At what Frandor was Baker switch, pass each other
1904	Flood - Kalamazoo bridge floated down Michigan Ave.
1906-1930	Michigan Screw Co later Michigan Aero Engine operated at 508 S Hosmer
1909	Corner Shiawassee and Grand purchased old Hay market for City Market

	Rumsey addition added to city
1910	Michigan Ave Methodist Church began "E. Michigan Ave. to the beautiful little city of East Lansing presents one almost continuous line of homes"
1912	Sparrow Hospital opened
1912	James W. Potter deeded land for Potter Park
1913	Allen school opened
1914-45	Ideal Power Lawn Mower Company operated at 704 E. Kalamazoo
1915	25,000 attended opening of Potter Park W. K. Prudden laid concrete strip between Lansing and E. Lansing to dramatize need for improved roads
1916	New East Side Park School erected
1917	George E. Ranney donated 20 acres for park
1918	City placed Asphalt plant in Oak Park
Early 20s	Zoo moved Moores Park to Potter Park
1921	East Junior High opened
1922	Church of Resurrection founded
1923	New bridges at Pennsylvania Ave and Shiawassee
1924	State gave land opened Marshall and Saginaw Streets Michigan avenue widened - split rock at Michigan and Kipling removed
1925	Groesbeck golf course opened
1926	Resurrection School opened East Side Park name changed to Oak Park

1928	Eastern High School opened
	Railroad viaduct on Penn constructed
1930	John Deer Plow moved Michigan and Hosmer
1931	Hayford Street fire station opened
1934	Heatherwood farms founded by Henry Crouse
1935	City moved the City market from Grand and Shiawassee to Larch and Shiawassee so built fire station
1938	City purchased Hunter gravel pit to develop as park
1939	New Water conditioning plant placed in operation
1947	Floods - area around Heatherwood Dairy flooded
1948	Audubon Place sold
1948	Underground water reservoir built between Cedar and Larch
1951	Dines restaurant opened
1952	New Resurrection Church dedicated
	Construction started on Frandor
1954	Fairview Elementary School opened
1955	Bingham Elementary School opened
1955	State sold land to Red Cross and Diocese of Lansing
1956	Dutch Elm blight
1963	Medical Arts Building on E. Michigan opened
1965	Oakland and Saginaw turned into one-way streets
1972	Union depot closed
1973	Aurelius Road extension opened

1973	State removed 9 buildings on site of BTS
1975	Flood
1975	State allowed city use corner Marshall Park for fire station, completed in 1977
	Plymouth new church completed
1977	Easter/Pattengill sports complex opened on old BTS land
1978	Michigan Avenue, 220 trees planted
1979	Foster School closed, turned into community center
1985	Oak Park School closed
1996	Olds Park opened
1997	Sparrow new professional building opened

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