

Question if Lansing Township Named After Lansing Cooley?

No. Evidence all against.

- 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
- “In December 1841, Roswell Everett, Zalmon S. Holmes, and myself (Henry H. North) met at the house of my father, by appointment, and framed two petitions to the Legislature for the organization of two townships. But one name was suggested for the first,--that of Lansing, my father saying he wanted it named after our old town of Lansing, in New York. For the second two names were proposed, --Delhi, by Roswell Everett, and Genoa, by myself, not knowing that there was a Genoa in Livingston county at that time.” Source: Henry H. North, in Durant, pg. 192. Source: Alvin Rolfe in letter to the Republican in undated newspaper clipping in Lawler collection.
- 1841 Delhi was inserted in the petition to the Legislature for organization in 1841 by Roswell Everett. Source: H. H. North at annual meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association at Mason on May 25, 1873; reprinted in Adams pg. 382.
- Jan 6, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. HJ 1842, pg. 58.
- Jan 10, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. HJ 1842, pg. 73
- Jan 12, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. HJ 1842, pg. 84.
- Jan 20, 1842 Rep. Bush presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. HJ 1842, pg. 132.
- Feb 8, 1842 Mr. Little, from the committee for the organization of towns and counties, to whom had been referred sundry petitions for the organization of towns and for other purposes, submitted a bill entitled “An act to organize certain township, and for other purposes,” which was referred to the committee of the whole and ordered printed. Source: House Journal 1842, pg. 249.
- Feb 15, 1842 The House again resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. Stuart in the chair, on the “Bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes;” and after some time spent thereon, rose and reported the same back to the House with sundry amendments, which were concurred in and the bill passed.

Source: House Journal, 1842, pg. 341.

Feb 16, 1842 Gov. Berry notified House he signed "An act to organize certain townships, and for other purposes."
Source: House Journal pg. 362.

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

Sec. 8. All that part of the county of Ingham designated by the United States survey as township number four north, of range number two west, be set off and organized into a separate township, by the name of Lansing, and the first township meeting shall be held at the shanty near the cedar bridge in said township.

Sec. 7. All that part of the county of Ingham designated by the United States survey, as township number three north, of range number two east, (now part of the township of Alaiedon) be and the same is hereby set off and organized into a separate township by the name of Delhi, and the first township meeting shall be held at the school house in district number four in said township.

Sec. 9. All that part of the county of Ingham designated by the United States survey as township number four north, of range one west, be and the same is hereby set off and organized into a separate township, by the name of meridian, and the first township meeting shall be held at the house of George Mathews, in said township.

Sec. 10. All that part of the county of Ingham designated by the Untied States survey, as township number four north, of range two east, (now part of the township of Phelpstown,) be and the same is hereby set off into a separate township, by the name of Locke, and the first township meeting shall be held at the house of Jon C. Townsend, in said township.

Feb 16, 1842 Township of Eaton Rapids of Eaton organized.
Windsor of Eaton
Delhi of Ingham
Lansing of Ingham
Meridian of Ingham
Locke of Ingham
Delta of Eaton (PA 57 of 1842)

Feb 16, 1842 Public Act 57 signed:
Sec. 7. Delhi Township organized.
Sec. 8. Lansing Township organized.

"All that part of the county of Ingham designated by the United States survey as township number four north, or range number two west, to be set off and organized into a separate township, by the name of Lansing, and the first township meeting shall be held at the shanty near the cedar bridge in said township."

Sec. 9. Meridian Township organized.

Sec. 10. Locke Township organized.

1862 Joseph E. North, Sr., "he gave it (township) the name of Lansing, from Lansing, Tompkins county, New York his former residence. Source: Obituary Joseph E. North, Sr., The Lansing State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Wednesday morning, November 12, 1862.

1885 ...Joseph North, who came from Lansing, in Tompkins County, New York, gave Lansing township its name. Source: Obituary Henry H. North, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday, November 6, 1885.

? Joseph E. North, Sr., is generally accorded the honor of having given the name "Lansing" to the township, from a town of the same name on Cayuga Lake, now in Tompkins Co., N.Y. When the Legislature named the new village "Town of Michigan," he is said to have felt not a little disappointed, and it was owing somewhat to his remonstrances that the name was changed to Lansing within a year thereafter. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensing & Co., 1880; pg. 129.