

TROY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
April 25, 1989

Meeting to order 7:40 pm

Present: V-Chair Bedford, Wood, Frantz, Scott, Friesen
Absent: Godlewski

Motion by Bedford, to approve minutes of February meeting
Support by Scott
All yea.

Welcome to new Architect member Friesen

Mr. Frantz requested copy of minutes to be mailed to members.

- Item #1 Letter regarding Chamber of Commerce recognition for Historic Restoration.
Guide lines will be submitted for consideration for selection of structure.
- Item #2 Photo card file nearly completed
Historic Booklets and flyers in process
- Item #3 Nomination of Original Township Hall Site filled out March 88', Owner signature submitted Feb 89'. Ready for local Public Hearings, then submitted to State Program. Copy attached and made part of these minutes.
- Item #4 Marker Program for individual structures that are already recognized as Historic.
- Item #5 Public Relations Program in progress with flyer submitted with these minutes for approval.

New Business

- Item #1 Budget requested for items still in process of publications, booklets and etc.
- Item #2 Discussion as to how many structures will be lost this summer. Many developers are buying spare land pieces and ~~some~~ Historic structures are demolished without any consideration. Also noted is extra large trees being cut down with no thought of saving.

Wood excused from meeting due to prior commitment.
- Item #3 Discussion as to structures lost.
Request by M/W Lauer at Adams and Long Lake for recognition. Also request of Ms Baril for house on Wattles near Dequindre.

Motion by Scott to adjourn 8:30 pm
Support by Frantz
All yea

TROY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

BUDGET

April 1989

Proposed Budget for 1989/90

Public Relations and Information

Booklet of Troy Corners telling History and showing
designated buildings \$500.00

Flyers - Showcase a Registered Building in flyer
form with its history (4) 600.00

Historic District Booklet - informational with State
Act, Local Chapter, and show-
case of structures and overall
view of preservation 600.00

Historic Network Registration Program membership 40.00
mileage if cross state 20.00

Market Program - Site of First Township Hall 1,749.00
Installed for the
Bi-Centennial Years.

Proposed Restoration Books Program
Discussed but not requested
in minutes 69.95

In come circumstances, the interior may also, be designated by the City Council, when requested by the owner who wishes the interior to be reviewed.

DOES THE PUBLIC GET INSIDE MY HOME?

At no time does anyone have the right to enter a designated structure unless invited by the owner. Only Museums and Public Institutions are for Public viewing and use.

WHAT VALUE DOES A DESIGNATION HAVE?

There are no added considerations given, only self satisfaction in that you may have helped preserve a little bit of history for the future, and we do find that Historic Designation has added to prestige and value.

The Troy Historic District Commission usually meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the evening. Meetings are open to the public; a call to the City Clerks office can confirm date and time.

Some assistance in preservation questions may be obtained by writing
Historic District Commission
500 W. Big Beaver
Troy, Michigan 48084

HISTORICAL GROUPS are:

Historic District Commission, which consists of (7) members, whose purpose is to safeguard the heritage of the City by preserving area sites, structures of significance, and events with related proof. This covers photos and history of families, along with placement of markers to so designate a spot of significance.

Historical Commission, which consists of (7) members, who are responsible for the overall operation of the buildings known as Troy Historical Museum and the related structures on the Green. Along with the Museum Curator and staff, there are many programs for the enjoyment of the public.

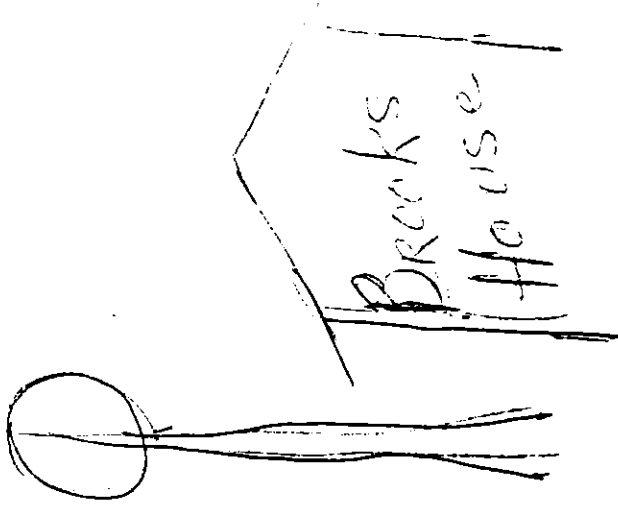
Historical Community Organizations.

Troy Historical Society consists of a board with a membership that supports many of the projects at the museum. Their fund raiser is the Hand & Eye Craft Show" which helps defray costs at the museum and the moving of structures to the Green.

Troy Heritage Foundation is a group, formed to assist in the preservation program when needed, with informational service, program and slide presentation.

Museum Guild was formed to act as guides in the museum, for events and projects.

To Troy
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Historic
DESIGNATION
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THE TROY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

is an Advisory Board appointed by the City Council, and Chapter (13), which sets up the procedures and regulations for historic preservation at the local level. The boards main function is to advise City Council on matters relating to historic preservation, most particularly in proposals for the designation of City of Troy historic districts and sites.

WHO MAKES UP THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION?

The Board consists of seven members, appointed to three year terms by the City Council; one must be a registered historic architect. All members serve without pay.

WHAT CRITERIA IS USED FOR THE EVALUATION OF PROPOSED HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS?

The word "district" refers to an area of one or a group of areas, site(s), building(s), structure(s), or archeological sites(s), not necessarily with contiguous boundaries. All designated areas are referred to as districts whether they contain one building or many.

The criteria for designation are:

- (1) Sites, buildings, structures or archeological sites where cultural, social, spiritual,

economic, political or architectural history of the community, city, state or nation is reflected

- (2) Sites, buildings, structures, or archeological sites which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the community, city, state or national history.
- (3) Buildings or structures which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural specimen, valuable as a representation of a period, style, or method of construction.

- (4) Notable work(s) of a master designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age.

HOW TO GET A DISTRICT DESIGNATED.

The procedure for historic recognition is as follows:

- (1) Historic District Commission is made aware of such a request. The Historic District District then reviews its historic and/or architectural value at which time the members approve or disapprove its value and by motion submit the request to the City Council for their consideration.

- (2) City Council then refers the request to the Planning

Commission for review and recommendation for or the designation.

- (3) City Council may then introduce the draft ordinance of designation. Council would then follow the course for the passage of an ordinance including a public hearing before the Council to add designation to Chapter 13.

WHY SEEK LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION?

For public recognition of architectural significant structure.

To insure that there significant structures will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

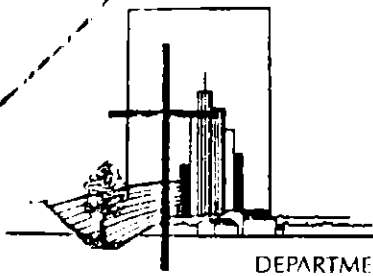
To preserve the architectural unity and physical character of a neighborhood while promoting its improvement.

For possible tax benefits available for rehabilitation of a building in a city designated district, and any benefits that State Legislation may approve.

To enjoy the prestige of living in a Historic Home.

ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT I CAN DO WITH MY HISTORIC HOME?

Only in that the Historic District Commission must review the proposed change and review the building materials given by the building department.



ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/1234 Washington Blvd./Detroit/Michigan 48226-1875
ARCHDIOCESAN PROPERTIES/(313) 237-5820

November 21, 1988

Ms. Dorothy J. Scott, Member
Historic District Commission
City of Troy
500 W. Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan 48064

Dear Ms. Scott:

Re: Property Parcel 22-101-004 located South
of Wattles Road and on the East side of
Livernois

You may proceed to place an informational State Historical Marker,
designating the site of the first Town Hall of Troy, on the
above mentioned parcel.

This letter will serve as authorization from the owner, the
Archdiocese of Detroit, to do so.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald T. Chuhran".

Gerald T. Chuhran, Director
Archdiocesan Properties

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Stat. Register Nomination

County Oakland

MICHIGAN HISTORY DIVISION
Michigan Department of State

Theme(s) Civic

INVENTORY FORM

STATE REGISTER SITES
(Michigan Historical Commission Meeting)

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION REPORT
(State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting)

Name of Site (Common) First Town Hall

(Historic) as above

Address: Street and Number no # Livernois

City/Town Troy, Mich Zip 48084

Significant Dates (construction, cornerstone event, etc.) 1849

Significance/Description

First seat of Government in area of Troy.
located as close to the center of town as possible.

Present Owner Property line of two owners. Owner on the South
is Morris Wattles.

Address: Street and Number _____

City/Town Troy, Mich Zip 48084

Present Use Vacant land. Original steps still stand.

State Register: To Be Local Site No. _____ To Be State Site No. _____

Date Listed _____ Marker _____

National Register Level of Significance: Local _____ State _____ National _____

Date Nominated _____ Date Sent _____ Date Listed _____

Date of: Commission Meeting _____ Review Board Meeting _____

Prepared by Historic District Commission Date Mar 22, 1988

Source(s) _____

Acknowledgment Letters

✓ Name of Site (Common) First Town Hall

(Historic) _____

✓ Individual to receive master copy: City Manager: Mr. Gerstenecker
Chairman Historic District Commission

✓ Street Address 500 W. Big Beaver

City/Town Troy, Mich

Zip 48084

Individuals to receive carbon copies:

✓ 1. Name _____

Street Address _____

✓ City/Town _____

Zip _____

2. Name _____

Street Address _____

City/Town _____

Zip _____

3. Name _____

Street Address _____

City/Town _____

Zip _____

Smith & Beardsley
Partnership of Perry

This Deed was made the
first day of February, in the
year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty nine
between Minnie Smith and Phoebe

her wife and (And Beardsley and Margaret his wife of the first
part and the Partnership of Perry of the second part, It is covenanted that the
first part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars to
be to us in hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt
whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, do by these presents give
beginning release claim and assign into to the said party of the
second part and to their heirs and assigns forever the following described piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Perry
County Michigan, in the North West corner of Section twenty two (22)
commencing South of the North West corner of Section twenty two (22)
one hundred and nine feet and six inches, or the center of the high
way, running South eight feet, thence East forty four feet, thence
North twenty eight feet, thence East forty feet, thence North twenty
four feet, thence West forty feet, thence North twenty eight
feet, thence West forty four feet to the place of beginning, so proposed to
contain one both of four acres be the same more or less. They then
with all understanding the heretofore and aforesaid premises then
unto belonging were in my wife's possession. To have and to hold the
said premises as above described with the appurtenances unto the
said party of the second part and to their heirs and assigns forever
And the said parties of the first part their heirs executors and assigns
do hereby covenant grant bargain and agree to and with the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns
that at the time of the making and delivery of these presents we were
well seized of the above granted premises in fee simple, that they are
free from all incumbrances whatever and that we and our
heirs executors administrators and assigns shall warrant and defend the
same against all lawful claims whatsoever. Provided always and upon
this Express (intention that if there should be any division in the
said land, in any case that shall remove the center at any other point
so that the line should not want to occupy it from the line
then, upon the party of the first part paying the debt, they received
to the party of the second part they shall have the land back again
in full. Whereof the said party of the first part have received
at their hands and seal the day and year first above written.

In presence of

In presence of

J. G. (City)

Minnie Smith

State of Michigan

Oakland County

Minnie Smith S.S.

Phoebe Smith S.S.

Joseph Beardsley S.S.

Margaret Beardsley S.S.

On the twenty second day of February

U.S. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
 nine before me the undersigned, Volney S. Davis, for and (and) for
 ally came the aforesaid Reuben Smith and Philine his wife and
 (and) David and Margaret his wife, and acknowledged that a bona
 fide mortgage by them executed to be their own and Quail (and) the said
 Philine and Margaret their wives as aforesaid upon one certain
 separate and apart from their said husbands, each and both of them
 they executed, the sum of three hundred and no more and no less
 any four or five of them and their husbands and from any other
 person.

Reuben Smith Volney S. Davis
 (Signed) & (Sealed) October 5, 1849 11-3 of D.M.

Archibald General
 Volney S. Davis
 Sidney Starkweather

This Deed was made the
 fifth day of June in the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and forty eight
 between John J. Adams and

General of the State of Michigan of the first part and Sidney
 Starkweather of the State of Michigan of the second part. Witnesseth that
 whereas in pursuance of the provisions of Law the said party of the
 first part with the fifth day of June A.D. 1848, became the purchaser of
 the right of the State in and to the following described lands situated
 in the County of Oakland in said State, which were bid off to the
 State from the Taxes assessed thereon in the year eighteen hundred and
 one and eighteen hundred and two to wit, the first half of North
 East quarter of Section twenty in Township four north of Range
 ten East, containing eighty acres more or less, and whereas the party
 of the second part obtained a certificate from the Archibald General
 for the purchase of the above described lands according to Law and
 paid to the State Treasurer upon each (Certificate) the sum of one
 (9) dollars and seventy cents, being the amount of purchase money
 thereof as provided by Law, which certificate has been presented
 and surrendered to the said Archibald General. Now Therefore this
 Deed is Witnesseth that the said John J. Adams Archibald General
 for the State of Michigan in and to the said party of the first part
 State of Michigan in and to the said party of the second part by the Enrolling
 money aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and
 acknowledged, does by these presents remise release and quitclaim
 unto the said Sidney Starkweather party of the second part
 and to his heirs and assigns forever all the rights acquired
 by the State in virtue of the original sale made to the State
 in the premises above described, subject to all taxes duly
 assessed thereon. In Testimony Whereof the said John
 J. Adams Archibald General as aforesaid

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TROY TOWNSHIP

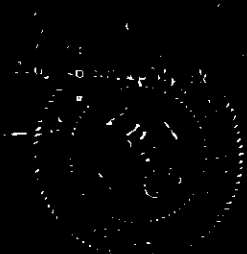
ROUTE 2 BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Troy Township Board held April 15th, 1941 at which all members were present, the following action was made and passed:

Resolved, moved, supported by Nelson that the Old town line to the section 17 Troy Township, Oakland County, Michigan be changed and part of the line of the line beginning at a point on east section line 12th 12 feet from section corner, thence east 141.23 feet, thence south 2.3 feet, thence east 16.1 ft, thence north 10.1 ft to beginning, be abandoned and the line shall be altered to return line to Tax rolls.

W. H. Nelson, Bernard, Nelson and others.

W. H. Nelson, Clerk of Troy Township, Oakland County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing action is the direct copy of a motion passed on the 15th day of April, 1941.



Recorder's Office

Oakland County

This instrument was received for record

APR 16 1941 at 2:30 p.m.

Recorded in Liber

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Witness my hand and seal of office this 16th day of April 1941.

John H. Nelson, Recorder

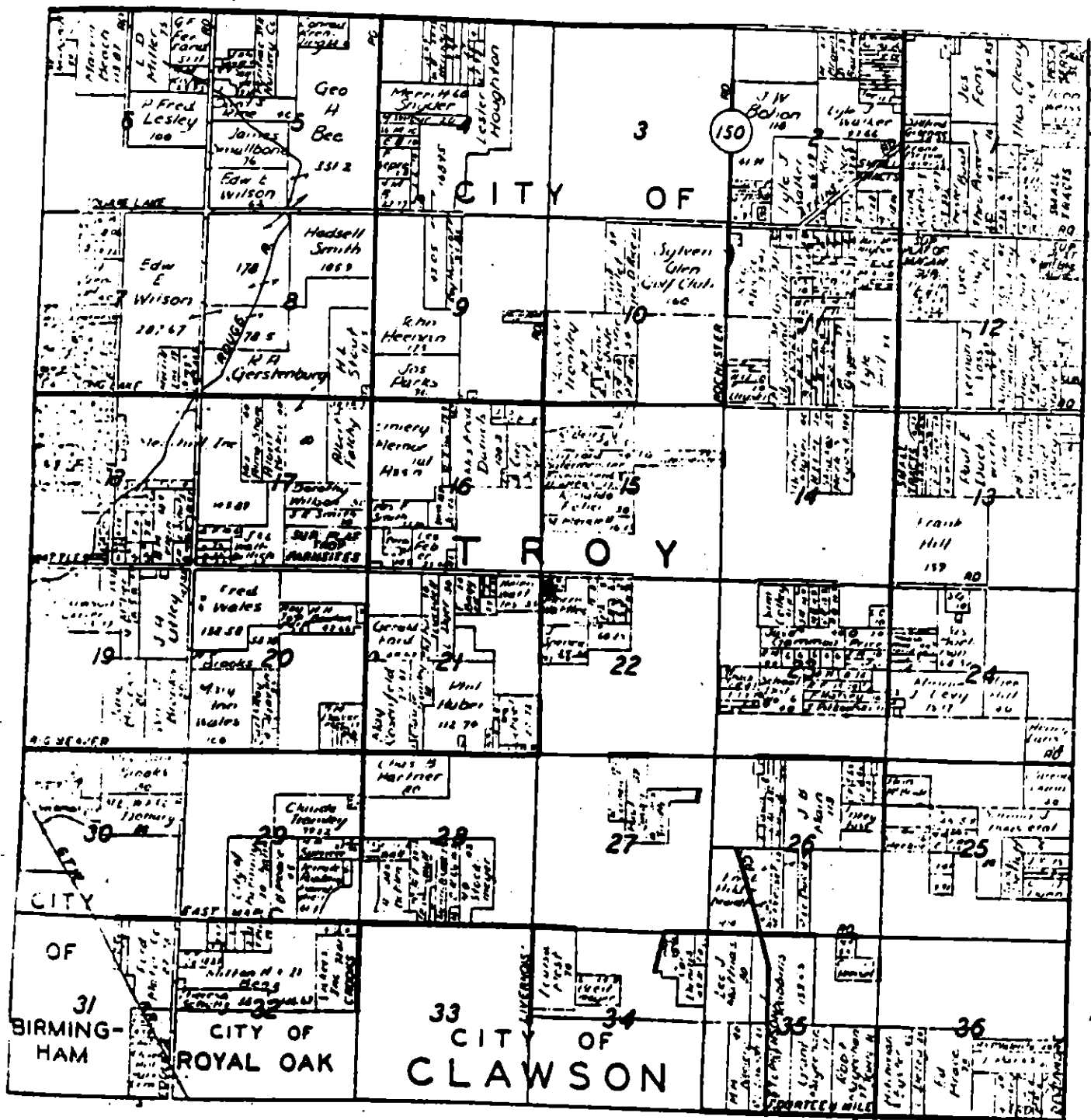
W. H. Nelson, Clerk

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CIVIL ORGANIZATION.

The first record of a township-meeting held in the bounds of Troy is that of May 24, 1827, when the legal voters of towns 1 and 2, now Royal Oak and Troy, assembled at the house of Riley Crooks, on section 20, to hold their first annual meeting. Prior to this both these towns were a part of Bloomfield, having sustained that relation from 1820 to 1827. In 1836, Royal Oak was set off from Troy, and became a separate township.

The record of the first eight elections, then, includes Royal Oak. The result of the first election was as follows:

Supervisor, Stephen V. R. Trowbridge; Town Clerk, Riley Crooks; Assessors, Socrates Hopkins, Jehiel Smith, Elizur Goodrich; Commissioners of Highways, Henry Blount, Wakeman Bradley, Calvin Marvin; Collector, Edmund Downer; Overseer of the Poor, Robert Parks, Joseph Chace; Constable, Joseph A.

Since 1827 the following persons

supervisors, town clerks, and justices
Supervisors—Stephen V. R. Trowbridge, 1827-31, 1848; Johnson
 mon J. Mathews, 1840; William P.
 William Cone, 1845-46, 1849-51,
 1852, 1857; Jesse Lee Stout, 1853
 1860, 1862, 1864, 1866, 1872-77
 1867-69; Guy M. Trowbridge, 1878

EARLY

It is generally believed that the
 certain tracts on section 19, and the
 1819 by Mary A. Clark, H. A. H.

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a. Category. Check as appropriate according to the definitions below:

- (1) A building is a structure created to shelter any form of human activity, such as a house, barn, church, hotel, or similar structure. Buildings may refer to a historically related complex such as a courthouse and jail or a house and barns.

Examples: Charles Lang Freer House, Detroit
Dixboro United Methodist Church, Dixboro
Barry County Courthouse Complex, Hastings

- (2) A structure is a work made up of interdependent and interrelated parts in a definite pattern of organization. Constructed by man, it is often an engineering project large in scale.

Examples: Second Street Bridge, Allegan; Croton Hydroelectric Plant, Croton; Rock Harbor Lighthouse, Isle Royale National Park

- (3) An object is a material thing of functional, aesthetic, cultural, historical, or scientific value that may be, by nature or design, movable yet related to a specific setting or environment.

Examples: Civil War Memorial, Adrian; Bagley Memorial Fountain, Detroit; Steamers Columbia and Ste. Claire, Detroit.

- (4) A site is the location of a significant event, a prehistoric or historic occupation or activity, or a building or structure, whether standing, ruined, or vanished, where the location itself maintains historical or archaeological value regardless of the value of any existing structures.

Example: Fort St. Joseph, Niles

- b. Ownership. Check as appropriate. If public acquisition is involved, indicate on a continuation sheet the stage which the negotiations have reached, the agency involved, and the intended disposition of the property.
- c. Status. Check the blank, or blanks, as appropriate. If preservation work is in progress, the alterations should be discussed in item 7.
- d. Accessible. In general, "accessible" means visible from a public thoroughfare and "restricted" means that access is regulated.
- e. Present Use. Check the appropriate blank. In the case of "other," list the present use.

4. Owner of Resource

Indicate the name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) of record.

5. Location of Legal Description

THE FIRST SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

Hervey Parke

The existence of historical sites and ^{structures} ~~attractions~~ provides visitors with an opportunity to "discover" the presence of important places of the past. Troy had its own valuable and historic site where our local government began.

The timber of this town is oak. The water is good. The soil is good for growing and there are ~~gassy~~ areas. This is the statement of Hervey Parke, Government Surveyor who was commissioned to finish the area of what we know as "Troy." Troys 36 square miles were done in the year 1816-1817. The Government had ~~planned~~ sent survey parties to the area to map acreage for the veterans of the War of 1812. The surveyors described the area as unsuitable for cultivation. ~~Also~~ Michigan did not become one of the states involved in the Soldiers Bounty program and with this Tiffin Report it became a State that did not settle until 1819 when the first settlement began on the edge of our town towards Birmingham. Other settlers were arriving 1817-1818 in the areas of Rochester, Waterford, Royal Oak, Holly and began to spill over into Troy. Pontiac had been designated as the seat of Government by the Governor.

Reference in Parkes survey book stated that Indian paths were shown in a line North to South along John R. Rd. A trail is still evident in Glenmoor Subdivision, which would account for ^{the settlement of} ~~the~~ Indians by her kitchen fire. They traversed the area to Pontiac and the settlers found evidence that they cultivated some of the rich farm area which the early surveyors had overlooked.



As settlers arrived it became necessary to set up Rules and Regulations. On January 12, 1819 Governor Cass established Oakland County and on May 28, 1827 the legal voters of the Territory of Troy met at the home of Riley Crooks, on Crooks Rd. So. of Wattles Rd. They elected Stephan V.R. Troybridge (whose home still stands) as ~~sup~~ Supervisor. Other meetings were held in ~~other~~ homes, barns and hotels until property was purchased from Hiram Smith and Clark Beardsley on February 1, 1849 paying \$20.00 for 1/10 of acre more or less and being near or as near the center of town as possible. Located on Livernois Rd. just South of Wattles Rd. The frame building faced the South with hitching posts to tie down the horses ~~to~~ Supv. Walker had the steps moved from the front to the side during his tenure and the Township Board at a Regular Meeting on April 12, 1941 abandoned the site and returned the property to the Tax Roll.

The steps remain as a reminder of a structure long past. The second Township seat of Government was located on Wattles Rd. where the present City Museum is now. The third City Hall is the present location on Big Beaver Rd.

Shown Below is Hervey Parke, Government Surveyor for our area.

Heritage

Post

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First Town Hall

Dedicated To the Preservation of
Historical & Troy's Historic Buildings
& Sites.