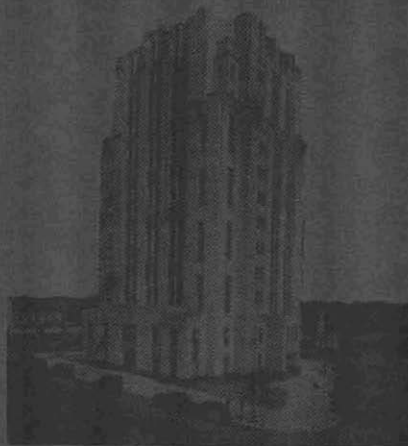


# OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

1951-1952



## Macomb County, Michigan

Compiled by

**Albert A. Wagner**

County Clerk

To the Citizens of Macomb County:

In offering this booklet to the public, it is intended primarily to acquaint all citizens, young and old, with the officials and offices charged with conducting the affairs of government from national to the township and village level.

In addition, we are proud to offer something more. Appended is a condensed History of Macomb County (prepared gratis as a public service) which should prove both instructive to the student and inspiring to the adult citizen who takes pride in our progress.

May we express thanks for the historical sketch, and also the assistance of many cooperative officials who helped make this booklet so complete.

**ALBERT A. WAGNER**  
County Clerk

**Officials of the  
STATE, COUNTY, CITY,  
VILLAGE and  
TOWNSHIPS**

**of**

***COUNTY OF MACOMB***

**1951 - 1952**

**Mount Clemens, Michigan**  
**County Seat**

**Compiled by**  
**Albert A. Wagner**  
**County Clerk**

**STATE OFFICERS**

**GOVERNOR**

G. Mennen Williams ..... Lansing

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

William C. Vandenberg ..... Lansing

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Fred M. Alger, Jr. .... Lansing

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Frank G. Millard ..... Lansing

**STATE TREASURER**

D. Hale Brake ..... Lansing

**AUDITOR GENERAL**

John B. Martin, Jr. .... Lansing

**SUPT. of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Lee M. Thurston ..... Lansing

**STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER**

Charles M. Ziegler ..... Lansing

**UNITED STATES SENATORS**

Homer Ferguson ..... Detroit

Blair Moody ..... Detroit

**REPRESENTATIVE, Seventh Dist.**

Jesse P. Wolcott ..... Port Huron

**STATE SENATOR, Eleventh Dist.**

Frank D. Beadle ..... St. Clair

**REPRESENTATIVES IN STATE LEGISLATURE**

**First District**

Howard R. Carroll ..... Mount Clemens

**Second District**

William Romano ..... Van Dyke

## CIRCUIT COURT OFFICERS

### 16th Judicial Circuit

Alton H. Noe ..... Circuit Judge  
James E. Spier ..... Circuit Judge  
Albert A. Wagner ..... Clerk of Circuit Court  
Louise Batza ..... Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Elmore E. Lester ..... Assignment Clerk  
Betty Cron ..... Court Clerk  
Fred Nicholson ..... Prosecuting Attorney  
Wendell Lichtenfelt ..... Chief Ass't Prosecutor  
John H. Matthews .... Ass't Prosecuting Attorney  
Mildred Vlaich ..... Ass't Prosecuting Attorney  
Cecil A. Byers ..... Ass't Prosecuting Attorney  
Paul S. Hirt ..... Civil Counsel  
Lorraine Nicholson ..... Court Reporter  
Bertha Daubendick ..... Court Reporter  
Harley Ensign ..... Sheriff  
Clarence Shirey ..... Court Officer  
Edward J. Harder ..... Court Officer  
Guy L. Brown, Jr. .... Probation Officer  
Marybelle Baker ..... Friend of the Court  
Wm. H. Nunneley ..... Circuit Court Comm'r  
J. Russell LaBarge ..... Circuit Court Comm'r

### TERMS OF CIRCUIT COURT

Second Monday in January, April, June, August and October.

## COUNTY OFFICERS

Circuit Judge ..... Alton H. Noe  
Circuit Judge ..... James E. Spier  
Probate Judge ..... Joseph V. Trombly  
County Clerk ..... Albert A. Wagner  
Prosecuting Attorney ..... Fred Nicholson  
Sheriff ..... Harley Ensign  
County Treasurer ..... Lynn Whalen  
Register of Deeds ..... Aaron Burr  
Drain Commissioner ..... Frank Lohr  
Coroner ..... Clifford H. Read  
Coroner ..... Milford H. Jones  
Circuit Court Comm'r ..... Wm. H. Nunneley  
Circuit Court Comm'r ..... J. Russell LaBarge  
County Controller ..... Sherwood J. Bennett  
Probation Officer ..... Guy L. Brown, Jr.  
County Health Director Oscar D. Stryker, M.D.  
County Sanitary Engineer ..... Marvin L. Smith  
Co. Supervisor of Nursing .... Marie Presley, R.N.  
County Agent ..... Martin H. Walkenhorst  
Co. Agriculture Agent ..... Wm. Murphy  
Commissioner of Schools ..... Will L. Lee  
County Dog Warden ..... Forbes Duncan  
Juvenile Registrar ..... John H. Ahrens  
County Librarian ..... Dorothy Hiatt  
Friend of the Court ..... Marybelle Baker

## SUPERVISORS

FLOYD W. ROSSO ..... Chairman  
GROVER POWELL ..... Vice-Chairman  
ALBERT A. WAGNER ..... Clerk

Armada Township ..... W. A. Toles  
Bruce Township ..... John M. Bailey  
Chesterfield Township ..... Adolph Veryser  
Clinton Township ..... Paul Stepnitz  
Erin Township ..... Frank Biehl  
Harrison Township ..... Floyd W. Rosso  
Lake Township ..... Theodore A. McGraw  
Lenox Township ..... Frank Lemmon  
Macomb Township ..... Paul Bock  
Ray Township ..... J. Nellis Clark  
Richmond Township ..... Omar Henderson  
Shelby Township ..... Fred LaGodna  
Sterling Township ..... Arthur Priehs  
Warren Township ..... Arthur J. Miller  
Washington Township ..... Grover J. Powell  
City of Mount Clemens .... Dr. Philip T. Mulligan  
Harold Lindsey  
Hugh H. Neale  
Paul Hogue  
Lawrence Oehmke  
City of East Detroit ..... Mrs. Mildred Stark  
Carl Weymouth  
Charles Beaubien  
Wm. D. Clyne  
Arthur J. Wendt  
City of New Baltimore ..... Arthur Shorkey  
Kenneth W. Hill  
City of Center Line ..... B. A. Kalahar  
Alex Schoenherr  
Wilbert F. Lundy  
Robert F. Stout  
City of Utica ..... Howard G. Crissman  
Luke E. Leonard

## MACOMB COUNTY BOARD of SUPERVISORS

### COMMITTEES FOR 1951-1952

CHAIRMAN—Floyd W. Rosso  
VICE-CHAIRMAN—Grover Powell  
CLERK—Albert A. Wagner  
ATTORNEY—Paul Hirt

AGRICULTURE—Lemmon, Henderson, Powell,  
LaGodna, Priehs, Toles, Schoenherr, Bock,  
Clark, Crissman

APPORTIONMENT—Kalahar, Henderson, Step-  
nitz, Leonard, Bock, McGraw, Mrs. Stark,  
Lenders

APPROPRIATIONS—Clark, Veryser, LaGodna,  
Priehs, Bock, Lindsey, Leonard, Stout, Clyne,  
Welsh

BUDGET — Powell, Stepnitz, Lemmon, Hill,  
Hogue, Miller, Biehl, Beaubien, Lundy,  
Sickelsteel

BUILDING—Henderson, Biehl, LaGodna, Very-  
ser, Lemmon, Shorkey, Hogue, Weymouth,  
Lundy, Mulligan, Crissman

DOG—Priehs, Stepnitz, Shorkey, Weymouth,  
Toles, Bock, Bailey, Clark, Stout, Mulligan

DRAIN—Schoenherr, Henderson, Biehl, Veryser,  
Beaubien, Miller, Bailey Mulligan, Lenders

EQUALIZATION—Lindsey, Powell, Hill, Beau-  
bein, Biehl, Lemmon, Miller, Leonard, Linge-  
mann, Lundy

FINANCE—Biehl, LaGodna, Powell, Stepnitz,  
Lingemann, Beaubien, Oehmke, Miller, Clark,  
Schoenherr

INDUSTRIAL & PUBLIC RELATIONS—Kala-  
har, Lemmon, Neale, Shorkey, Hogue, Miller,  
Crissman, Welsh, Stark

LEGISLATION—Weymouth, Neale, Hill, La-  
Godna, Biehl, Schoenherr, Hogue, Wendt, Yoe

REJECTED TAX—Stepnitz, Priehs, Henderson, Hogue, Leonard, Lundy, Clyne, Sichelsteel

RESOLUTIONS—Neale, Hill, Kalahar, Powell, Stepnitz, Weymouth, Bailey, McGraw, Yoe

ROADS—Veryser, LaGodna, Lemmon, Beaubien, Henderson, Toles, Stepnitz, Shorkey, Oehmke, Miller

RADIO—Beaubien, Lemmon, Biehl, Hill, Schoenherr, Miller, Oehmke, Welsh

SHERIFF—Hogue, Hill, Henderson, Schoenherr, Veryser, Toles, Miller, Oehmke, Crissman, Wendt, Welsh

TOWNSHIP TAX—LaGodna, Powell, Priehs, Veryser, Henderson, Bock, Shorkey, Stout, McGraw

WELFARE—Henderson, Hill, LaGodna, Biehl, Lindsey, Beaubien, Kalahar, Miller, Lingemann

TREASURER—Toles, Powell, Priehs, Biehl, Kalahar, Hogue, Leonard, Bailey, Clyne, Lenders

JUDICIARY—Hill, Neale, Toles, Kalahar, Weymouth, Clark, Wendt, Yoe

DEFENSE—Lindsey, Kalahar, Miller, Lingemann, Stark, Sichelsteel

REGISTER OF DEEDS—Lingemann, Oehmke, Clark, Bailey

CO-ORDINATING ZONING — Stark, Powell, Lindsey

SERGEANT AT ARMS—Beaubien

NOTE The first name on the above committees is the respective chairman thereof, and in the absence thereof the second name acts, and likewise in the absence of the first two, the third name acts.

## MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS

Harold Donaldson ..... Mt. Clemens  
Louis Luchtman ..... Washington  
Mrs. Miriam Goldsmith ..... Mt. Clemens  
Albert A. Wagner ..... Mt. Clemens

## COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION BOARD

William H. Nunneley, Chairman .... Mt. Clemens  
Will L. Lee ..... Mt. Clemens  
Lynn Whalen ..... Roseville  
Gerald Smith ..... St. Clair Shores  
Frank Biehl ..... Roseville  
Frank Wiegand ..... Warren  
Thos. H. Scott, Statistician ..... Mt. Clemens  
Albert A. Wagner, Clerk ..... Mt. Clemens

## SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION

Edw. J. Gallagher ..... Chairman  
Lyle E. Rosso ..... Vice-Chairman  
Isaac A. Hartung ..... Secretary

## ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Joseph V. Trombly ..... Probate Judge  
Lynn Whalen ..... County Treasurer  
Albert A. Wagner ..... County Clerk

## PLAT BOARD

Aaron Burr ..... Register of Deeds  
Lynn Whalen ..... County Treasurer  
Albert A. Wagner ..... County Clerk

## JURY COMMISSIONERS

Ben Duengel ..... Richmond  
Mrs. Pauline Rice ..... East Detroit  
Calvin Godley ..... Van Dyke  
Harvey C. Whetzel ..... Mt. Clemens  
Orby Sweet ..... Utica  
Grace Jones ..... R. 3, Mt. Clemens  
Albert A. Wagner ..... Secretary

## NATURALIZATION

Final Hearings of Petitions on 4th Thursday  
of January, June and November.

## COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Oscar D. Stryker, M.D. .... Director  
Marvin L. Smith ..... Sanitary Engineer  
Marie Presley, R.N. .... Supervisor of Nursing  
Howard Rosso ..... Business Mgr.

## CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSING BOARD

Fred Nicholson ..... Prosecuting Attorney  
Harley Ensign ..... Sheriff  
Sgt. James VanLandegend, Michigan State Police  
Albert A. Wagner, County Clerk

## MACOMB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Kenneth W. Hill, President ..... New Baltimore  
Floyd W. Rosso ..... Mt. Clemens  
Allen Rush ..... Romeo  
Bert Will ..... New Haven  
Fred MacArthur ..... Mt. Clemens

## MACOMB COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

B. A. Kalahar, Chairman ..... Center Line  
Paul Cousino ..... Warren  
Omar Henderson ..... Memphis  
Marjorie Montgomery ..... Armada  
Will L. Lee ..... Mt. Clemens

## EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

Harry Schwaberow ..... Mt. Clemens  
Harry Cahill ..... Mt. Clemens  
Nelson Zott ..... Center Line  
Floyd W. Rosso ..... Mt. Clemens  
Frank Biehl ..... Roseville  
Grover Powell ..... Washington

## COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Wm. Malow ..... Chairman  
Karl O. Brink ..... Engineer  
Roy Connor ..... Commissioner  
Alfred Foerster ..... Commissioner  
Arnold F. Ullrich ..... Secretary

## COUNTY VALUATION

The assessed valuation of Macomb County:

1950 - \$186,161,488.00

1951 - \$210,772,713.00

**OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF  
MOUNT CLEMENS**

1951-1952

Commissioner of Public  
Affairs ..... Dr. Philip T. Mulligan  
Commissioner of Streets and  
Public Property ..... Ray Brandenburg  
Commissioner of Finance ..... Paul G. Hogue  
Commissioner of Public  
Safety ..... Lawrence Oehmke  
Commissioner of Water Works  
and Sewers ..... Spencer Fenton  
City Clerk ..... Frederick Soule  
Deputy City Clerk ..... Harold Lindsey  
City Treasurer ..... Helen E. Miller  
City Assessor and Welfare  
Director ..... Harold Lindsey  
City Attorney ..... Hugh H. Neale  
City Engineer ..... E. L. Pettingill  
Supt. of Water Works and  
Sewers ..... Harry McEntee  
Supt. of Filtration ..... Robert E. Hansen  
Chief of Police ..... Harvey Hammond  
Chief of Fire Department ..... Clayton Dubay  
Health Officer ..... Dr. W. J. Kane  
Supt. of Streets and Parks ..... Henry Bruneel  
Director of Recreation ..... William Nowak  
Electrical Inspector ..... Clyde B. Gass  
Plumbing Inspector ..... Joseph H. Miller  
Board of Review ..... Guy H. Verkler  
Byron Stuck  
John Schelling  
Municipal Judge ..... Donald J. Parent  
Associate Municipal Judge ... Frank E. Jeannette  
Constable ..... John Miller  
Dog Warden ..... Thomas Martin

**OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF  
EAST DETROIT**

1951-1952

Mayor ..... Mildred B. Stark  
City Manager ..... W. T. Williamson  
City Clerk ..... Chas. H. Beaubien  
City Treasurer ..... Esley J. Rausch  
City Assessor ..... Charles H. Beaubien  
City Attorney ..... Carl Weymouth  
Police Chief ..... Lyman Eckhardt  
Supt. of Public Works ..... Charles Paternoster  
Electrical Inspector ..... Robert J. Kern  
Plumbing Inspector ..... Ralph Ureel  
Building Inspector ..... Paul F. Linenger  
Health Officer ..... Dr. D. W. McKinley  
Fire Chief ..... August Zado  
Constable ..... Henry C. Hauss  
Constable ..... Walter Beltz  
Justice of the Peace ..... John McPherson  
Justice of the Peace ..... Harold Heins  
Supervisors ..... Mrs. Mildred Stark  
Chas. H. Beaubien  
Carl Weymouth  
Wm. D. Clyne  
Arthur J. Wendt  
Councilmen ..... Joseph J. Wendt  
Carl Hollinger  
Walter Sullivan  
Jos. Burk



**OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF  
CENTER LINE**

**1951-1952**

Mayor ..... James L. Eisele  
City Clerk ..... Wm. Steinhaus  
City Treasurer ..... Wm. Steinhaus  
City Assessor ..... Wilbert F. Lundy  
City Attorney ..... Chas. A. Retzlaff  
Health Officer ..... Dr. Jas. W. Bryce  
Councilmen ..... Alex M. Schoenherr  
                                    Wilbert F. Lundy  
                                    Robert F. Stout  
                                    Andrew J. Mehall  
Justice of the Peace ..... Irving D. Robinson  
Fire Chief ..... Nelson Bruechert  
Police Chief ..... Elmer G. Flechsig  
Supt. of Water Dept. .... Wm. Steinhaus  
Supt. of D.P.W. .... Wm. Steinhaus  
Constable ..... Charles E. Hamden  
Supervisors ..... Alex M. Schoenherr  
                                    B. A. Kalahar  
                                    Wilbert F. Lundy  
                                    Robert F. Stout

**OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF  
NEW BALTIMORE**

**1951-1952**

Mayor ..... Arthur Shorkey  
Clerk ..... Grace C. Balfour  
Treasurer ..... Irvin Fritz  
Assessor ..... Frank J. Smith  
Justice of the Peace ..... Howard L. Clapp  
Justice of the Peace ..... John Marsh

**NEW BALTIMORE (Cont.)**

Councilmen ..... Philip Henderson  
                                    Fred Blay  
                                    Carl Berk  
                                    Elmer L. Skinner  
                                    Herman Staffhorst  
                                    Gilbert Matthews  
Chief of Police ..... John S. Dye  
Fire Chief ..... Lloyd Reck  
City Attorney ..... Kenneth W. Hill  
Supervisors ..... Arthur Shorkey  
                                    Kenneth W. Hill  
Water Commissioner ..... Wm. G. Baker  
City Superintendent ..... Andrew Meldrum

**OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF  
ST. CLAIR SHORES**

**1951-1952**

Mayor ..... Robert Harrison  
City Manager ..... Adolph J. Koenig  
City Clerk ..... Ray MacArthur  
Deputy City Clerk ..... William E. Ridal  
Treasurer ..... Lora L. Boyle  
Assessor ..... Adrian A. Lingemann  
Attorney ..... John H. Yoe  
Councilmen ..... Robert Harrison  
                                    Edward Brown  
                                    William Warfield  
                                    Nicholas Kerns  
                                    John Lenders  
                                    Milton Sicksteel  
                                    Thomas Welsh

## OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF

### UTICA

1951-1952

Mayor ..... Howard G. Crissman  
Clerk ..... E. W. Havel  
Treasurer ..... Dora M. Hahn  
Assessor ..... Luke E. Leonard  
Justice of the Peace ..... Jim McClellan, Jr.  
Councilmen ..... Stuart T. VanderVen  
  Herman E. Bohlman  
  Dr. Lee R. Edmonds  
  Donald R. Havel  
  Wm. A. Kraft, Sr.  
  Herbert E. Doebler  
Chief of Police ..... Hazen S. Anderson  
Fire Chief ..... Edward Stadler  
Attorney ..... Geo. F. Roberts  
Health Officer ..... Dr. D. B. Wiley  
Constables ..... Walter Kiekbusch  
  Lawrence Winkelman

## TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

### ARMADA

Supervisor—W. A. Toles ..... Romeo  
Clerk—Raymond O. Schnell ..... Armada  
Treasurer—Carl Plauman ..... Armada  
Justices of the Peace  
    Orvy Hulett, Sr. .... Armada  
    Edmund Durst ..... Armada  
    Wm. M. Rice ..... Armada  
    Eugene Kent ..... Armada

### BRUCE

Supervisor—John M. Bailey ..... Romeo  
Clerk—Conrad Turrell ..... Romeo  
Treasurer—Hazel Kohlhagen ..... Romeo  
Justices of the Peace  
    James H. Reid ..... Romeo  
    Wilbert G. Donaldson ..... Romeo  
    Albert E. Newman ..... Romeo  
    Francis A. Castellucci ..... Romeo

### CHESTERFIELD

Supervisor—Adolph Veryser .... R. 3, Mt. Clemens  
Clerk—Leo Blakely ..... R. 1, New Baltimore  
Treasurer—Carl A. Brandenburg .....  
  R. 3, Mt. Clemens  
Justices of the Peace  
    Clarence W. Friday ..... R. 1, New Baltimore  
    George C. Haase ..... R. 3, Mt. Clemens  
    Joseph Weisenberger ..... R. 1, New Baltimore  
    Louis Thoel ..... R. 3, Mt. Clemens

### CLINTON

Supervisor—Paul Stepnitz ..... R. 1, Mt. Clemens  
Clerk—Elmore Lester ..... R. 7, Mt. Clemens  
Treasurer—Arthur C. Lertz .... R. 1, Mt. Clemens  
Justices of the Peace  
    Hugo Nieman ..... R. 1, Mt. Clemens

## CLINTON (Cont.)

Earl Buss ..... Fraser  
John A. Schrade ..... R. 1, Mt. Clemens  
Kenneth N. Sanborn ..... R. 7, Mt. Clemens

### ERIN

Supervisor—Frank Biehl ..... Roseville  
Clerk—Darius Kennedy ..... Roseville  
Treasurer—Joseph E. Riesterer ..... Roseville  
Justices of the Peace  
Roy F. Diesing ..... Roseville  
Walker F. Thornton ..... Roseville  
Woldemar H. Nikkel ..... Roseville  
John T. Bowman ..... Roseville

### HARRISON

Supervisor—Floyd W. Rosso .....  
R. 6, Box 660, Mt. Clemens  
Clerk—Ralph Beaufait ..... R. 3, Mt. Clemens  
Treasurer—William Tegeder ..... R. 4, Mt. Clemens  
Justices of the Peace  
Frank Lawson ..... R. 4, Mt. Clemens  
Carl H. Jobse ..... R. 3, Mt. Clemens  
Emil Beuschlein ..... R. 6, Mt. Clemens  
Lew D. Ackerman ..... R. 4, Mt. Clemens

### LAKE

Supervisor—Theodore A. McGraw .....  
St. Clair Shores  
Clerk—Thomas E. Loughlin ..... St. Clair Shores  
Treasurer—Arthur W. Fauser ..... St. Clair Shores  
Justices of the Peace  
Mary Alice Fauser ..... St. Clair Shores  
Ethel Loughlin ..... St. Clair Shores

### LENOX

Supervisor—Frank Lemmon ..... New Haven  
Clerk—G. A. Schultz ..... Lenox

## LENOX (Cont.)

Treasurer—Ed. F. Beier ..... Lenox  
Justices of the Peace  
William Schultz ..... Richmond  
Leroy Liebzeit ..... New Haven  
Chris Schulz ..... New Haven  
Wm. J. Webb ..... Richmond

### MACOMB

Supervisor—Paul Bock ..... R. 2, Mt. Clemens  
Clerk—Edgar Beyerlein ..... R. 2, Mt. Clemens  
Treasurer—Theodore Leyer ..... R. 1, Utica  
Justices of the Peace  
Clarence Stier ..... R. 1, Utica  
Norman Marcatch ..... R. 2, Mt. Clemens  
John F. Miller ..... R. 2, Mt. Clemens  
Arthur Kleino ..... R. 2, Mt. Clemens

### RAY

Supervisor—J. Nellis Clark ..... Romeo  
Clerk—Fred L. Diener ..... Washington  
Treasurer—Harrit Smith ..... Romeo  
Justices of the Peace  
Orville Tewksbury ..... R. 1, Washington  
Albert Steinbrink ..... New Haven  
John Grader ..... Washington  
George Whiting ..... Washington

### RICHMOND

Supervisor—Omar C. Henderson ..... Memphis  
Clerk—Frank C. Puls ..... Richmond  
Treasurer—John T. Joseph ..... Richmond  
Justices of the Peace  
Harold N. Weller ..... Richmond  
A. J. Pearsall ..... Memphis  
Paul Russ ..... Richmond  
Vern B. McConnell ..... Memphis

## SHELBY

Supervisor—Fred LaGodna ..... R. 3, Utica  
Clerk—Chester A. Yenny ..... R. 3, Utica  
Treasurer—D. G. Helfrich ..... Rochester  
Justices of the Peace—  
J. Gordon Rankin ..... R. 3, Utica  
Julius C. Kirschbaum ..... R. 3, Utica  
Wm. Frase ..... R. 3, Utica  
Harold Huemiller ..... R. 3, Utica

## STERLING

Supervisor—Arthur Priehs ..... Fraser  
Clerk—John Wright ..... Utica  
Treasurer—Otto Maas ..... Utica  
Justices of the Peace—  
Henry Malburg ..... R. 1, Utica  
Thos. J. Shereda ..... R. 2, Utica  
Louis Schoenherr ..... Fraser  
Aelred Murphy ..... Fraser

## WARREN

Supervisor—Arthur J. Miller ..... Baseline  
Clerk—Hildegard M. Lowe ..... Van Dyke  
Treasurer—William A. Shaw ..... Van Dyke  
Justice of the Peace—  
Frank Zagaiki ..... Van Dyke  
Trustees—  
Earl Kennedy ..... Van Dyke  
Jack Dunn ..... Center Line  
John Kelsey ..... Baseline  
James Ryan ..... Van Dyke

## WASHINGTON

Supervisor—Grover J. Powell ..... Washington  
Clerk—R. Eugene Inwood ..... Romeo  
Treasurer—Wm. M. Oming ..... Romeo  
Justices of the Peace—  
Vernon J. Hosner ..... Romeo  
P. G. Horler ..... Romeo  
Cassius W. Thorington ..... Romeo  
Roy H. Bauer ..... Romeo

## VILLAGE OFFICERS

### ARMADA

President ..... W. J. Campbell  
Clerk ..... Raymond Schnell  
Treasurer ..... Carl Plauman

### FRASER

President ..... Walter A. Miller  
Clerk ..... Richard E. Nicolai  
Treasurer ..... G. Roland Stumpf

### MEMPHIS

President ..... Harry L. Ganger  
Clerk ..... A. J. Pearsall  
Treasurer ..... Harold Fries

### NEW HAVEN

President ..... Walter W. Willert  
Clerk ..... A. J. Bennett  
Treasurer ..... Helen Adelaide Bates

### RICHMOND

President ..... Frank Puls  
Clerk ..... Karl N. Hirt  
Treasurer ..... Grace Ferguson

### ROMEO

President ..... Geo. W. Bradley  
Clerk ..... Conrad Turrell  
Treasurer ..... Grace McKay

### ROSEVILLE

President ..... Frank Biehl  
Clerk ..... Howard S. Cochran  
Treasurer ..... August H. Peters

### WARREN

President ..... N. D. Eckstein  
Clerk ..... Merton A. Lyons  
Treasurer ..... Raymond Lutz

# History of Macomb County

By Desmond A. Arnsby

The Daily Monitor-Leader, Mount Clemens

The grim visages of Indians, and the rugged features of hardy pioneers gazing down in stony calm from the pinnacles of a million dollar Macomb County Building, symbolize 170 years of recorded history in this rich rural and urban area.

Once the happy hunting and fishing grounds of the Pottowattamies, the Ottawas, the Wyandottes and the Chippewas — and often their skirmishing place with the earliest settlers — the County of Macomb now belongs to the titans and workers of industry, the chieftains and clerks of business and those who wrest nature's bounty from the soil.

Co-owners are the more than 184,000 people who call it home: old and new Americans who enjoy Macomb County's living, culture, education, and recreation.

But long before Indians, pioneers or moderns existed, Macomb County was a part of the basin of glacial lakes which were the fore-runners of the Great Lakes.

In this glacial period, the Mount Clemens of today was several hundred feet under water, possibly to a point halfway up the present County Building.

All but the northwest portion of Macomb County was a glacial lake, or a succession of gradually receding lakes that have left their record clear for geologists to read.

Romeo was the highest point of land. It doubtless emerged to face the silent, glacial

world uncounted thousands of years before such places as St. Clair Shores, Roseville, East Detroit and Center Line were uncovered.

The gradual disappearance of the glaciers left their imprint in deep grooves which, until flood and erosion of recent years practically obliterated them, could still be "read" by experts along the banks of the Clinton River and in other places.

On their slow, grinding ascent to the lower areas that are now our lakes, these icy masses gouged out the clays of the glacial drifts, leaving still-evident ridges whose names have been applied to roads and landmarks.

They left for posterity a partly-flat and partly-undulating terrain, much of it clay on bed rock, surmounted by successive and deep deposits of gravel and sand formations. The West Utica area is a typical example of such deposits.

As the glacial water runoff increased, the varying stages of the level of the lake (St. Clair) left a series of beaches which have been catalogued by geologists.

The earliest discovered lake levels, characterized by distinct stages of gravel, coarse sand and fine sand, and extending well out from the lakeshore, were those of Lakes Whittlessey and Warren. Later, and closer to the present shoreline, were Lakes Elkton and Algonquin.

These latter lakes receded at Mount Clemens between the river and the lake to the east.

Lake Elkton left its beach marks along the east side of Gratiot avenue in Mount Clemens -- a sharp incline still evident from Gratiot to the river banks.

Lake Algonquin's ancient sands may be found in Harrison and Clinton Townships, east and south of Harper and Crocker avenues.

Today, only the geologists can interpret this

primeval story in the places civilization has left undisturbed by bulldozers and uncovered by concrete.

For the purpose of the record it might be well to summarize the evolution of Macomb County from territorial days to the present:

When Wayne County was established as a county in Michigan Territory in 1815, it included all that part of Michigan to which the Indian title had been extinguished, including our present Macomb County. Prior to that time (in 1805), the territorial government had been organized in Detroit under Gen. William Hull, the first governor, and it was he whose signature in 1807 voided Indian land titles.

By proclamation of Gov. Lewis Cass, on Jan. 15, 1818, all land ceded to the United States by the several Indian tribes from Maumee to White Rock was formed into the County of Macomb (See Terr. Laws Vol 2, Page 796).

William Brown, Henry J. Hunt and Conrad V. Ten Eyck were named commissioners to ascertain the most eligible site for the seat of justice. On March 11, 1818, they designated Mount Clemens, then on the Huron River, as the county seat. (Terr. Laws Vol. 3, Page 24)

On May 4, 1818, \$400 was appropriated by the territorial legislature to aid in the erection of a courthouse and jail, which like other structures in the settlement, was a log building. (Terr. Laws, Vol. 2, Page 129)

Macomb County was the third county organized in Michigan: Wayne being organized in 1796 and Monroe in 1817.

Contradicting nature's routines, Macomb County started life as a veritable giant.

In 1818, at the time of its organization, Macomb County occupied the space now taken by the whole of Livingstone, Oakland, St. Clair and

Lapeer Counties (and of course, the whole of Macomb) and most of Sanilac, Shiawassee, Genesee and Ingham Counties, and small part of Huron, Tuscola and Saginaw Counties, as we know them today.

By an executive proclamation made April 8, 1818, a month after the county seat was established, Gov. Cass divided this huge "county" into two townships. (Terr. Laws Vol. 2, Page 797)

All of Macomb County which lay north of a line drawn due west from the mouth of Swan Creek was called St. Clair Township, and the land south of this line was called Huron Township.

On Aug. 12, 1818, the Township of Harrison was formed from territory within the Township of Huron (Terr. Laws Vol. 2, Page 797), the new Harrison area being roughly the space, size and location of what we now call Macomb County. (It might be said that Macomb was first called Harrison.)

It was on Jan. 12, 1819 that the tremendous area of Macomb County was first lessened by the laying out of Oakland County. This was proclaimed in 1819, but did not take effect until Jan. 1, 1823. (Terr. Laws Vol. 2, Page 798-9)

Perry Township was organized also on Jan. 12, 1819 (same reference) out of the Lapeer-Genesee area of Macomb. On March 28, 1820, St. Clair County was formed (Terr. Laws Vol. 2, Page 200) and with this subtraction from the once huge territory, Macomb County was reduced to the smallest extent in its history.

Two years later Sept. 10, 1822, Gov. Cass by proclamation re-established the boundaries of Macomb County, adding small amounts of territory at various points.

On July 17, 1824, the name of the Huron River was changed to the Clinton and in the same year, Huron Township, occupying extensively the district now often called "South Macomb" was changed to Clinton Township.

On April 12, 1827, a Legislative Act was passed dividing Macomb County into five townships: Harrison, Clinton, Shelby, Washington and Ray. (Terr. Laws Vol. 2, Pages 478-9)

In 1832 Ray Township was greatly enlarged to the east, embracing an area later to become Macomb, Richmond and Lenox Townships — the section covered by the latter three (prior to 1832) being part of St. Clair County.

On March 9, 1833, the northern half of Washington Township was formed into a new township named Bruce. (Terr. Laws Vol 3, Page 983)

On April 22, 1833, the northern part of Ray Township was formed into Armada Township, or "Armadia" as most of the early map-makers and writers termed it. (Terr. Laws Vol. 3, Page 1, 124).

On March 1, 1834, Macomb Township was organized out of part of Clinton and Harrison. Ray Township was enlarged from its base line eastward to lop off the entire upper part of Harrison Township (which took in all of what is now Lenox Township). (Terr. Laws Vol. 3 Page 1, 275).

On March 11, 1835, the lower part of Shelby Township was formed into a new Township called Jefferson, where Sterling Township lies today. (Terr. Laws Vol 3, Page 1, 368).

By an act passed March 11, 1837, Hickory and Orange Townships were formed in the lower section of Clinton Township, which until Jefferson was formed was actually the original "South Macomb." (Laws of Michigan, 1837, Page 41).

The Township of Lenox was formed from the

east part of Ray Township on March 20, 1837. (Laws of Michigan 1837, Page 140).

The village of Mount Clemens enjoyed the vague distinction of being incorporated twice. The first time, March 13, 1837 (Laws of Michigan, 1837, Page 61), was considered effective until some years later legal error was discovered in the proceedings. The community was then properly incorporated on April 4, 1851.

On March 6, 1838 legislative acts created the Township of Richmond from the east portion of Armada Township, and also changed the name of Jefferson to Sterling Township. (Laws of Michigan, 1838; Pages 78 and 83).

An act of April 2, 1838, removed some territory from Orange (Erin & Lake) and added it to Hickory (Warren Township), and also changed the name of Hickory to Aba Township. (Laws of Michigan, 1837-8, Page 158).

In 1840 came the historic debate in the Legislature concerning the rivalry of Romeo for Mount Clemens' county seat; a move that left the situation unchanged. Utica also contended for the county seat. It was also in 1840, following the debates, that a new courthouse was voted for Mount Clemens to replace the log structure which formerly existed. (The county seat dispute continued intermittently up to 1879).

By an act approved March 26, 1839, the name Aba Township (only one year old) was changed to Warren. And on Feb. 26, 1842, Macomb Township was divided into two equal parts to form Macomb and Chesterfield Townships.

In 1842, Section 36 was taken from Warren Township and added to Orange Township. On March 9, 1843 (Laws of Michigan, 1843, Page 198), the name of Orange was changed to Erin — a defiant gesture demanded by South of Ireland settlers.

The last remaining straightening of township lines took place under authority of Act. 172, 1865, when Section 36 was detached from Erin and restored to Warren Township.

Thus — with the subsequent establishment of prospering villages and cities — we attain the Macomb County of today: 15 townships, six villages, six cities and a dozen well-populated hamlets which are villages and cities in the making.

In the latter connection, the Village of Roseville, with close to 16,000 population within its corporate limits, is a typical example. Village officials predict it will become a city before 1954.

The newest incorporation, that of St. Clair Shores during January, 1951, represents a thriving lakeshore city of almost 20,000 people where the original French hunters, fishermen and trappers established some 175 years ago.

But mere history as recorded in legislative acts is actually far from the true picture of Macomb County's historic past.

Even though the termination of the revolutionary war in 1783 established the English-American boundary line on the lake channel, English control continued in this area until 1796.

At that time, under Jay's Treaty, Detroit and other outposts south and west of the lakes were formally surrendered to the American forces. So actually, it was 1796 before Macomb County became part of the United States.

It was about 1796 that there was projected into this half-Indian, half-French settlement on the Huron River the energy and civic-mindedness of a man, Christian Clemens — whose name is perpetuated in the county seat. A Detroitier, he undertook a surveying trip for Gov. Cass, and sizing up the slightly elevated townsite that is now a city, he later purchased large

private claims and called the settlement Mount Clemens. He built the first house on the westerly side of what is today North Broadway.

From 1818 to 1826 Macomb County was governed by a board of commissioners. The Board of Supervisors did not come into existence until 1827. In 1837 the county returned to the commission system, but by 1842 it had again reverted to a supervisors government.

The amount of governmental and legislative transactions covered by supervisors in those days may be gauged from the fact that the entire county proceedings from 1827 to 1837 required a book of only 55 pages written in longhand. (The minutes of one average meeting today, if written in longhand, would require this space.)

Meetings of the county board since the beginning have always been at the county seat in Mount Clemens; from log cabin to million-dollar County Building.

Mount Clemens underwent a vigorous stimulus in the middle 1830's (but one that bogged down in a state financial panic in the 1840's). The success of the Erie Canal; launching of the ill-fated Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal, and heavy Eastern settlement all contributed to put Mount Clemens on its economic feet. The community was platted and developed, with small businesses and industries being established in the downtown area as we know it.

In the 1850's attempts were made by local promoters to find oil in the black, ill-smelling waters that were often found by well-diggers. But the oil promotions failed. Frequently the flow was densely impregnated with salt, so promoters changed their plans and by evaporating the waters met with fair success in producing a low-grade salt.

The story has been told and re-told of an



old, rheumatic horse, unfit for work, that wandered under one of the dripping, elevated salt tanks used in the process. The animal allowed the mineral water to saturate its hide, even rolled in the muddy puddles on the ground.

Within a short time, old settlers recall, the nag was galloping around with a new lease on life.

Heal-seeking residents timidly tried bathing in the waters, with excellent results. In 1875 a small bathhouse was built, and the rest of the story is history — a million-dollar industry that attracts patrons from every state and country.

About the same time as the mineral bath industry got under way to a humble start, the floral industry came into being, largely through the Breitmeyer family. Today, its valuation is in the millions of dollars, and a half-dozen greenhouses annually produce blooms in the tens of millions for shipment throughout the United States.

The heavier industries play a major role in Mount Clemens productivity: the long-established Mount Clemens Pottery, Ironrite Ironer, Inc., and the Electromaster Division of Philco are the "Big Three" of a thriving family of manufacturing concerns.

But no record should be closed without particular mention of the growing might of South Macomb as an industrial giant, particularly Warren Township, once known by the rustic name of "Hickory." Warren Township's industry now flourishing, reached its proudest height during World War II when it was termed "The Heart of the Arsenal of Democracy."

Two fully-equipped war plants estimated in value at \$100,000,000 each were the major establishments, surrounded by a diadem of lesser, but no less vigorous factories. They produced a

tremendous share of the weapons of war, and today practically all are forging the plowshares of peace, but ready, at an instant's notice, to speed arms and armaments to wherever America might need them.

Warren Township's original settlement of war plants has now broadened to a diversity of automotive and industrial factories which represent the hub of Detroit's production might.

Factory, store and residential expansion in South Macomb sent building permits to an all-time high of \$38,000,000 in 1950, and the growth continues. Large tracts of land are at a premium. One immense new factory is currently being constructed on Van Dyke north of Utica.

The "Hickory Township" of 1838, now Warren Township, today has an assessed valuation above \$70,000,000.

The establishment of Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, as the home of the First Pursuit Group of the Army Air Corps in 1917 was the beginning of a modern-day U.S. Air Force establishment second to none in strategic importance. It is now the nation's leading military center for jet-propelled fighter planes, and its widespread installations are valued in the tens of millions of dollars. It is a vital key in Uncle Sam's tactical fighter defense against inter-continental attack. Between 3,000 and 4,000 military personnel are covered by its annual \$15,000,000 payroll, most of which is spent within 10 miles of the base.

Today, thanks to a well-balanced combination of all factors in the urban-rural economy of Macomb County, there has developed a prosperous territory with an official 1950 census population of more than 184,000; an area growing daily with great expectations.

Its valuation is more than \$210,000,000. Its total annual county budget is in excess of \$1,000,-

000. Its governmental and administrative functions are largely centered in a pretentious Macomb County Building, fully paid for, which today would cost far in excess of a million dollars to construct.

In the latter connection, three other current public projects are viewed with pride by Macomb County:

(1) The Martha T. Berry Memorial Hospital for indigents, a fully-modern, 100-bed structure, was opened in 1950. It is the state's most modern convalescent hospital. Built and equipped at a cost of approximately \$750,000 it was fully paid for on its completion date.

(2) The long-planned Clinton River Spillway, at Mount Clemens, is due to be opened this summer (1951). The canal, 200 feet wide and with a mean depth of 23 feet, will carry high river water  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles eastward to the lake at a maximum of 11,000 cubic feet per second. U.S. Engineers are convinced the approximately \$2,000,000 federal-aid project is the solution to the disastrous floods of several decades.

(3) In a once-useless, marshy area of Harrison Township, near Huron Pointe, the five-county Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority has constructed for public use a multi-million-dollar lakeshore development, the St. Clair Metropolitan Beach. It is a 550-acre landscaped area complete with modern buildings but with nature's beauty undisturbed. Its curving, sandy beach is 6,000 feet long and 550 feet deep, the mammoth enterprise can provide recreation for 60,000 persons daily.

Progress constantly has spurred on both the governing bodies and the people of Macomb County, with improvement following improvement despite changing economic conditions. (The majestic County Building was conceived and

completed in the throes of a major depression.)

Macomb County's land area, 481,000 square miles, is the home of 184,561 persons, according to the 1950 U.S. Decennial Census. The county's population growth of 71 per cent since 1940 (107,638) is the largest of any county in Michigan. Its only rivals are within its own boundaries:

The City of East Detroit grew 149 per cent in ten years from 8,584 to 21,273; Center Line 139 percent from 3,198 to 7,643; Shelby Township 101 per cent from 2,946 to 5,928; Warren Township 94 per cent from 21,544 to 41,793; St. Clair Shores 90 per cent from 10,405 to 19,785; Chesterfield Township 86 per cent from 2,004 to 3,723 and the Village of Fraser 83 per cent from 747 to 1,369.

Ample room for future expansion is assured by Macomb County's population density ratio of 383 people per square mile, as compared to Wayne County's 3,988 and Oakland's 449 in the same area.

Volumes could be written of the great wave of progress sweeping across the countryside where once the Wyandottes and the Chippewas camped, and to which came the French pioneers and the Eastern settlers to carve homes from the wilderness.

Possibly this brief sketch, which scarcely raises the dust from history's rich records, will inspire further research by those to whom Macomb County is home.

—D.A.

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

### COUNTY OFFICES

Addressograph Department .....	5732
Assignment Clerk .....	5841
Bureau of Social Aid .....	9781
Building Engineer .....	5521
Circuit Court Commissioners	
J. Russell LaBarge .....	PRescott 7-0202
Wm. Nunneley .....	6371
Circuit Judges	
Alton H. Noe .....	6821
James E. Spier .....	5622
Civil Counsel .....	3-0543
Court Officers	
Edw. J. Harder .....	5622
Clarence Shirey .....	6821
Court Reporters	
Bertha Daubendick .....	6821
Lorraine Nicholson .....	5622
Coroners	
Milford J. Jones .....	SLocum 7-0565
Clifford H. Read .....	PRescott 5-2200
County Juvenile Agent .....	3-1589
County Agricultural Agent .....	3-1539
County Clerk .....	5791
County Controller .....	6381
County Dog Warden .....	New Haven 9-9172
County Farm .....	3-4541
County Health Department .....	3-1559
County Infirmary .....	3-4541
County Librarian .....	3-2335
County Sanitary Engineer .....	3-1559
County School Commissioner .....	6921
County Supt. of Nursing .....	3-1559
County Treasurer .....	3-0591
Drain Commissioner .....	4539
Drivers' License Bureau .....	No Phone

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Friend of Court .....	5901
Juvenile Registrar .....	3-1580
Martha T. Berry Hospital .....	3-4541
Probate Judge .....	3-0579
Probation Officer .....	3-0462
Probate Registrar .....	3-0579
Prosecuting Attorney .....	3-0565,6,7
Register of Deeds .....	6961
Road Commission .....	4531
Sheriff's Office .....	4516
Social Welfare Department .....	4574
Veterans' Counsel .....	3-0852

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City of Center Line	
Clerk's Office .....	SLocum 7-2990
City of East Detroit	
Clerk's Office .....	PRescott 5-7800
City of Mount Clemens	
Mayor .....	5681
Assessor .....	3-0478
Clerk .....	5681
Treasurer .....	6881
Water Department .....	5801
City of New Baltimore	
Clerk's Office .....	New Baltimore 2-2515
City of St. Clair Shores	
Clerk's Office .....	PRescott 6-7900
City of Utica	
Clerk's Office .....	UTica 3922

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Armada Township	
Supervisor .....	ARMada 5586
Clerk .....	ARMada 3211
Bruce Township	
Supervisor .....	ROmeo 2742
Clerk .....	ROmeo 3565

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 Supervisor ..... Mt. Clemens 7670  
 Clerk ..... Mt. Clemens 7716

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 Supervisor ..... Mt. Clemens 3-2780  
 Clerk ..... Mt. Clemens 3-0258

Erin Township  
 Supervisor ..... PRescott 7-1328  
 Clerk ..... PRescott 7-1331

Harrison Township  
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 Clerk ..... Mt. Clemens 9495

Lake Township  
 Supervisor ..... TUXedo 1-6565  
 Clerk ..... TUXedo 1-6565

Lenox Township  
 Supervisor ..... New Haven 9-5834  
 Clerk ..... Richmond 123-R-3

Macomb Township  
 Supervisor ..... Washington 4402  
 Clerk ..... Washington 2771

Ray Township  
 Supervisor ..... Romeo 3448  
 Clerk ..... Romeo 2405

Richmond Township  
 Supervisor ..... Memphis 38-F-41  
 Clerk ..... Richmond 285

Shelby Township  
 Supervisor ..... Utica 7-2083  
 Clerk ..... Utica 7-3807

Sterling Township  
 Supervisor ..... Warren 2324  
 Clerk ..... Utica 3083

Warren Township  
 Supervisor ..... SLocum 7-3037  
 Clerk ..... SLocum 7-5100

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 Supervisor ..... Washington 4231  
 Clerk ..... Romeo 3394

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 President ..... Armada 2431  
 Clerk ..... Armada 3211

Fraser Village  
 President ..... PRescott 6-2794  
 Clerk ..... PRescott 6-6420

Memphis Village  
 President ..... No Phone  
 Clerk ..... Memphis 19-R-3

New Haven Village  
 President ..... New Haven 9-5304  
 Clerk ..... New Haven 9-5153

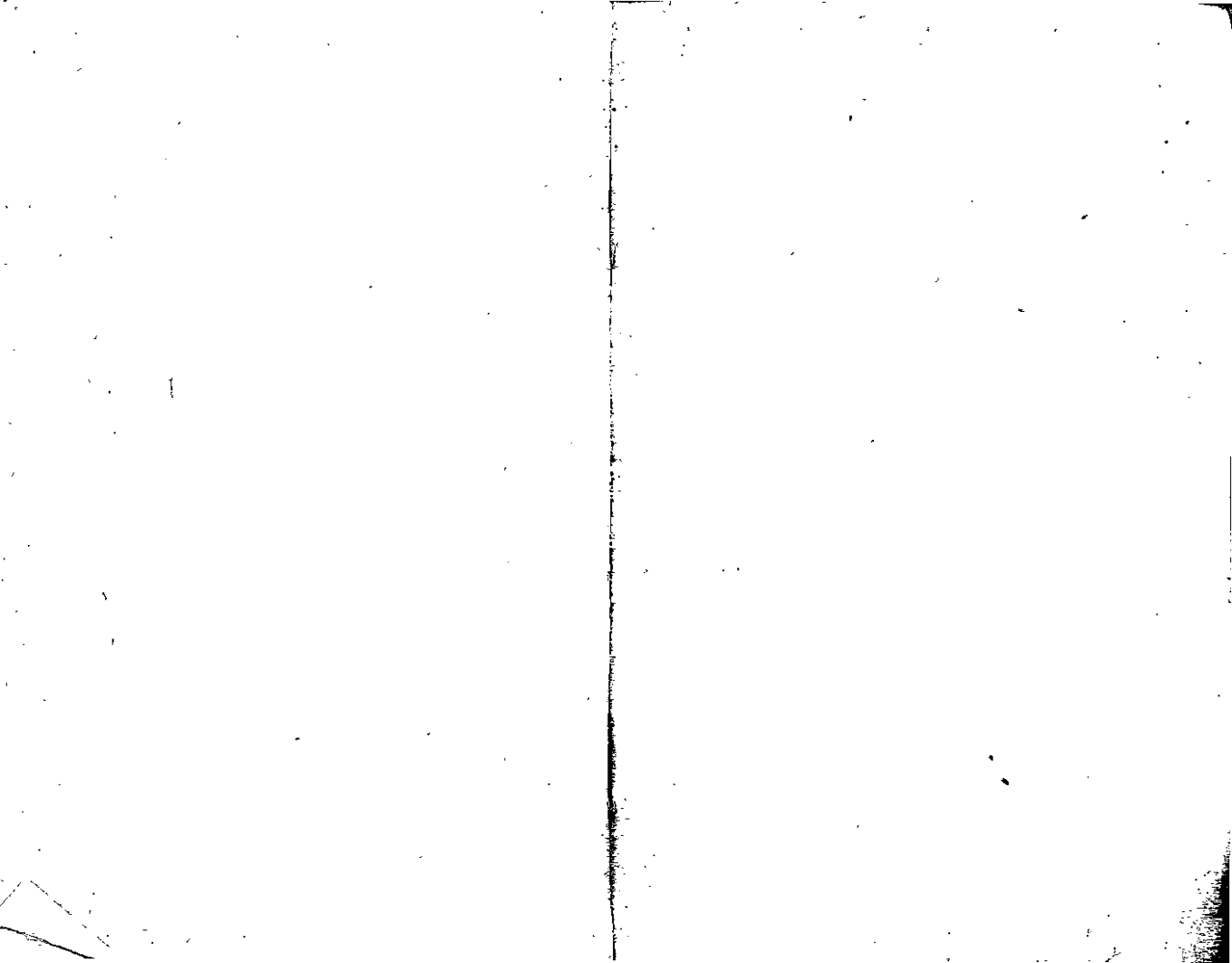
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 President ..... Richmond 285  
 Clerk ..... Richmond 125-R-2

Romeo Village  
 President ..... Romeo 2849  
 Clerk ..... Romeo 2955

Roseville Village  
 President ..... PRescott 5-2000  
 Clerk ..... PRescott 5-2000

Warren Village  
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 Clerk ..... Warren 3631

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Were half the power that fills the world  
with terror,

Were half the wealth bestowed on camps  
and courts,

Given to redeem the human mind from  
error,

There were no need of arsenals or  
forts.

(Longfellow)