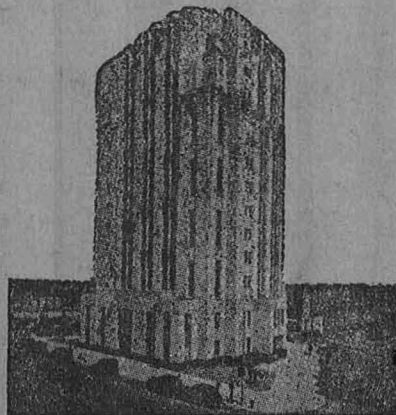


**OFFICIAL
DIRECTORY**

1953 - 1954



**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 service.

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

ALBERT A. WAGNER
County Clerk

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

of

County of Macomb

1953 - 1954

Mount Clemens, Michigan
County Seat

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County Clerk

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Owen J. Cleary Lansing

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Frank G. Millard Lansing

STATE TREASURER

D. Hale Brake Lansing

AUDITOR GENERAL

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Charles M. Ziegler Lansing

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STATE SENATOR, Eleventh Dist.

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Second District

William Romano Van Dyke

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16th Judicial Circuit

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James E. Spier Circuit Judge
Albert A. Wagner Clerk of Circuit Court
Dorothy Rosso Chief Deputy Clerk
Elmore E. Lester Assignment Clerk
Betty Cron Court Clerk
Catherine Irwin Court Clerk
Fred Nicholson Prosecuting Attorney
Wendell Lichtenfelt Chief Ass's Prosecutor
Wilfred A. Dupries .. Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
Robt. G. Edmondson Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
Bruce L. Monks Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
William V. Wendt 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 Raymond G. Markle, D.O.
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.
Asst. Probation Officer Harry L. Haller
County Health Director....Oscar D. Stryker, M.D.
County Sanitary Engineer Merlin A. Damon
Co. Supervisor of Nursing.....Marie Presley, R.N.
County Agent Martin H. Walkenhorst
Co. Agriculture Agent Wm. Murphy
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Milton Sicklesteel
John Yoe
City of Utica Howard Crissman
Robert Havel

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CHAIRMAN—Floyd W. Rosso
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CLERK—Albert A. Wagner
ATTORNEY—Paul Hirt
AGRICULTURE—Lemmon, Henderson, Powell,
LaGodna, Priehs, Toles, Schoenherr, Bock,
Clark, Crissman
APPORTIONMENT—Kalahar, Henderson, Step-
nitz, Bock, Lindsey, Leidecker, Wilke, Boven-
schen, Havel
APPROPRIATIONS—Clark, Dodge, LaGodna,
Priehs, Bock, Lindsey, Leidecker, Wilkie,
Bovenschen, Havel
BUDGET—Powell, Stepnitz, Lemmon, Hill,
Hogue, Miller, Biehl, Beaubien, Lundy,
Sicklesteel
BUILDING—Henderson, Biehl, LaGodna, Lem-
mon, Shorkey, Hogue, Weymouth, Lundy,
Mulligan, Crissman, Bovenschen
DOG—Priehs, Stepnitz, Shorkey, Weymouth,
Toles, Bock, Bailey, Clark, Wilkie, Mulligan.
DRAIN—Schoenherr, Henderson, Biehl, Beau-
bien, Miller, Bailey, Mulligan, McCollom,
Bovenschen

COMMITTEES (Cont.)

EQUALIZATION—Lindsey, Powell, Hill, Beaubien, Biehl, Lemmon, Miller, Lingemann, Lundy, Havel

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

INDUSTRIAL & PUBLIC RELATIONS—Kalaha, Lemmon, Neale, Shorkey, Hogue, Miller, Crissman, Dodge, Rausch

LEGISLATION—Weymouth, Neale, Hill, LaGodna, Biehl, Powell, Schoenherr, Hogue, Yoe, Girard

REJECTED TAX—Stepnitz, Priehs, Henderson, Hogue, Lundy, Leidecker, Sicklesteel, Havel

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

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

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

SHERIFF—Hogue, Hill, Henderson, Schoenherr, Toles, Miller, Oehmke, Crissman, Dodge, Bovenschen, Girard

TOWNSHIP TAX—LaGodna, Powell, Priehs, Henderson, Bock, Shorkey, Wilke, McGraw, Bovenschen

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

TREASURER—Toles, Powell, Priehs, Biehl, Kalaha, Hogue, Bailey, Leidecker, McCollum, Havel

JUDICIARY—Hill, Neale, Toles, Kalaha, Weymouth, Clark, Yoe, Girard

DEFENSE—Lindsey, Kalaha, Miller, Lingemann, Sisklesteel, Rausch

COMMITTEES (Cont.)

REGISTER OF DEEDS—Lingemann, Oehmke, Clark, Bailey

CO-ORDINATING ZONING—Miller, Powell, Lindsey

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS—Beaubien

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

MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS

Harold Donaldson	Mt. Clemens
Louis Luchman	Washington
Leslie Baumgartner	Roseville
Albert A. Wagner	Mt. Clemens

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SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION

Edw. J. Gallagher	Chairman
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ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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Albert A. Wagner	County Clerk

PLAT BOARD

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Lynn Whalen County Treasurer
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Frank Lohr Drain Commissioner

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Calvin Godley Van Dyke
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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
Merlin A. Damon Sanitary Engineer
Marie Presley, R.N. Supervisor of Nursing
Howard Rosso Business Mgr.

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Grover J. Powell Washington
William Strich Van Dyke
Lyle Rosso Mt. Clemens

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Sgt. James VanLandegend, Michigan State Police
Albert A. Wagner, County Clerk

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Allen Rush Romeo
Glenn Peters Mt. Clemens
Fred MacArthur Mt. Clemens

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Paul Cousino Warren
Omar Henderson Memphis
Marjorie Montgomery Armada
Harold LeFevre East Detroit

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Harry Cahill Mt. Clemens
Guy L. Brown Mt. Clemens
Floyd W. Rosso Mt. Clemens
Frank Biehl Roseville
Grover Powell Washington

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Roy Connor Chairman
Karl O. Brink Engineer
Wm. Malow Commissioner
Alfred Foerster Commissioner
Thomas A. Babcock Secretary

COUNTY EVALUATION

1950 - \$186,161,488.00
1951 - \$210,772,713.00
1952 - \$287,558,286.00

**OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
MOUNT CLEMENS**

1953-1954

Mayor Dr. Philip T. Mulligan
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Safety Lawrence Oehmke
Commissioner of Water Works
and Sewers Spencer Fenton
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Director Harold Lindsey
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Plumbing Inspector Joseph H. Miller
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Byron Stuck
John Schelling
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Constable Mrs. Kathryn Miller
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1953-1954

Mayor James E. Anderson
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City Clerk Charles H. Beaubien
City Treasurer Esley J. Rausch
City Assessor Charles H. Beaubien
City Attorney Carl Weymouth
Police Chief Lyman Eckhardt
Public Works Supt. Charles Paternoster
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Plumbing Inspector Ralph Ureel
Building Inspector Paul F. Linenger
Health Office Dr. Oscar Stryker
Fire Chief August Zado
Constable Henry C. Hauss
Constable Rudolph Hauss
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Justice of the Peace Harold Heins
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Carl Weymouth
Esley J. Rausch
Bert Leidecker
Joseph Girard
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Beulah Kantner
George S. Stone Sr.
Joseph Wendt

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 Paul J. Elwart
 Wm. A. Sante
 Clerk Wm. Steinhaus
 Treasurer Wm. Steinhaus
 Assessor Wilbert F. Lundy
 Supervisors Wilbert F. Lundy
 Alex M. Schoenherr
 Ewald Wilke
 B. A. Kalahar
 Police Chief Dennis R. Frazier
 Fire Chief Nelson Bruechert
 Justice Raymond R. Grubba
 Recreation Director Tom Pounder
 Supt. of DPW & Water Dept. Wm. Steinhaus

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 City Assessor Frank J. Smith
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 Chief of Police Lloyd A. Rivard
 Water Commissioner Karl Schwanbeck
 City Attorney Kenneth Hill
 Filtration Operator Karl Schwanbeck

NEW BALTIMORE (Cont.)

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 Justice of the Peace Howard M. Clapp
 Justice of the Peace John Marsh
 Constable William Locke
 Councilmen Carl Berk
 Charles Ackley
 Leo Niebauer
 Herman Staffhorst
 Vernor Allard
 Earl Clowes

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

1953-1954

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 J. Gerald Wetzel
 Yale McIntyre
 Frank R. Maison
 Douglas Taylor
 Milton E. Sicklesteel
 City Manager J. D. Baughman
 City Clerk Donald J. Harm
 City Assessor Adrian A. Lingemann
 City Attorney John H. Yoe
 City Engineer George Koopman
 Police Chief Harvey E. Champine
 Fire Chief Phillip A. Eckhout
 D.P.W. Superintendent Edward Kurtzhals

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 Treasurer Dora M. Hahn
 Assessor Robert C. Havel
 Supervisors Howard G. Crissman
 Robert C. Havel
 Justice of the Peace E. Jim McClellan
 Chief of Police Hazen S. Anderson
 Fire Chief Edward Stadler
 Health Officer D. Bruce Wiley M.D.
 City Attorney George F. Roberts
 City Planning Chairman Dr. Lee R. Edmonds
 Waterworks and Sewer Supt. Frank Gibbing
 Street Commissioner Verle Buckley
 City Commission Members Donald R. Havel
 Dr. Lee R. Edmonds
 Herman Bohlman
 Walter A. Kiekbusch
 George Albrecht
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 Clerk—Raymond O. Schnell Armada
 Treasurer—Carl Plauman Armada
 Justices of the Peace
 Orvy Hulett, Sr. Armada
 Edmund Durst Armada
 Wm. M. Rice Armada

BRUCE

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

CHESTERFIELD

Supervisor—Keith Bouenschen
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 Clerk—Leo Blakely R. 1, New Baltimore
 Treasurer—Carl A. Brandenburg
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 Justices of the Peace
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 George C. Haase R. 3, Mt. Clemens
 Ray H. Callens Mt. Clemens

CLINTON

Supervisor—Paul Stepnitz R. 1, Mt. Clemens
 Clerk—Elmore Lester R. 7, Mt. Clemens
 Treasurer—Arthur C. Leitz R. 1, Mt. Clemens
 Justices of the Peace
 Earl Buss Fraser
 Kenneth N. Sanborn R. 7, Mt. Clemens
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ERIN

Supervisor—Frank Biehl Roseville
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HARRISON

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 R. 6, Box 660, Mt. Clemens
 Clerk—Ralph Beaufait R. 3, Mt. Clemens
 Treasurer—William Tegeder R. 4, Mt. Clemens
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LAKE

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 Clerk—Thomas E. Loughlin St. Clair Shores
 Treasurer—Arthur W. Fauser .. St. Clair Shores
 Justices of the Peace
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 Ethel Loughlin St. Clair Shores

LENOX

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 Clerk—G. A. Schultz Lenox
 Treasurer—Ed F. Beier Lenox
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LENOX (Cont.)

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MACOMB

Supervisor—Paul Bock R. 2, Mt. Clemens
 Clerk—Edgar Beyerlein R. 2, Mt. Clemens
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 Clerk—Fred L. Diener Washington
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 Treasurer—John T. Joseph Richmond
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 Clerk—Chester A. Yenny R. 3, Utica

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 Treasurer—William A. Shaw Van Dyke
 Justice of the Peace
 Frank Zagaiski Van Dyke
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 John Kelsey Baseline
 Louis Kelsey Baseline
 Frank Runey Center Line

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

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 Clerk Raymond Schnell
 Treasurer Carl Plauman

FRASER

President Edgar A. Beck
 Clerk Richard E. Nicolai
 Treasurer G. Roland Stumpf

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President Walter W. Willert
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 Treasurer Helen Adelaide Bates

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ROMEO

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 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 Buiding, 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 227,000 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 forerunners 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.

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 Livingston, 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, Pgae 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 "Armada" 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, eight 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 27,000 population within its corporate limits, is a typical example. Village officials predict it will become a city shortly.

The largest incorporation, that of St. Clair Shores during January, 1951, represents a thriving lakeshore city of almost 31,000 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. Detroit, 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.

There was only one exception to this record. During the early 1930's — the depression era — while the new County Building was under construction, the county board met for more than a year in the basement community room of the Mount Clemens Savings Bank.

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. Subsequently 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 rolling 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.

Health-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 Townships' 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 most of them 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 \$60,000,000 in 1952, and the growth continues. Large tracts of land are at a premium.

In recent years so many production plants, large and small, have been erected in the Warren Township area that a complete list would be too lengthy for inclusion in this narrative. Some of these structures cost tens of millions of dollars.

Late in the spring of 1953 General Motors announced that its \$100,000,000 science and engineering plant — the General Motors Center — at 12-Mile and Mound, Warren Township, would be augmented with an estimated \$40,000,000 addition, making it the world's foremost automotive engineering center.

The "Hickory Township" of 1838, now Warren Township, today has an assessed valuation above \$118,077,795.

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 establish-

ment 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 well-balanced combination of all factors in the urban-rural economy of Macomb County, there has developed a prosperous territory with a unofficial 1953 population of more than 227,437; an area growing daily with great expectations.

Its valuation is more than \$237,558,000. Its total annual county budget is in excess of \$1,869,-128. Its governmental and administrative functions are largely centered in the pretentious Macomb County Building, fully paid for, which today would cost far in excess of two 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 \$4,000,000 federal-aid Clinton River Spillway, running from Mount Clemens eastward to Lake St. Clair — for which the four-county district contributed \$1,063,000, is now a well-proven benefit.

From the fall of 1951 through 1952, U.S. engineers estimated that it had averted several major floods which would have wrought \$100,000 in damages.

The canal, adequately bridged where highways cross, is 200 feet wide, with a mean depth of 23 feet, and carries overflow water $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles to the lake at a maximum of 11,000 cubic feet per second. It has remained fully navigable and its now-attractive revetments eventually will be landscaped, possibly as parks.

(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 square miles, is the home of 227,437 persons, according to a June, 1953, scientific estimate made by The Daily Monitor-Leader from a Detroit Edison meter survey.

This survey showed that an overall gain of 42,476 (more than 22 per cent) was registered since the 1950 federal census count of 134,961. The latter was a 71 per cent increase over the 1940 figure of 107,638.

The survey showed that 62 per cent of the 1953 population resides within the South Macomb area. The figures: North Macomb 85,773 and South Macomb 141,664.

Warren Township's huge population in June

1953, stood at 45,813 as compared to 42,653 in 1950 — a gain of 3,160 or 7 per cent.

But the gains from 1950 to 1953 were larger elsewhere, as choice industrial and residential sites gradually became scarcer in Warren Township. Here are typical increases:

St. Clair Shores: 1950 - 19,823; June 1953 - (30,802); increase of 52 per cent.

Roseville: 1950 - 15,816; June 1953 - 26,902; increase of 73 per cent.

East Detroit: 1950 - 21,461; June 1953 - 24,779; increase of 14 per cent.

The pattern of increase in 1953 over 1950 was a general one, even including the more stable North Macomb communities. Utica gained 33 per cent; Armada 31 per cent; Fraser 22 per cent; Chesterfield Township 42 per cent, and similar gains in adjacent areas.

Ample room for future expansion is assured by Macomb County's population density ratio of 472 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.

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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)