

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

1949-1950



Macomb County, Michigan

COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE
and TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

Compiled and Arranged by

A. H. JIM HOFSTETTER

County Clerk

"Governments, like clocks, go from the motion men give them, and as governments are made and moved by men, so by them they are ruined also. Therefore, governments depend upon men rather than men upon governments."

COUNTY OF MACOMB
Officials of the
COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE
and TOWNSHIPS
1949 - 1950

MOUNT CLEMENS, MICH.
County Seat

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County Clerk

THE AMERICAN CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a Sovereign Nation of many Sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon these principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

WILLIAM TYLER PAGE

Clerk of the
House of Representatives—1917

THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands. One nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

STATE OFFICERS

GOVERNOR

G. Mennen Williams Lansing

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

John W. Connolly Lansing

SECRETARY OF STATE

Fred M. Alger, Jr. Lansing

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Stephen J. Roth Lansing

STATE TREASURER

D. Hale Brake Lansing

AUDITOR GENERAL

Murl K. Aten Lansing

SUPT. of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Lee M. Thurston Lansing

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Charles M. Ziegler Lansing

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Arthur H. Vandenberg Grand Rapids

Homer Ferguson Detroit

REPRESENTATIVE, Seventh Dist.

Jesse P. Wolcott Port Huron

STATE SENATOR, Eleventh Dist.

Bruce Clothier Lapeer

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
A. H. Jim Hofstetter Clerk of Circuit Court
Eunice L. Rose Chief Deputy County Clerk
Elmore E. Lester Assignment Clerk
Betty Cron Court Clerk
Fred Nicholson Prosecuting Attorney
Wendell Lichtenfelt Chief Ass't Prosecutor
Charles H. Earl Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
John Matthews Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
Mildred Vlaich Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
Paul S. Hirt Civil Council
Lorraine Nicholson County Stenographer
Bertha Daubendick Official Court Reporter
Harley Ensign Sheriff
Clarence Shirey Court Officer
Edward Schoenherr 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 A. H. Jim Hofstetter
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 Howard V. Groesbeck, Jr.
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 Register John H. Ahrens
County Librarian Dorothy Hiatt
Friend of the Court Marybelle Baker

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COMMITTEES FOR 1949-1950

LEGISLATIVE—Neale, Hill, Weymouth, LaGodna, Biehl, Powell, Schoenherr, Hogue, Rettmiller, Visnaw.

REJECTED TAXES—Stepnitz, Priehs, Hill, O. Henderson, Miller, Hogue, Large, Leonard.

RESOLUTIONS—Neale, Hill, Kalahar, Powell, Wangelin, Veryser, Stepnitz, Rettmiller, Weymouth.

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

RADIO—Wagner, Beaubien, Lemmon, Biehl, Hill, Schoenherr, Miller, Visnaw.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES—Rettmiller, Hogue, Hill, O. Henderson, Schoenherr, Veryser, Toles, Miller, Visnaw, Oehmke, Blair.

TOWNSHIP TAX—LaGodna, Biehl, Powell, Priehs, Veryser, O. Henderson, Bock, Miller, Shorkey.

WELFARE—O. Henderson, Hill, LaGodna, Biehl, Lindsey, Beaubien, Kalahar, Wagner, Miller.

TREASURER—Beaubien, Powell, Priehs, Brewer, Biehl, Kalahar, Toles, Hogue, Leonard.

JUDICIARY—Hill, Neale, Wangelin, Toles, Kalahar, Wagner, Weymouth, Blair, Visnaw.

DEFENSE—Lindsey, Kalahar, Hill, Miller, Large, Visnaw.

REGISTER OF DEEDS—Powell, Wagner, Oehmke.

CO-ORDINATING ZONING—Wagner, Powell, Beaubien.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS—Wangelin.

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

COUNTY BUILDING GUIDE
to
Offices and Phone Numbers

1st Floor

Controller	Sherwood Bennett	6381
Addressograph	Arthur D. Roese	5732
Treasurer	Lynn Whalen	2591

2nd Floor

County Clerk	A. H. Jim Hofstetter	5791
Register of Deeds	Aaron Burr	6951

3rd Floor

Circuit Court	Hon. James E. Spier	5622
Probation Officer	Guy L. Brown, Jr.	2462
Friend of the Court	Marybelle Baker	5901
Drivers License	Marvin Miller	

4th Floor

County School Commissioner	Will L. Lee	6921
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5th Floor

Circuit Court	Hon. Alton H. Noe	6821
Assignment Clerk	Elmore E. Lester	5841
County Law Library		5841

6th Floor

City of Mount Clemens Offices		
City Clerk	Joseph H. Matthews	5681

7th Floor

Probate Court	Hon. Jos. V. Trombly	2579
Probate Register	Nelson Zott	2579

	8th Floor		
Prosecuting Attorney Agriculture Dept.	Fred Nicholson Wm. Murphy	2565 3-1539	
	9th Floor		
County Health Dept. Veterans Council Board of Supervisors	Oscar D. Stryker, M.D. D. W. Yonkers	5633 2852	
	10th Floor		
Juvenile Register Bureau of Social Aid	John H. Ahrens Mary B. Garmon	3-1580 9781	
	11th Floor		
County Road Commission	Wm. Mallow, Chairman Arnold Ullrich, Sec'y	4531	
	12th Floor		
Drain Commissioner Social Welfare	Frank Lohr Isaac A. Hartung	4539 4574	
	13th Floor		
County Library	Dorothy Hiatt	3-2335	
	Boiler Room		
Building Engineer	August Casier	5521	

**MACOMB COUNTY BOARD
OF
COUNTY CANVASSERS**

Harold Donaldson Mt. Clemens
Louis Luchtman Washington
D. M. Kennedy Roseville
A. H. Jim Hofstetter Mt. Clemens

COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION BOARD

William H. Nunneley, Chairman Mt. Clemens
A. H. Jim Hofstetter, Secretary Mt. Clemens
Will L. Lee Mt. Clemens
Lynn Whalen Roseville
Sarah Moore St. Clair Shores
Frank Biehl Roseville
Frank Wiegand Warren
Thos. H. Scott, Statistician Mt. Clemens

SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION

John E. Merrill Chairman
Lyle E. Rosso Vice-Chairman
Isaac A. Hartung Secretary

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Joseph V. Trombly Probate Judge
Lynn Whalen County Treasurer
A. H. Jim Hofstetter County Clerk

PLAT BOARD

Aaron Burr Register of Deeds
Lynn Whalen County Treasurer
A. H. Jim Hofstetter County Clerk

JURY COMMISSIONERS

Hugh Stepnitz Romeo
Christian M. Nill St. Clair Shores
Howard Fenton Mount Clemens
Elmer Stier Richmond
Margaret C. McCarthy Mount Clemens
Grace Jones St. Clair Shores

SECRETARY OF JURY COMMISSIONERS

A. H. Jim Hofstetter

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
Emma Alexander Chief Clerk

CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSING BOARD

Fred Nicholson Prosecuting Attorney
Harley Ensign Sheriff
Sgt. Paul Fredericks Michigan State Police
A. H. Jim Hofstetter 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 McArthur Mt. Clemens

MACOMB COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

B. A. Kalahar, Chairman Center Line
Paul Cousino Warren
A. N. Brewer Romeo
Marjorie Montgomery Armada
Will L. Lee Mt. Clemens

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

Eunice L. Rose, Chairman Mt. Clemens
Clyde Denison, Vice-Chairman Mt. Clemens
Arthur Engel Romeo
Floyd W. Rosso Mt. Clemens
Frank Biehl Roseville
A. N. Brewer Romeo

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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

COUNTY VALUATION

The 1948 assessed valuation of Macomb County was \$157,784,221.

**OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
MOUNT CLEMENS**

1949-1950

Commissioner of Public Affairs Albert A. Wagner
 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 DeForst N. Cooley
 City Clerk Joseph H. Matthews
 Deputy City Clerk Harold Lindsey
 City Treasurer George A. Dankers
 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 Water Works and
 Sewers Robert E. Hansen
 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 Howard Harrison
 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**

1949-1950

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 W. S. Cook
 Building Inspector Paul F. Linenger
 Health Officer Dr. D. W. McKinley
 Fire Chief August Zado
 Constable Henry C. Hauss
 Constable Frank Zolbe
 Justice of the Peace John McPherson
 Justice of the Peace Carl Hollinger
 Supervisors Chas. H. Beaubien
 Carl Weymouth
 Thomas Large
 Everett Blair
 Councilmen Betty Hays
 George S. Stone, Sr.
 Walter Sullivan
 Russell deBeauclair

**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
 Walter W. Schultz Armada
 Eugene Kent Armada

BRUCE

Supervisor—A. N. Brewer Romeo
 Clerk—Conrad Turrell Romeo
 Treasurer—Hazel Kohlhagen Romeo
 Justices of the Peace
 James H. Reid Romeo
 Frank R. McIntosh Romeo
 John M. Bailey 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
 John Sikon R. 1, New Baltimore
 Phil Green 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. Lietz R. 1, Mt. Clemens
 Justices of the Peace

CLINTON TOWNSHIP OFFICERS (Cont.)

Hugo Nieman R. , Mt. Clemens
 Earl Buss Fraser
 John A. Schrade R. 1, Mt. Clemens
 Charles R. Lobaugh R. 5, Mt. Clemens

ERIN

Supervisor—Frank Biehl Roseville
 Clerk—Darius Kennedy Roseville
 Treasurer—Joseph E. Riesterer Roseville
 Justices of the Peace
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 Robert J. Nunn 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
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 Louis J. Lozon 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—Roy E. Visnaw St. Clair Shores
 Clerk—John Danta St. Clair Shores
 Treasurer—Fred V. Willette St. Clair Shores
 Justices of the Peace
 Frederick Van Fleteren St. Clair Shores
 Herman L. Brys St. Clair Shores
 Hugh Robert Dodge St. Clair Shores
 James W. Cork St. Clair Shores

LENOX

Supervisor—Frank Lemmon New Haven
 Clerk—G. A. Schultz Lenox
 Treasurer—Ed. F. Beier Lenox
 Justices of the Peace
 Elmer W. Hartsig New Haven
 E. Buel Priestap Lenox
 Chris Schulz New Haven
 Wm. J. Webb Lenox

MACOMB

Supervisor—Paul Bock R. 2, Mt. Clemens
 Clerk—Wm. Stier R. 2, Mt. Clemens
 Treasurer—Theodore Leyer R. 1, Utica
 Justices of the Peace
 Julius Blank R. 2, Mt. Clemens
 Raymond Juelgel R. 1, Mt. Clemens
 Clarence Stier R. 1, Utica
 Norman Marcath R. 2, Mt. Clemens

RAY

Supervisor—Ernest R. Wangelin Washington
 Clerk—J. Nellis Clark Romeo
 Treasurer—G. R. Smith Romeo
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 Fred Diener R. 1, Washington
 John Grader Washington
 George Whiting Washington

RICHMOND

Supervisor—Omar C. Henderson Memphis
 Clerk—Frank C. Puls Richmond
 Treasurer—John T. Joseph Richmond

RICHMOND (Cont.)

Justices of the Peace
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 Perry Spencer 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
 Harry Fuhrman R. 1, Washington

STERLING

Supervisor—Arthur Priehs Fraser
 Clerk—John Wright Utica
 Treasurer—Otto Maas Utica
 Justices of the Peace
 Henry Malburg R. 1, Utica
 Wm. E. Malow R. 1, 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
 Justices of the Peace
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 Edward Gallagher Van Dyke
 William Romano Van Dyke
 Frank Zagaiski Van Dyke

VILLAGE OFFICERS

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

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 Ben H. Duengel
Clerk Karl N. Hirt
Treasurer Grace Ferguson

ROMEO

President Jewel E. West
Clerk Conrad Turrell
Treasurer Grace McKay

VILLAGE OFFICERS (Cont.)

ROSEVILLE

President Frank Biehl
Clerk William E. Utt
Treasurer August H. Peters

ST. CLAIR SHORES

President..... Adrian A. Lingemann
Clerk Douglas Taylor
Treasurer Laura L. Boye

WARREN

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

History of Macomb County

By Desmond A. Arnsby

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 150,000 people who call it home. Old and new Americans who enjoy Macomb County's living, culture, education, and recreation.

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 23, 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 7, 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).

On March 13, 1837, the village of Mount Clemens was incorporated. (Laws of Michigan, 1837, Page 61).

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, 7 villages, five cities and a dozen well-populated hamlets which are villages and cities in the making.

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.

By the middle 1830's the success of the Erie Canal; plans for the ill-fated Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal starting on the Clinton River and heavy settlement from New York State, had given Mount Clemens a definite stimulus. The community was platted and developed and small businesses and industries were started on every corner.

It was an old decrepit horse, legend insists, that gave the community of Mount Clemens a big and lasting claim to fame; a boost that eventually was to produce untold millions of dollars in trade and patronage. The old horse was the first discoverer of the rich mineral waters underlying the city.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 estimated 150,000 inhabitants; an area growing daily with great expectations.

Its valuation is approximately \$160,000,000. 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.

Progress constantly has spurred on both 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.)

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.

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