

# Washtenaw Historical Society News

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Next meeting will be October 25 at 8:00 P. M.  
at Ann Arbor Federal Savings - Liberty at Division  
Community Room in Basement

Use rear entrance - well lighted - ample parking  
back of building at Division and Washington Streets  
Look for antique cars in the parking lot. - not yours

Subject of meeting will be ANTIQUE CARS.  
Principal speaker will be Charles DeGallan - Member  
Classic Car Club of America.

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS

HAZEL PROCTOR, president, is a native of California. She majored in English in college and taught English for a time. Her talent is Art and she did graduate work at the Otis Art Institute. Although she has devoted relatively little time to her art work since coming to Michigan, she won respect and plaudits for her work in California. She has a work in oils hanging in the Albert Einstein Suite of the Athenaeum at Cal Tech and another hanging at Brown University in Rhode Island. Her interest in history is an interest shared with her husband who is a professor of history and Assistant Dean at the Dearborn Campus of the University of Michigan. The Proctors have three grown sons. Hazel is an assistant Vice-President of Ann Arbor Federal.

ETHELYN MORTON, secretary, is a native of Manchester, Michigan. Her grandparents were pioneer settlers in that area. She majored in English in the University and taught in a number of communities, both in the elementary and secondary grades. She finished her teaching career at Pioneer High School. Over the years she has acquired an interesting collection of antiques, mostly family heirlooms. She has been active in Church and community activities. In addition, she found time to assist her husband, Hudson, by preparing copy for his highly technical work on Anti-Friction Bearings. The Mortons have two grown children with families of their own.

RAY SPOKES, treasurer, was born in Ann Arbor Township near the site of Barton Dam. His father had a part in the establishment of the first Water Department for the City of Ann Arbor. Consequently, the many mills along the Huron River were of especial interest to Ray. Ray taught school for a while in the old Ann Arbor High School and at the University of Michigan. He has been a Director of Industrial Research in New York City. He was a building contractor in Ann Arbor for many years. His late wife, a former president of the Washtenaw Historical Society, was the daughter of Clarence Munro Burton founder of the Burton Historical Library.

HERBERT BARTLETT was born in Coldwater, Michigan. His association with Ann Arbor goes back to 1909 when he came here as a student at the University of Michigan. When he informed a faculty adviser that he wished to take surveying, the adviser attempted to dissuade him by advising him that more money could be made by swinging an ax than by running a transit. Never-the-less, Herb went on to become a Professor of Civil Engineering. He came from a pioneering family in Branch County which, no doubt, stimulated his interest in local and Michigan history. Since retirement, he has devoted much of his time to historical research. His latest venture has been to research the history of the Campbell-Ticknor House. He is a past president of the society.

LINDA EBERBACH is the daughter of Ottmar and Katharina Haller Eberbach. To people who have lived in Washtenaw County for any length of time, the name Eberbach calls to mind many things. To some it may mean Eberbach School which was built on land donated by Ottmar Eberbach who was a former President of the School Board. To others, the name brings to mind the Eberbach Pharmacy and chemical supply company. Linda's father was also president of the State Pharmacy Board. Old timers may remember the Eberbach Hardware which was located where the National Bank and Trust Company now is located. Linda spent her childhood and youth close to the center of the city but frequently visited the beautiful country home of her grandparents (now well within the city on Woodlawn Avenue). She graduated from Ann Arbor High School and the University of Michigan. Her field of specialization was dietetics and management. She took graduate work at Columbia University. At a later date, she attended Parsons School of Design because of a great interest in decorative design. Her training in two areas made her especially adept in planning and carrying through large entertainments which she has done superbly on numerous occasions. Her interest in both history and politics may be said to have been "home grown" since her father attended the convention at which Lincoln was nominated for the Presidency. Linda taught home economics at Pioneer High School for many years.

EILEEN HARRISON spent her childhood and youth in many places such as Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Seattle, Washington. She graduated from the University of Michigan in Journalism. Unlike many women in her chosen field, she did not become a society editor but entered the then male world of general news. Her first position was on the paper in Jamestown, North Dakota. She recently retired from a position with the Ypsilanti Press. She has been a member of and a past president of the Historical Society of Ypsilanti.

FRANKLIN L. EVERETT was born at Pontiac, Michigan. His educationally involved parents took him to Adrian, Mount Clemens, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo within his first eleven years. There, Franklin's father was chairman of the mathematics department at Western Michigan University for many years. After two years at Western Michigan, Franklin emerged with a Life Certificate to teach at the secondary level. He earned several degrees in engineering at the University of Michigan, interspersed with employment by Standard Oil of New Jersey as an inspector of "cracking coils." He was a member of the faculty of the College of Engineering of the University of Michigan for many years. Eight summers, during his 'teens, were spent on a farm on highway M-52 two miles south of Chelsea. The Everett Homestead, a centennial farm, and the site of the Everett School are further south on M-52 at the eastern end of Grass Lake Road. Following his recent retirement, Franklin has engaged in what he calls the "home grown" programs of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County.

WARREN HALE is the Chief of Police in Milan. He was born in Ann Arbor across the street from the Campbell House. Mrs. Campbell often rocked him to sleep as a baby. His parents moved to Milan when he was ten years old. Milan has an interesting history which he has studied quite thoroughly. The original settlement in that area was Mooreville, a thriving little community with two churches, a school and stores. When the railroad came, it by-passed Mooreville and Milan came into existence. Many of the buildings in Mooreville were actually moved into Milan, according to Mr. Hale. The young Milan Historical Society of which Mr. Hale is president has a paid membership of 47. The society meets at the Milan Community House the third Wednesday of each month.

HERBERT HICKS lived most of his life in Ann Arbor prior to his recent retirement from the firm of Atwell-Hicks of which he is part owner. He now divides his year between California where children and grandchildren live and his cottage at Half Moon Lake. A past president of the Washtenaw Historical Society, he and his wife have hosted the Society's annual picnic for many years. His interest in things historical may have come in part from Mrs. Hicks who is a descendant of an Ann Arbor resident who came to Ann Arbor in 1827.

NAOMI JAMES was born in a small town in northern Iowa. She attended Des Moines University and graduated from business college in Cedar Rapids. At one time, she sold books throughout Iowa and adjacent states. Later on, she was secretary to the manager of a large office building in Des Moines. Dr. James only brother, "Jimmie" James, was here in Ann Arbor so she and Dr. James came here to be married. They were married in the old Methodist Church and had their wedding luncheon at the Haunted Tavern. At that time, they had no thought of ever returning to Ann Arbor but went back to Des Moines where Dr. James continued his dental practice. In 1944, however, he decided to specialize in orthodontia so they returned to Ann Arbor. Having always wanted to live in an old house, they purchased an old house to their liking intending to live there only a few years but they are still there. The house has an interesting history which it is hoped Mrs. James will write up for a later newsletter. In addition to her liking for old houses, Naomi is very interested in antiques and is an avid collector. She is president of the Ann Arbor Antique Society. The James have two married daughters.

THOMAS LACY, membership chairman, was born in Spokane Washington. Responding to his love of the family's summer home on Priest Lake in Idaho, Tom studied forestry in his undergraduate years. He completed work in Business Administration and Advertising. His particular interest is Early American History. He came to Ann Arbor in 1944. His wife is a descendant of a pioneer Ann Arbor Township family. They have three children.

RALPH MUNCY is a forster by profession, a civil engineer by occupation. He was born in the Leelanau Peninsula of Michigan. He came to Ann Arbor at the age of seven by way of Lansing, Michigan and Boston, Massachusetts. Ann Arbor has always been a second home although he has lived in the Upper Peninsula, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Colorado in connection with his employment. He is a descendant of Elisha Congdon, one of the original settlers of Chelsea and, therefore, has a vital interest in the history of Washtenaw County. He has prepared a record of the "Congdons of Chelsea, Michigan," their ancestors and related families. He has collaborated with others in the preparation of the genealogies of a number of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio families. The need for care in historical records was demonstrated by a History of Washtenaw County which stated that Elisha Congdon named Chelsea, Michigan after his home town in Massachusetts. This would have been news to the Congdons who did not live in Massachusetts but came to Michigan from Chelsea Landing, Connecticut, now part of Norwich, Connecticut. The Muncys have a married daughter and two grandchildren.

DAVID OSLER was born and educated in Ann Arbor. His father, H. S. Osler, was the first Washtenaw County Agricultural Agent and was well known to people throughout the county. Dave is an architect and is married to Constance Lorch, a daughter of the first Dean of the School of Architecture. He is a past president of the M Club of Ann Arbor and also of the Huron Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Dave is a member of the "Committee on Design" of the National A. I. A. in addition to being a board member and secretary of the Michigan Society of Architects. The Oslers have three children.

MILTON POOL was born and brought up in Ann Arbor. He received his degree from Eastern Michigan University and is now teaching chemistry at Washtenaw Community College. His interest in history probably dates from association with his grandfather, Harry Cole. Mr. Cole was Curator of the Society's artifacts for a long time. Since Mr. Cole's death, Milton has assumed this responsibility.

FARNK WILHELM is the executive director of the Historical Society of Michigan. He is a native of Dearborn. According to the Ann Arbor News of July 22, 1973, "Wilhelm earned his B. A. and M. A. degrees in history at Eastern Michigan University where he was also a member of the track team. A course there, he explains, triggered his interest in local history. 'We were assigned a research paper on the impact of the New Deal on a community of our choice and I saw how the use of primary and secondary sources could be applied to my teaching.'" Wilhelm was teaching in Dexter at the time. "As a result, his students were soon deep into researching the history of their families as it related to the community." Wilhelm was active in forming the Dexter Historical Society and is now active in the "Old West Side" of Ann Arbor.

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