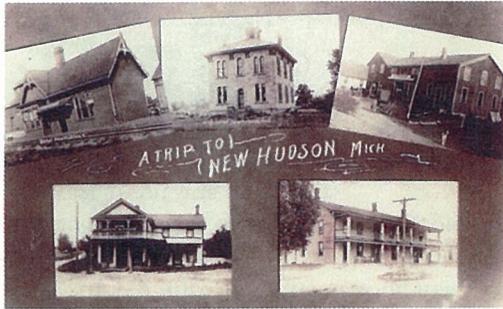


LYON TOWNSHIP

Honoring Yesterday
Building Tomorrow

Historic Pictures



These photos are on display at
Lyon Township Hall

~ Our Name Sake ~



Lucius Lyon

Lyon Township was named for Lucius Lyon when the state legislature turned down the name of Fruitland as suggested by the Township residents.

He came to Michigan as a surveyor in 1821 and was elected the first United States Senator from Michigan. Before taking his senatorial seat, he worked for the adjustment of the Ohio and Michigan border as well as the admission of Michigan to the Union. Through his efforts, the Upper Peninsula became part of Michigan.



Rice Building c. 1900 (1)

The Rice building prior to 1921 on Grand River East of Milford road was a general merchandise store. It is believed that the upper story was the family residence. The building caught fire and burned but only the first floor was rebuilt. The structure now houses the BKS auto body shop. Pictured in the background and to the left was the New Hudson School that burnt down in 1921. The building is on the site of the current Dolson Elementary School. Note the dark colored structure behind and to the right of the Building, this was possibly a feed mill or a milk depot.



New Hudson Parade c. 1931 (2)

A summer Parade in New Hudson at Grand River and Milford Road c. 1931. The sign in the right background was a sales office for the Vagabond Trailer Company. This was one of the first over the road recreational trailers built and was the "Airstream" of its time. The yoke of Oxen were from the Chas. Sorenson Farm, a senior member of the Ford Motor Company management staff.



Bullard School (3)

The Bullard School c. 1930 was located on 11 Mile Road, east of Martindale Road. and just East of Grand Trunk railroad tracks, currently the Huron Valley Bike Trail. At one time, 6 one room school houses were located in Lyon Township. They were generally named after the property they were built on. The schools were Wilson School at 10 Mile and Griswold, Smith School at 12 Mile and South Hill, Biederstadt at 9 Mile and Currie Road, Lowell on Kent Lake Road and Grand River, and Kennedy at 8 Mile and Pontiac Trail.

Bullard School Class of 1938 (4)

The Bullard school, 11 mile and Martindale, one of 6 one room schools in the Lyon Township conducted classes for children from 1st grade to 8th. They then went to the High School on Rice Street in New Hudson which is the current Dolson Elementary School.



Bottom row left to right: Bette Drum (Haack), Gloria Elkow, Dolores Wydell (Sieting), Mag Morton, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown
Second Row: 2 sisters, Barbara Drum (Chapman), Romona Elkow, Nancy Bourns. Unknown
Third Row: D. Borns, Pat Morton, Unknown, Ruth McCory, Unknown, Unknown. Top Row: m/s Read, m/s Morton



Baseball Team (5)

1937-1938 New Hudson High School baseball team is shown here with their coach Mr. George Veldman. He also coached the basketball and football team. In 1939, the football team won the Oakland, Livingston & Washtenaw Tri county league championship. Next to the coach is Dallas Fletcher who was an all star athletic and lettered in all three sports. Clayton Rickard in the front row 3rd from right. Fletcher & Rickard were later business partners and operated the Hass Lake Park



Canfield Farm c.1953 (6)

John Canfield's ancestors arrived in New Hudson from New York state around 1830. The farm on Milford Road, at one time was over 200 acres and primarily a crop farm but also had a dairy herd. This photograph was taken at about the time the I-96 express way was started. The east bound entrance to the freeway is in the lower left hand view. The farm was sold to a land developer in 2001. A shopping mall now occupies the site.



Pettingill's Farm

c. 1920 (7)

Pettingill's corn field at Pontiac Trail & Martindale New Hudson, Michigan c. 1920. Person in the front left is unknown; it is believed that he was a representative of a corn seed company 2nd man: Milo (Mike) Pettengill, who farmed lands here and on Travis Roads with his brothers Rollo & Erwin. He was married to Beryl Hopkins. 3rd man: Erwin Pettengill, Milo's brother. He was married to Myrtie Powelson. Courtesy: Ann Polan (Bidwell)



Knapp's Mobile Gas Station (8)

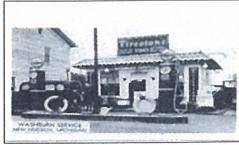
Mobile gas and service station on Grand River in New Hudson. c. 1970.

A Sinclair gas station was to the left of these pumps on the corner of old Pontiac Trail & Grand River. The New Hudson Inn can be seen to the right. This station was built in 1925. It was operated since 1945 by Junior Knapp who was also the Lyon Township Fire Chief for 24 years. The station is still in operation. today.



Grand River Avenue c. 1946 (9)

With the New Hudson Inn as the center, this c. 1946 panoramic view of the North side of Grand River looking east at the 6 point intersection this photo depicts the various buildings that housed businesses in New Hudson. The building to the left of the Inn is Junior Knapp Mobile Gas Station, New Hudson Inn, to the right, Vince Washburn Gas station, Jack-O-lantern restaurant, Maccabee Hall, 2 story apartment building, Ruth's Cottage Restaurant and a private residence, now the Bon-A-Rose restaurant. Enlarged views of these buildings are show in this brochure.



Washburn Gas Station
c. 1934 (10)

Vince Washburn at his full service Sunoco Gas Station. in New Hudson , just to east of the New Hudson Inn. In those days, car tires were wrapped and motor oil was dispensed in glass bottles with tapered funnels for the cap. Underbody service was conducted outside the station in cement lined pits.



Jack-O-Lantern Restaurant
c. 1938 (11)

Jack -O-Lantern Sandwich shop was located on Grand River Avenue between Maccabee Hall shown on the right and Washburn Gas station . The building was painted a bright orange depicting the color of a pumpkin. After school, many of the New Hudson High School students went to the restaurant to enjoy a piece of pie that the restaurant was noted for.



Grand River Avenue
New Hudson c. 1970
(12)

In the mid 1970's this was a view of the North side of Grand River in New Hudson., East of the 6 point intersection. The Maccabee Hall to the left, was built in 1859, and originally located next to the Cemetery on Milford Road. It was moved by sled to this location in 1901. The building in the middle picture is a 3 resident apartment with a beauty shop on the ground floor . Attached to the apartment building , and to the left was Ruth's Cottage Inn.. By the mid 1980's all buildings has been ton down.

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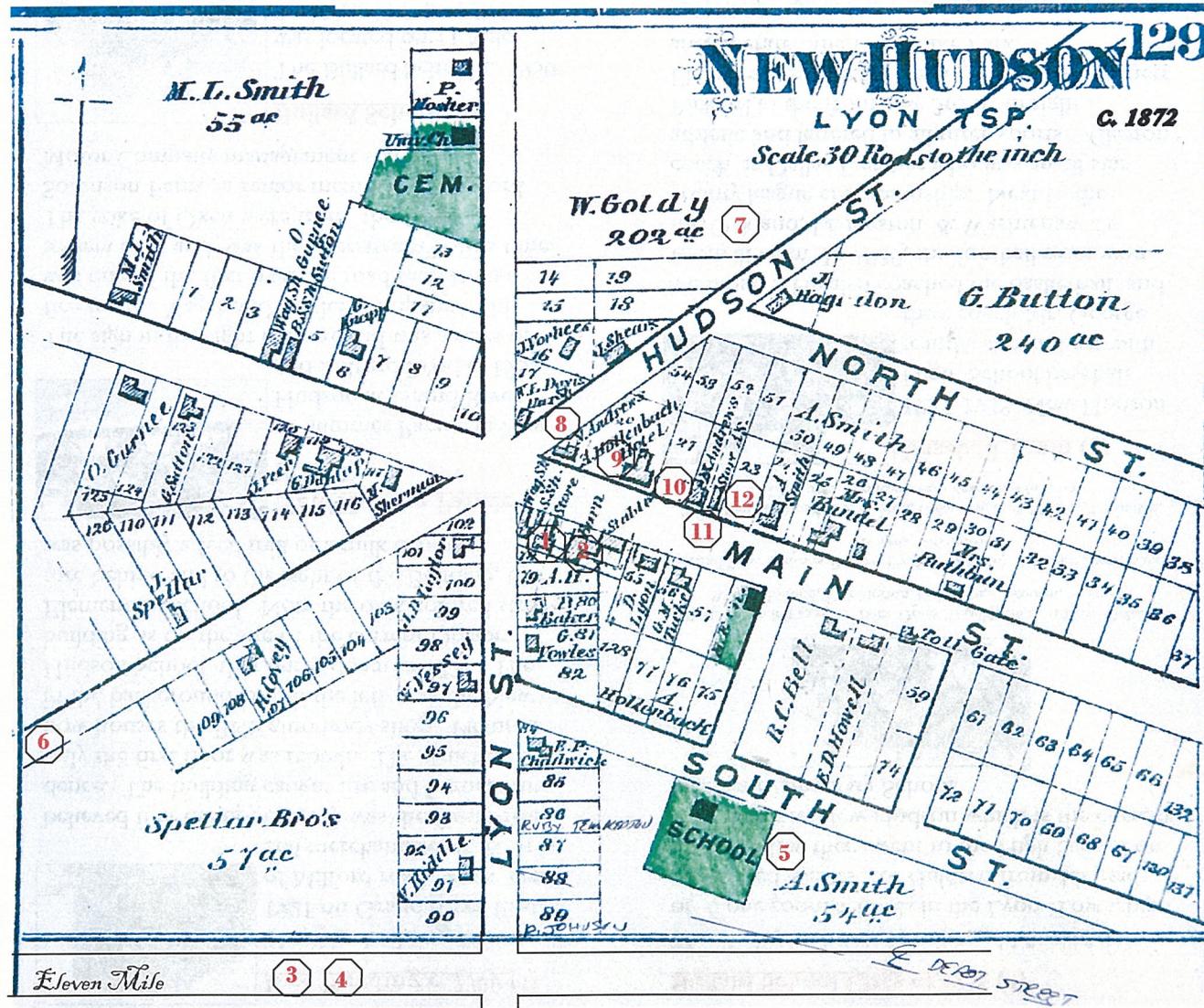
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OAKLAND COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**



Pearce House (13)

This house, built in 1853 was on Grand River Avenue. The last know residential

owner's were the Pearce family. Local folk lore has it that the house is haunted by a young boy who has been seen in ghostly form on the second floor. The buildings currently is the home of the Bona-a-Rosa catering Company.

The Downtown Development Authority of Lyon Township has been endeavoring to collect historical photographs of New Hudson and the entire area of Lyon Township to display at the Township Hall. The photos on display will change periodically and a new brochure will be produced for each set of photographs. We invite the public to view the pictures and join us in celebrating the past of our community. Do you have historic photos of New Hudson in your private collection or know family members who do? If so we would be grateful to obtain copies of these images to add to the historical collections at the Lyon Township Public Library and include them in an upcoming display at the Township Hall. Please contact the DDA office at the Township Hall for more information.

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