

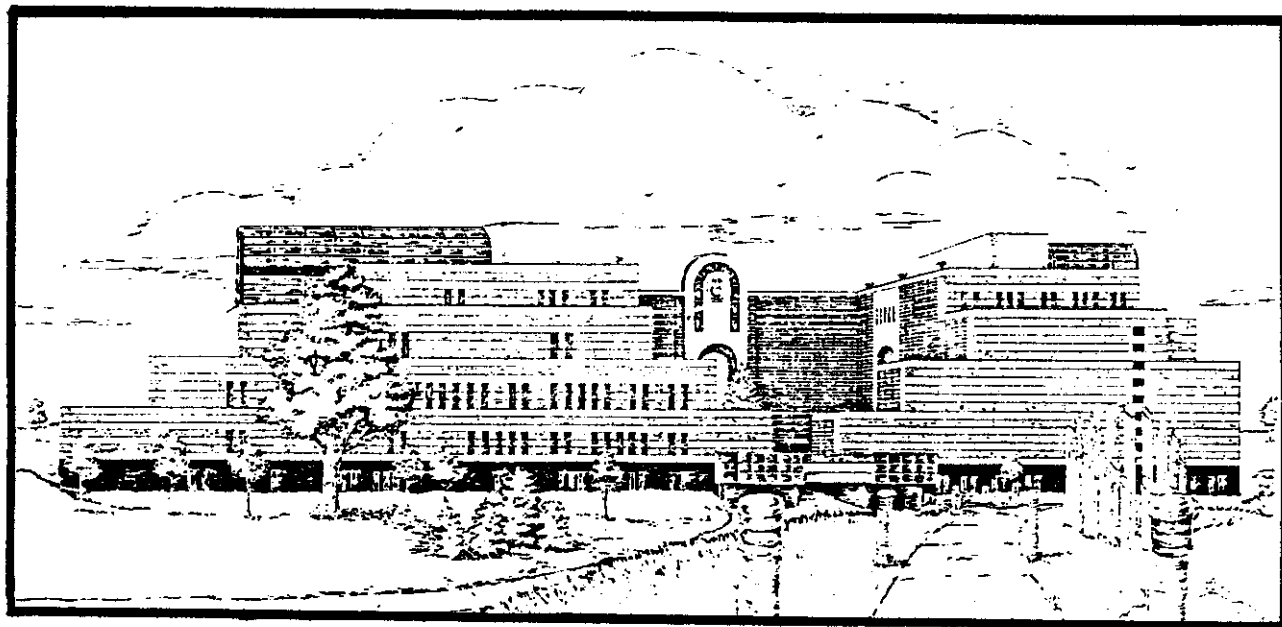


MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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THE NEW LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN



717 W. Allegan St., Lansing, Michigan 48909

Short Ceremony Marks Opening

After three years of construction, the Library of Michigan, (Phase I of the new Michigan Library and Historical Center) opened to the public at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 21. Several dignitaries spoke at the brief ceremony which was presided over by Senator William Sederburg, R-East Lansing.

Formal Dedication in March 1989

Formal dedication is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 1989

1989 at 12 noon. The ceremony will highlight a week of commemorative activities from March 6 through March 9.

Second Largest State Library in the United States

The Library, this state's version of the federal Library of Congress, now has the second largest state library building in the United States. Its collection includes 5.2 million books and related items, housed on 27 miles of shelving. Nearly 100 computer terminals list materials by subject,
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MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

Michigan State Library, Michigan Unit
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Fall 1988

Dear Friends:

On January 12, the Michigan Genealogical Council will meet for the first time at the spectacular new Library of Michigan facilities. It will be a historical moment for the Council. For many of us, it will be our first visit to the new library. It truly is an exciting time for all of us.

During these many months of waiting for this very moment in time, we have had progress reports from James W. Fry, State Librarian; Jeffrey P. Johnson, Deputy State Librarian and John Rummel, Public Information Officer of the Library of Michigan. Each report was as exciting as the next. We thank them for keeping us abreast of the very latest news as to the progress of the completion of this marvelous complex which houses the Library, Museum and the Archives.

The Council accepts wholeheartedly the invitation from James W. Fry Michigan State Librarian, "to continue our joint projects in the future, working from space in the new facility just as in the past." May our close working relationship continue long into the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Eunice K. Pines'.

Eunice K. Pines
President

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author or title, replacing the traditional catalog. This new building is three times as large as the previous library and was designed by William Kessler and Associates.

First Building Since Capitol For Public Use

Built for 100 years of use, the Michigan Library and Historical Center is the first major State building since the Capitol designed primarily for public use. A significant investment of \$36 million plus site preparation and exhibits has been made for the public in this facility designed for their use. We anticipate 250,000 visitors per year.

Building Features

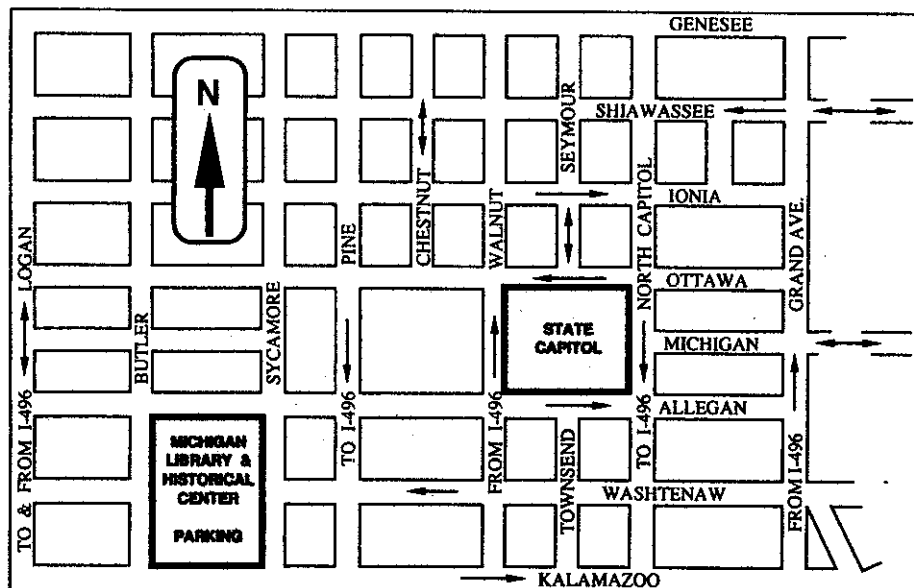
- 465 feet long (longer than one and a half football fields). 210 feet wide. 312,000 square feet, 5 floors, 93-foot-high glass atriums.
- Two sides-Library of Michigan on west side (70% of building); State Historical Museum and State Archives on east side.

- 45-foot-tall Michigan white pine in center of building.
- Central rotunda with 225-seat auditorium/forum.
- Directly above on 2nd level is a large exterior courtyard where up to 750 persons can come together for receptions, concerts and public gatherings.
- Bridge across third floor level in Library connects open sun-lit area.
- Rare book room is being developed on fourth floor.

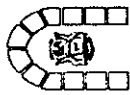
Building Materials Known to Michigan

Materials for which Michigan is known have been used throughout, from the copper-clad central courtyard and limestone horizontal exterior to extra heavy steel beams able to support double the present number of books. Granite on walls and floors will assure long life, durability and minimal future maintenance.

(News release from John Rummel,

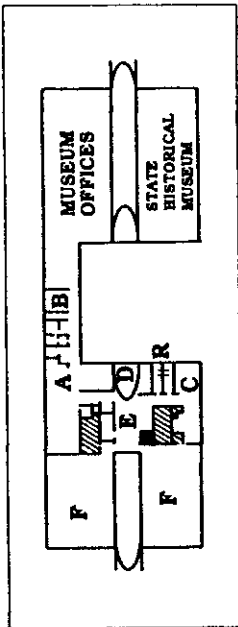


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& Historical Center**



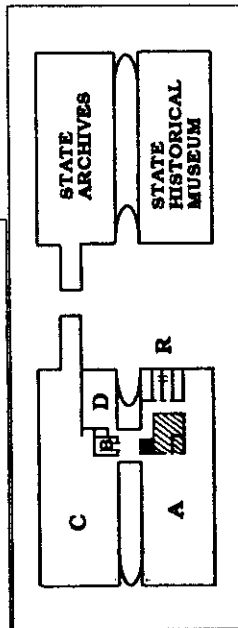
Floor 5:

- Administrative Offices A
- Board Room B
- Business Office C
- Great Lakes Conference Room D
- Personnel Office E
- Closed Stacks F



Floor 4:

- Federal & Michigan Official Docs (closed stacks) A
- Lake Michigan Conference Room B
- Main Collection (Dewey) C
- Rare Book Room D

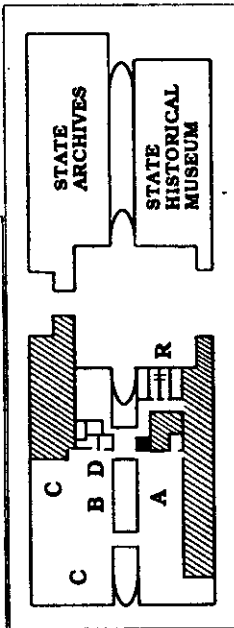


All Restrooms in the building are marked with "R"

Staff Offices, Preparation Areas & Mechanical Rooms

Floor 3:

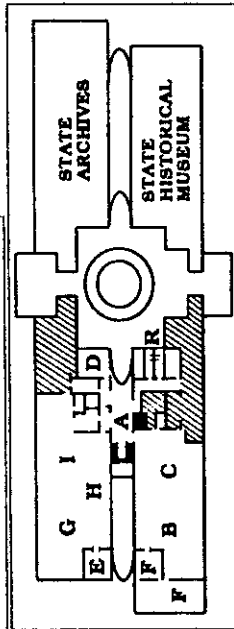
- Main Collection A
- Michigan Circulating Collection B
- Periodicals (Bound) C
- Public Info. Office D



Elevators

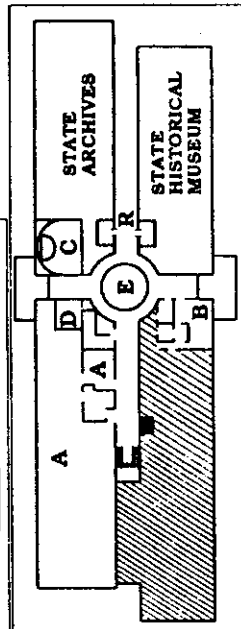
Floor 2:

- Circulation Desk, Check-out A
- Genealogy B
- Government Documents (State and Federal) C
- Lake Huron Conference Room D
- Maps E
- Microforms & Readers F
- Michigan Reference Collection G
- Periodicals (Current) H
- Reference I



Floor 1:

- Blind & Physically Handicapped A
- Food Service Area & Gift Shop B
- Forum Auditorium C
- Lake Superior Conference Room D
- Rotunda E



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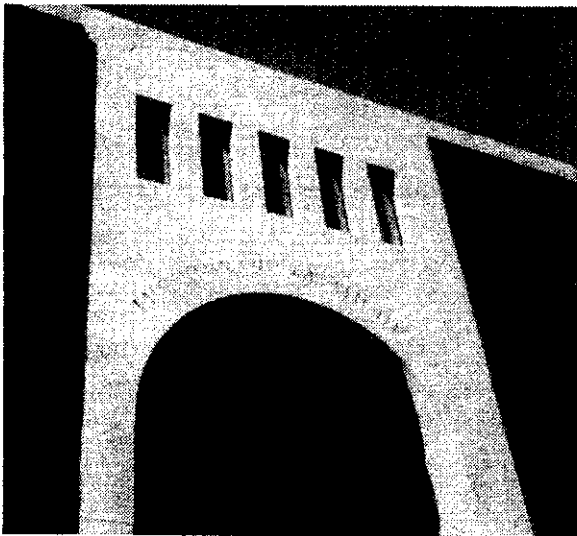


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MICHIGAN LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL CENTER DEDICATED



DEDICATION - LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL CENTER OF MICHIGAN - MARCH 7, 1989

Narrative and Photos by Phyllis Thwaites, M.G.C. Newsletter Editor

Formal dedication ceremonies for the new Library and Historical Center of Michigan took place on Tuesday, March 7, 1989 at 12 noon. Original plans scheduled the festivities for the Center courtyard and , although the day was sunny, 20 degree temperatures and crisp winds necessitated a move indoors after the initial opening.

The Seventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry - Company B led the presentation of colors followed by the Okemos High School Jazz Ensemble playing the National Anthem.

Terry McKane, Mayor of Lansing, gave the welcoming address and invocation.

High point was a fly-by of jet planes and historical aircraft, narrated by Lewis N. Dodak, Speaker of the House.

The indoor ceremony was held on the second floor of the facility with the 93 foot atrium window as a backdrop. Chairs were filled and it was "standing room only" there and on the floors above.

Short addresses were given by Governor James Blanchard, Secretary of State Richard Austin, and John Engler, Senate Majority Leader.

Martha Griffiths, Lieutenant Governor, officiated at the actual ribbon cutting after which a multitude of red, white and blue balloons cascaded down from above.

Ortheia Barnes sang "Lighting the Light That All May See", a song especially written for the occasion.

It was a day to remember and record in the history of our state of MICHIGAN!

Photos: Top left - Unidentified Ladies in Period Costumes.
Top right - The Seventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry
Company B.

Lower left - Governor James Blanchard Addressing Guests.
Lower right - Balloon Release After the Ribbon Cutting.

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

Hours: Weekdays 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.
Closed on Legal Holidays.

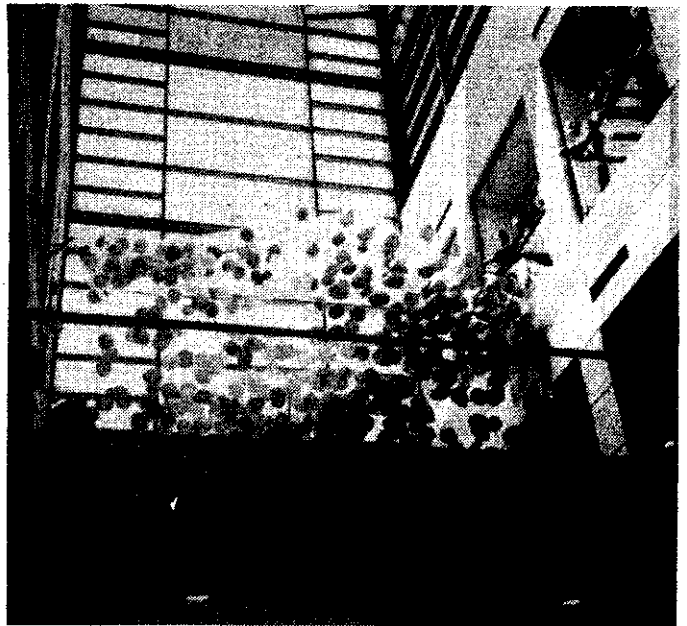
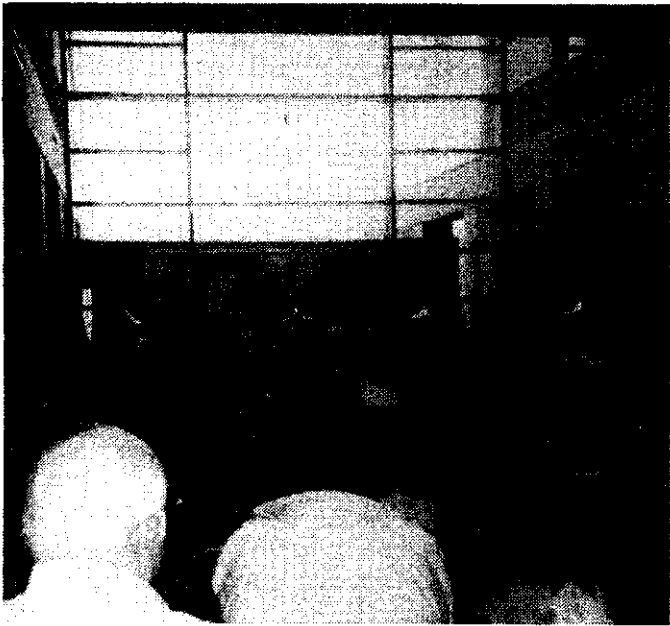
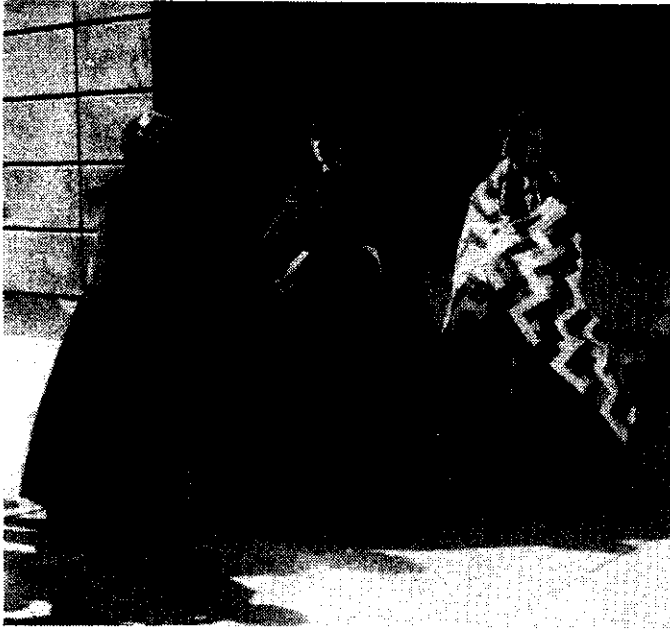
Parking: Ample parking is available at the south end of the building. Validation of up to 4 hours is also available in the building or 25¢ per hour.

Food: Cafeteria on the first floor where you may "brown bag it" or use the vending machines.

Gift Shop: On the first floor - be sure and look!

Restrooms: On each floor. Watch for signs.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES - MARCH 7, 1989





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March 1989

Dear Friends:

The spectacular Michigan Library and Historical Center is now a reality. After a week-long dedication with many special celebrations, speeches, words of wisdom, tours, special events, library/author day, museum day, archives day and a symposium on the role of the State and National Archives; we saw a note of pride on everyone's face as they visited this 312,000 square-foot structure designed primarily for public use. The Council's dedication gift to the Library of Michigan is 500 reels of federal census soundex indexes (\$5000). Presentation to the library is scheduled for a later date.

This is a good time to review the last two years. In our growing and ever expanding organization sometimes the tasks seem monumental. Much has happened in the last two years and much has been accomplished. The 501 (c)(3) application was completed and MGC exempt status became effective. Recently, the Michigan Department of the Treasury Sales and Use Tax Exemption Application was also completed and submitted by your president. Hopefully, approval will be received soon.

New societies are being organized and many are considering becoming members of the Michigan Genealogical Council. Our newest member to join the Council is the Luce-Mackinac Genealogical Society. Friends have been sending me news clippings of their excellent first meeting held November 9, 1988. Welcome Luce-Mackinac to the Council!

Cheboygan County Genealogical Society is unique in many ways. For many years they have been meeting in the morning during the second week of each month with great success. On January 17th, they launched a new program. I attended this first meeting and was just as excited as all of those present. They now also meet the third week of each month in the

evening. Their president, Audrey Casari, writes "Our new night group is fabulous. More attend than do at our day meeting." What other genealogical society gives their community a choice of a day or a night meeting every month of the year?

Even though the Sesquicentennial Pioneer Certificate Project deadline to submit applications has passed, those applicants who received "Request for Information" letters have until May 1st, at the latest, to complete the request. Over 7950 certificates have been issued by the Michigan Genealogical Council and the Library of Michigan. Visitors to the Library of Michigan will eventually have access to this monumental amount of information indexed by surname.

One of our newest projects is the MGC Lending Library which has been turned over to the Speakers and Teachers Committee. Copies are being made of our one video and fifty-three tapes and they should be ready for lending to our societies by the next Council meeting. Examine the list attached to your January minutes. This could be a real service to societies by providing future programs for their meetings. Plans are also being made to adapt the Sesquicentennial slide-tape program as a teaching tool for primary and secondary proof. All of this began when the Daughters of Founders & Patriots of America gave the Council a sesquicentennial gift.

Another of our newer projects is the taping of the Michigan Genealogical Council Newsletter for distribution to patrons of the Library of Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. We are excited about this cooperative project. At the present time, we will tape one issue to see if this is the magazine requested. The Editor of the MGC Newsletter and the MGC President met with Mrs. Heezen, Subregional Librarian, Capital Area LBPH to formulate plans for this cooperative project.

We don't remember when the Michigan Genealogical Council has had hosts for their Seminars that far in advance. At the last Board of Directors meeting, we approved the Flint Genealogical Society as hosts for the 1991 Michigan Genealogical Seminar. Thank You! In the past, Flint hosted the 1975 MGC Seminar.

Sincerely yours,


Eunice Krueger Pines

President