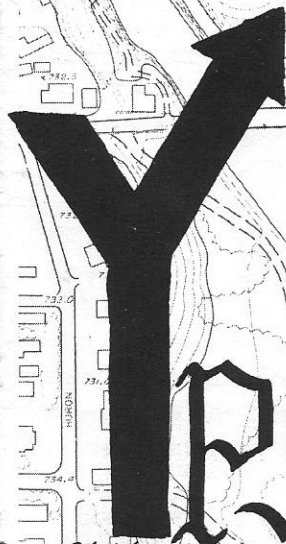


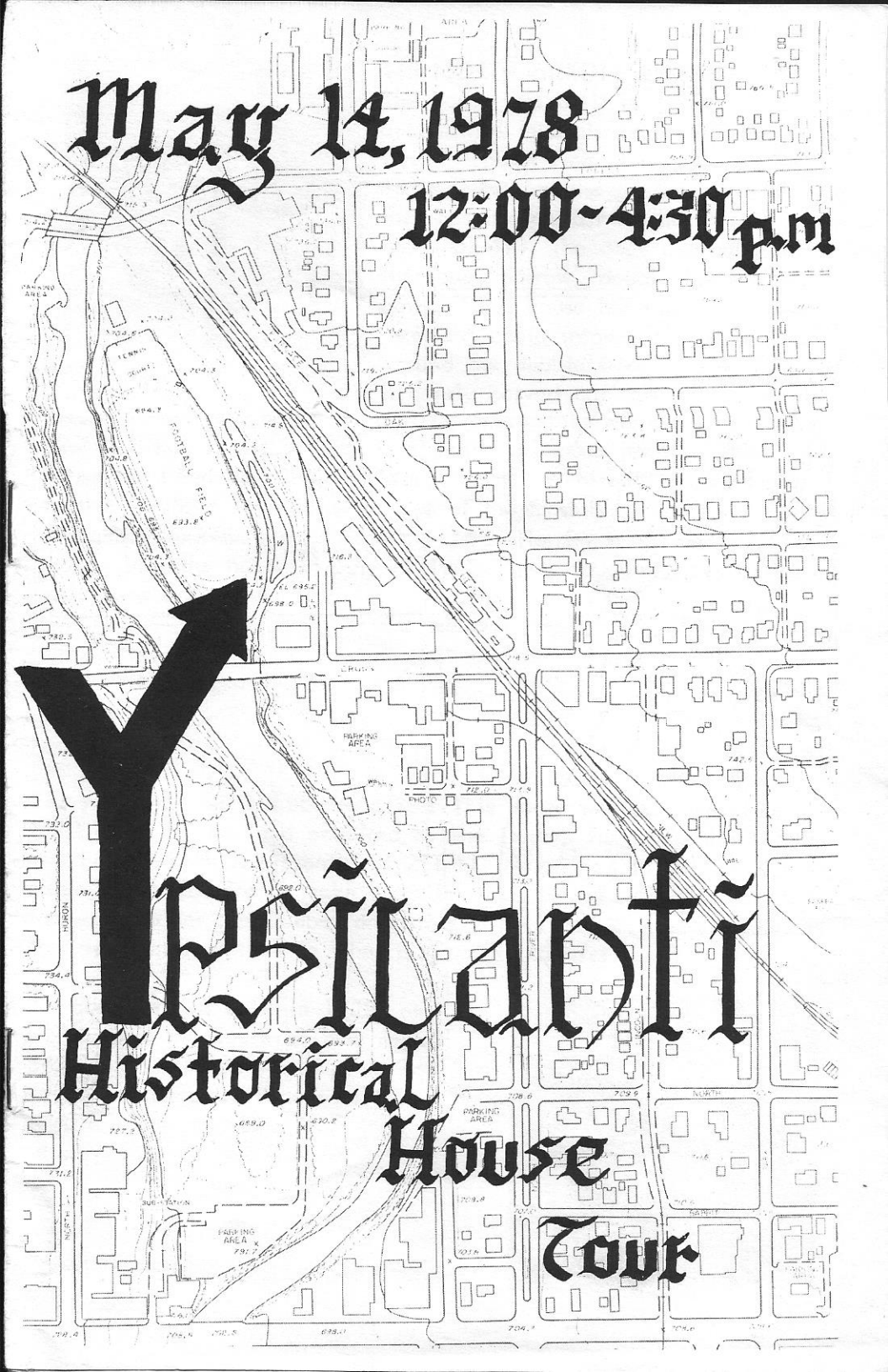
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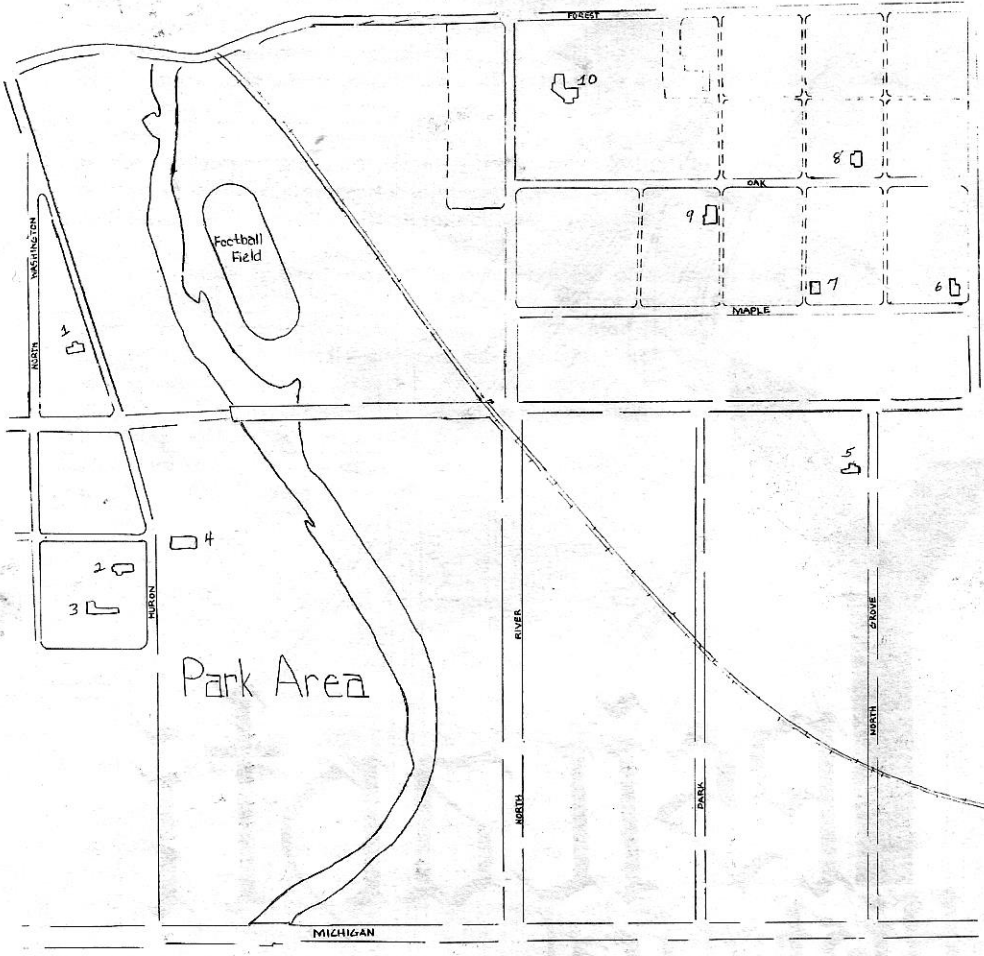


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415 NORTH HURON; LEWIS HOUSE: The house was built in 1860. It is a beautiful example of the Italianate style, popular from the 1840s to the 1890s. Notice the gentle pitch of the roof in contrast to the Gothic house at 410, the deep overhang of the long, narrow, double-hung windows. This house has especially interesting cable (rope-like) decoration around the double front door and intricately carved capitals on the porch

columns. The rear addition, now an apartment, was built in 1905. The tack house at the north is a small Italianate jewel. This house has been described by Ward Swarts, architecture consultant to the Heritage Foundation as one of the most beautifully detailed Italianate houses in the Midwest. Mrs. Harriet Adelaide Lewis moved into the house in July of 1905. Her daughter, Evangeline still owns the house.

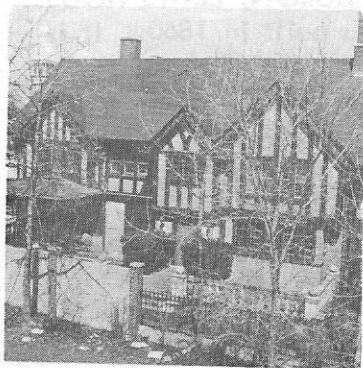
See map #1

213 N. HURON; DUEBEL HOUSE: This house was built between 1912 and 1920 on land acquired by the Duebel family in the 1880's. The house which is presently at 211 N. Huron had to be turned sideways on the lot to make room for the new house. The two houses were for the Duebel daughters, whose parents lived across the street at that time in what is now the District Court.

An addition was built in 1922, at which time the house became rental property. The house was purchased by Roe and Flossie Bennet in 1977; they are now restoring it.



See map #2



209 N. HURON; CORNWELL HOUSE
This house in the English Tudor style was built about 1921 for Edward C. Cornwell and his wife Jennie, the daughter of one of Ypsilanti's leading citizens, Daniel Lace Quirk, Sr. Mr. Cornwell, also from one of Ypsilanti's leading families, served as secretary-treasurer of the Peninsular Paper Company. During the 1920's the English Tudor style of the 16th and 17th centuries underwent a pop-

ular revival. In addition to the stucco and half timber construction, typical of the Tudor style, the Cornwell house exhibits the Four-centered Tudor Arch, decorative brickwork on the chimney and a combination of small paned casement and double hung windows. The center hall and south side patio are unique in this area. John Harrington and his wife, Rosalie Clavez, purchased the house in 1977 and have begun its restoration.

See map #3

220 NORTH HURON; BARNES-ROSS HOUSE (Historical Museum)
Asa Dow built this house in 1860. Dan Quirk, Sr. and Asa Dow were partners in the Ypsi Wool Co. Together, with Cornwell, they organized the First National Bank of Ypsilanti. This fine brick building is a handsome example of the Italianate style, echoing familiar Renaissance features. The front facade reveals two sections, the more prominent of which displays three upper windows and a lower bay beside the finely carved porch and entrance; the other section, set back, has but two windows above and below and a well ornamented veranda. A conservatory bay window is at the south.

The house was later owned by Lambert Barnes, Peninsular Paper Co. president and mayor. The house is presently owned by the City of Ypsilanti and houses the Historical Museum. *See map #4*





315 N. GROVE; LATE VICTORIAN:

This house, built just prior to the turn of the Century retains many features of the floor plan common to earlier Greek revival and cube style Italianate homes but modified by the 2 story short wing on the north side. As with other homes of the Victorian period elements of the basic design and detailing are

borrowed from several styles and periods. This house is in the city's National Register listed Historic District.

Dave and Chris Blinn, the present owners, are completing restoration of the house.

See map #5

417 MAPLE; NOLAN HOUSE: This house is first recorded in 1865 as a one story frame house. Because of the small eyebrow windows the second floor may have been considered attic space. The roof line and gable returns reflect the Greek revival style common in this area up to the early 1850's, therefore the house may be nearly as old as the first deed (to Mark Norris) in 1841. The first recorded resident/owner was a farmer, later a carpet weaver lived in the house. It is a good example of a working man's house, common on the East Side in the mid 19th century.

Rental property for many years, it is being renovated by George and Marlyn Tabor.

See map #6





323 MAPLE; REED HOUSE: This fine Queen Anne home was built in 1893 for Maro M. Reed, a lumber salesman who later became President of both the Sharf Tag Manufacturing Co. and the Ypsilanti Savings Bank. The present house was apparently built onto or around the original structure built around 1866. The house was designed by Architect Van Falkenberg (or Van Valdenberg) who is credited with bringing the tower

design to Ypsilanti. The high many gabled roof is worthy of notice, especially the varying window designs.

The house is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Weir who have lived in it since Mr. Reed sold it in 1936. The house is virtually completely intact as it was built.

See map #7

331 OAK; GREEK REVIVAL: This frame Greek revival wing and gable house was built about 1851. Originally it consisted of a two story section with the gable facing Oak Street and a one story wing. The Chicago brick veneer (of reclaimed brick from the mid 19th century) was added over the clapboard siding in the early 1920's when the house was extensively modernized. The bungalow style porch replaced the front of the gable end.

The house has been renovated, in period style, by Bruce and Shelley Rankin, who bought it in 1972. Some of the original plaster, woodwork, doors and windows remain.



See map #8



302 OAK; CADY HOUSE: This house was built in the early 1860's and is a very good example of Cube style Italianate design. The main section of the house is square with a balanced window pattern on the facade. The front porch, which originally spanned the entire front, retains the original posts and brackets. Much of the original exterior trim remains, although an iron fence on the peak of the roof is gone. Inside much of the original false wood finished woodwork remains.

The earliest recorded owner was George Cady (1868) a saloon keeper whose business was at 52 E. Cross (the Art Train Building) in Depot Town. The house had had few owners and was altered little before the present owners George and Connie McGreedy, bought it in 1977. They plan to restore the house.

See map #9

600 N. RIVER; HUTCHINSON HOUSE: Byron Shelley Hutchinson founder of the S&H Green Stamp business built this outstanding "robber baron" Queen Anne style mansion in 1902. It is one of the most unique houses of this period in the state. It originally contained 33 rooms, an indoor swimming pool, a ballroom with orchestra loft, and one of the country's earliest elevators. Most of the ornate leaded stained glass windows, carved woodwork and plaster moldings remain. The detailing of both the interior and exterior is borrowed from many styles and periods following the wishes of the owner, who was raised in the house at 509 N. River.

The house had been divided into 14 apartments when the High/Scope Foundation purchased it in 1975. The Foundation is now restoring this landmark as their world headquarters.

See map #10



YPSILANTI HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1974 in response to the then imminent demolition of the Towner House, is dedicated to the idea that one of Ypsilanti's greatest resources is its wealth of historic architecture which, if conserved, rehabilitated and utilized, can add immeasurably to the betterment of the whole community. The Heritage Foundation seeks to increase public understanding and appreciation of the importance of these architectural links with our past, to educate the community in the philosophy and purposes of historic preservation, to actively engage in historic preservation projects and to encourage public and private preservation efforts in whatever ways possible.

The Foundation is headed by a 12 member Board of Directors and has an active and growing membership. Important among its many activities is the awarding, to owners of well-cared-for historic properties, of the historic structure markers which can be seen throughout the historic district. Meetings covering the various aspects of historic preservation are held in September, November, January, March and May. The Foundation Newsletter is mailed to all members prior to each meeting. Membership is open to anyone and interested guests are always welcome!

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EAST SIDE CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

The East Side Citizen's Association was formed in 1973 to prevent rezoning of a portion of the City's east side. Successful in that effort, the Association has developed into a communications network and a vehicle for promoting the conservation and upgrading of one of the oldest areas of Ypsilanti (settled in the late 1820's and early 1830's). The group has worked for improvements to Prospect Park, Historic District Annexation, improved zoning and better code enforcement, and improved citizen input in policy decisions concerning the east side.