

WHITE LAKE AREA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The White Lake Area Historical Society was founded in 1978 with 80 charter members.

The Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 generated interest in founding an area historical society whose purpose was to expose the community of the White Lake Area to its unique heritage, namely the Indian culture and the lumbering era.

History comes and goes so fast that it is important to reach out and save some and foster pride in the history of our community and our country.

Those interested in joining or supporting the White Lake Area Historical Society may contact the White Lake Chamber of Commerce at 124 West Hanson Street, Whitehall, Michigan 49461; (231) 893-4585.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Fee: \$10 - Single \$15 - Couple
Lifetime: \$150 - Single \$200 - Couple

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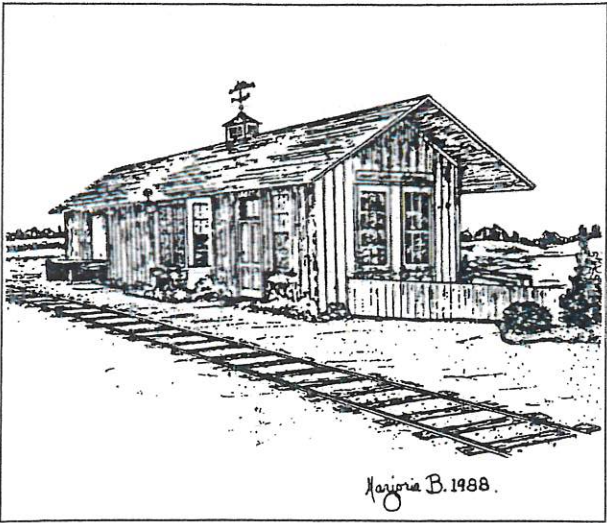
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Checks payable to White Lake Area Historical Society
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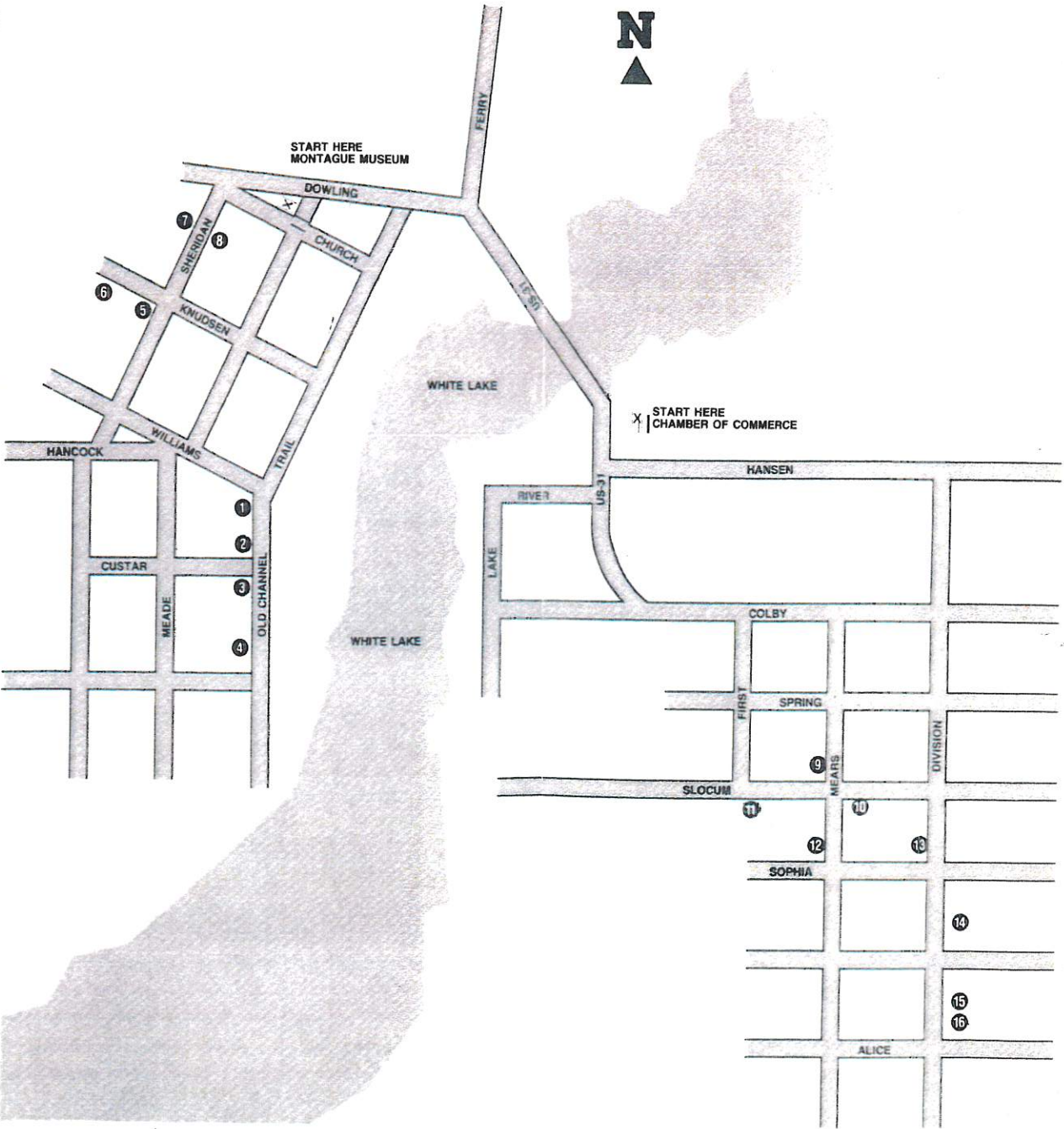


Old Train Depot — Presently White Lake Chamber of Commerce Building.



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WALKING TOUR MAP



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1. Pullman - DeWitt House 8563 Old Channel Trail c late 1860's Gothic revival Victorian with balcony and arched shuttered doors & floor to ceiling windows.



2. Lafayette G. Ripley 8543 Old Channel Trail b 1883 Michigan Historic Site 1058A Brick Italianate Victorian with porches and decorative red brick band.



3. George Mason - Brewer 8523 Old Channel Trail c 1860 Vernacular Victorian Style with 'M' on gable end. Originally had porch on three-quarters of front.



4. Lasley-Scharmer 8495 Old Channel Trail b 1878 Italianate Victorian. Note under-eave brackets, interesting porches, bay windows, projecting window crowns.



5. Leddick - Reed 8679 Sheridan c 1860 Simple Michigan farm style with interesting gables.



6. Nellie B. Chisholm - Smith 8712 Grant Street c 1891 Queen Anne Style with various shingle designs, arches, bays, art glass, carpenter gothic.



7. George Dowling - Heaton 8727 Sheridan c 1870 Italianate Victorian style, with screened generous porch. Note carriage house in back, now a separate home.



8. Kennedy 8710 Sheridan c 1875. Queen Anne style with art glass, scalloped shingles. Bric-a-brac is carpenter Gothic.



OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST



9. Hiram Staples 222 South Mears Avenue c 1867. Original family owns this home. Co-owner of the last operating lumber-mill on White Lake. Note outbuildings; wood well house; brick root cellar.

10. Charles Covell. 303 South Mears Avenue c 1884. White Swan Inn. Queen Anne style. Note wrought iron on roof. Co-owner of H. Staples & Lyman Covell Mill.

11. Redfern-Bloomdahl 115 West Slocum c 1902 First cement-block home in area. Noted for its lovely gardens. Concrete block house with red gable dormers

12. John C. Lewis 324 South Mears Avenue b 1878. The Lewis House Bed & Breakfast. Lumber baron married Augusta Covell. Home remained in family until 1944. Restored Italianate Queen Ann Victorian and new carriage house

13. Charles Seagar 120 East Sophia c 1903 Queen Anne style Victorian with 3 story turret tower.

14. Williams - Fink 415 South Division c 1870. Note the decorative gable ends, bay windows, etc. For years the tannery managers residence.



15. Charles Ruggles House 515 South Division c 1860. Note original fret-work. Little change to outside. Victorian with decorative mill work.

16. Van Kerin c 1865. 523 S. Division. Replica of home in Mt. Morris, New York. Was relative of Ruggles family.

● Montague Museum, 8717 Meade Street, Montague.

● White Lake Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau, 124 Hanson St., Whitehall.

● Dr. Meinhardi's Apothecary Shop, 128 West Hanson St., Whitehall

● Howmet Playhouse, Nufer-Adams Playhouse, 300 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall.

● Goodrich Park, 101 S. Lake Street, Whitehall.

● White River Light Station, 6199 Murray Road, Whitehall.

● Ferry Memorial Reformed Church, 8637 Old Channel Trail, Montague.