



## A Message from the ICHS President, Kathleen Cook



Dear ICHS Members & Supporters,

In response to the National emergency and out of concern for the safety and wellbeing of our members and visitors, the Ionia County Historical Society has canceled its March Business and April General Membership Meetings. We will continue to monitor incoming inquiries and checking on the house regularly. Further updates, as advised by authorities, will be shared via email and social media.

Regardless of uncertainty, we need to prepare for upcoming events as if they are happening. Plans for the Upstairs/ Downtown Event on Saturday, May 23, from 10:00 to 3:00 are in the works! We have new buildings on the tour this year which means that research help is needed. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, or helping on the day of the event, please let any of us know. (The Tri-River Historical Museum Network "SPRING INTO THE PAST" for May 2 & 3 has been officially canceled.)

Since December we have gained several new members. Our newest member, Amber Stranahan, joined us earlier this month. When all of us meet up again (hopefully in May), please introduce yourself to our new members. If you know of anyone interested in joining our group, please encourage them to attend one of our meetings. There are many perks to being a member of the ICHS. We offer discounts on rental of the house, invitations to special events and members receive a mailed copy of our newsletter, The Chronicle.

After a long winter, I was looking forward to spending Spring Break in The Sunshine State with friends and family. I went from singing "Here Comes the Sun" to singing "This Little Light of Mine." Sometimes you have to create your own sunshine! I am taking advantage of my time off by taking long walks, reading and finishing up projects that have been on the back burner. I am sure that many of you have been doing the same. To those who have complained about being homebound, let's remember Anne Frank who lived 761 days in a secret annex with little food and little to do. She was 13 years old when she went into hiding yet she said, "I've found that there is always some beauty left in nature, sunshine, freedom in yourself; these can all help you." May all of you stay healthy and recharge your batteries as we gear up for spring!

Warm Regards,  
Kathleen Cook  
ICHS President

# Our Winter Programs

For the past several years, we've met for the January program meeting at the Lamplight Grill in downtown Ionia. The tradition was started to commemorate the contributions to the ICHS by Hank Knoop. We welcomed several new members to the dinner this year, our president, Kathleen Cook, reviewed the upcoming events and activities, and all present discussed past successes and future challenges. Many thanks to Rich Thompson, owner at the Lamplight, for donating a percentage of the proceeds back to the ICHS!

In February, we met at the home of Greg and Kathleen Cook (pictured below) to see the progress they've made with the significant "make over" at their historic house. The place needed a lot of work when they purchased it last year, and the progress they've made is quite impressive. Alongside modernization of many areas of the house, they've also preserved a lot of the historic features as well. Thanks to Cooks for hosting our gathering and letting us see the results of their hard work.



Members and guests gathered at Ionia Public Safety for our March meeting. After enjoying their small display of historic items in their lobby, we took our seats in their training room. Within a few minutes, we were greeted

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enthusiastically by Officer Blocker - Ionia's first and only K-9 officer - and his partner, Officer Jennifer Skorka.

Blocker was purchased with donations from a number of sources strictly for the purpose. The pure-bred German Shepard was trained in Poland, and still follows voice commands in Polish.

The pair often addresses school groups, and describes their duties and what they do for the community. This includes the dog's narcotics-seeking skills, but also tracking and pursuit abilities.

Blocker wears a bullet-proof vest, and has his own badge to wear. In addition, there is equipment for their on-going training, including a full "bite suit." The two are inseparable, and trained together.

After our visit with the officers, we were shown through the facility, enjoyed their displays of photos from various fires and rescue operations through the years, plus photos of the firefighters from decades earlier.

Thanks to Officers Skorka and Blocker for their hospitality, and to the department for their service.



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## **Past News & Events**

### **EVENTS (other than meetings):**

We had planned on having a booth at the Ionia Expo in early March (as usual). Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 shutdown, this didn't happen. Thanks to Linda Ciangi and her crew for getting the displays together, even though it didn't happen.

A few other committee activities were canceled during the past few months as well.

We remain confident that the shutdown will be eased in time for our early summer plans, and committee work continues apace. So if you'd like to help with any of the following committees, please contact a Board Member.

### **Committee Reports —**

**Treasurer —** The treasury continues to shrink as winter expenses outpaced the income from fund raisers. While this is typical of our winter season, Treasurer Mary Kimble has asked for ideas to raise money, in addition to our traditional events. She has suggested a "High Tea" at the Blanchard House sometime during the summer months. Anyone interested in this idea, please contact her. She also reported that most of the Treasury is automated now, and work on a solid budget is underway.

**Grounds and Maintenance —** It appears that progress will finally be made on the back porch project, now that the weather is warming a bit. Chairman Dave White is gathering a crew, and will report more details soon. Springtime cleanup will get underway as well, and get the place ready for visitors when the busy season starts in May.

**Accessions —** The committee has moved their operations to the Sentinel-Standard building now, and they enter dozens of artifacts into the database on a weekly basis. For people interested in donating items, there is now a procedure in place to ensure that new acquisitions are properly recorded, and proper credit given to the donors. This info, (reprinted in this issue) and the associated submission form is available now on the website. Linda Ciangi will be looking into the reliability of the WiFi in the building, which Kimbles report to be inadequate.

**Technology —** Dave Cusack has graciously agreed to take the reigns on the ICHS technological challenges. This has been primarily with regards to the bookkeeping and accessions process, but there is much more to the picture "in this day and age." Working with the other committees, very soon our technology will become a more effective asset than it has been in the past.

**Rentals and Housekeeping —** There are a few rentals scheduled for later in the Spring, and our new rental agreement forms are now available to help manage this process. Thanks again to Barb Ehlert, our on-site manager for rentals, including the preparations and cleanup afterwards. The routine spring cleaning is underway in earnest on Thursday afternoons, and if you'd like to help, please stop by!

**Museum Committee —** Linda Ciangi has arranged to have some videos recorded in the museum area of the Blanchard House to show what we have in place today. This information will become part of the discussion regarding the fate of the Hall-Fowler House if the Library millage passes. That plan is to utilize the present site of the library as a research facility for genealogy and local history, as well as a new public library. There will be plenty more information on this in the coming months.

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## Help Wanted!



If you can spare some time, some expertise, or some muscle-power, there are plenty of things you can do to help support our organization. Please sign up to help whenever you can. If you have suggestions or specific area of interest, please let the Board know also.



The ICHS is for the entire community, and that includes you, too!

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For people interested in helping at the Blanchard House for tours, both Summer Sundays and Group Tours, David McCord is planning to conduct a Docents Training Session, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 18th (time to be announced). Contact David to sign up!

The Carriage House Project is also part of the Museum Committee's plans, and David M. notes that this will get underway now that the weather is warming. The winter months provided time for research and planning. Anyone interested in helping, be sure to notify David and wait for a call to help.

Publicity — David M. has accepted the chairmanship of this committee, and has renewed his efforts to keep the Google Calendar, WION audience, Community Calendars, and Facebook pages up to date. The new Blanchard House brochure should be ready very soon, in full-color and featuring new photography by Michael Boyes. David is also working on a media list and budget for the committee. To any ICHS Event Coordinators: send the particulars of your event to David for promotion! (This committee includes the publication of this newsletter.)

Gift Shoppe — The gift shoppe update continues, and Mary K. plans to get a detailed inventory together before the "museum season" begins. Anyone interested in helping with the museum store, please contact her.

Other Business —

- Postcards are ready to go for the 2020 Membership Drive, and will be in the mail by April 1.
- Linda Ciangi still has tickets available for the Spring Raffle! The cancellation of the Expo set up a back a bit on this, but anyone can get a stack of tickets from Linda to sell. (So far, Bryan Kimble is the champion ticket-seller.)
- The March meeting of the Tri-River Historic Museums Network was scheduled to be at the Blanchard House on the 17th, but the virus caused this to be canceled. This is a very valuable organization, in which the ICHS is a charter member. Monthly meetings are open to the public, and if you're interested, contact David McCord to share a ride. The next meeting will be in May.
- Linda Ciangi continues work on the Murals Project in downtown Ionia. The first of these will be installed

on the east side of the Ionia Theatre building, depicting historic scenes relevant to that intersection of town. In addition, local Scout Cody Husted has chosen as his Eagle Scout Project the task of producing four circular historic displays to be installed in Cornell Alley. These will depict significant persons from Ionia's history, and as of this writing, will be in production before the end of March.

- Stacy Tchorzynski continues to monitor the world of education and grants in the history world. She recently shared info regarding some operating grants available, and reminds us all of the many services available to us. David M. noted the offers from the Kutsche Office at GVSU, and Mary K. suggested rhar individuals should check out the on-line classes and webinars available.

- Our president, Kathleen Cook, continues to emphasize the need for plans and policies for the Historical Society. Specifically, we desperately need a Strategic Plan, Maintenance Plan, Disaster Plan, and a formal Operating Budget. This requires a rather specialized skill set, and there is no doubt that we should go outside of our ranks to get help. Some help can come from State resources, but we still need some local support to do the actual writing (someone who speaks "legalese"). We are also seeking a "wordsmith" to help craft a position statement regarding the library/museum millage proposal. Qualified readers, please contact Kathleen.

Upcoming Events — The Summer Sundays schedule will soon be upon us, opening the Blanchard House to the public on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Board voted at the January Board Meeting to schedule all Sundays from May 3rd to August 30th (depending on the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic).

Summer Sundays are a major activity at the ICHS in fulfillment of our mission statement, to share our local history with the public. It does take significant volunteer help, ideally four people each Sunday. Not everyone on staff gives tours, but if you'd like to do so, please attend the Docent's Training on April 18th!

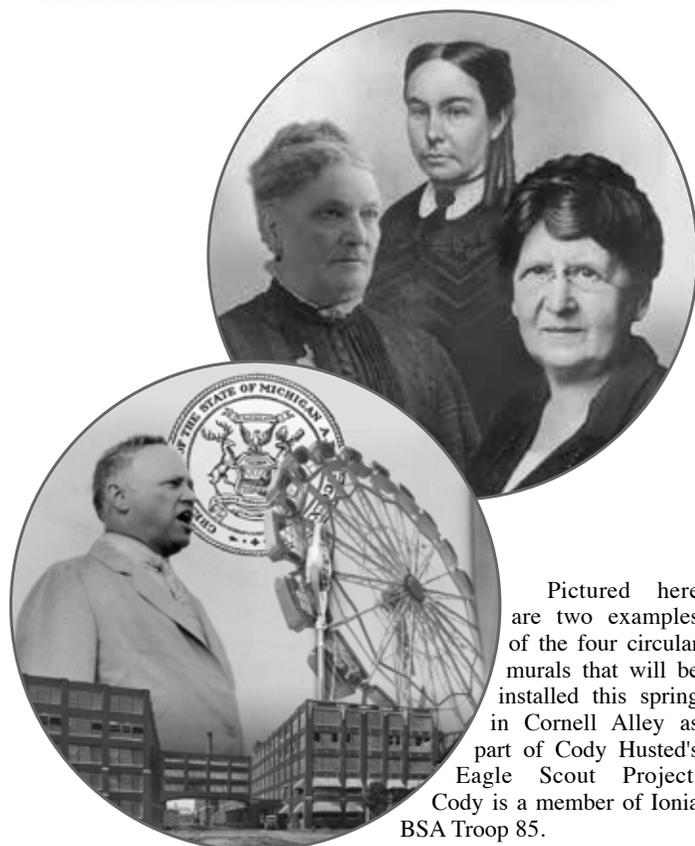
The annual Upstairs/Downtown Tours are presently scheduled for May 23rd. We need a chairperson for this event. Because it's all been done before, the chairmanship is not terribly difficult. If you can fulfill this role, please contact a Board member. We should be getting started

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now to make this event a success. It's a good fund-raiser for us, as well as a favorite with the public!

Beyond the month of May, the ICHS participates in several other community events in the summer. Not the least of these is the Free Fair, where we have an exhibit (or two) in the Floral Building, a presence in the parade, and help with other activities throughout the week.

Upcoming events and activities are listed in our Google Calendar, which can be reached through the website. Anyone interested in becoming involved, or to attend an event as a spectator, is encouraged to contact a member of the Board or the person in charge of each event. Thank you!



Pictured here are two examples of the four circular murals that will be installed this spring in Cornell Alley as part of Cody Husted's Eagle Scout Project. Cody is a member of Ionia BSA Troop 85.

A thank you to Cody for choosing to promote our local history through your project!

**HOSTING to welcome our visitors to the Blanchard House!**  
From May through August, the Blanchard House is open for tours on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Other tours are scheduled by special arrangement when possible.) Volunteers are needed to staff the house on these afternoons, either as tour guides, greeters, or companions. To help, please contact a Board member.



Be sure to monitor our Facebook Page & Website for current information!



# Have Something To Donate?

The Accessions Committee has put together the following information for donating items to the ICHS.

## DONATING FUNDS

NOTE: If you'd like to make a monetary donation to the ICHS, you can simply write a check to us and send it to the following address:

Ionia County Historical Society  
attn: Treasurer  
PO Box 176  
Ionia, MI 48846

If you would like your gift to support a specific ICHS project, event, or activity, simply include a note with your donation. Also, if you'd like to make a donation in honor of someone, or on behalf of your family or an organization, include that information as well. And, of course if you'd like your donation to be anonymous, we will honor that request, too.

Another way you can support the ICHS (aside from our fund-raising events) would be to make your Amazon purchases through "smile.amazon.com" and designate the Ionia County Historical Society as a recipient. A small percentage of your transaction cost will be donated to the ICHS by Amazon!

## DONATING ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS



While ICHS does *not* accept "unsolicited donations" or "drop-offs," we are happy to work with you to schedule time to evaluate your potential donation. In general, the best thing to do is to send an email or letter to the Accessions Committee ([records@ioniahistory.org](mailto:records@ioniahistory.org)) along with photographs and descriptions of the offered item(s).

All donations of artifacts or documents must be accompanied by the appropriate paperwork. A copy of the ICHS "Custody Receipt" form can be picked up at the Blanchard House, requested to be sent to you by mail, or downloaded here (PDF) for completion.

Listed here are several points to be aware of when considering a donation to the ICHS.

1. Our criteria for the acceptance and retention of donations are listed on the following page.

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• Items owned by the Blanchard, Stevenson, and Lockwood families who lived in the Blanchard House.

• Items from the mid-to-late 19th century that will enhance our interpretation of the Blanchard's lifestyle when they lived in the house (1880-1905).

• Items pertaining directly to the history of Ionia County. (Items that were made in Ionia, belonging to Ionia area residents (with documentation), documents related to the community, etc.)

*NOTE: The Ionia County communities of Belding, Saranac, Lyons-Muir, Lake Odessa, and Portland have historical organizations focused on their own local history. If your items are related to those areas, please contact them directly.*

• Items of particular significance in a general historical sense that is relevant to the interpretation of Ionia area history in some way.

*NOTE: This could include tools, publications, souvenirs, articles of clothing, or products that would have been available and significant to Ionians. This might include war relics, ration books, toys, mechanisms, antique product packages, etc., which would help to interpret stories and time periods for special displays and presentations.*

• More recent items, pertaining to current Ionia area history that must be retained for future historians. (Such items will be retained on a case-by-case basis.)

2. Primary consideration will be given to the ability of the ICCHS to provide proper care and storage for any object. No item(s) will be considered for acquisition if future care and preservation exceed the ICCHS' resources. (*Donations that include financial support for long-term storage and preservation are encouraged!*)

3. Donors must have clear title and ownership of the items being donated. This includes related permissions as regards copyrighted material, including photographs.

4. A 30-day examination and review period may be requested for any proposed acquisition.

5. All acquisitions are to be outright and unconditional. The ICCHS cannot guarantee that objects donated will be placed on exhibition, or that they will be exhibited or stored intact as a single collection. In addition, please be aware that curatorial decisions made during cataloging

of new collections may result in objects being deemed more appropriate for sale to benefit the ICCHS, or custody transferred to another more appropriate organization.

6. All donations to the Society's collections are irrevocable upon the formal and physical transfer to the ICCHS.

7. Federal law prevents the ICCHS from providing identification services or appraisal values for donated items. Donors are responsible for appraisals of value.

Donations are fully tax deductible within IRS guidelines. Please consult your tax advisor. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Tax I.D. 23-7423779.

### **DONATE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!**

There are many ways that an individual or group can help the Historical Society to serve our community. Here are just a few:

1. Become a member!
2. Host at the Blanchard House / Museum
3. Become a Tour Guide ("Docent")
4. Help at ICCHS Events
5. Serve as a Committee Member

- Program Committee
- Accessions Committee
- Refreshments Committee
- Building and Grounds Committee
- Housekeeping Committee
- Membership Committee
- Museum Committee
- Rental Committee
- Publicity Committee

To volunteer, contact us online, or get in touch with a current member or ICCHS Board Member and let us know how you'd like to help. Thanks for your interest!



*Our Accessions Committee is eager to accept your donations... with the correct paperwork, of course!*

# SOUVENIRS

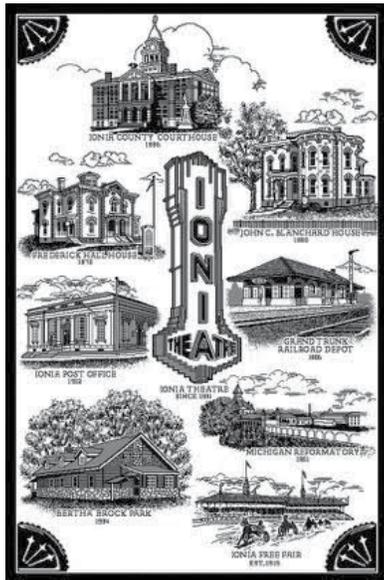
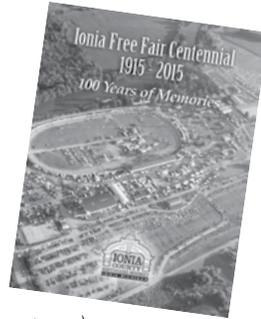
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## Ionia Free Fair Centennial 1915-2015

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Compiled by David McCord with the help of many contributors, this 8.5 x 11 inch book contains 328 pages of history and over 1,000 photos and graphics.

Softcover: \$29.95 / Hardcover: \$44.95 (add \$5 for postage)



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DVD Video on the history of Ionia's major employer for nearly 100 years, produced by students at Ferris State University and shown on public television throughout the country. Only \$10 for the former factory employee in YOUR family!



## Historic DVD Videos

**'Sno Wonder DVD – 1936 Ionia County Road Commission + 1940 Bertha Brock Snow Festival** Short films that show us a glimpse of the challenges and the fun of Winters in Ionia County a generation ago.

**1939 "We're In The Movies"** A promotional film produced by Ionia businesses and organizations. It's a wonderful look into our town over 70 years ago.

**1950s Home Show and Free Fair Movies**

**1976 U.S. Bicentennial in Ionia**

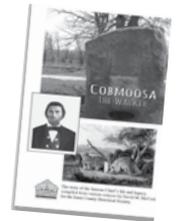
**1937 Ionia Airport Inaugural plus Bertha Brock Park's 1940 "Winter Festival"**

**1973 Ionia Centennial Documentary**

**"Ionia's First 150 Years" and "Ionia - A Look Back"** - Films by Monroe MacPherson

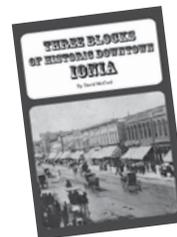
DVDs are available for \$10 each!

**Cobmoosa: The Great Walker** — A biography of the last Great Chief of the Grand River Indians. by David McCord. \$6 each



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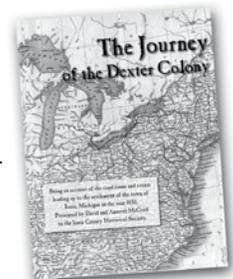
**A History of Bertha Brock Park on its 80th "Birthday"** by David McCord. \$6 each



**Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Ionia - 40 pages of history** by David McCord. \$5 each

**The Journey of the Dexter Colony, 1833**, by David and Annette McCord. A detailed history of the settling of Ionia, fully illustrated.

\$12 each  
(\$15 with postage)



## ALSO AVAILABLE:

Reproductions of historic Ionia publications:

- 1887 "Headlight Flashes" Special Ionia Edition
- 1907 Ionia Souvenir Book
- 1973 Ionia City Centennial Program Book
- Antique Ionia Postcards
- Antique Ionia Photographs

**AND MORE!**

## IONIA-MADE AUTOMOBILES



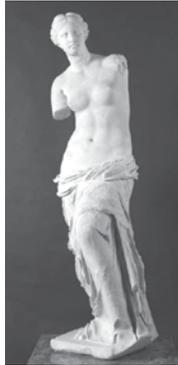
Exclusive to the ICHS Gift Shoppe, the 18x24-inch poster on heavy gloss paper sells for \$15, and the packet of NINE "Made in Ionia" automobile postcards are just \$10. (Artwork by David McCord; proceeds go to the ICHS.)

# WAYBACK



## 1820 - 200 Years Ago:

April 8 – The statue of the Venus de Milo (Aphrodite of Milos, c.150 BC-125 BC) was discovered on the Greek island of Milos by a peasant named Yorgos Kentrotas.



April 12 – Alexander Ypsilantis is declared leader of Filiki Eteria, a secret organization to overthrow Ottoman rule over Greece. The popularity of the Greek revolution and establishment of their republic leads to naming many American places with Greek names (such as "Ionia").

May 6 – Henry Rowe Schoolcraft (at left) arrived in Detroit to join a federally funded expedition to northern Michigan and beyond. His description of the settlement says “The town consists of about two hundred and fifty houses, including public buildings, and has a population of fourteen hundred and fifteen inhabitants, exclusive of the garrison. Very few of the French antiquated buildings remain.”



June 29 – The incident that led to the U.S. Supreme Court case known simply as "The Antelope" occurred when a U.S. Treasury cutter captures a ship of the same name, which was transporting 281 Africans who had been captured as slaves, in violation of the 1819 U.S. law prohibiting the slave trade.

Also, two treaties were signed in the spring of 1820 with the Chippewa Nation in Michigan Territory - one in Saginaw and another in Sault Ste Marie. An excerpt from the Saginaw treaty reads: “In consideration of the cession aforesaid, the United States agree to pay to the Chippewa Nation of Indians, annually, forever, the sum of one thousand dollars in silver; and do also agree that all annuities due by any former treaty to the said tribe shall be hereafter paid in silver.”

## 1870 — 150 Years Ago



J.C. Taylor



T.G. Stevenson

Civil War veterans J.C. Taylor and T.G. Stevenson (both attained the rank of Captain during the war) established the Ionia Standard newspaper, originally set up in Saranac. About the same time, Grand

River Valley Standard (also in Saranac) and the Hubbardston Advertiser were established.

May 5 – The British and Foreign Society for Improving the Embossed Literature of the Blind adopted Braille as the best format for blind people to read.

June 28 – Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States.

The number of horses in Ionia County was assessed as part of the U.S. Census of 1870. As of June 1, there were 6,514 horses. The Census would later reveal the human population of the county at 27,675, which works out to 1 horse for every 4.25 humans. Other interesting information from the those statistics:

- Mules, 39; Milch cows, 7,365;
- Working oxen, 1,820; Sheep, 79,199; Swine, 9,564
- Pounds butter for year ending June 1, 1870: 651,299
- Pounds cheese for year ending June 1, 1870: 25,492
- Pounds tobacco for year ending June 1, 1870: 593
- Number of steam-power saw-mills: 10
- Number of water-power saw-mills: 11
- Number of persons employed in saw-mills: 228
- Number of steam-power flouring-mills: 3
- Number of water-power flouring-mills: 11

(Taken from Schenck's History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties, 1881)

## 1920 — 100 Years Ago

During this year there were lots of changes on the world map, and the rise and fall of many nations, states, republics and empires. Borders moved around so much that the map makers of the world must have reached a new level of frustration.



April 20 – The 1920 Summer Olympics opened in Antwerp, Belgium. The Olympic symbols of five interlocking rings and the associated flag were first displayed at the games.

May 16 – Over 30,000 people attended the ceremony in Rome for the Canonization of Joan of Arc, including 140 descendants of Joan of Arc's family..

May 2 – The first game of Negro National League baseball was played in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## 1970 — 50 Years Ago

April 1 – American President Richard Nixon signed the Public Health Cigarette Smoking Act into law, banning cigarette television advertisements in the United States beginning on January 1, 1971.



Apollo 13 was the seventh crewed mission in the Apollo space program and the third meant to land on the Moon. The craft was launched from Kennedy Space Center on April 11, 1970, but the lunar landing was aborted after an oxygen tank in the service module (SM) failed two days into the mission. The crew instead looped around the Moon, and returned safely to Earth on April 17.

May 4 – Four students at Kent State University in Ohio, USA were killed and nine wounded by Ohio National Guardsmen at a protest against the incursion into Cambodia.

May 8 – The Beatles released their 12th and final album, "Let It Be". Three weeks earlier, Paul McCartney issued a press release written in mock-interview style that was included in promotional copies of his first solo album. In that release, he announced that he had officially left The Beatles.

May 14 – In the second day of violent demonstrations at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, state law enforcement officers fired into the crowd of demonstrators, killing two and injuring 12.

And in contrast to the 1870 census data noted above, the 1970 U.S. census reported that Ionia County was home to 45,848 persons.



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The Chronicle is the official publication of the Ionia County Historical Society. It is written, edited, and published by David McCord, Secretary. Any comments, corrections (of course), or contributions should be directed to the editor c/o the ICHS at P.O. Box 176, Ionia, MI, 48846 or via [www.ioniahistory.org](http://www.ioniahistory.org).

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## JOIN TODAY!

If you'd like to help us preserve the area's heritage, please fill in the form below and send it, with check or money order, to the **ICHS Treasurer, P.O. Box 176, Ionia, MI 48846.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Check Your Membership Type:

- Regular Membership = \$20 Per Person
- Business Buddy = \$40
- Corporate = \$250
- Life Member = \$1000
- Student (under 18) FREE
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- Renewing Member
- New Member

If you're a new member, how did you hear about us?

\_\_\_\_\_

Send my newsletter by US Mail.

Send a link to get my newsletter by email.

## Got something to donate?

The Historical Society accepts most donations of antique and vintage photos, documents, and larger artifacts if they are relevant to Ionia's history in some way. Please contact a Board Member for more information, and be sure to get a receipt for your donation — it may be tax deductible! (We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit org.)



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For information on your long-lost relatives in Ionia, please contact the Ionia County Genealogy Society.  
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