

History Next Door and Across the State

The Michigan Historical Center connects people all across our state to Michigan's past. At its core is the wonderful Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing with the state's tree, its museum and its state archives. Since the Historical Center opened in 1989, the museum alone has welcomed more than 2.4 million visitors—nearly half of them schoolchildren discovering their state with their class.

But the work of the Michigan Historical Center extends well beyond Lansing.

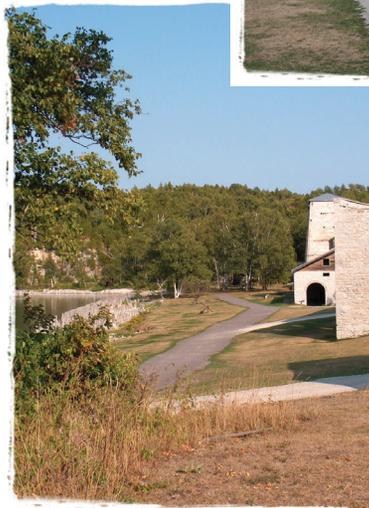
- It's the historical marker by the county courthouse.
- It's *The Mitten* sent to every fourth grader in the state.
- It's the copy of your great-grandmother's naturalization papers or the 1870s map of your hometown.
- It's the house that was just nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and the grant that's helping preserve the lighthouse in the harbor.
- It's the record of every known shipwreck and archaeological site in Michigan.
- It's *Michigan History* magazine.
- It's museums from Copper Harbor to Cambridge Junction, plus the only National Marine Sanctuary on the Great Lakes.



Your Gift Keeps Michigan History Programs Growing

The Michigan Historical Center needs the support of people who care about our state's history and want to share it with others. Your gift will help us:

- Expand our museum exhibits on topics ranging from conserving our natural resources to 1920s tourism and the lighthouse at East Tawas.
- Reach thousands of school children through school tours, after-school programs, the week-long BIG History Lesson, publications and our Web site.
- Present public programs at all our sites.
- Preserve artifacts from glass canes to iron stoves.
- Conserve maps, photographs and documents.
- Promote historic preservation.
- Make more resources available online at www.michiganhistory.org.



Your Gift

Gifts of \$40-\$249 bring those who are not already Friends of Michigan History a Friends membership. Friends receive a subscription to *Michigan History* magazine, invitations to events, our newsletter, museum store discounts and discounts in museums in 30 states as part of the national Time Traveler program.

Gifts of \$250-\$499 add a Friends membership to give to a relative or friend.

Those who make a gift of \$500-\$999 are also invited to enjoy a personal behind-the-scenes tour of one of our museums or the center.

Gifts of \$1,000 or more are permanently recognized on our donor board.

A gift of \$1,500 or more brings with it the privilege of using the Michigan Historical Center for an after-hours event.

Ways to Give

Cash:

Most gifts are made in cash by check or using Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

Matching Gifts:

In planning your gift, ask your employer about its matching gift policy. If your company has a matching gift program, please complete the appropriate form and mail it to the Foundation with your donation.

Securities:

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Planned Giving:

Contact us for complete details.

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The Michigan Historical Center

Michigan History magazine is published bimonthly for more than 30,000 subscribers. It also produces the award-winning *Michigan History for Kids* magazine and *The Mitten* newsletter.

The Archives and Records Management Program manages the state's records and cares for its archival records in the State Archives of Michigan. There researchers can use more than 300,000 photographs, 500,000 maps and 100 million records and manuscripts—some dating to 1797.

The Office of the State Archaeologist documents archaeological sites and manages sites on state lands and underwater cultural resources such as shipwrecks. It is the state partner in the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve in Alpena.

The State Historic Preservation Office helps Michigan preserve its historic buildings and landscapes through programs such as the National Register of Historic Places, the Michigan Lighthouse Program and the Michigan Historical Marker Program.

The Michigan Historical Museum shares the state's history with more than 650,000 visitors every year, using exhibits, interpreters and special programs at eleven different sites. It cares for more than 100,000 artifacts and creates educational programs and materials for children, their teachers and their parents.

The Michigan Historical Center Web Site, www.michiganhistory.org, attracts more than 2 million visits a year.

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History Next Door and Across the State Help Keep Michigan's History Programs Growing

flows through the aforesaid country, dis- its waters into Lake Michigan, exactly Milwaukee, affording at its mouth one of harbors on all the lakes. In the valley, banks of this River, are some of the finest in the State.

By an act of Congress, the State of Michigan was authorized to select from the Land General Government, 500,000 acres, of which principally in Michigan. These it skill and are now in however releasing \$ 60 c. on ment at 70 cts. purchased in the re confident removing them: They this or any nity to nav important con- sions. They ataries to G Building num great abun re in d, and remarkably annexed in e of Michig e State. A numly the interior from surro nding lakes at Grand R over 800 fee twenty miles apics and lo us on Gra the impor s will be, th country abo heeler, Crocker, Grad River a

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