



# *Mount Clemens Public Library*

## *Local History Sketches*

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### **Macomb County Extinct Towns, Railroad Stops, & Place Name Changes**

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*(Note: All places are described using the names of current townships, cities, and roads when possible.  
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**Aaronville** - Rural post office opened in March 1858, closed May 1859.

**Alba Township** - Earlier name of Warren Township (1838-1839); earlier called Hickory.

**Aldredge Settlement** - Village in Bruce Township.

**Aldrich Settlement** - Village in Armada Township east of the village of Romeo.

**Anchor Bay Gardens** - Village on Anchor Bay that has been incorporated with New Baltimore.

**Armada Center** - Village in Armada Township located at Coon Creek and Armada Ridge Roads.

**Armada Corners** - Village in Armada Township located at Gilmore Road, 32 Mile Road, and Romeo Plank Road. Founded in 1832. Also called Selleck's Corners.

**Armadia Township** - Spelling under which Armada Township established its government in 1832.

**Ashley/ Ashleyville** - Earlier name of New Baltimore (1840s-1867).

**Ashley's Mills** - Sawmill founded in 1821; later called Haskin's Mills.

**Base Line** - Post office in area bordered on the south by 8 Mile Road; annexed by Warren when it became a city in 1957.

**Bay Court** - Interurban stop in Chesterfield Township.

**Belvidere** - Village in Harrison Township located at the mouth of the Clinton River. Founded circa 1836; abandoned in 1838.

**Bates Corner** - Village on the Richmond / Lenox Township border south of 32 Mile Road at M-19; earlier called Bates Settlement; now part of Richmond.

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**Beebe's Corners** - Village that became the core of Richmond; also called Coopertown.

**Beebe's Corners** - Settlement in Warren Township located south of Red Run Creek near Chicago Road between Mound and Van Dyke.

**Berry's Corners** - Village in Armada Township at 32 Mile and Omo Roads.

**Big Springs** - Earlier name of Mount Clemens (until 1818).

**Bobcean's Corners** - Village in Macomb Township located at Romeo Plank and Hall Road (M-

59); also called South Waldenburg.

**Burk's (Burke's) Corners** - Earlier name of Armada.

**Brooklyn** - Small town in Ray Township located at 27 Mile Road and Romeo Plank; earlier called Davis.

**Butts** - Interurban stop located on the Oakland / Macomb County border in Washington Township at Washington and Dequindre Roads.

**Cady's Corners (Cady)** - Small town in Clinton Township located at Moravian Drive and Utica Road settled in 1833.

**Campau** - Rural post office near Mount Clemens opened in April 1899 and closed in May 1900.

**Carrollton** - Rural post office that opened in July 1842 and closed in October 1843.

**Casino** - Village in Clinton Township at Canal and Clinton River Roads near the site of 1700s Moravian settlement; later called Frederick.

**Centre Line** - Original spelling of Center Line.

**Chesterfield** - Railroad stop in Chesterfield Township located at 23 Mile Road and Gratiot.

**Chubb's Settlement** - Village in Ray Township located at 29 Mile Road, North Avenue, and New Haven Road; also called Ray Exchange or possibly Ray Corners.

**Clifton Village** - in Washington Township at Mount Vernon and 31 Mile Road. Possibly larger than neighboring Romeo in the 1850s-1860s.

**Clintondale** - Name proposed when Clinton Township sought to incorporate as a city in 1967; the proposal failed. *See also* Clinton Valley.

**Clinton Valley** - Name proposed when Clinton Township sought to incorporate as a city in 1970; the proposal failed. *See also* Clintondale.

**Cooley's Corners** - Village in Shelby Township located at Schoenherr and 24 Mile Roads.

**Coopertown** - Village that became the core of Richmond; also called Beebe's Corner.

**Cottageville** - Nickname of the village of Warren.

**Crawford /Crawford's Settlement** - Small town located on the border of Ray and Macomb Townships at 26 Mile Road and North Avenue; first named Crawford or Crawford's Settlement; post office was called Vienna in 1848; renamed Meade following the battle of Gettysburg in honor of General George Meade.

**Crissmanville** - Village in Washington Township located at Mound and 29 Mile Roads.

**Dalton's Corners** - Small settlement in Warren Township located between 8 and 9 Mile Road and Van Dyke.

**Davis** - Small town in Ray Township located at 27 Mile Road and Romeo Plank; earlier called Brooklyn.

**Delaney** - Interurban stop in Washington Township, presumably between Mound and Van Dyke south of 29 Mile.

**Depew/ Depew Siding** - Railroad stop in Shelby Township located at 23 Mile Road, ½ mile east of Dequindre.

**Dicken's Corners** - Village in Ray Township.

**Disco** - Small town in Shelby Township located at 24 Mile Road and Van Dyke; also called

Utica Plains and Whiskey Center.

**Dodge City** - Name proposed when southwest corner of Warren Township sought to incorporate as a city in the 1950s; *see also* Fitzgerald.

**Doyle** - Small town in Richmond Township located at Boardman and Cryderman Roads.

**Eagle Pointe** - Settlement located on a point of land projecting into Lake St. Clair in Lake Township (see also); platted in 1916, it was absorbed by the village of St. Clair Shores in 1925.

**East Detroit** - Earlier name of Eastpointe (1929-1992).

**East View** - Village that was incorporated with Romeo.

**Erin Township** - Earlier name of Eastpointe (1843 to 1924, when the village of Halfway was formed); earlier called Orange Township.

**Fairchild** - Village in Chesterfield Township located at Fairchild and 23 Mile Road; also known as Slippery Corner.

**Fillmore** - Rural post office that existed from 1851 to 1859.

**Fitzgerald** - Name proposed when southwest corner of Warren Township sought to incorporate as a city in the 1950s; *see also* Dodge City.

**Frankfort** - Village in Macomb Township at 21 Mile Road and Tilch; platted in 1837, no town ever was built.

**Frazer** - Name under which the village of Fraser was incorporated in 1895; the spelling was legally changed in 1928.

**Frederick** - Village in Clinton Township at Canal and Clinton River Roads; starting point for Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal; platted in mid-1830s; earlier called Casino.

**Gas Settlement** - Village in Ray Township near Davis (27 Mile and Romeo Plank Roads).

**Genoa** - Village in Armada Township; platted in 1837, no town ever was built.

**Glenwood** - Railroad stop in Warren Township located at Chicago Road between Mound and Van Dyke; also called Oakwood.

**Gray's Mills** - Later name of Clifton.

**Halfway** - Earlier name of Eastpointe (Post office 1897-1924; Village 1924-1929). Also an interurban stop on Gratiot at 9 Mile Road.

**Harlow** - Earlier name of Utica (1829-1833).

**Harrison** - Village in Harrison Township in 1859.

**Harrison Shores** - Name proposed when Harrison Township sought to incorporate as a city in 1966.

**Haskin's Mills** - Sawmill founded in 1828; earlier called Ashley's Mills.

**Heart** - Rural post office that existed from 1837 to 1838.

**Hickory Township** - Original name of Warren Township (1837-1838); later called Alba.

**High Bank(s)** - Earlier name of Mount Clemens (until 1818).

**Hog's Hollow** - Earlier name of Utica (1820s).

**Honeyoe** - Earlier name of Armada.

**Hosner** - Post office located 7 miles from Romeo that operated from February 1899 to December 1900.

**Hoxie or Hoxey Settlement** - Earlier name of Romeo; also called Indian Village.

**Huron Point** - Earlier name of Belvidere.

**Huron River** - Earlier name of the Clinton River.

**Indian Village** - Earlier name of Romeo and first post office there.

**Ingleside** - Interurban stop on Gratiot near 14 or 15 Mile Road.

**Jefferson Township** - Name under which Sterling Township was founded and existed from 1835 to 1838.

**Jefferson Beach** - Interurban stop on Jefferson near 10 or 11 Mile Road.

**Knight's Crossing** - Interurban stop located at 29 Mile and Van Dyke.

**Lake Shore** - Village on the shores of Lake St. Clair near Vernier (8 Mile Road); incorporated with St. Clair Shores in 1925.

**Lakeside** - Interurban stop and resort area in Harrison Township on Jefferson Avenue at Crocker Road.

**Lake Township** - Area between Grosse Pointe Shores and St. Clair Shores; boundaries are the Milk River, Lake St. Clair, and Eight Mile Road. Most of the land now belongs to the Edsel Ford estate.

**Lamb** - Interurban stop in Washington Township, presumably between Mound and Van Dyke, near 28 Mile.

**L'Anse Creuse** - French settlers' name for the area that now comprises St. Clair Shores; settlement began in 1799. Also an interurban stop on Jefferson near 9 or 10 Mile Road.

**Lenox Station** - Small village on the Richmond / Lenox Township border on the north side of 32 Mile Road along the railroad track; commonly called Ridgeway; now part of Richmond.

**Liverpool** - Failed village in Harrison Township at the end of Shook Road on L'Anse Creuse Bay.

**Lockwood** - Interurban stop located in Washington Township at West and Mound Roads.

**Lottivue** - Residential development on Anchor Bay south of New Baltimore.

**MacDougallville** - Earlier name of Utica (1817-1820s).

**Macomb Corners** - Small town at Romeo Plank and 25 Mile Roads.

**Macomb Township** - From 1834-1842 was comprised of what are now the townships of Chesterfield and Macomb.

**Maple Club** - Interurban stop on Jefferson Avenue near 14 Mile Road.

**Marcellus** - Village in Clinton Township located on Gratiot at the Clinton River; platted in 1838, became extinct by 1890.

**McPhersonville** - Name of Fraser (post office) from 1860 to 1863.

**Meade** - Small town located on the border of Ray and Macomb Townships at 26 Mile Road and North Avenue; first named Crawford or Crawford's Settlement; post office was called Vienna in 1848; renamed Meade following the battle of Gettysburg in honor of General George Meade.

**Mere** - Rural post office that operated from 1852 to 1864.

**Miami** - Village in Washington Township at 32 Mile and Dequindre.

**Michigan Air Line Crossing** - Railroad station 7 miles southeast of Utica located at the junction of the Michigan Air Line and Saginaw branch of the Michigan Central Railroad.

**Milk River** - Interurban stop on Jefferson between 8 and 9 Mile Roads.

**Milton** - Village in Chesterfield Township near 24 Mile, Bates Road, and Gratiot (M-3). Abandoned about 1903.

**Milton Depot** - Railroad station in Chesterfield Township at 22 Mile Road.

**Moravian Hills** - City proposed in 1960 that would have comprised 58 square miles including most of Sterling and Clinton Townships and some of Harrison Township.

**Moravian Village** - Village in Clinton Township along the Clinton River at Harrington and Moravian. Established June 21, 1782 as New Gnadenhutten.

**Mount Vernon** - Small town in Washington Township located at Mount Vernon and 28 Mile Roads.

**Muttonville** - Small town in Lenox Township located at 31 Mile Road and Gratiot; incorporated with the city of Richmond in 1989.

**New Baltimore Station** - Earlier name of New Haven.

**New Gnadenhutten** - Village in Clinton Township along the Clinton River at Harrington and Moravian. Established June 21, 1782 by the Moravians.

**New Haven Station** - Earlier name of New Haven.

**North Waldenburg** - Village in Macomb Township located at 24 Mile Road and Romeo Plank.

**Nottawasippee River** - Indian name of the Clinton River; see also Huron River.

**Oakwood** - Railroad stop in Warren Township located at Chicago Road between Mound and Van Dyke; also called Glenwood.

**Omo** - Village in Lenox Township at Omo and New Haven Roads.

**Orange Township** - Earlier name of Erin Township (1837-1843).

**Orre** - Interurban stop in Chesterfield Township.

**Plumb Brook** - Post office near Schoenherr and Plumbrook that operated from 1840 to 1863.

**Predmore** - Interurban stop at 29 Mile Road and Van Dyke.

**Prestonville /Preston Corners** - Village in Shelby Township at 25 Mile Road and Schoenherr founded in 1826-7.

**Quinn** - Village in Clinton Township at Quinn Road and Gratiot, 1816-1873.

**Ray Center** - Small town in Ray Township near Hartway Road, Indian Trail, and 29 Mile Road; also may have been called Ray Corners.

**Ray Corners** - May have been another name for Ray Center or Ray Exchange.

**Ray Exchange** - Village in Ray Township located at 29 Mile Road, North Avenue, and New Haven Road; also called Chubb's Settlement or possibly Ray Corners.

**Red Run Corners** - Village in Clinton Township located on 16 Mile Road west of Garfield; a post office existed here as early as 1857.

**Rhea Township** - Spelling of Ray Township when it was founded in 1827.

**Ridgeway** - Small village on the Richmond / Lenox Township border on the north side of 32 Mile Road along the railroad track; also called Lenox Station; now part of Richmond.

**Sacket's** - Rural post office that operated from 1833 to 1856.

**Salem** - Rural post office that operated from 1832 to 1842.

**Salt Springs** - Village in Chesterfield Township located near the mouth of the Salt River and

a plank road bridge that was populated as early as 1797.

**Scotch Settlement** - Village in Bruce Township north of Romeo that was settled by people from Scotland around 1830-31.

**Scottsville** - Rural post office that operated from 1852 to 1859.

**Selleck's Corners** - Village in Armada Township located at 32 Mile Road and Romeo Plank Road. Founded in 1832. Also called Armada Corners.

**Shelby/ Shelby Crossing Shelby Station** - Railroad stop in Shelby Township located at Shelby and 25 Mile Roads, at the railroad track.

**Sikes** - Interurban stop in Washington Township at Van Dyke and 30 Mile Road.

**Slab City** - Village on the border of Ray and Armada Townships located on 32 Mile Road at the Clinton River.

**Slippery Corner** - Village in Chesterfield Township located at Fairchild and 23 Mile Road; also known as Fairchild.

**South Waldenburg** - Village in Macomb Township located at Romeo Plank and Hall Road (M-59); also called Bobcean's Corners.

**Spinnings** - Railroad station in Warren Township at the railroad stop on 14 Mile Road between Mound and Van Dyke.

**Stroup Settlement** - Village in Macomb Township.

**Thorington Settlement** - Village in Washington Township located at 31 Mile and Mound Roads settled in 1819 by Elijah Thorington.

**Trinity Park** - Name proposed when Shelby and Sterling Townships and Utica sought to merge into a single city in 1964.

**Upton** - Interurban stop located in Washington Township at Shelby and West Roads.

**Utica Junction/ Utica Plank** - Transfer point on the interurban located at Gratiot, Utica, and Martin Roads; now part of Roseville.

**Utica Plains** - Small town in Shelby Township located at 24 Mile Road and Van Dyke; also called Disco and Whiskey Center.

**Van Dyke** - Village located around Van Dyke north of 8 Mile Road; platted in 1917, it is now part of the city of Warren.

**Vienna** - Small town located on the border of Ray and Macomb Townships at 26 Mile Road and North Avenue; first named Crawford or Crawford's Settlement; post office was called Vienna in 1848; renamed Meade following the battle of Gettysburg in honor of General George Meade.

**Waldenburg** - Small town in Macomb Township located at Romeo Plank and 22 Mile Roads.

**Warren Station** - Railroad stop located at 10 Mile Road between Mound and Van Dyke; now part of Centerline.

**Warsaw Village** - in Clinton Township (now part of Mount Clemens) on Cass Avenue and North Rose Street near the Grand Trunk railroad depot. It was platted in 1862.

**Wells' Settlement** - Earlier name of Memphis (until 1848).

**Whiskey Center** - Small town in Shelby Township located at 24 Mile Road and Van Dyke; also called Disco and Utica Plains.

## STOPS ON THE INTERURBAN LINES

Interurban trains ran from Detroit to Port Huron via Mount Clemens from 1895 to 1930. One line ran along Gratiot and the other along Jefferson; the two lines met in Mount Clemens and one line continued to New Baltimore (and then to Port Huron in St. Clair County). These are the stops that were in Macomb County:

### *Gratiot Line*

- Hund - North of 8 Mile Road
- Halfway - Near 9 Mile Road
- Roseville (Utica Junction) - At Utica and Martin (11 1/2 Mile) Roads
- Ingleside - Near 14 or 15 Mile Road
- Mount Clemens

### *Jefferson Line*

- Milk River - North of 8 Mile Road
- L'Anse Creuse - Near 9 Mile Road
- Jefferson Beach - Near 10 or 11 Mile Road
- Maple Club - Near 14 Mile Road
- Lakeside - At Crocker Road
- Mount Clemens

### *Single line to Port Huron*

- Chesterfield
- Orre
- Bay Court
- New Baltimore

An interurban that linked Rochester and Imlay City ran through northern Macomb County, from Stoney Creek to Romeo. These are the stops that were in Macomb County:

- Butts - Washington and Dequindre Road
- Upton - Shelby and West Roads
- Lockwood - Mound and West Roads
- Washington - Van Dyke and West Roads
- Lamb - Van Dyke between 27 and 28 Mile Roads?
- Delaney - Van Dyke near 28 Mile Road?
- Knights - Van Dyke and 29 Mile Roads
- Sikes - Van Dyke and 30 Mile Roads
- Predmore - Van Dyke and 31 Mile Roads
- Romeo - Van Dyke and 32 Mile Roads

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