

VILLAGE OF



FRANKLIN
BICENTENNIAL

EST. 1824

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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

In April 1824, Dilucenne Stoughton and his wife Sophronia left their home in Niagara County, New York to settle in the wilderness of the Michigan Territory. Dilucenne was 39 and Sophronia was 35. Their two sons and two daughters aged 10, 7, 3 and 1 traveled with them in a wagon pulled by a team of horses. The couple would have eight more children born in Michigan.

Their first stop would have been the Detroit Land Office to purchase 80.86 acres on the east side of Franklin road near the river. The land was \$1.25 an acre. The Stoughtons made a cash payment of \$63.08 and a note on the bank of Michigan for \$38.00. They received their land deed a year later in 1825 signed by President John Quincy Adams.

In June of 1824, Elijah Bullock and his wife Rachel, also of Niagara County, New York, would journey to Oakland County, Michigan. Their four sons, daughter Naomi and her husband George Gage would journey with them. Bullock purchased 80 acres on the west side of Franklin road also for \$1.25 an acre. Eventually, he would buy another 160 acres. His property extended from 14 Mile to Scenic Drive and west of Franklin road to Inkster.

Both families built their log homes and put down roots in the Stoughton Bullock Settlement.



IN THE WORKS!

Bicentennial events will take place almost every month. There will be something for everyone to celebrate our 200th birthday! These events are geared for every villager to participate and volunteer. Find your niche in an event, meet your neighbors and join in a once in a lifetime celebration. Send an email to info@franklin-history.org and let us know how you would like to become involved! We're going to party like it's 1824!



Portraits of the Past

Be on the lookout for five life size depictions of village history located along Franklin road. Find Susan Congleton, wife of a blacksmith, stirring apple butter, the Lincoln pole raising, soldiers enlisting in the Civil War, the 1870's baseball team and a skunk encounter on the way to school.

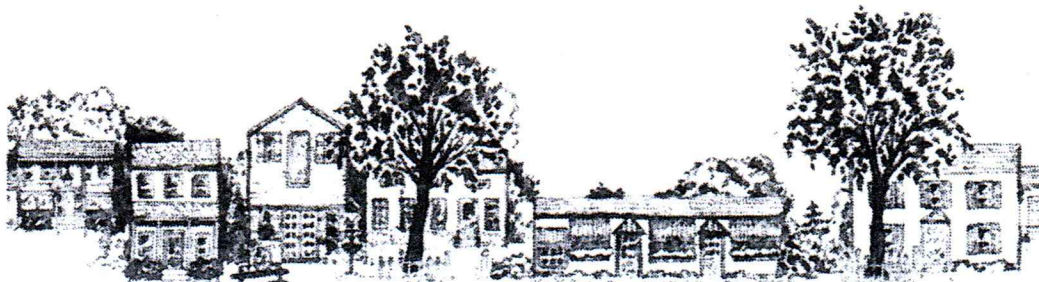
Franklin on Foot

Lace up those sneakers and check out some historical facts while on your walk. Read about the dry roasted peanut, Broughton buggy shop, community house fire, the village green and the Cemetery Society.



Self-guided Tours

See www.franklin-history.org for more information.



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SPECIAL EDITION



SHOUT OUTS!

All of these activities are brought to you by the Franklin Historical Society in conjunction with the Baseball league, Cemetery Association, Fire department, Franklin church, Franklin Community Association, Franklin library, Garden club, Huda school, Mainstreet, Mobile Watch, Police department, Preschool, Scouts and Questers.

We appreciate our participants and look forward to continuing a community alliance. Thank you all for making our Bicentennial a salute to our past and an event to remember.

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DINNER AND SQUARE DANCE

No. 32325 FRANKLIN RD
BETWEEN VILLAGE HALL AND THE POLICE STATION

SATURDAY
APRIL 6, 2024 5:30 PM

Finest Vittles for
Vegetarians and
Carnivores

Adults Only
\$60 per Person

Beer Water
and Wine

Limited Seating

**Reserve By
March 20th**

Free Valet Parking
Come kick up your heels!

<http://franklin-history.org>

Dinner at: 6:00 PM
Dance at: 7:30 PM (Free Lessons)
Be the first to see the new Exhibit...
"Hoofing Through History"



FRANKLIN BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR

- April 6, 2024 Dinner/Square dance sponsored by Franklin Historical Society
Catered by Nino Salvaggio dance caller and instructor 5:30 P.M.
- May 27, 2024 Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony – 11:00 A.M.
Walk in the Footsteps of Henry Cox
Sponsored by the Cemetery Association and FHS
- June 23, 2024 Strawberry Festival and Magic Show 11:00 – 1:30 P.M.
Sponsored by Franklin Community Church and FHS
- July 13, 2024 200th Birthday Party 4:00 P.M.
Cook Out and Potluck dinner, Old Fashioned Games
Sponsored by the Friends of the Franklin Library, FHS & Franklin Community Association
- August 21, 2024 Mainstreet Franklin Block Party
Sponsored by MSF and FHS
- Sept. 1, 2024 Franklin School Reunion
Sponsored by FCA
- Sept. 2, 2024 Round-Up Sponsored by FCA
- Sept. 28, 2024 Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station and Build a Scarecrow
at the Kreger House
Sponsored by the Fire Department, Boy Scouts and FHS
- October 4, 2024 Oktoberfest Sponsored by the Franklin Public Library
- October 14, 2024 1800's Woman's Style Show sponsored by the Questers
- October 26, 2024 Franklenstein – Sponsored by MSF
- December 5, 2024 Sip, Shop and Stroll Sponsored by MSF