



The Genealogical Library, (shown above) started its collection in 1976.

Why don't you come to Ithaca's Genealogical Library?(6) They have information from the basement to the 2nd floor.

Records from Gratiot County schools since 1901 and copies of old newspapers are just some of the treasures that fill the shelves. If you come to Ithaca's Genealogical Library, you might even find your family's interesting roots.

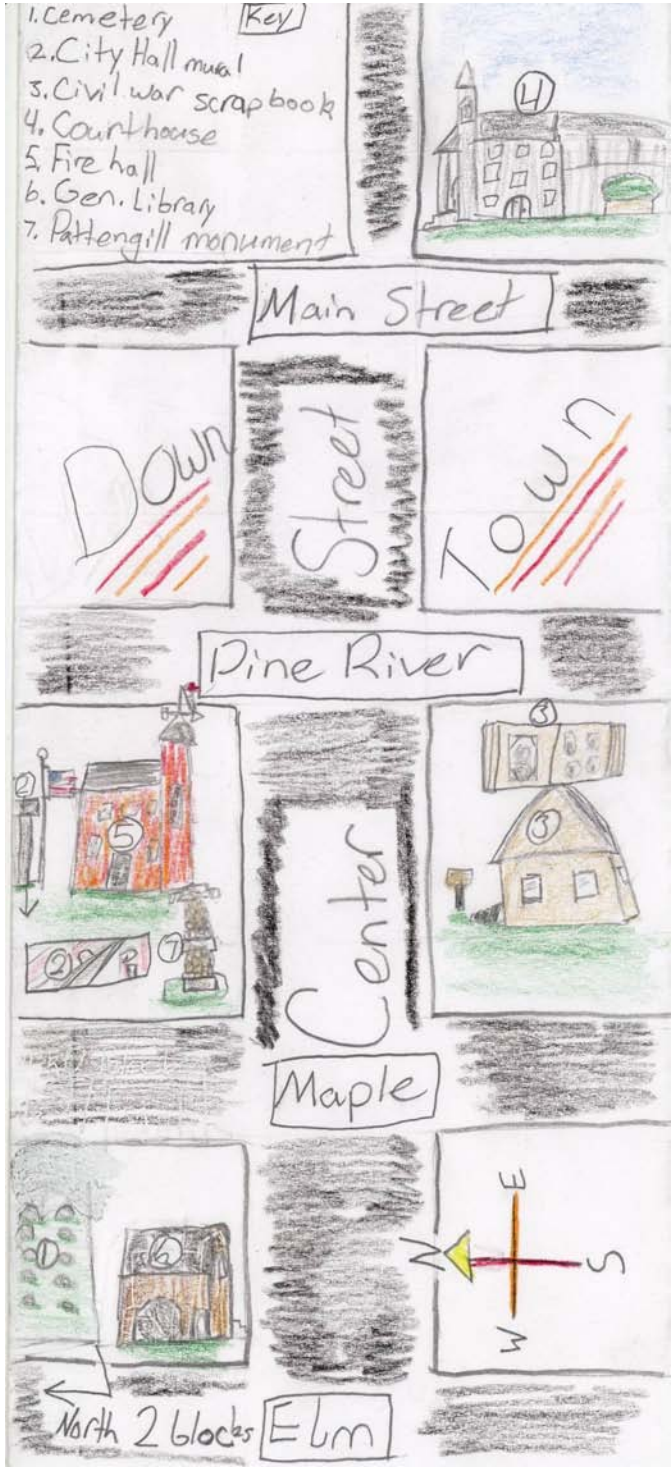
Make sure you hunt and find the Pattengill Monument (7). This memorial tribute stands west of our downtown, by the Firehall. That place is where Pattengill's school once stood. It was

built in 1925 because Mr. Pattengill's Ithaca students thought he was the best teacher ever. The Pattengill Monument even has a scrap from the marble used to make Lincoln's head for the Lincoln



Historic stones and stories make this memorial.

Memorial. There are also stones from every county in Michigan! Come discover this monument.



The Seven Wonders of Ithaca, MI



Created by 5th graders in Room 16

Ithaca's Seven Wonders

1. Cemetery (2-blocks North on Elm St.)
Contact Mr. DeVuyst (989) 875-3200
2. City Hall Mural (North Maple)
Contact 875-3200
3. Civil War Scrapbook (Center & Maple)
Open Tuesdays 12-4 Contact Gratiot Museum 875- 4290
4. Courthouse (County) (South Main)
Contact Mr. Smith 875-5203
5. Fire Hall (Center)
Contact Mr. Nelson (989) 875-3200
6. Genealogical Library (Elm)
Open Tuesdays 1-5 Contact carol@gchgs.org (989) 875-6232
7. Pattengill Monument (North Maple)
Contact Mr. Sherman (989) 875-3200



Above: This mural is 18 feet long and 2 feet tall.

Come see a fascinating mural (2) that shows how Ithaca's downtown changed through time. Mr.

Hursley painted it in 1976. It took about a month, because he was on release from jail. Since then, there was a fire in downtown Ithaca, but many old buildings still stand today. Come see for yourself! The exciting mural can be viewed 8AM - 5PM Mon-Fri at City Hall.

Many facts should make you want to visit our historical Courthouse (4).

- ★ Built in 1902; dedication held September 16
- ★ Cost \$57,322.60 back then
- ★ Gap between front door frame and wall caused by wrong measuring
- ★ Listed on National Register of Historical Places, 1976



Above: Current Courthouse with the All War's Memorial



Above: Gravestone of John Jeffrey, founder of Ithaca

Many historical people rest peacefully at Ithaca's Cemetery (1).

The very oldest grave is Mary Knapp; died 1858. Did you know that more people are buried in the cemetery than

live in Ithaca? Come see the best wonder of Ithaca: the Cemetery.

Make sure you go to Ithaca's Historical Museum and look at the Civil War Scrapbook (3). Jesse Fleming, the Gratiot County person who made it, was born in 1843. The Civil War pictures he drew show what he saw while a Union soldier from 1864-65. Remember to come see Ithaca's fantastic 19th Century Scrapbook.



Here Jesse Fleming drew generals on their horses.

Ithaca's Fire Hall (5) has been stopping fires since 1894. There is an old Village Hall room upstairs; you can see a vault that held the city's money. Also firefighters stayed upstairs, but only three at once. Be sure to look up to the rare Fireman Weathervane at the top!



The tall tower is where they hung the hoses to drain in the 1900's