



Web sites:

Ingham County Assessor (<https://bsaonline.com/?uid=383>)

City Assessor Photographs – CADL (<https://cadl.pastperfectonline.com/archivebylink?keyword=2017-06-003>)

Belon Real Estate Collection – CADL (<https://cadl.pastperfectonline.com/archivebylink?keyword=2017-09-001>)

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps – Library of Congress (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/?fa=location:michigan|location:lansing>)

Plat Maps – State of Michigan (<http://w1.lara.state.mi.us/PlatMaps/>) – doesn't always cooperate with all web browsers

## What's at CADL...

- City Directories and phone books
- Stebbins Real Estate Collection
- Belon Real Estate Collection
- City Assessor photographs
- Maps
- Some street name history
- A little bit of platting and neighborhood development info

More...



## **What's at CADL (continued)...**

- **Tax Assessor records 1900-1940**
- **Ancestry.com and other genealogy/biography research database access**
- **All kinds of contextual information**
  - Subject and biographical files
  - Newspaper clippings
  - County and pioneer histories
  - Photograph collections
  - Lots more

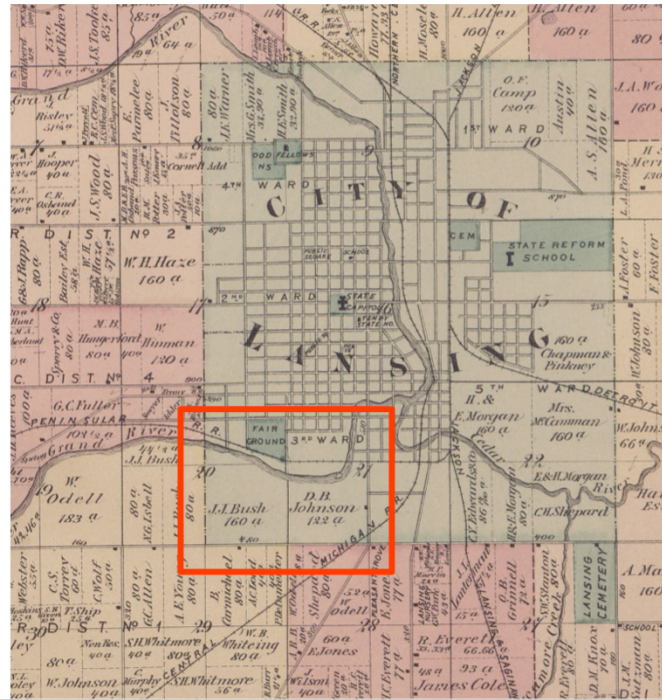
## Other area sources

- **Lansing State Journal**
  - Online (with subscription): [newspapers.com](http://newspapers.com) 1911+
- **Register of Deeds in Ingham County Courthouse (Mason)**
  - Chain of Title lookup
- **Ingham County Property Assessor Database**
- **State Library and Archives**
  - Plat Maps
  - State Census
  - More
- **Library of Congress**
  - Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps



Ingham  
County 1874  
Plat Map

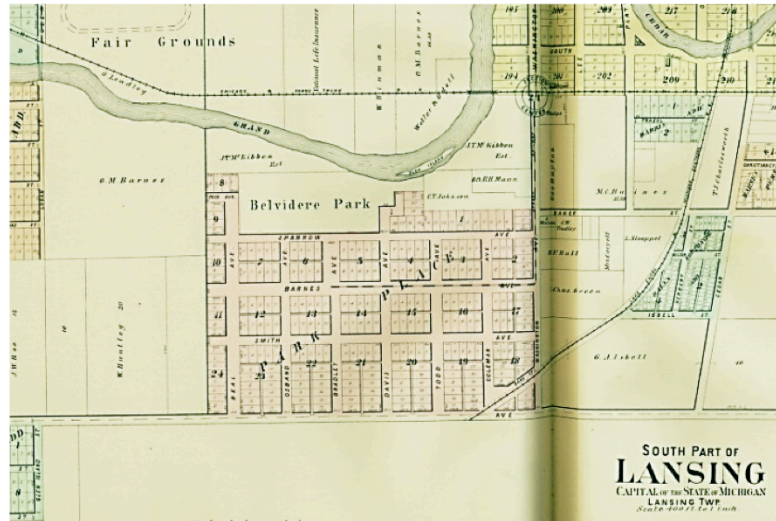
Detail of  
Moore's Park  
area



J. J. Bush, banker, partner of Sparrow and others, bought various properties for development in early Lansing, was a founder of the precursor to the Chamber of Commerce in the 1870s. Daniel B. Johnson was a farmer

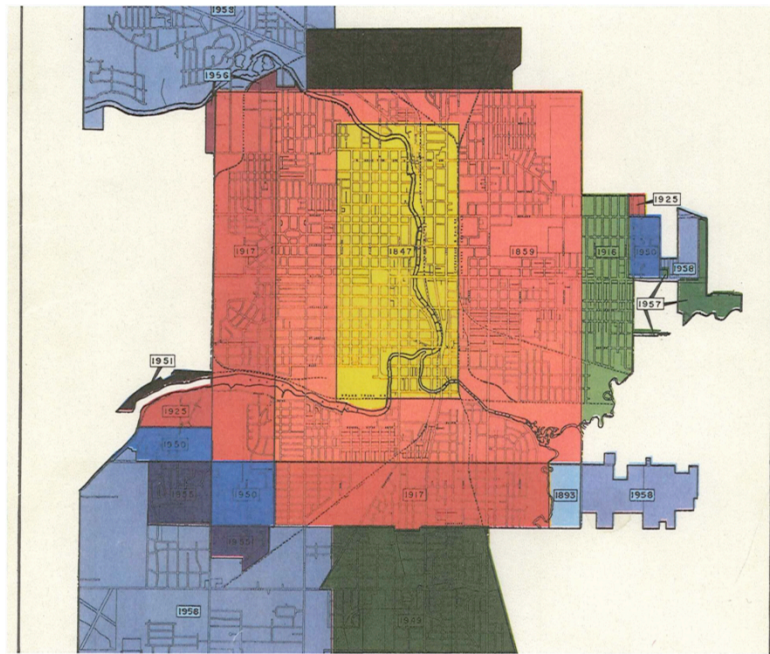
Ingham  
County 1895  
Plat Map

Detail of  
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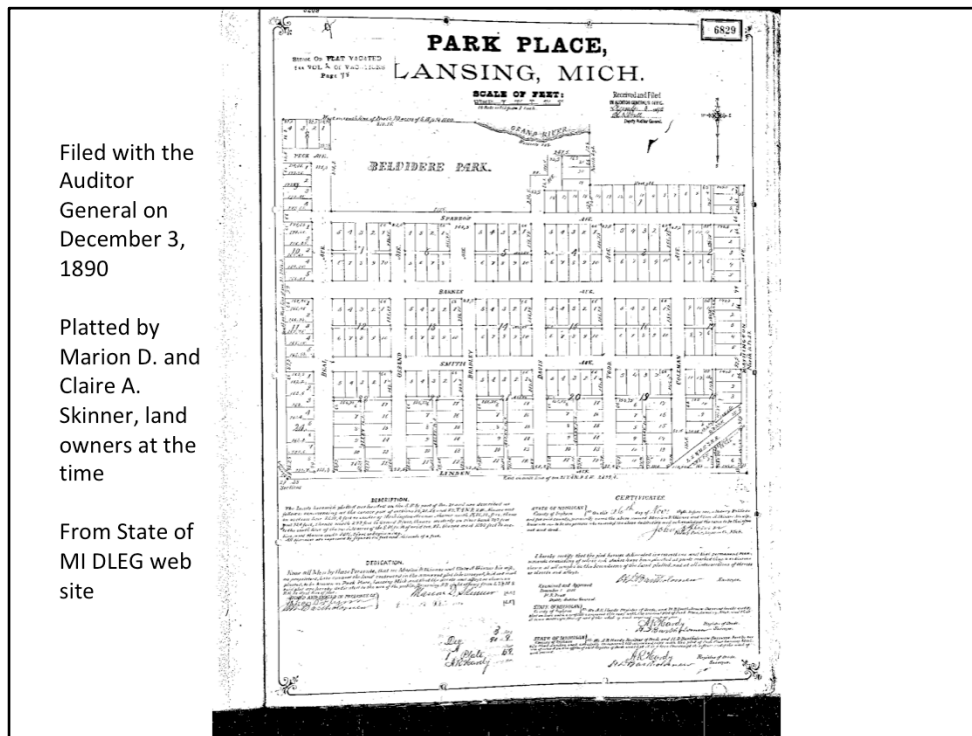


Belvidere park, Park Place Subdivision, street names

Map of city  
property  
annexations



Part was included in 1859 annexation; west part not added to city limits until 1917 making older home research there problematic at times.



Belvidere Park. Streets: (N-S) Peck, Sparrow, Barnes, Smith; (W-E) Beal, Osband, Bradley, Davis, Todd, Coleman, small part of Bank St. near RR tracks. Blocks 18-23 have alleys.

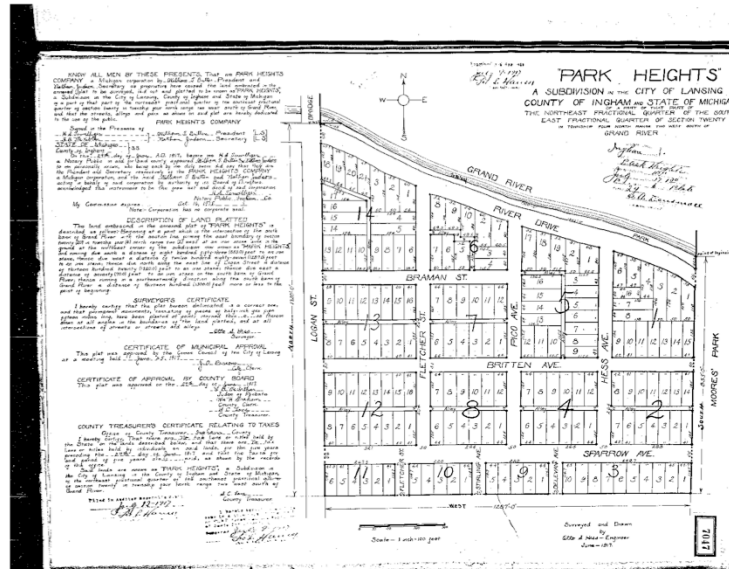
Marion D. and Claire A. Skinner – he was the secretary of the Lansing City Railway (streetcar) in the 1890s.

Land owned  
by "Park  
Heights  
Company" at  
the time of  
platting

Final plat  
approval June  
29, 1917

From State of  
MI DLEG web  
site

(N-S-E-W  
designations on  
plat are wrong)



This plat includes alleys on almost all blocks  
Street Names (N-S): "River Drive," Brannen, Britten, Sparrow; (W-E) Logan, Fletcher,  
Stirling, Pico, Delevan, Hess.

Hess – Otto Hess was an engineer and surveyor who happened to do the surveying for  
this plat.



Stebbins Real  
Estate Card  
File

1011 Moores  
River Drive

Home built  
ca. 1919

Lot 3 Block 14  
of Park  
Heights  
Subdivision

RESIDENCE DESCRIPTION									
1011 Moores River Drive				\$16,400.00		SW-8		B5542	
Address				Price		Code			
8 Rooms 4 Bedrooms 1 Bedrooms Down				OWNER Walter Meller Co.		FEB 20 1963			
Yr. Built 1920				ADDRESS 100 W. Washtenaw					
L.R. 12 x 23 B.R. 13.6 x 18				PHONE IV 5-7234 KEY AT House					
D.R. 11 x 14 B.R. 12 x 14				OCCUPANT Mr. Hershel Ricok					
KIT. 8 x 11 B.R. 11 x 12				PHONE IV 2-6931		APPOINTMENT? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
Baths 3 pc. and 2 pc. 4th B.R.				REASON FOR SELLING					
Other Rooms Breakfast nook 7x8; 9x14				POSSESSION DATE Arranged					
Fdn. Size 26x32 & 18x14 Walls P & P				School St. Casimir & Barnes Blks 5					
Basement Yes Floors Oak & Pine				Sub'd. Block 14 Park Hgts. Zoned Res					
Heated by Oil Carpet Yes				Lot No. 3 Lot Size 57 x 127					
Water Htr Oil Drapes No				Ass'd. Val. \$5200. Am't. Tax \$					
Water City Storms Yes				Price: Cash \$15,950.00 Time \$16,400.00					
Sewer City Screens Yes				Terms: \$ DN \$ MO % INT.					
Garage 1 1/2 car Fr. Pl. 1				Due on (Mtg.) or (L/C) \$ P&C					
Drive: Priv <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Built Ins. no				Payable \$ MO % INT.					
Remarks: New addition (bedroom & breakfast nook) in Office Walter Meller Co.									
1959. Kitchen completely remodeled. Finished Phone: IV 5-7234									
rec room, large amount of storage in basement. Listed By Gordon Schultz									
This home is in excellent condition. Must be shown. Salesman's Phone: IV 4-9580									
to appreciate.									
1011 Moores River Dr. \$16,400.00				SW-8		B5542			

Parcel No. 33-01-01-20-426-172

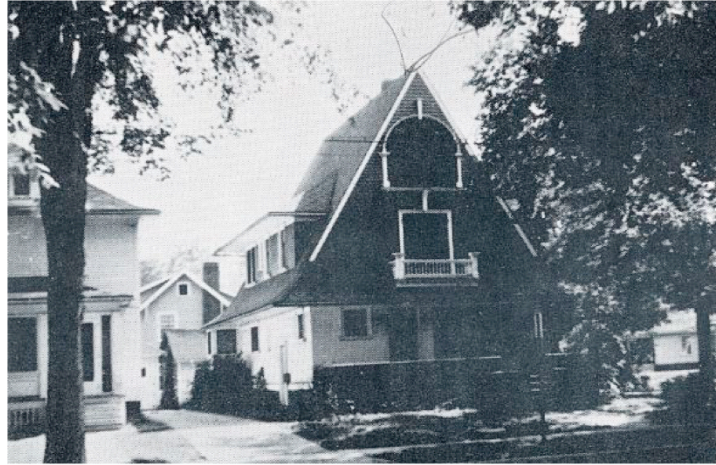
Built in 1919 according to tax record. First resident was Mrs. Cora Seymour, widow of Burt, a carpenter. They had lived most of their lives in Webberville and he died there in 1918. Some other residents on MRD had the last name Seymour around 1920 and may have been relatives. She died in 1943. Card is from 1963. Note about addition in 1959.

Stebbins Real  
Estate Card  
File

527 W.  
Barnes Ave.

Home built  
ca. 1910

Part of Lot 5  
Block 13, Park  
Place  
Subdivision



Parcel No. 33-01-01-21-357-001

Card from 1953. Built for Junius H. and Anna Hatch. Junius was a clerk in the Auditor General's office at the State of Michigan. He had served in the Civil War and was a member of the G. A. R. He died in 1921. They were both born in New York and had moved to Michigan as young adults. Anna Hatch died in 1922. Very interesting home style – nothing found on that!!

Stebbins Real  
Estate Card  
File

716 Sparrow  
Ave.


Home built  
ca. 1919

Part of Lots  
1-2 and Alley,  
Block 2, Park  
Heights  
Subdivision



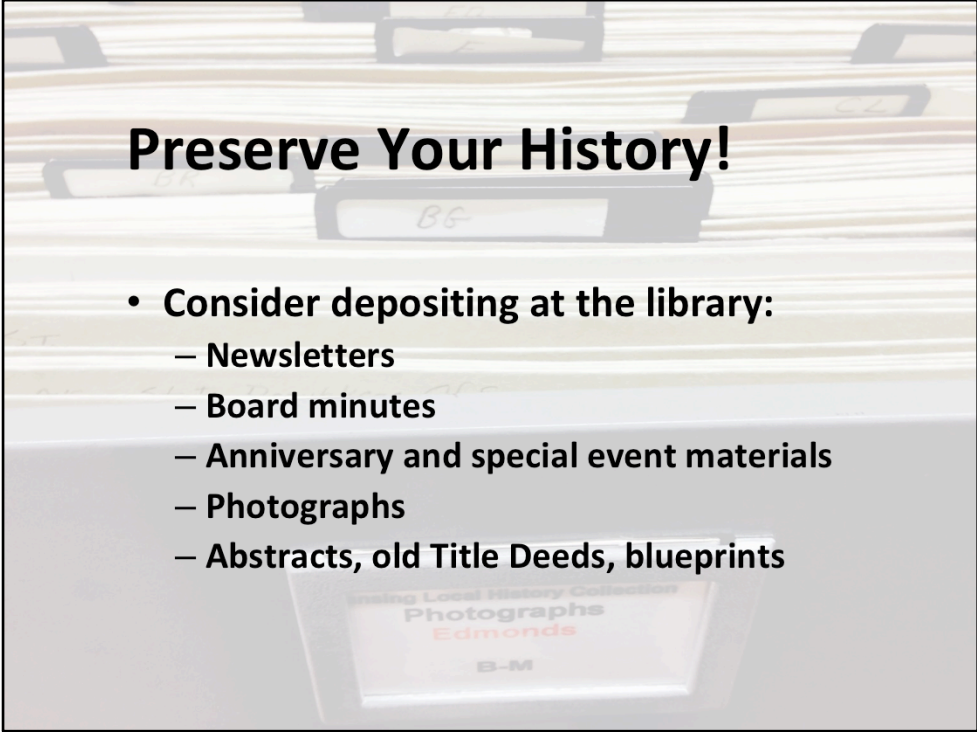
Parcel No. 33-01-01-20-435-073

Photo from 1946. "Deluxe Tudor home" from real estate ads. Built for Howard J. and Jessie E. McConkey. He worked for Olds. She was involved in a number of clubs such as the Richardson Embroidery Club, the South Lansing Women's Club, and the Ingham County League of Women Voters.



## Compiling your Neighborhood History

- Overview of the neighborhood itself: landscape, parks, streets, schools...
- For each house:
  - Year house was built
  - Architect, contractor, built for whom?
  - Significant owners over the years
  - Architectural style, special gardens, house nickname, myths and legends, etc.



## **Preserve Your History!**

- **Consider depositing at the library:**
  - Newsletters
  - Board minutes
  - Anniversary and special event materials
  - Photographs
  - Abstracts, old Title Deeds, blueprints



## About Local History

- Open Wednesdays 12-8; Fridays 9-1; second Saturdays 10-2
- All services are free! (just remember to cite sources)
- Don't need CADL card but it's nice if you have one





