

# 1824-1899

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## 1824

**POPULATION:**  
**EST 100**

### 1824

John Allen and Elisha Rumsey registered the name of Ann Arbor on May 25 at the Detroit Register of Deeds.

### 1825

First house, Lower Town, built by James Jones; Erie Canal was completed, a key route for early pioneers.

### 1826

First businesses started, including a drug store, tailor, grocery store, and blacksmith; first church (Presbyterian).

### 1827

Several taverns, sawmills, and grist mills opened. Population: 400-500 people; Elisha Rumsey died of fever. The Ann Arbor Library Association was formed.

### 1828

James Kingsley was appointed Judge of Probate.

### 1829

Population 900; a foundry was opened. First newspaper, Western Emigrant began publication; first Germans arrived.

## 1830

**POPULATION:**  
**1,050**

### 1830

James Kingsley became Register of Deeds; first public school. Anson Brown house built at 1029 Pontiac Trail.

### 1831

Fairview Cemetery opens.

## 1832

Anson Brown building constructed, oldest commercial building; Lower Town becomes part of Ann Arbor.

## 1833

First Protestant minister, Reverend Frederick Schmid arrived in Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor incorporated as a village.

## 1834

First court house completed. Calvin Bliss opened a jewelry store.

## 1835

Wilson-Wahr House first built on 126 N. Division; expanded in 1844 and again in 1863. Two newspapers, The Whig and the Michigan Argus (Argus 1), began publication. It is the forerunner of the Ann Arbor News.

## 1836

Frostbitten Convention held in Ann Arbor, Michigan State Anti-Slavery Society founded in Ann Arbor. Argus Camera began manufacturing cameras.

## 1837

Michigan admitted to the Union. University of Michigan started in Ann Arbor. First fair grounds at the site of Bach School. Michigan Central Railroad began service to Ann Arbor this year.

## 1838

Volunteer fire department organized.

## 1839

First train reached Ann Arbor; Misses Clark School for Young Ladies, later relocated to N. Division at E. Kingsley. Argus became the first daily newspaper. Traver District School built at 1202 Traver. Guy and Phyla Beckley house built at 1425 Pontiac Trail.

# 1840

## POPULATION:

2,250

## 1840

Native Americans banished from Michigan and relocated to Kansas. U of M's President's house built.

## 1841

Mason Hall, the first U of M building, was completed to be used as a dormitory. Signal of Liberty, an anti-slavery newspaper, published by Beckley/Foster until 1848.

## 1842

Circus made first appearance. It was called the Bowery Ampitheater of New York by June, Titus & Company.

## 1843

Census reports that 231 Blacks were living in Washtenaw; Cosmopolitan Art Association formed.

## 1844

Cobblestone Farm built by Benajah Ticknor.

## 1845

Train depot was built on Broadway; St. Thomas Church built at 326 E. Kingsley, first brick church. William Maynard purchased a large tract of land, most of which was in the Old West Side Historic District. Cobblestone Farm completed.

## 1846

State legislature passed first city charter for Ann Arbor. North District Public School built at 324 E. Kingsley.

## 1847

Two district school systems developed, Lower Town and Upper Village. The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor was founded. First telegraph office. The newspaper, Washtenaw Whip, replaced the State Journal.

## 1848

A revolution in Europe prompted a wave of immigrants, including those that settled in Ann Arbor. Medical School began.

## 1849

Bethlehem Church completed.

# 1850

## POPULATION:

4,490

## 1850

First African American churches were established. First medical school built.

## 1851

John Allen (53) died near San Francisco on March 11, 1851. Ann Arbor incorporated as a City. Four Ward system created by state legislature. First Ward School created.

## 1852

Henry Tappan becomes the first President of University of Michigan.

## 1853

Kempf House constructed by Henry Dewitt Bennett. First Black student, Samuel Codes Watson, enrolled at the University of Michigan.

## 1854

Detroit Observatory, 1398 E. Ann. Union African American Church built at 504 High St.

## 1855

James Kingsley was elected Mayor.

## 1856

Union High School opened.

## 1857

J. Fred Schlanderer started bottling works at 122 E. Washington. Washtenaw County Historical Society formed. Hutzels, Michigan's oldest plumbing-heating-cooling contractor, was established.

## 1858

Detroit Observatory built. Gas plant opens. The first Ann Arbor YMCA was established.

## 1859

Forest Hill Cemetery opened.

# 1860

## POPULATION:

7,363

## 1860

First baseball games played.

## 1861

Dean & Company opened a fancy grocery store. His daughter, Elizabeth Dean, started a bequest for trees.

## 1862

In response to a call from President Lincoln, a regiment was assembled to fight in the Civil War.

## **1863**

Law School built. Dr. Chase's best seller, Dr. A. W. Chase's Recipes: Coloring Department, published.

## **1864**

Dr. Chase's Steam Printing Plant opened on North Main and Miller.

## **1865**

Clark Girls School built at 505 N. Division.

## **1866**

Methodist Church built, State and Washington. Ladies Library Association of Presbyterian Church formed.

## **1867**

35 teachers in the system with an average pay of \$419.43. Male teachers were paid 3 times female teachers. Cornerstone of St. Andrews Episcopal Church at 306 N. Division is laid.

## **1868**

Dr. Chase's Steam Printing House completed, 301-305 N. Main.

## **1869**

Wagner's Blacksmith Shop built. First University Hospital. John G. Miller Planing Mill (later Treasure Mart) built.

# 1870

## **POPULATION:**

**5,097**

## **1870**

W.S. Perry was the Superintendent of Schools from 1870-1897. Schumachers Hardware opened (closed in 1940).

## **1871**

Allmendinger Organ Company began manufacturing organs. Police department organized. Hill's Opera House, A2's first theater, opened on Main Street.

## **1872**

Many commercial buildings erected on Main Street. George Krause opened the Northern Brewery at 1327 Jones Drive. The Benjamin Brown house was built.

## **1873**

Luick Brothers Lumber Company formed and closed in 1931. Opening of University Hall. Depression of 1873 led to a population decline.

## **1874**

An eight foot monument was installed to commemorate those who died in the War of 1812.

## **1875**

Eberbach Hardware the first store to put in plate glass windows.

## **1876**

Zion Lutheran completed at Fifth and Washington Streets. Mary Henrietta Graham, the first African American woman student at the University of Michigan, was admitted.

## **1877**

Second courthouse built. Jose Celso Barbosa, the first Puerto Rican student at the University of Michigan, was admitted.

## **1878**

Deke Shant built at 611 E. William; James Ashley built rail line linking Toledo with Northern Michigan. Courthouse built.

## **1879**

In its first intercollegiate football game, the University Michigan defeated a team from Racine College. The University Musical Society was founded.

# 1880

## **POPULATION:**

**8,061**

## **1880**

Cable cars were introduced. Eberbach's (later Fischer's) opened. First Baptist Church built.

## **1881**

First telephone exchange was set up.

## **1882**

First Unitarian Church built at 100 N. State. Brick fire station built.

## **1883**

University Library built with clock tower, now Harlan Hatcher Library.

## **1884**

Van Depoele Light and Power Company on Washington began producing electricity; roller skating rink built.

## **1885**

Germania Hotel was built at 119-123 W. Washington. D.A.R. Library was completed.

## **1886**

Schlenker's Hardware opened (closed in 1995). Northern Brewery built at 1327 Jones Dr.

## **1887**

Reuben Kempf house built at 321 N. Ingalls. John Dewey, world reknown philosopher, wrote "Psychology" in this year while he worked at U of M.

## **1888**

Kelsey Museum built.

## **1889**

4th City Charter went into effect setting up a City Council, Board of Public Works, City Assessor, and a Fire Board.

# 1890

## **POPULATION:**

**9,431**

## **1890**

A birdseye map of Ann Arbor was produced. Electric street cars first appeared and disappeared in 1925. Michigan Daily begins publication.

## **1891**

Bethel AME church built at 632 N. Fourth.

## **1892**

Weinman Block (219-223 E. Washington) built.

## **1893**

A northbound Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan freight train derailed near Frankfort, killing the engineer, fireman and brakeman.

## **1894**

May Festivals begin. Henry Cornwell house built at 538 N. Division.

## **1895**

Second Ward School renamed Bach School. Gas plant explosion.

## **1896**

U of M joined The Big Ten in its first season. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) started a chapter.

**1897**

Ann Arbor Railroad extended into the UP to Munising. The U of M football team first played OSU and won 34-0.

**1898**

Michigan National Guard posed at the Courthouse steps before leaving to fight in the Spanish-American War.

**1899**

St. Thomas the Apostle Church built at 515 N. State.