

## WAYNE COUNTY

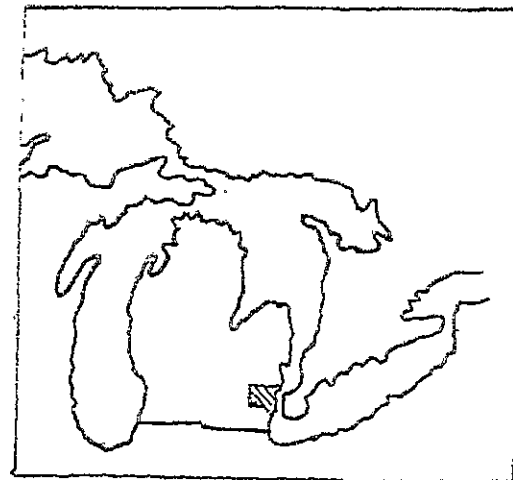
Under the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 the land east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River was to be divided into counties and townships.

Wayne County was organized by Winthrop Sargent, Secretary of the Northwest Territory on the 15th of August, 1796. Under this proclamation Wayne County included a part of northwestern Ohio, a strip across the northern part of Indiana, all of the lower peninsula of Michigan, a large part of the upper peninsula of Michigan, and all that part of Wisconsin which drained into Lake Michigan.

Between 1796 and 1826 Wayne County had undergone 10 major boundary changes. By an Act of the Legislature on November 20, 1826 the present limits of the County were established.



Wayne County 1796



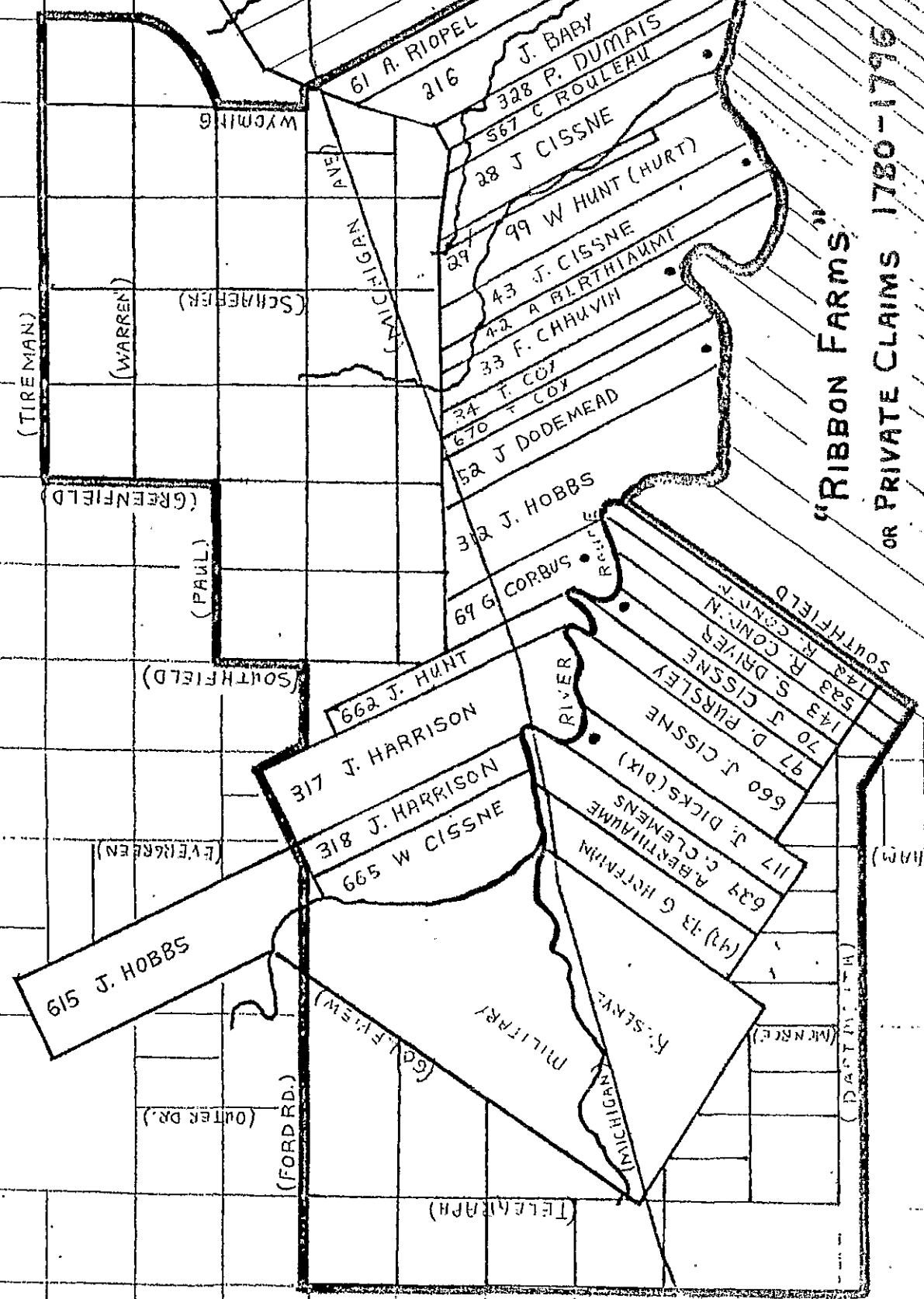
Wayne County 1826

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

RANGE No. 10 EAST

RANGE No. 11 EAST

1 OWNERSHIP No. 2 SOUTH

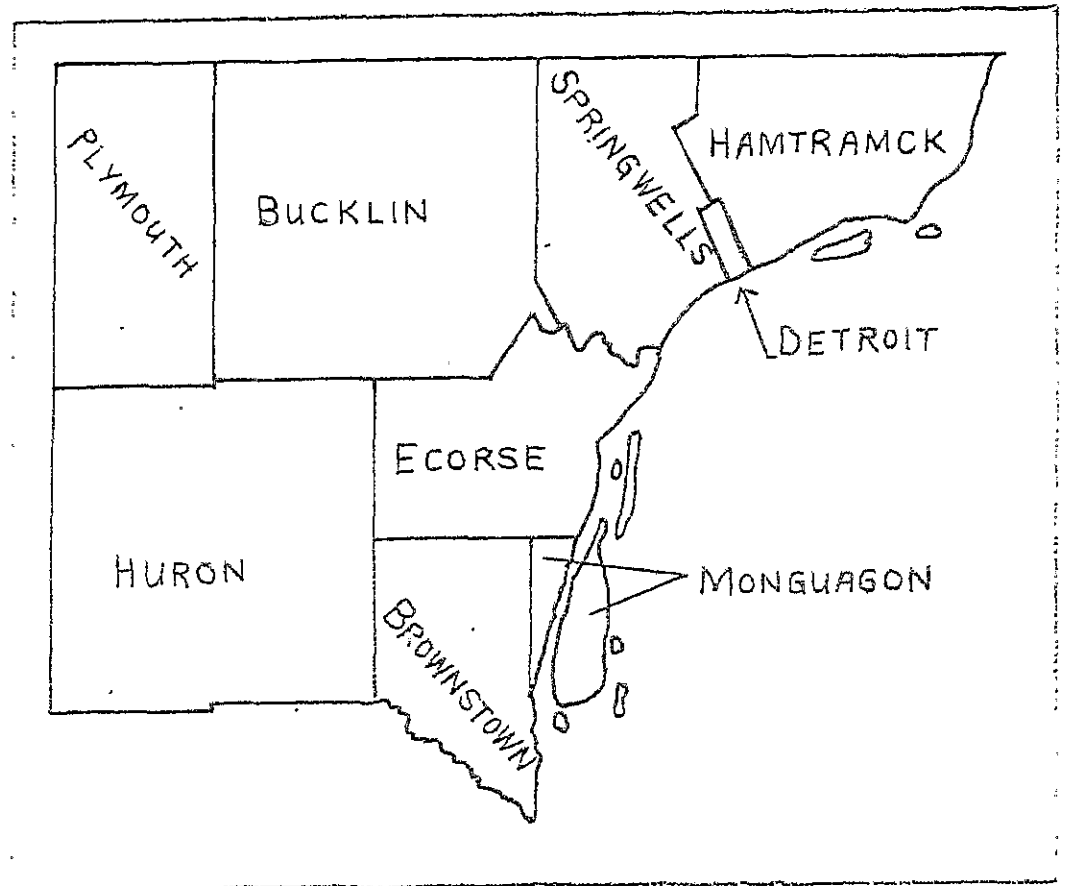


"RIBBON FARMS"  
OR PRIVATE CLAIMS 1780-1796

HOUSES BEFORE 1796

WAYNE COUNTY IN 1827

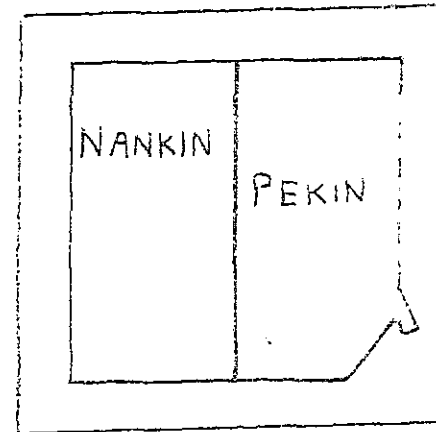
On April 12, 1827, the Townships of Detroit, Hamtramck, Springwells, Ecorse, Monguagon, Bucklin, Brownstown, Plymouth, and Huron were organized.



October 29, 1829

An act divided the Township of Bucklin into the townships of Nankin and Pekin.

The change in names was caused by the feuding of two local political factions, the dominant group choosing the Chinese names in opposition to their opponents.

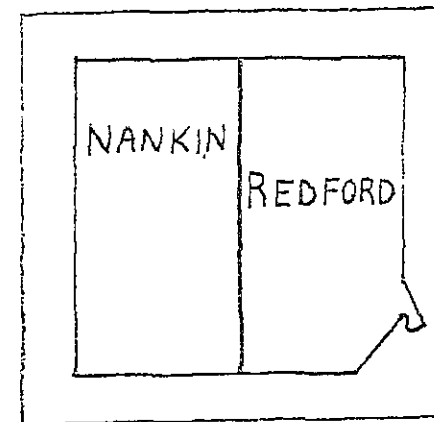


1827 Bucklin Township

March 21, 1833

An act changed the name of Pekin Township to Redford Township.

Supposedly the name "Redford" was taken from a ford in the Rouge (red) River which either the early settlers or the Indians ("Red Men") crossed.



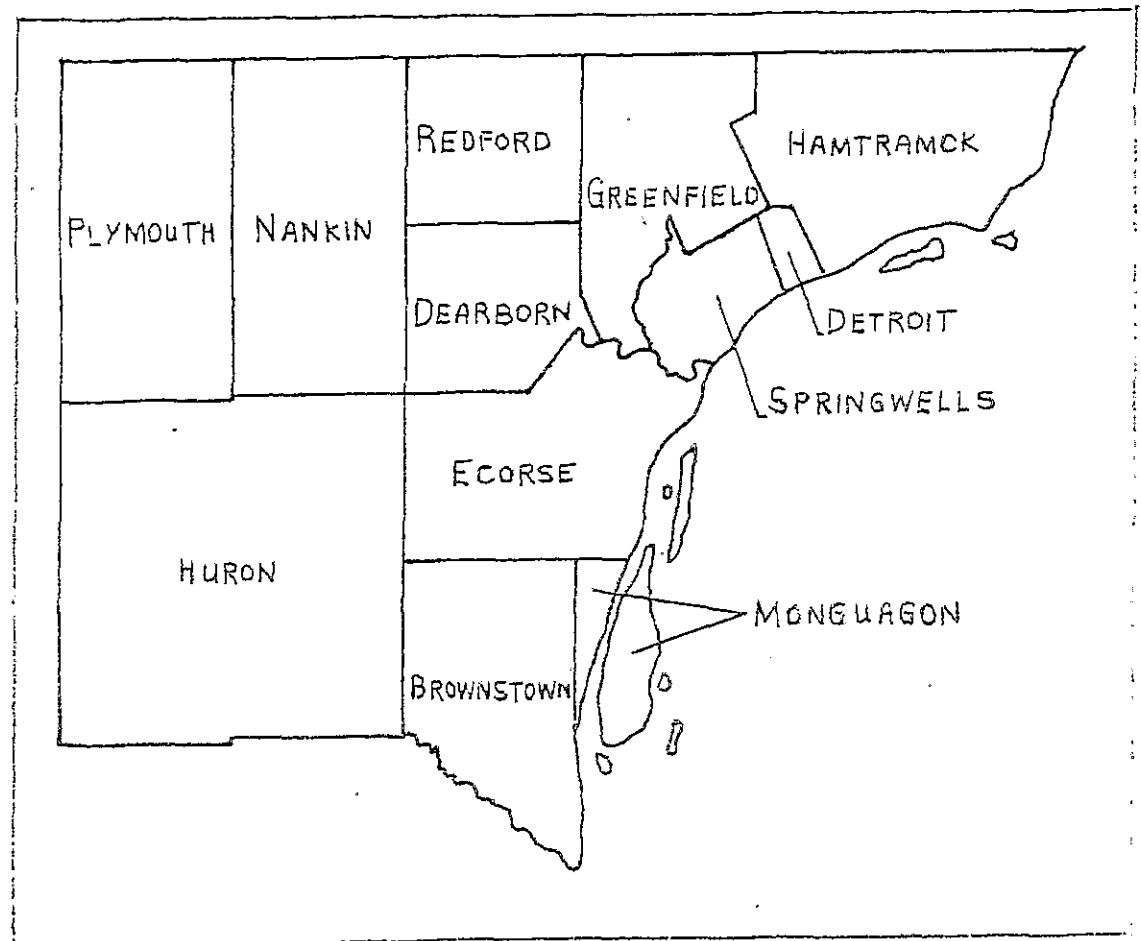
WAYNE COUNTY IN 1833

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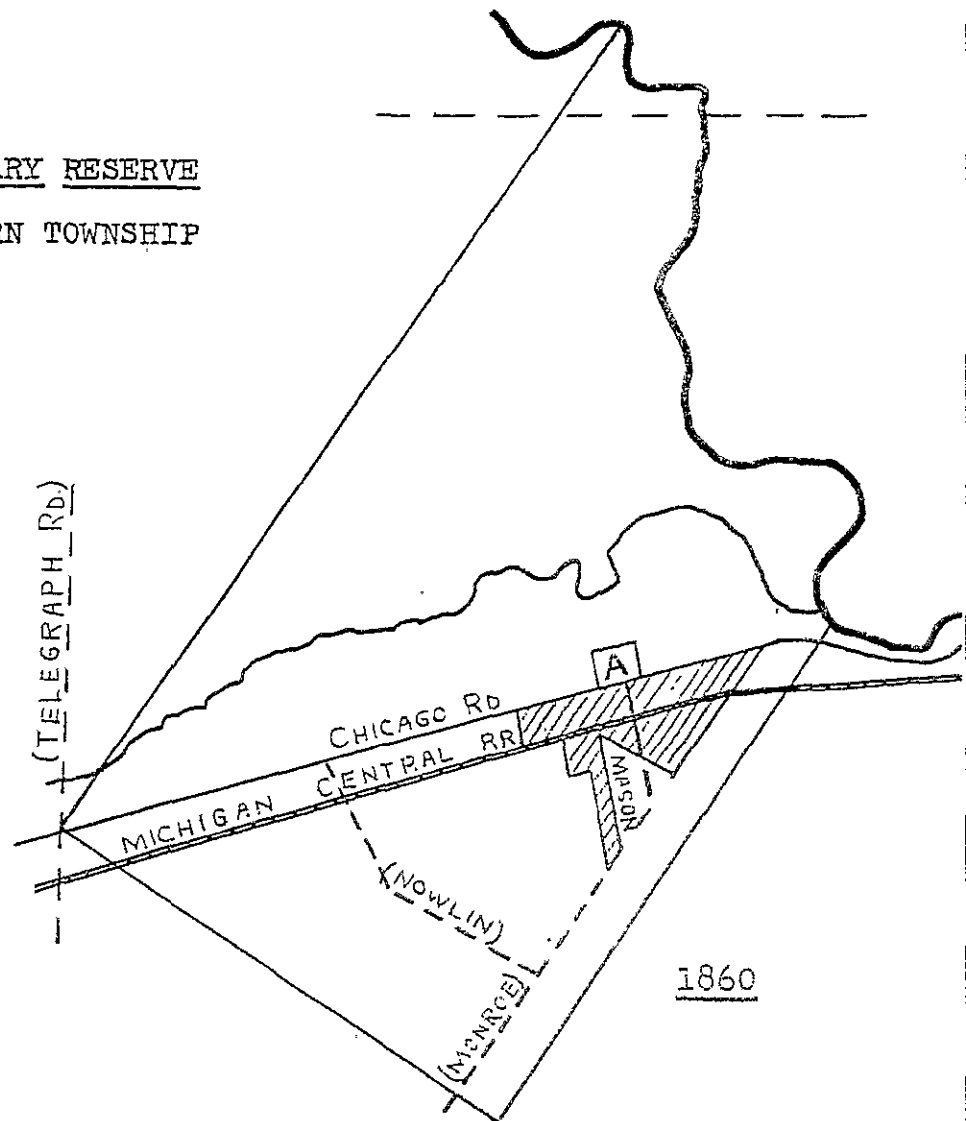
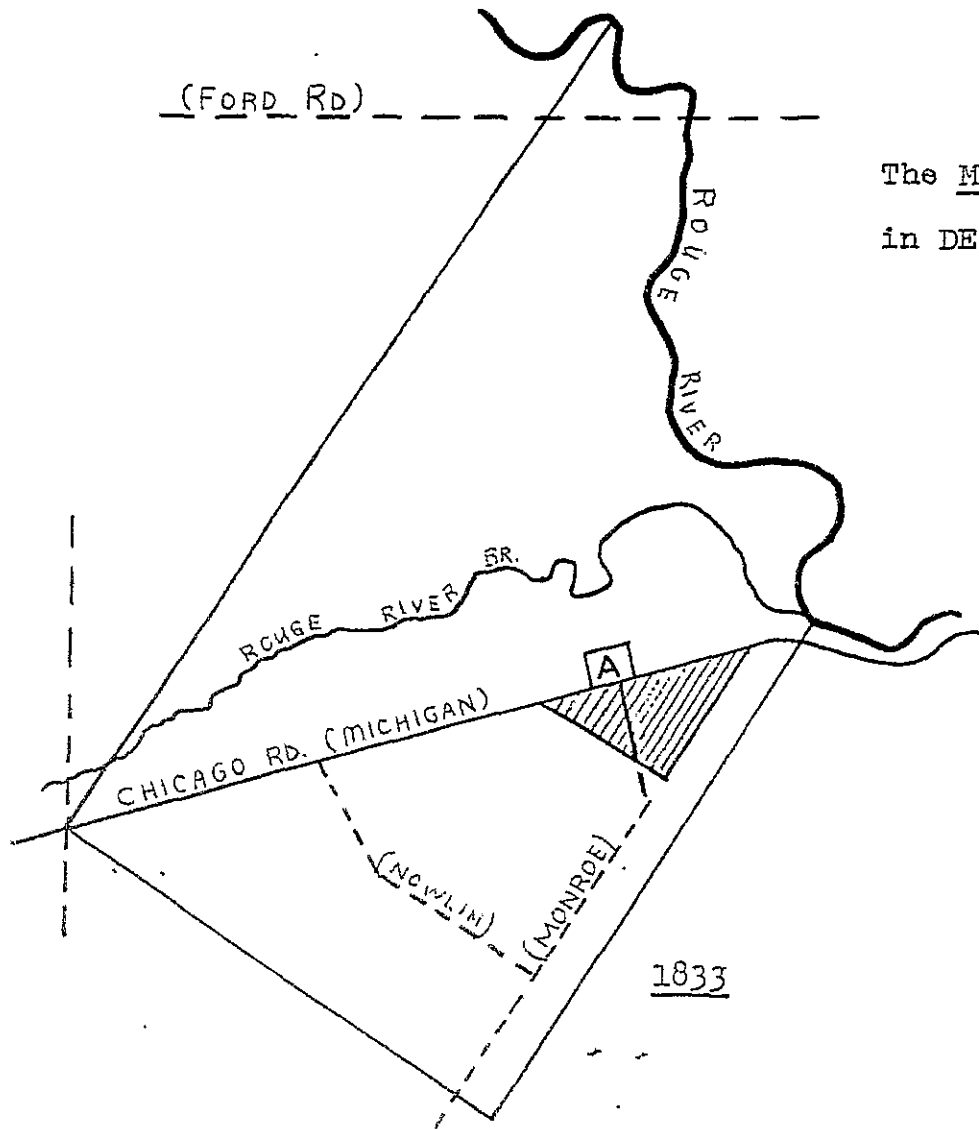
On March 31, 1833 the Township of Greenfield was formed out of a part of the Township of Springwells.

On April 1, 1833 the Township of Dearborn was formed out of a part of the Township of Redford.

- On October 23, 1834 the Township name "Dearborn" was changed to "Bucklin."
- On March 26, 1836 the Township name "Bucklin" was changed back to "Dearborn."



The MILITARY RESERVE  
in DEARBORN TOWNSHIP



DEARBORNVILLE in 1833

Dearbornville incorporated  
from 4-5-1833 to 5-11-1846



DETROIT ARSENAL At Dearbornville

(Construction of the 11 building complex began in 1833)



DEARBORNVILLE in 1860

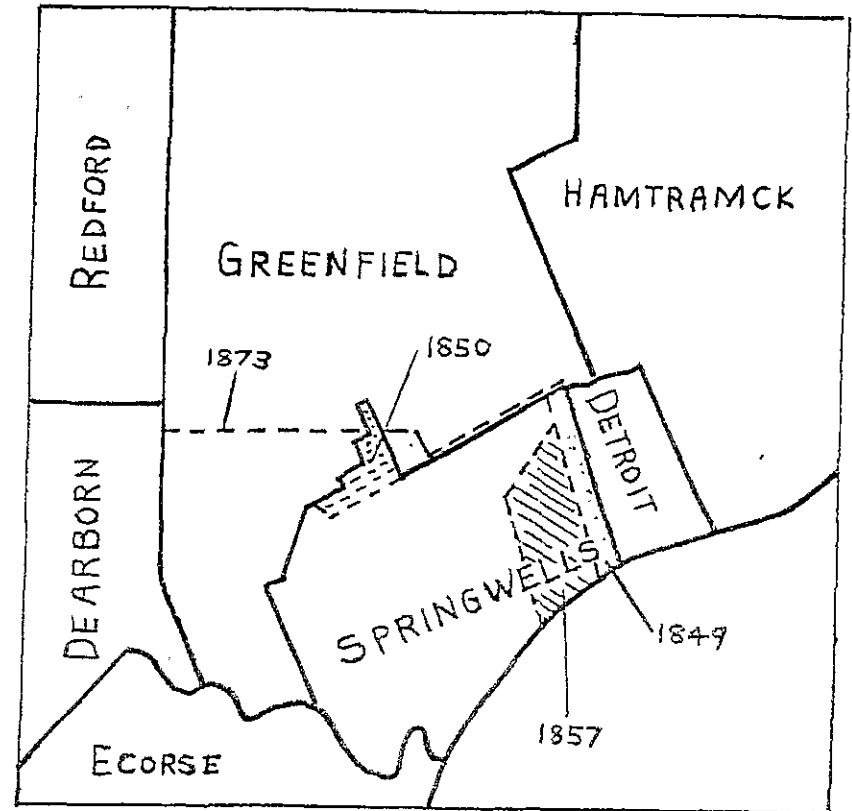
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On February 20, 1849, a portion of the eastern part of Springwells was annexed to Detroit.

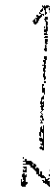
On April 2, 1850, a jagged portion of the northwestern part of Springwells Township was added to the township of Greenfield. (Between 1833 and 1850 considerable confusion existed in this area over the exact location of the boundary line between the two townships.)

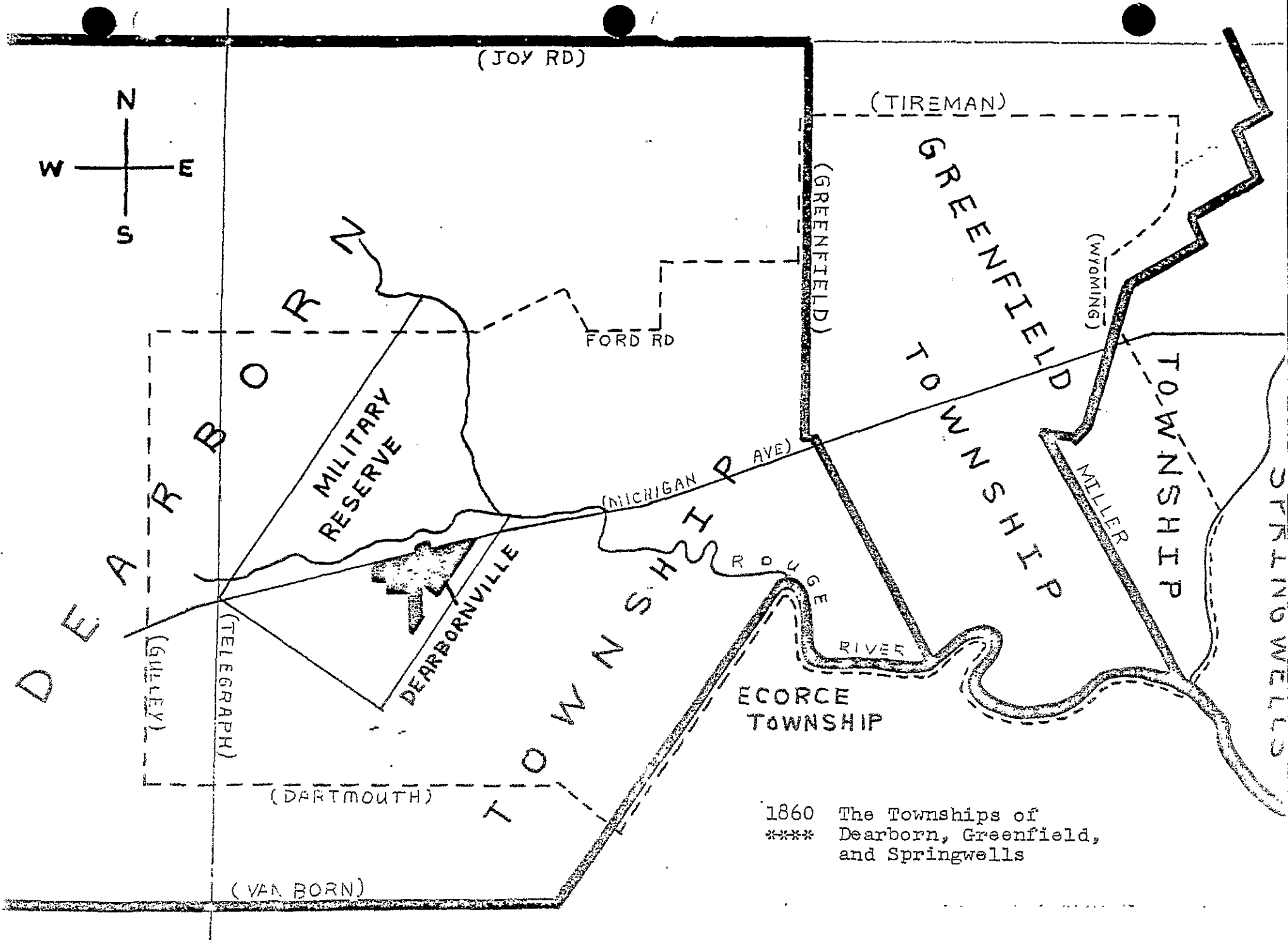
On February 12, 1857, a portion of the eastern part of Springwells Township was again annexed to the City of Detroit.

On March 25, 1873, a portion of the southern part of Greenfield Township was added to the township of Springwells. (See map on the following page.)



1833 Boundaries are indicated by the solid black lines.

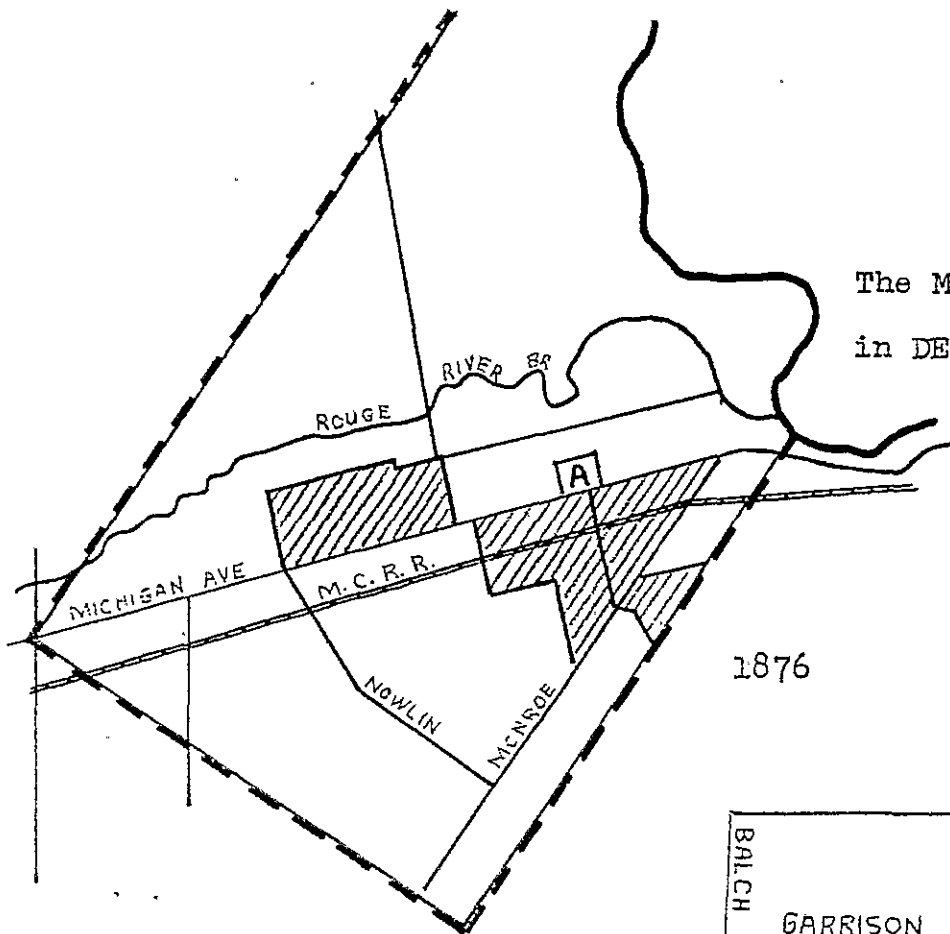




1860 The Townships of  
 Dearborn, Greenfield,  
 and Springwells



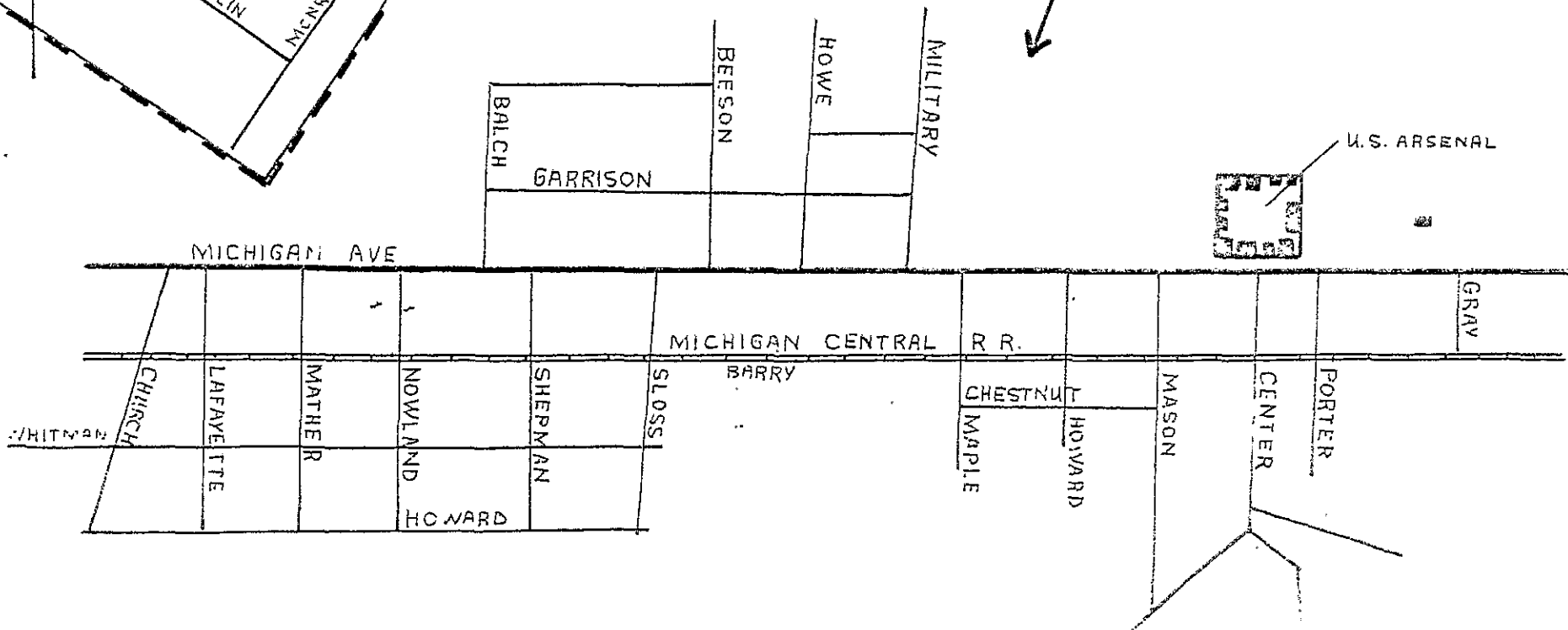
The MILITARY RESERVE  
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1876



VILLAGE OF DEARBORN in 1876  
(Unincorporated Status)



U.S. ARSENAL

The following two pages contain DIAGRAMS OF ORIGINAL SURVEYS of Dearborn and Springwells Twps.

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The first public survey in Michigan began in 1815 and the survey of the entire State of Michigan was completed in 1857

NOTES ON SURVEYS:

In 1875 the Continental Congress passed the Grayson Land Ordinance. Under the Ordinance the entire Northwest Territory was to be divided into congressional townships six miles square.

In Michigan these squares or townships were measured east and west from a Principal Meridian that runs north and south through the state at 84 degrees and 22 minutes west longitude. These townships were also numbered north and south of a Base Line that now forms the Eight Mile Road which is also the northern boundary of Wayne County (42 degrees and 26 minutes north latitude). The point of intersection is northwest of Jackson. All townships are determined from this point.

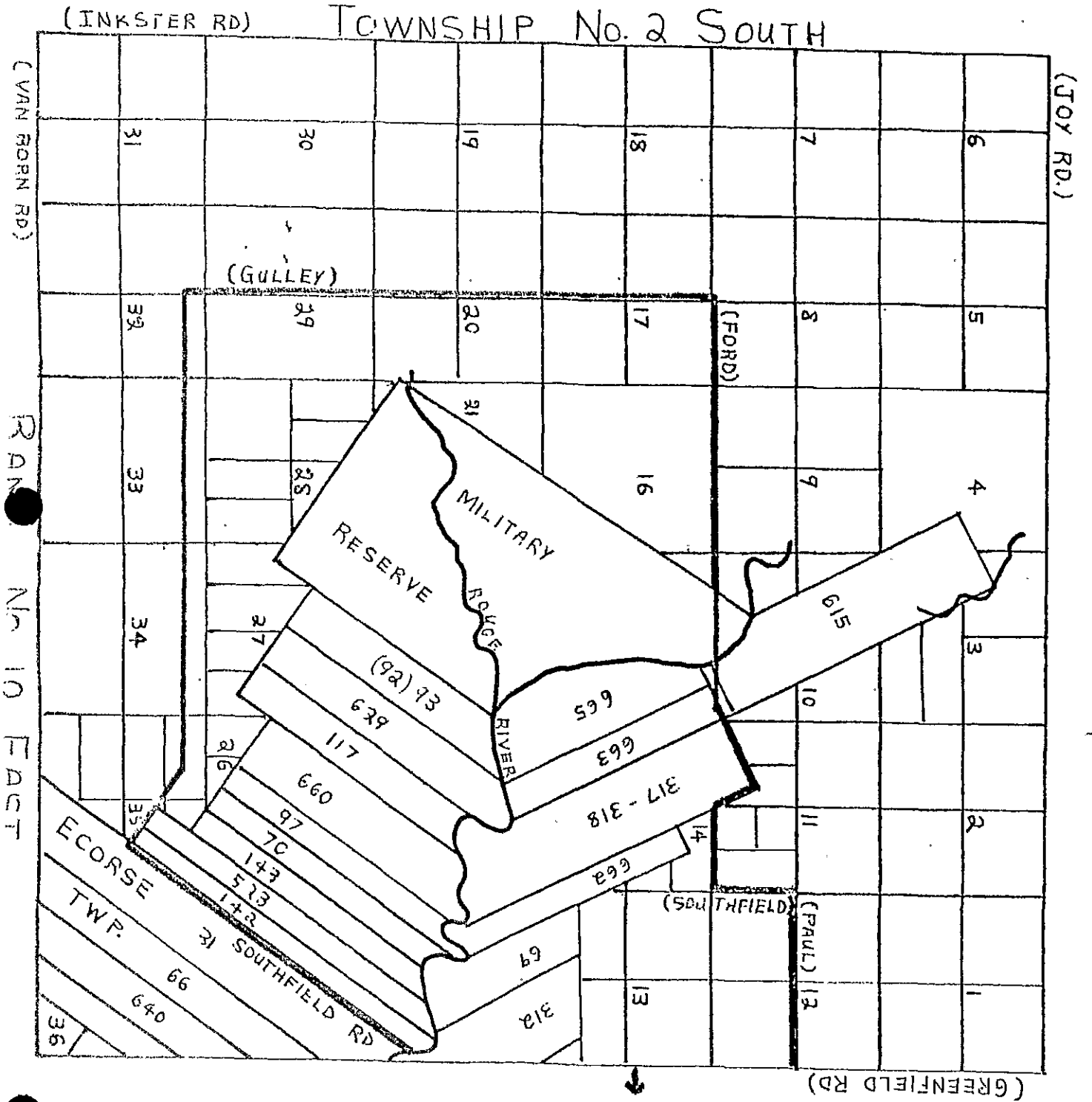
Dearborn Township, therefore, would be described as Township Number 2 South (that is, the second square (six miles long) south of the Base Line), and Range Number 10 East (that is, the tenth square (6 miles wide) east of the Principal Meridian. Springwells was described as Township Number 2 South, Range Number 11 East.

Each Township consisted of 36 square miles, divided into one square mile units, 640 acres each. Each unit was assigned a number from one to thirty-six, with number one starting in the northeast corner.

Both Dearborn and Springwells Townships also had many Private Claims (each numbered) along the River Rouge, often dating back to the French and English settlers. Many of these claims were confirmed and recognized by the American government between 1807 and 1810.

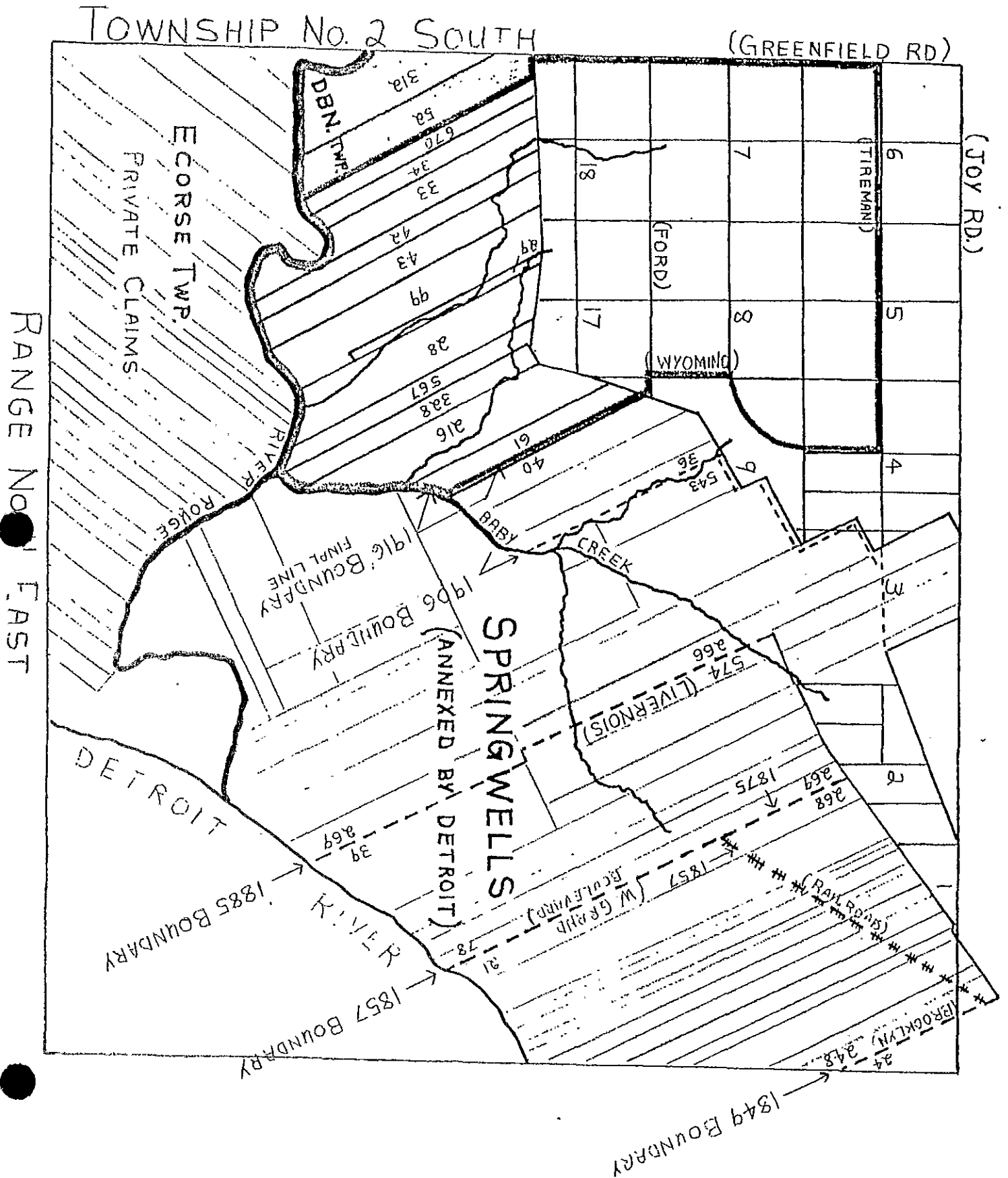
The first public auction sale of lands in Michigan took place in 1818.

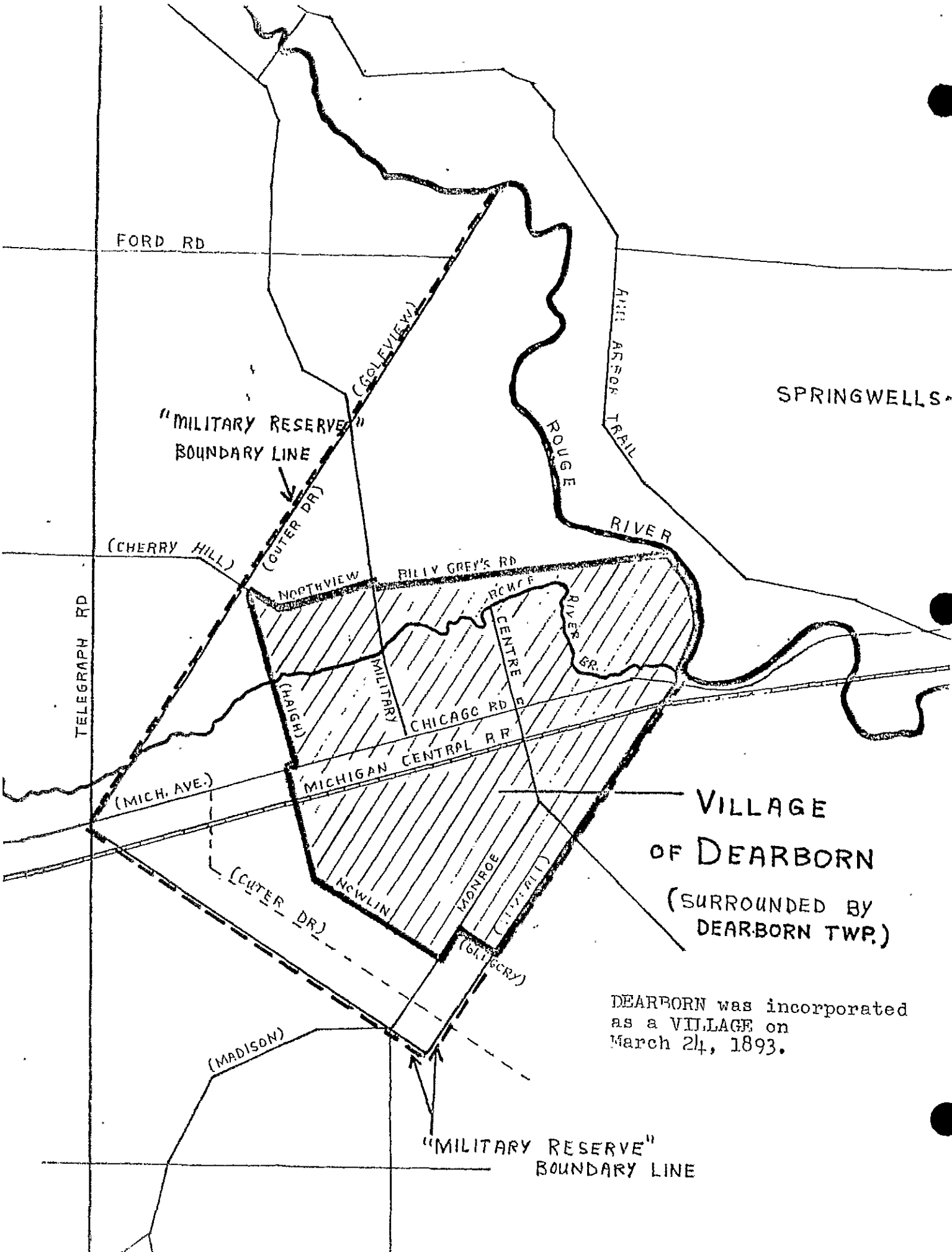
DEARBORN TOWNSHIP --- DIAGRAM OF ORIGINAL SURVEY



→ SPRINGWELLS

SPRINGWELLS TOWNSHIP --- DIAGRAM OF ORIGINAL SURVEY





SPRINGWELLS

FORD RD

"MILITARY RESERVE"  
BOUNDARY LINE

(CHERRY HILL)

NORTHVIEW

BILLY GREY'S RD

RCMCF

CHICAGO RD

MICHIGAN CENTRAL R.R.

(MICH. AVE.)

(CUTER DR)

NCWLN

(GLIMCERY)

(MADISON)

"MILITARY RESERVE"  
BOUNDARY LINE

VILLAGE  
OF DEARBORN  
(SURROUNDED BY  
DEARBORN TWP.)

DEARBORN was incorporated  
as a VILLAGE on  
March 24, 1893.

On May 3, 1875, a portion of the northeastern part of Springwells Township as annexed to the City of Detroit.

On June 20, 1885, a portion of eastern Springwells Township was annexed to the City of Detroit.

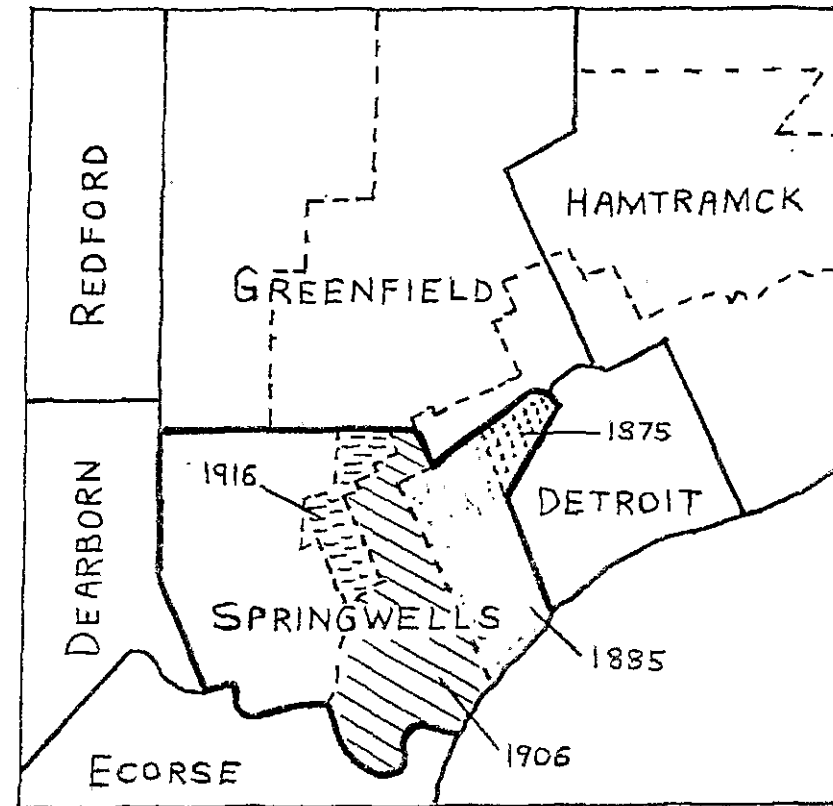
On April 2, 1906, a portion of Springwells Township was again annexed to the City of Detroit.

On November 27, 1916, another portion of Springwells Township was annexed to the City of Detroit.

Note: Throughout the years various portions of Greenfield and Hamtramck Townships were also annexed to the City of Detroit.

In December, 1919, the people in the remaining Springwells Township voted to incorporate as the Village of Springwells.

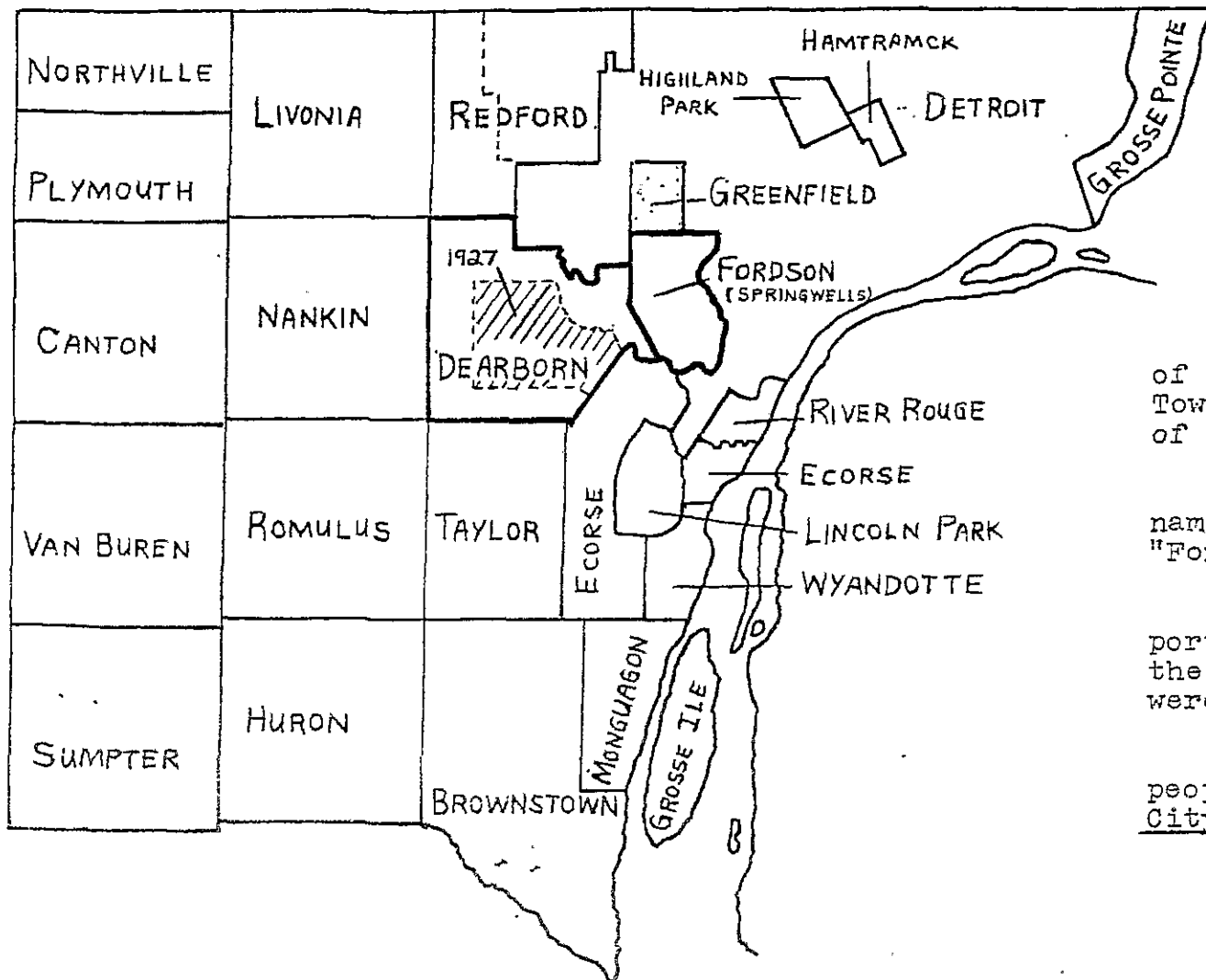
Four years later in December, 1923, the people voted to incorporate as the City of Springwells. In December, 1925 the people voted to change the name of their city to "Fordson" in honor of Henry and Edsel Ford.



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Detroit expands to the east, north and west.





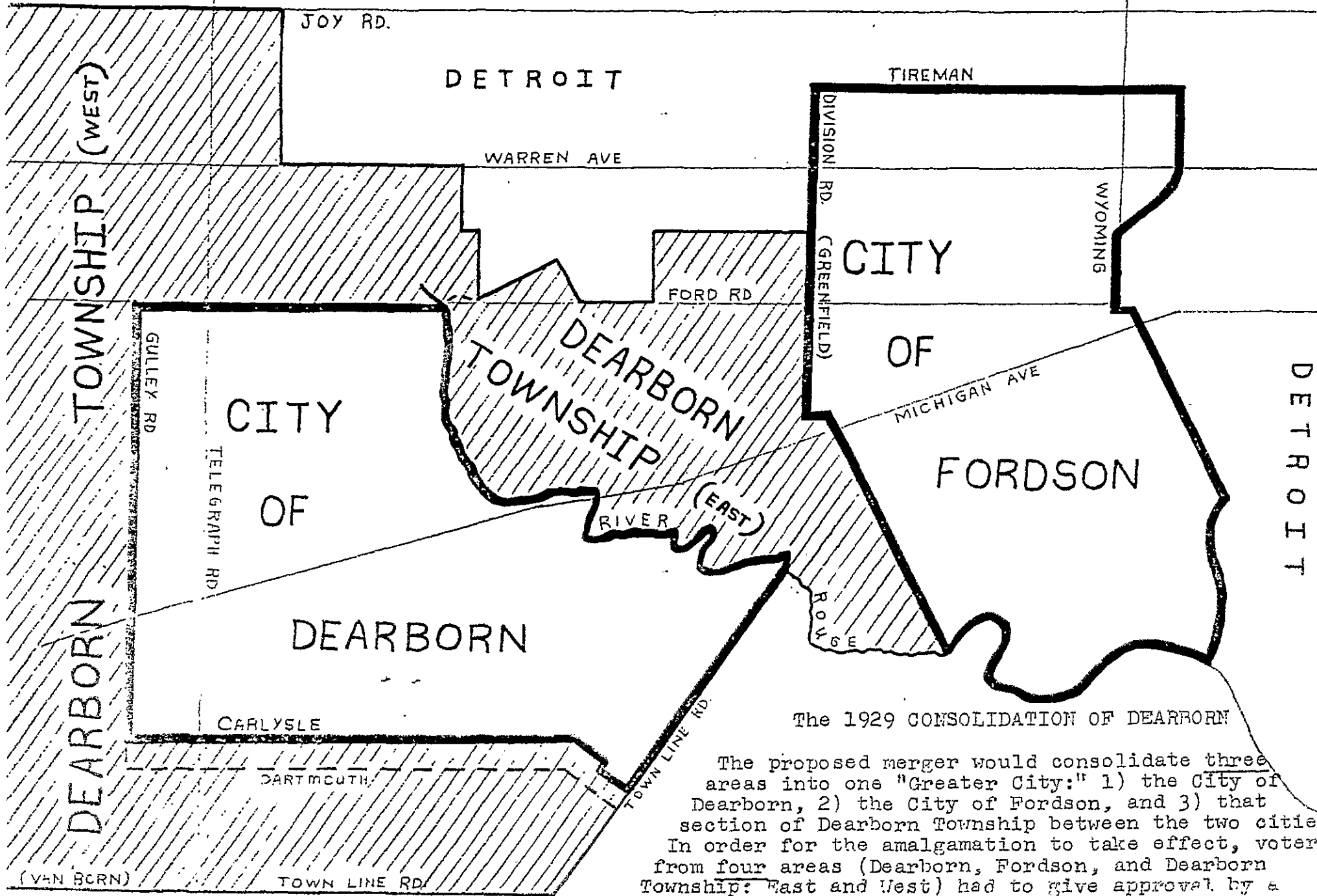
On April 23, 1925, portions of Dearborn, Greenfield, and Redford Townships were annexed to the City of Detroit.

In December, 1925, the City name "Springwells" was changed to "Fordson."

Note; On January 15, 1926, portions of Redford Township and the remainder of Greenfield Township were annexed to the City of Detroit.

On February 15, 1927, the people voted to incorporate the City of Dearborn

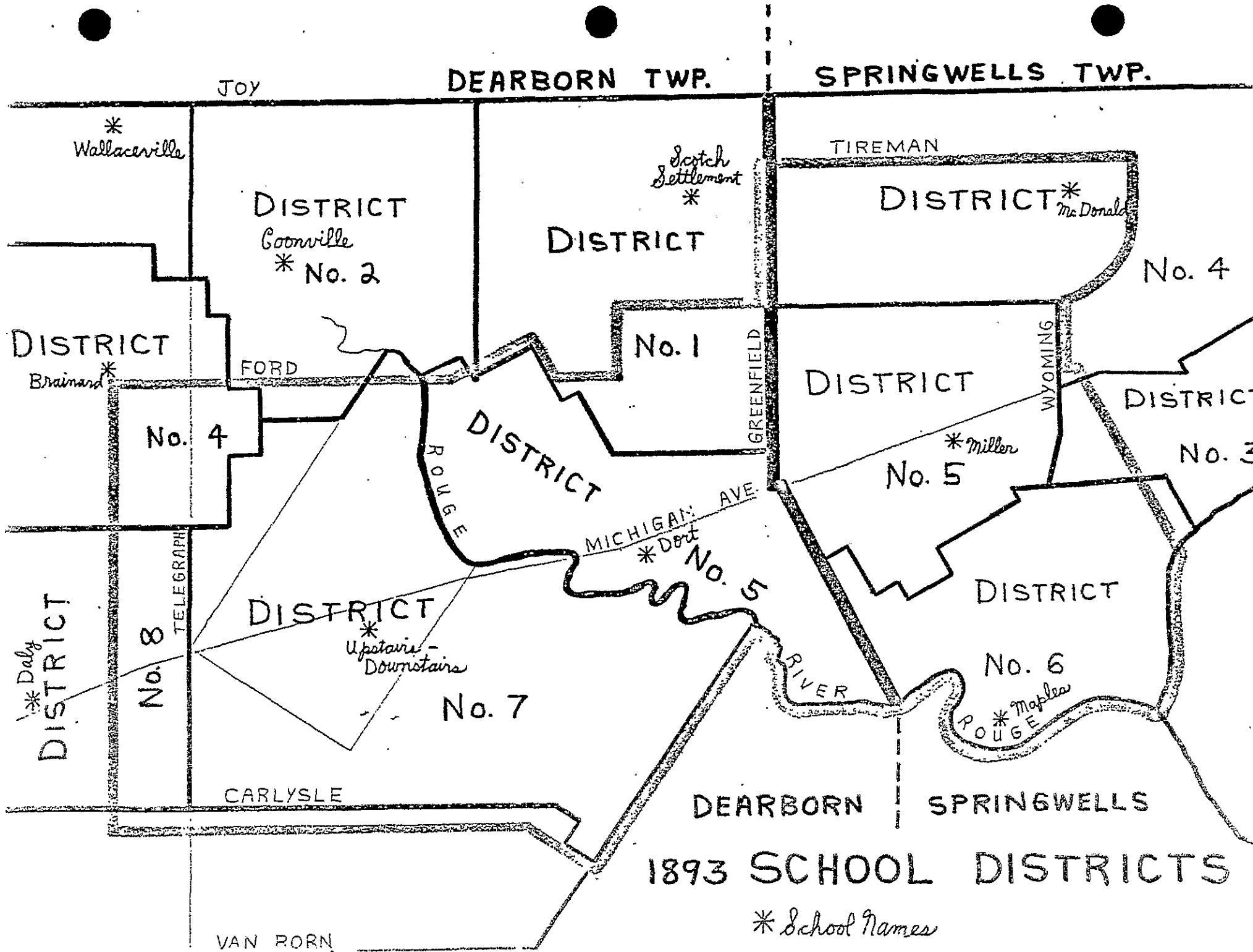
WAYNE COUNTY IN 1925



The 1929 CONSOLIDATION OF DEARBORN

The proposed merger would consolidate three areas into one "Greater City:" 1) the City of Dearborn, 2) the City of Fordson, and 3) that section of Dearborn Township between the two cities. In order for the amalgamation to take effect, voters from four areas (Dearborn, Fordson, and Dearborn Township: East and West) had to give approval by a simple majority vote.





JOY

DEARBORN TWP.

SPRINGWELLS TWP.

\* Wallaceville

DISTRICT  
Coonville  
\* No. 2

Scotch  
Settlement  
\*

TIREMAN

DISTRICT \*  
Mc Donald

No. 4

DISTRICT

No. 1

DISTRICT  
Brainard \*

FORD

DISTRICT

WYOMING

DISTRICT

No. 4

DISTRICT  
ROUGE

\* Miller

No. 5

No. 3

MICHIGAN AVE.  
\* Dext

No. 5

DISTRICT

\* Upstairs -  
Downstairs

No. 7

DISTRICT

No. 6

\* Maples  
ROUGE

RIVER

\* Daly  
DISTRICT

No. 8

TELEGRAPH

CARLYSLE

DEARBORN

SPRINGWELLS

VAN RORN

# 1893 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

\* School Names

# DEARBORN AT A GLANCE

City Motto ..... Be Nice to People  
 City Flower ..... Petunia  
 City Colors ..... Maize and Blue

**HISTORY:** Settled 1795; incorporated January 9, 1929  
**FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** Strong mayor, 7-member council  
**POPULATION:** 104,199 (1970 census)  
**AREA:** 24.5 Square miles, 86 percent developed  
**ELEVATION:** High point 626.06 feet at Ford Road and Telegraph  
**STATE EQUALIZED VALUATION:** \$1,135,086,059 (1977)  
**SCHOOLS:** 27 public; 14 parochial; 3 colleges  
**CHURCHES:** 51  
**BARs:** 100  
**COMMERCE:** 200 industries; 1,700 retail outlets; World Headquarters for Ford Motor Company  
**TRANSPORTATION:** 315 miles of paved city streets; I-94, I-75, I-696, US-24, US-12 and M-153; SEMTA bus service; taxi service; three railroads; a railroad station under construction; minutes from Detroit Metropolitan Airport; 1,221 miles from Dearborn Towers, Clearwater, Florida  
**NEWS MEDIA:** Three newspapers, one radio station  
**TOURISM:** 2 million visitors annually; Home of Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum, Henry Ford Fair Lane Estate, Henry Ford Centennial Library, Ford Rouge Plant and Dearborn Youth Center; 2,045 hotel and motel rooms

# EMERGENCY!

**HELP POLICE HELP YOU.** If you observe a crime, believe a crime is being committed or about to be committed, or see any unusual activity that makes you suspicious, dial the special Citizen-to-Police "Hot Line" number of 584-3232.

In addition, 300 easy-to-use emergency phones are located at key intersections throughout Dearborn. For instant, around-the-clock connections to Police and Fire dispatchers, simply pull the handle to open the box, lift the receiver and report your information to the operator. Within seconds, a police squad, fire-fighting equipment or ambulance will be on its way.

JOHN B. EILLY  
MAYOR

## CITY COUNCIL

Marjorie A. Powell  
President

Dr. Van D. Mericas  
President Pro Tem

Thomas D. Dolan  
Duane W. Yinger  
Michael A. Guido  
John A. Pazzanese  
Michael J. Banich

## CITY CLERK

John Jay Hubbard

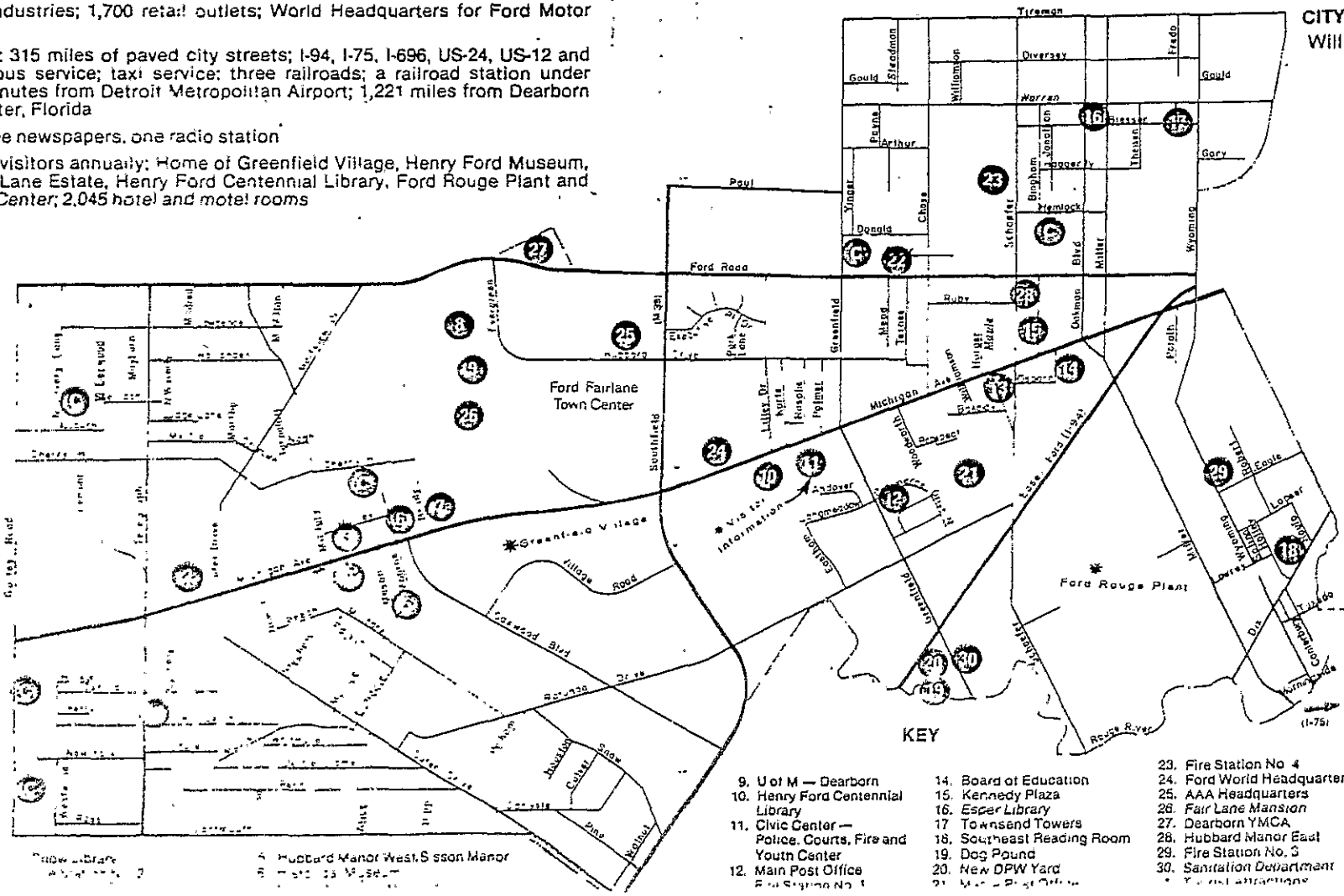
## CITY TREASURER

William F. Kaiser



MAJOR GENERAL  
HENRY DEARBORN  
1751-1829

The City of Dearborn was named in honor of Senior Major General Henry Dearborn, a hero of the American Revolution, Secretary of War under President Thomas Jefferson from 1801-1805, Commander-in-Chief of the American Army during the War of 1812 and a distinguished medical doctor.



- KEY**
- 9. U of M — Dearborn
  - 10. Henry Ford Centennial Library
  - 11. Civic Center — Police, Courts, Fire and Youth Center
  - 12. Main Post Office
  - 14. Board of Education
  - 15. Kennedy Plaza
  - 16. Esper Library
  - 17. Townsend Towers
  - 18. Southeast Reading Room
  - 19. Dog Pound
  - 20. New DPW Yard
  - 21. Municipal Office
  - 23. Fire Station No. 4
  - 24. Ford World Headquarters
  - 25. AAA Headquarters
  - 26. Fair Lane Mansion
  - 27. Dearborn YMCA
  - 28. Hubbard Manor East
  - 29. Fire Station No. 3
  - 30. Sanitation Department
  - \* Tourist Attractions

1978

Hubbard Manor West, Sisson Manor

# DEARBORN

1964

## LEGEND

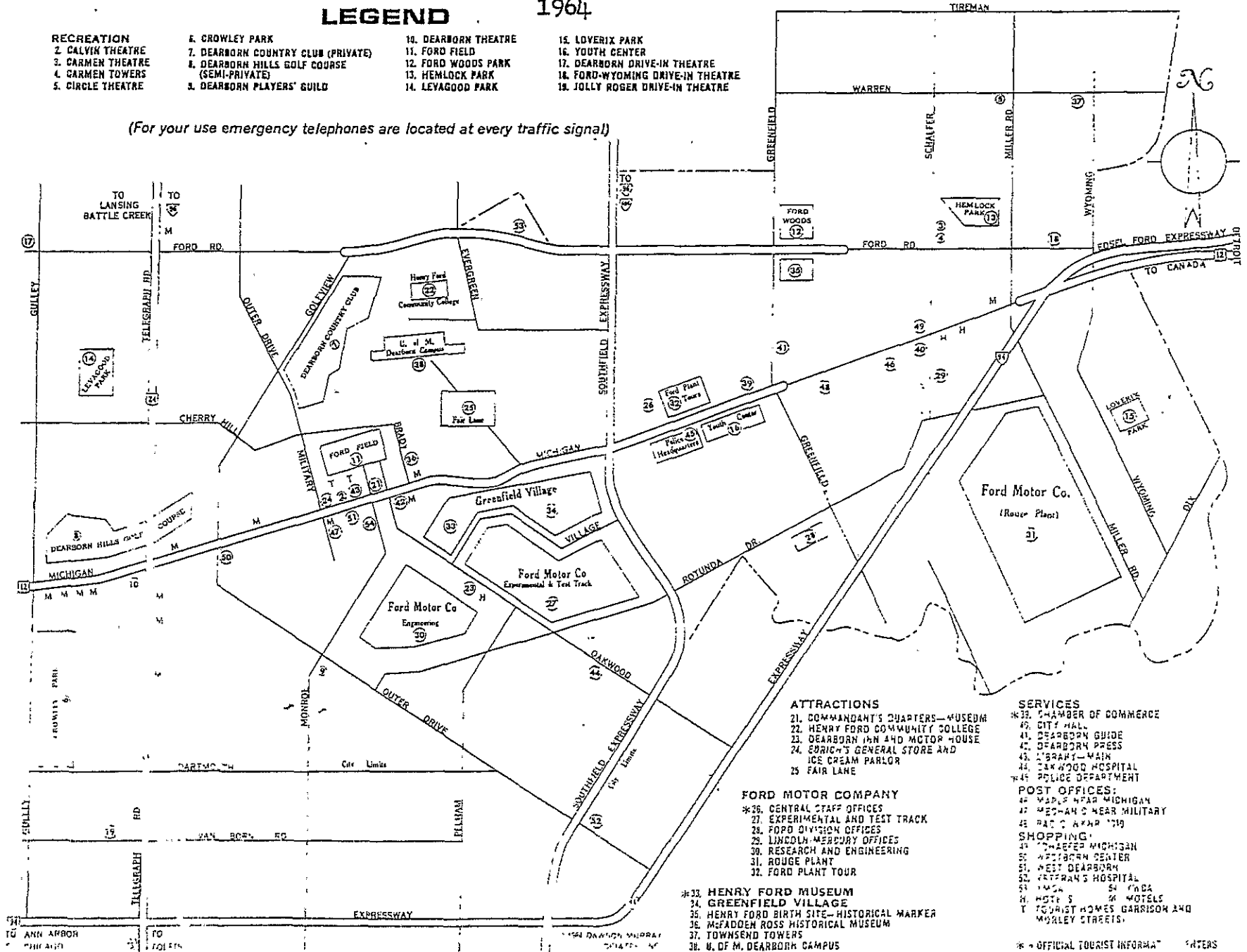
**RECREATION**  
 2. CALVIN THEATRE  
 3. CARMEN THEATRE  
 4. CARMEN TOWERS  
 5. CIRCLE THEATRE

6. CROWLEY PARK  
 7. DEARBORN COUNTRY CLUB (PRIVATE)  
 8. DEARBORN HILLS GOLF COURSE (SEMI-PRIVATE)  
 9. DEARBORN PLAYERS' GUILD

10. DEARBORN THEATRE  
 11. FORD FIELD  
 12. FORD WOODS PARK  
 13. HEMLOCK PARK  
 14. LEVAGOOD PARK

15. LOVERIX PARK  
 16. YOUTH CENTER  
 17. DEARBORN DRIVE-IN THEATRE  
 18. FORD-WYOMING DRIVE-IN THEATRE  
 19. JOLLY ROSE DRIVE-IN THEATRE

(For your use emergency telephones are located at every traffic signal)



**ATTRACTIONS**

- 21. COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS—MUSEUM
- 22. HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- 23. DEARBORN INN AND MOTOR HOUSE
- 24. BURCH'S GENERAL STORE AND ICE CREAM PARLOR
- 25. FAIR LANE

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY**

- \*26. CENTRAL STAFF OFFICES
- 27. EXPERIMENTAL AND TEST TRACK
- 28. FORD DIVISION OFFICES
- 29. LINCOLN-MERCUURY OFFICES
- 30. RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING
- 31. ROUGE PLANT
- 32. FORD PLANT TOUR

- \*33. HENRY FORD MUSEUM
- 34. GREENFIELD VILLAGE
- 35. HENRY FORD BIRTH SITE—HISTORICAL MARKER
- 36. McFADDEN ROSS HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- 37. TOWNSEND TOWERS
- 38. U. OF M. DEARBORN CAMPUS

**SERVICES**

- \*39. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- 40. CITY HALL
- 41. DEARBORN GUIDE
- 42. DEARBORN PRESS
- 43. LIBRARY—WALK
- 44. OAKWOOD HOSPITAL
- \*45. POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POST OFFICES:**

- 46. MAPLE NEAR MICHIGAN
- 47. MED-AND NEAR MILITARY
- 48. PACIFIC NEAR '79

**SHOPPING:**

- 49. TWEEPS MICHIGAN
- 50. WESTBORN CENTER
- 51. WEST DEARBORN
- 52. VETERAN'S HOSPITAL
- 53. WALK
- 54. WALK
- H. MOTEL
- M. MOTEL
- T. TOURIST HOMES GARRISON AND MORLEY STREETS

\* - OFFICIAL TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS

## Dearborn Township: After the Merger

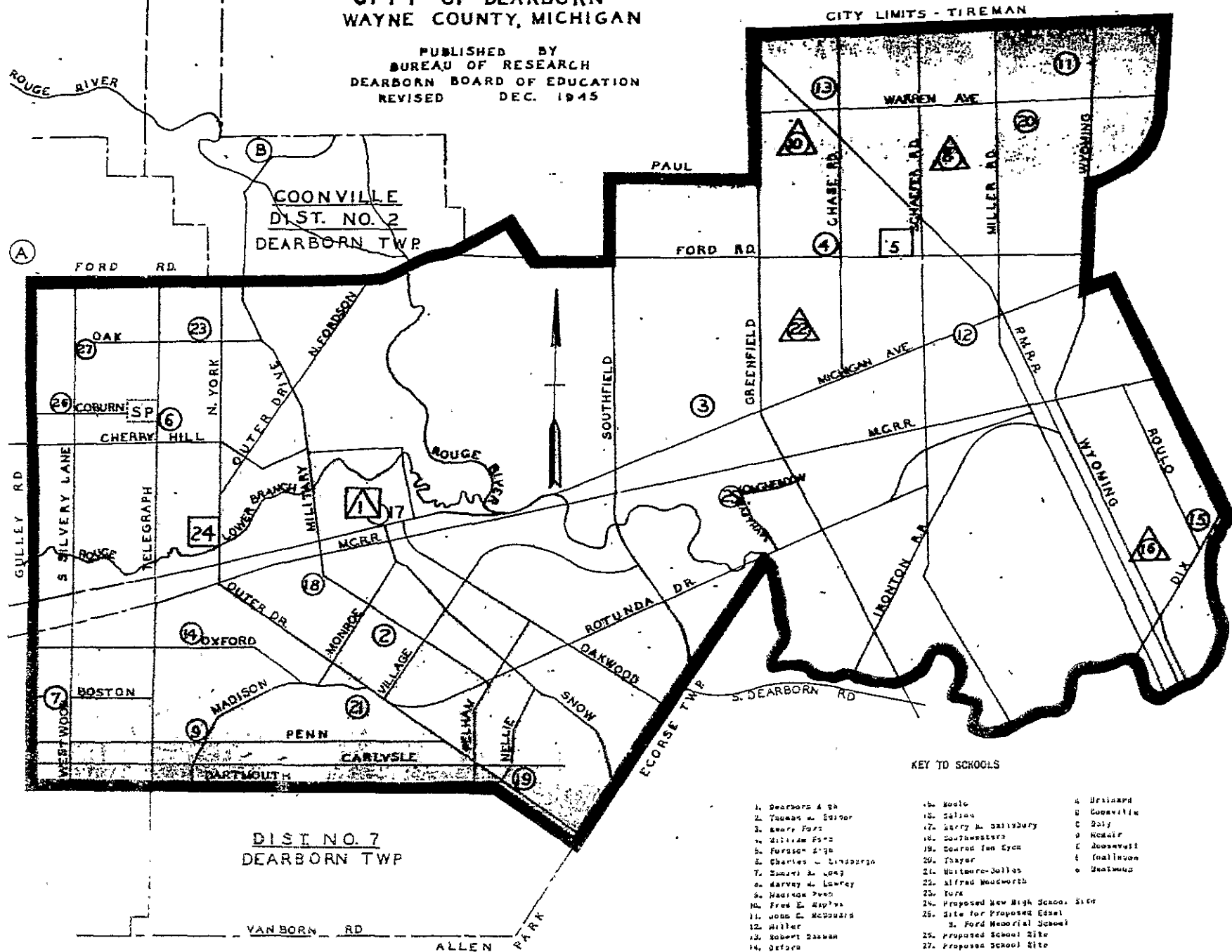
Dearborn Township after the Dearborn split was in a very precarious position. Occurring just before the depression, it took decades for the area to recover. Up to 2/3 of the population was on welfare shortly after and some city services had to be taken over by Inkster. Lands were slowly gobbled up by various neighboring communities, leaving two separated sections of land in the north end and the south end of Dearborn Township.

In 1960 the remainder of Dearborn Township filed to incorporate into a city. This was done in response to a rumor that Inkster wanted to incorporate into a city, making it impossible for Dearborn Heights to unify, as a city needs one contiguous border. Dearborn Township included in its petition an annexation of what is known today as the "Inkster Strip", along Beech Daly road. Inkster filed a petition to become a city shortly after in an attempt to block the incorporation of Dearborn Township. It was not until April 8, 1963 that the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of Dearborn Township and Dearborn Heights was born. The city's current shape and size has not changed since.



SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CITY OF DEARBORN  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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KEY TO SCHOOLS

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Dearborn A & B       | 15. Soole                         | 4. Brainard   |
| 2. Truman W. Estlin     | 16. Selma                         | 5. Coonville  |
| 3. Avery Park           | 17. Harry A. Salisbury            | 6. Daly       |
| 4. William Park         | 18. Southesters                   | 7. Hecair     |
| 5. Furston Park         | 19. Conrad Van Eyn                | 8. Jonesville |
| 6. Charles W. Lindbergh | 20. Thayer                        | 9. Franklin   |
| 7. Emory A. Long        | 21. Whitmer-Jones                 | 10. Hartman   |
| 8. Darvey A. Lowrey     | 22. Alfred Woodworth              | 11. Hartman   |
| 9. Madison Park         | 23. Tice                          | 12. Hartman   |
| 10. Fred E. Asplund     | 24. Proposed New High School Site | 13. Hartman   |
| 11. John C. Acquisti    | 25. Site for Proposed School      | 14. Hartman   |
| 12. Miller              | 26. Ford Memorial School          | 15. Hartman   |
| 13. Robert Daxman       | 27. Proposed School Site          | 16. Hartman   |
| 14. DeFord              |                                   | 17. Hartman   |

LEGEND  
 - Dearborn City Boundary  
 - Junior High School

