

The Village of
MARCELLUS
MICHIGAN

*An Affectionate Review
of its life and times
over the past
one hundred years.*

CENTENNIAL
1979

DEDICATION

*To those brave souls who gave life
and permanence to an infant Village
in the year 1879.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1979

To the Citizens of Marcellus

Congratulations on the 100th anniversary of your community.

In celebrating this important milestone in your history, you can take pride in the values and ideals that have made your community and our Nation grow and prosper. May the vitality and spirit of your people continue to help build a better America and a better world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a distinct "Carter" at the end.



STATE OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LANSING

WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN
GOVERNOR

May 1, 1979

Marcellus Centennial
Village of Marcellus
Marcellus, Michigan 49067

Greetings:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my official and personal greetings to the people of the Village of Marcellus as you celebrate your centennial this September.

You have reached an important milestone in your history. During the past century, the people of Marcellus have accomplished many things. You have a proud tradition to carry with you into the next century.

I hope you will have the opportunity during this centennial celebration to reflect upon your accomplishments and, also, to make decisions as to what your challenges will be for the future.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for a successful and meaningful centennial celebration.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

William G. Milliken
Governor



G. W. Jones

GEORGE W. JONES 1824-1896

"He displayed marked business ability, executive force and correct judgment and whatever he undertook seemed destined to win success. The secret of his prosperity, however is found in his unremitting diligence, careful study of any plan which he formulated and his determination in carrying it forward to completion."

Cass County History of 1882

"With prophetic eye he seemed to see the line of the railroad and recognized that the present site of Marcellus would prove an eligible one for a Village."

Cass County History of 1906

The Centennial



HAZEN ABBOTT



RAYMOND BOHNE

Co-chairmen

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We wish we knew of and could name all the dedicated people who contributed old pictures, old records, old newspapers and old memories, voluntarily and from a nostalgic fond regard for the Village of Marcellus. Their numbers are legion and we honor and thank them as well as the Committee workers named above.

Thank you all.

Forward

To adequately recount the history of Marcellus during the past 100 years in these few pages would be an impossible task. None are now alive who recall its natal day.

The memory of man fades through the years. We have overlooked, no doubt, many important facts and others here reported may suffer from inaccuracies that arise from the passage of time. Forgive us these short-comings.

Sincere effort has been made by many dedicated persons to reach back to clasp the hands of those who were here before and to find "footsteps in the sands of time." May their satisfaction from being a part of this historic effort be an enduring reward.

Sincerely yours,

HAZEN ABBOTT
RAYMOND BOHNE
Co-chairmen

Petition For Incorporation

To the Honorable the Senate
and House of Representatives of
the State of Michigan in
Legislature convened

The undersigned legal voters
of the Township of Marcellus
County of Cass and State of
Michigan and residents of
the Territory hereinafter described
do most respectfully petition
your Honorable body to incorporate
the territory bounded and described
as follows To-wit

Commencing at a point on the
south line of Section Fourteen
(14) town five (5) south of range
thirteen (13) west Eighty (80) rods
East of the south west corner
of said section fourteen (14)
thence north one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile
Thence West one and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$)
miles thence South one (1) mile
thence East one and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$)
miles thence north one half ($\frac{1}{2}$)
mile to the place of beginning
and enclosing the following premises

Township The West one half of the
south west quarter of section
Fourteen (14) and the south half
of section Fifteen (15) and the East
half of the South East quarter
of section Sixteen (16) and
the East half of the North East
quarter of section Twenty one
(21) and the north half of section
Twenty two (22) and the west
half of the north west quarter
of section twenty three (23)

All in town (5) south of Range
Thirteen (13) west being in the
Township of Marcellus County
of Cass and State of Michigan

To be known and designated
as the Village of Marcellus
in accordance with and subject
to the provisions of Act No.

Sixty two (62) of the session
Law of 1875 being an act
entitled "An act granting and
defining the powers and duties
of incorporated Villages"

And you-petitioners will
ever pray &c.

Marcellus Jan. 2nd A.D. 1879

*Names of petitioners to incorporate
the Village of Marcellus
and heads of households residing
in the area are listed hereafter*

Warner J. Sampson
E. C. Davis
James O. Apted
N. J. Huber
H. H. Selleck
Thomas Burney
Mahlon Keene
A. M. Moon
J. J. Nottingham
F. M. Stewart
M. N. Kidney
E. Wilbur Hall
Henry S. Sheldin
R. R. Beebe
Wm. Cosschmon
N. W. Bucklin
Warren O. Matthews
Wm. T. Taylor
E. L. Carbine
A. B. Keen
E. S. Weaver
W. L. Bond
R. B. Cavilee
G. W. Snyder
H. F. Ritter
G. M. Pond
J. M. Gardner
B. R. Brabe
J. N. Davis
E. M. Ketcham
Lewis Arnold
C. R. Talbot
San Holban
J. W. Mowery
Joseph F. Sheldon
W. I. Sackett
C. H. Hudson
Jno. Manning
Colman C. Peek
Wm. Mikel
C. S. Jones
Chas. Edwards
Robert McElrath
F. S. Jones
Rev. Albert Reed
Alex Taylor

L. J. Hoisington
J. A. Jones
J. R. Buckley
George W. Fisher
G. W. Haynes
James Boner
C. H. Dunning
H. Willmarth
A. H. Kester
David Sanborn
James Paxton
L. Bridge
J. E. Kimble
Ambrose Wiltse
H. C. Lambert
George I. Nash
Horace Carbine
G. W. Jones
Nathan Osborn
James N. Dayton
D. T. Baldwin
W. H. Purdy
Addison E. Sill
I. W. Phillips
B. S. Bowling
L. W. (C) Burney
J. A. Gardner
F. S. Sweetland
Thos. E. Warr
C. H. Swift
Thomas H. Cooley
N. Griswold
Charles J. Van Sickle
W. R. Snyder
H. E. Giddings
W. S. Kester
Robert McDonald
Daniel Folk
R. D. Snyder
L. B. Des Voignes
G. B. Lewis
Robert Milliman
E. L. Leonard
Sol Stern
I. M. Smith
Alex Brown
David Snyder

Mrs. C. Newkirk
Mrs. F. W. DeGrush
Mrs. Fanny Huber
Joseph Cronley
David Hall
Paul Hartman
F. G. Miller
W. H. Reams
Wm. Cantwell
I. H. Robinson
Mrs. Bucklin
Mrs. Bidgood
James McDonald
Mrs. Peachy
E. P. Curtis
Mrs. Bartlett
Alex Cavilee
Ben Bond
James Monroe
Timothy Cotherman
Frank Arms
J. A. Fry
B. R. Desenberg
I. T. Scofield
Mrs. Cave
R. Simpson
Wm. Dailey
Mrs. McKenzie
A. Eldred
Samuel Cleckner
J. Spayd
Henry Leonard
Freeman Kidney
J. Gross
E. W. Hall
Rachel Messenger
Kinyon Bly
Ben Van Valkenberg
Ferris Hemmelright
F. C. Kent
G. Beebe
Newman Reynolds
John A. Smith
Pharoz Blatt
Wm. Taylor
John Higgins
Alice Graham

LOCAL ACTS, 1879.

[No. 269.]

AN ACT to incorporate the village of Marcellus.

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact, That* Territory incorporated.
so much of the township of Marcellus, county of Cass, and state of Michigan, as is embraced in the following described lands, to wit: Commencing at a point on the south line of section fourteen (14), town five (5) south of range thirteen (13) west, eighty (80) rods east of the southwest corner of said section fourteen (14), thence north one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile, thence west one and one-half miles, ($1\frac{1}{2}$) thence south one (1) mile, thence east one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) miles, thence north one-half mile ($\frac{1}{2}$) to the place of beginning, and enclosing the following premises to wit: The west half of the southwest quarter of section fourteen (14), and the south half of section fifteen (15), and the east half of the southeast quarter of section sixteen (16), and the east half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-one (21), and the north half of section twenty-two (22), and the west half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-three (23); all in town five (5) south of range thirteen (13) west, being in the township of Marcellus, county of Cass, and State of Michigan, be and the same is hereby made and constituted a village corporate by the name of the village of Marcellus, by virtue of and under the provisions of act number sixty-two of the session laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages," approved April first, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and acts amendatory thereof.

SEC. 2. The first election for officers of said village shall be held First election.
on the second Monday in March, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, at the office of John Manning, on Main street, in said village, notice of which shall be posted in three of the most public places Notice,
in said village by the board of registration hereinafter appointed, at least ten days prior to such election; said notice shall also be published, at least once prior to said election, in such newspaper in said village having the largest circulation.

SEC. 3. Board of registration.
George W. Jones, Warner J. Sampson, and Joseph M. Gardner, are hereby constituted a board of registration, for the purpose of registering voters for the first election to be held in said village, and said board of registration are hereby required to meet on the Saturday preceding the second Monday in March, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine aforesaid, and register the names of all persons, residents of said village, presenting themselves for registration, and having the qualifications of voters at annual township meetings.

SEC. 4. Incorporated under law of 1875.
The said village of Marcellus shall, in all things, not herein otherwise provided, be governed, and its powers and duties defined, by an act entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages," approved April first, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and acts amendatory thereof.

SEC. 5. This act shall take immediate effect.

Approved February 15, 1879.