

2 hills houses called historic

Two more historic houses in Farmington Hills have been added to the Michigan Register of Historic Places by the Michigan Historical Commission.

They are Eber Durham House, 35835 13 Mile and the Stephen Jennings House, 26337 Drake.

This brings to 18 the number of sites to be on the state registry from Farmington Hills Historic District, which itself includes 38 properties.

The Eber Durham House, an important example of Greek Revival style, was built about 1845 by Stephen Jennings, an early owner of the Botsford Inn, on land adjacent to the Inn. It was probably built at the time of Eber Durham's marriage to Jennings' daughter, Jane. The house, it is believed, was a wedding gift of her father. Jane did not live long to enjoy it, dying in 1852.

When Botsford Inn was moved back from Grand River and restored in the

1920s by Henry Ford, his superintendent of construction lived in the Eber Durham House. Because his name was Frank Shaw, the small home for many years was known as the Frank Shaw House.

The second home to be honored with state registry listing is the Stephen Jennings House on Drake Road. This is a larger, two-story home, built between 1841 and 1852 by Jennings. Located near Botsford Inn, the home at the turn

of the century was inhabited by Milton and Lovina Botsford while running the Inn. Their son, Frank Botsford, lived with his family at the Inn.

The early home, also an example of Michigan Greek Revival architecture, was built on logs with bark still on them, still visible in the basement. The house has a narrow enclosed stairway, also typical of the period.

Both homes are part of the Farmington Hills Historic District.

GOP holds local, state conventions

Michigan Republicans, still euphoric from last week's presidential inauguration, are preparing to regroup this week for the 1986 campaign.

They will hold a series of district and county conventions at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to elect delegates to the Friday, Feb. 15, state convention in Grand Rapids.

All indications are that state chairman Spencer Abraham can have a second two-year term if he wants it. Two vice chairmen, a youth vice chairman (under age 25) and senior citizen vice chairman (over 60) are also to be elected.

Moderates have hinted they will attempt a partial comeback. Typically, persons planning to run for governor or senator in the next general election set up hospitality suites to sound out support at this otherwise routine winter convention.

HERE IS the schedule of district conventions, to be attended by local precinct delegates:

• 2nd District — Wayne: Plymouth Township Hall, 42340 E. Ann Arbor Road, corner of Lilley. The partial district includes most of Livonia, Plymouth city and township and Northville city and township.

• 15th District — Wayne: Holiday Inn, 31200 Detroit Industrial Expressway, Romulus. Included are southern Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Canton Township.

• 17th District: Divine Providence Lithuanian Church, 25335 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. The district covers a small portion of northwest Detroit and the adjacent suburbs, including Redford Township, Southfield and Lathrup Village.

• 18th District: Dombrowski Field House, St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads, Orchard Lake. The district includes the Rochester area, most of Troy, Birmingham-Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and the Farmington area.

MEETING IN congressional district caucuses, state convention delegates



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WILLIAM CULLEN WARD

William Cullen Ward, infant son of David and Leslie Ward, died Dec. 23.

Other survivors include his brother, Kenric and a sister, Rozanne; grandmother, Johanna Ward.

Burial was in Cincinnati, Ohio.

CHARLES JULES CANNAERT

Mr. Cannaert, 75, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 16 in Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Mr. Cannaert was a brick layer for Ford Motor Co. and independently for Art Institute-Chapel and surrounding area buildings. He was a member of U.A.W.

Survivors include his wife, Jennie; son, Denis; a daughter, Maryann Dupre; sister, Madeline Putnam; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Jan. 19 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass. was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Arthur Jacob officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

RALPH L. VOORHEIS

Mr. Voorheis, 80, of Livonia died Jan. 17 in Camelot Nursing Home of Livonia.

Mr. Voorheis worked for Chrysler Corp. before retiring.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

Services were at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, and at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia with the Rev. David Strong officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

REV. VAUGHAN E. BRYSON

The Rev. Bryson, 84, died Jan. 17 in Providence Hospital.

Born in North Carolina, Rev. Vaughan was the founder and bullder

of the Farmington Missionary Church of Farmington Hills.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice; sons, Robert, Richard and Eldon; a daughter, Dolores Lee; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were Jan. 21 at the Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles W. Ewing of Campbell Memorial United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

FLOYD A. HARTFORD

Mr. Hartford, 80, of Farmington died Jan. 19.

Mr. Hartford was a plumber. He was a partner of Hartford and Ratliff Plumbing Co.

Survivors include his wife, Lila; a son, J. Lee Ratliff; sister, Agnes Paquette; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 20 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Hollis Evans of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

EDWARD RANDALL CANNON

Mr. Cannon, 45, of Farmington died Jan. 20 in Providence Hospital.

Born in Alliance, Ohio, Mr. Cannon was a brakeman for Norfolk and Southern Railroad. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1959.

Survivors include his wife, Betta; sons, William and Phillip; sister, Rebecca Suemnick; brothers, Richard and Daniel; one grandchild.

Services were Jan. 24 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl Schultz, Minister Emeritus, of Salem United Church of Christ, Cremation was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Association.

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