



For many years the Botsford Inn has been the gathering place for persons just traveling through or for those living in the area who are looking for historical surroundings in which to meet.

Travelers' refuge

Botsford Inn steeped in history

Botsford Inn in Farmington has a tradition of hospitality, having provided food and lodging to weary travelers for 147 years. It survives as Michigan's oldest country inn.

Originally built as a home in 1836 by Orrin Weston, it was converted into a tavern by Steven Jennings in 1841. The 16 Mile House, as it was known at the time, was the coach stop on Grand River, then a plank road built along an Indian trail to Lake Michigan and the juncture of the post road to Lansing.

The year 1860, just before the outbreak of the Civil War, saw the inn acquired by Milton C. Botsford, and it became a popular place for drivers and farmers traveling the route to the Detroit markets. What is now the entry hall of the inn originally served as a public bar, called a tap room. It was separated from other facilities because it attracted the rougher types.

Henry Ford bought the inn in 1924 and restored it in the manner for which he has become famous. Ford had taken a

fancy to the place to some extent because it played a part in his courting of his wife, Clara.

A SUITE of rooms on the second floor was kept for his friend Thomas Edison for his use whenever he came to visit. The original beds and dresser, of Gothic style in fumed white oak, used by Edison are retained in the rooms. The suite is available for occupants as are almost all of the inn's 62 rooms.

The John Anshuts, father and son,

bought the handsome structure in 1951. They have since managed, maintained, modernized and added to the Botsford Inn. The West Wing extension was done in the same architectural style as the old inn; a modern banquet hall was an ingenious mix of old and new.

Enter the inn through the colonial doorway. The porch is lighted with an early lantern lamp. The door with its original brass locks and knobs is flanked

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