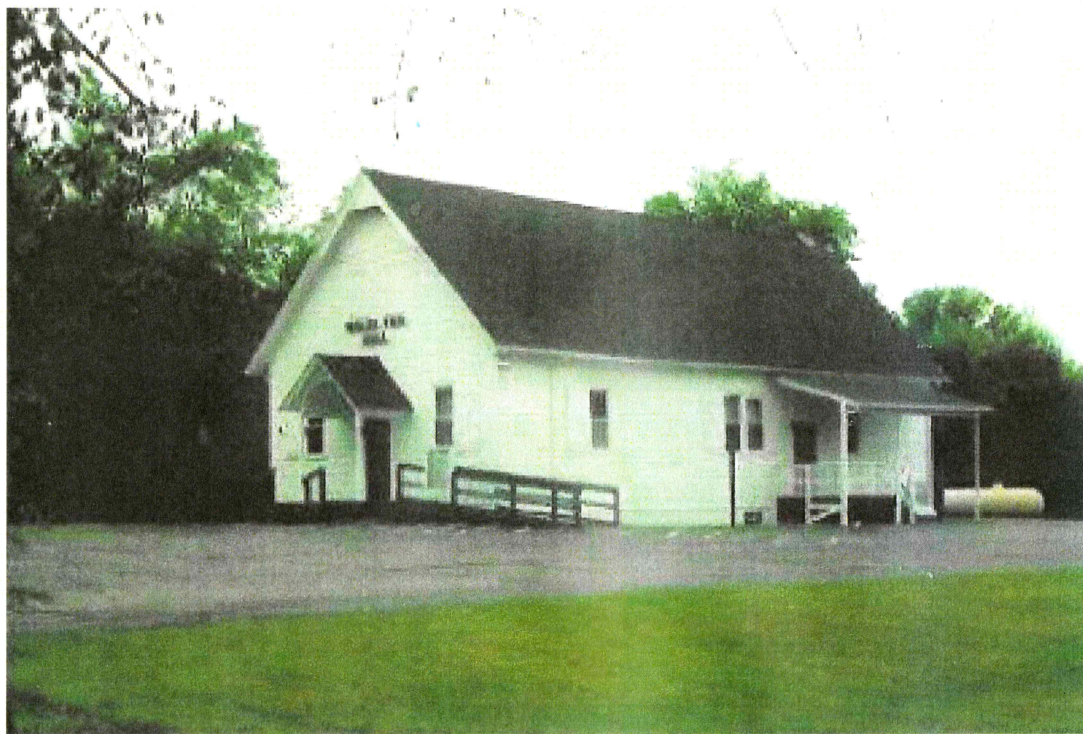


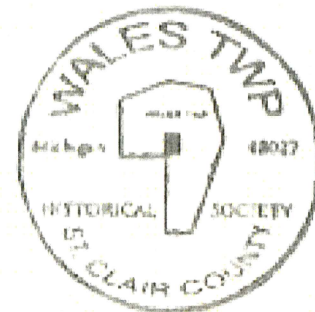
# Wales Historical Society

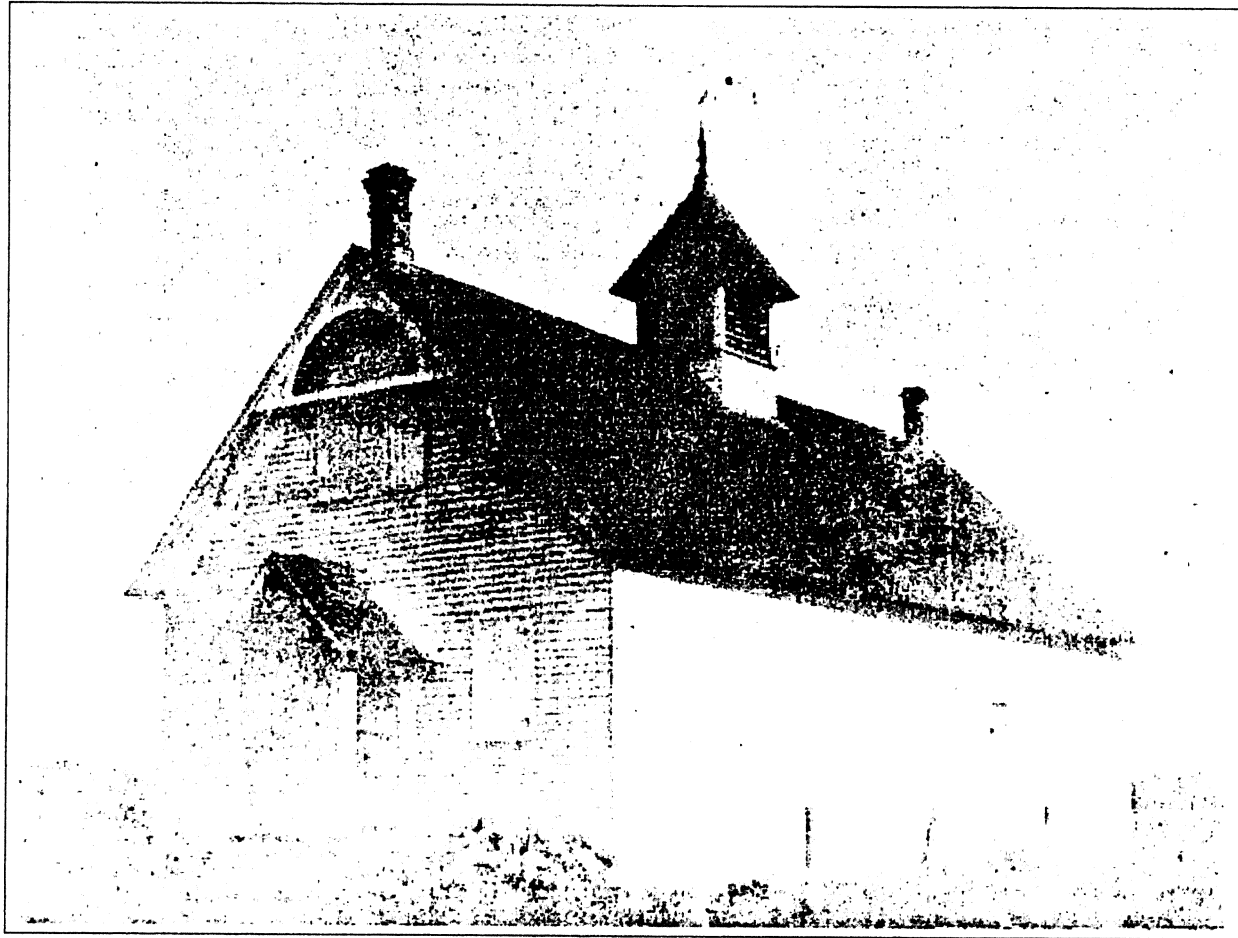
## 2016 Calendar



**Wales Township Hall**  
**Celebrating 125 years - 1890 - 2015**

[www.waleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waleshistoricalsociety.org)





**On June 10, 1889, a special meeting took place and the decision was made to build a Hall in 1890. The location was decided on a year later at the Annual meeting, 329 votes were cast- 191 for a Wales Center site and 138 for a Lambs site. Of course, women were not allowed to vote as yet. Also, allocated was \$500 in 1889 and \$500 levied in 1890 to fund the building. The property was once owned by William Bowen.**

**Based on information collected, the first meeting that was held in the "Town Hall was on November 8, 1890 and a Mr. Lashbrook was hired as a Janitor. His salary was \$12.00 a year.**

# January 2016

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New Years Day

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# February 2016

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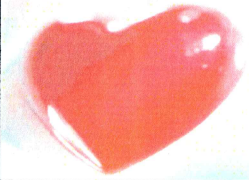
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine Day 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

Photos provided by Midwest Claims service

Date Taken: Sept. 6, 2006

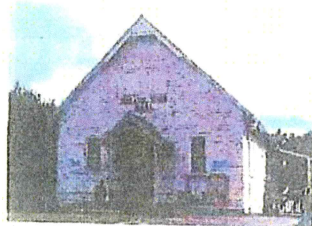


Photo # 1. Front elevation.



Photo 2. Rear 3/4 view.

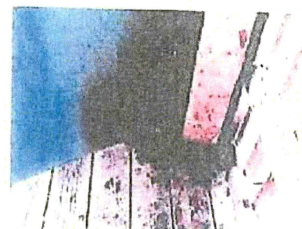


Photo 3. Fire set at base of door.

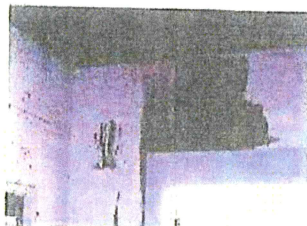


Photo 4. Burned-up inside the wall.



Photo 5. Above the suspended tile.

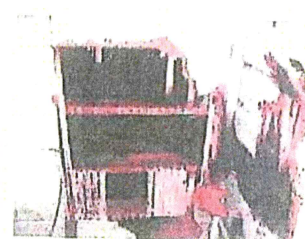


Photo 6. Up and into the roof area.

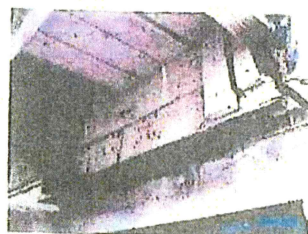


Photo 7. Burned-down thru the porch decking to a cellar doorway.



Photo 8. In-and-through to a joist run-way of the framing.



Photo 9. The cleanest burn pattern that I have ever seen.

On Labor Day, 2006, an arsonist set fire to the Wales Township Hall. Quick reaction by a St. Clair County Sheriff's Deputy saved the building, but repairs took months to complete.

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9 4:00 Historical Soc  Meeting	10	11	12
13 Daylight S begins	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 1st Day of Spring Palm Sunday  Flowers	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter	28	29	30	31		



We would not have a 125 year old Hall today, if it had not been for the quick actions of some great public servants at the time of the arson fire. The St. Clair County Deputy Sheriff who spotted the fire, reported it, and attacked it with his vehicle fire extinguisher; and the quick response of the Memphis Fire Department, who not only put out the fire, but protected many of the valuable files inside; saved our dear old hall.

While the building was being repaired and restored, the Board of Trustees needed a place to hold their meetings. The City of Memphis was gracious enough to allow the use of their City Hall meeting room during that time.

When our Hall was once again ready for business, an open House was held on April 5, 2007, for the public to view the repairs and improvements.



# April 2016

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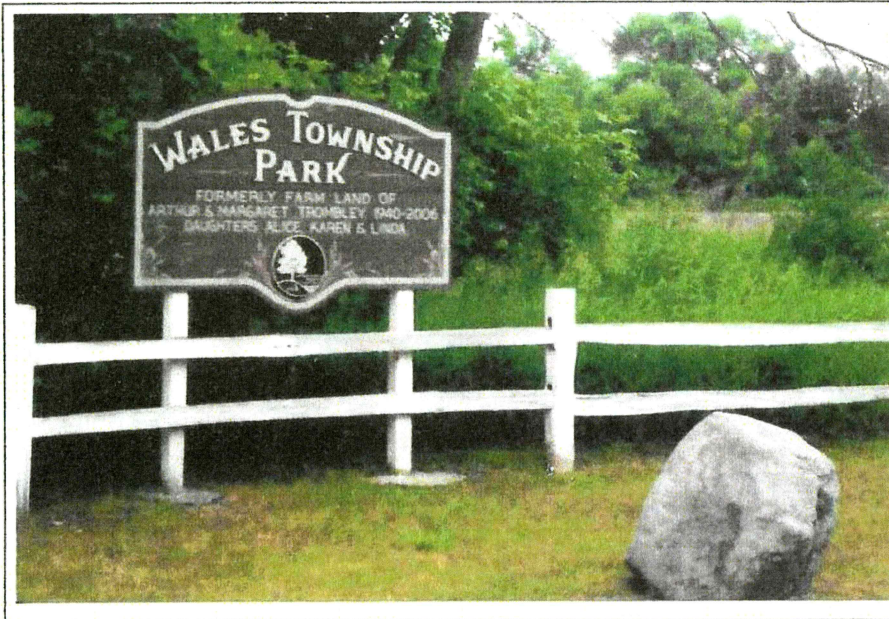
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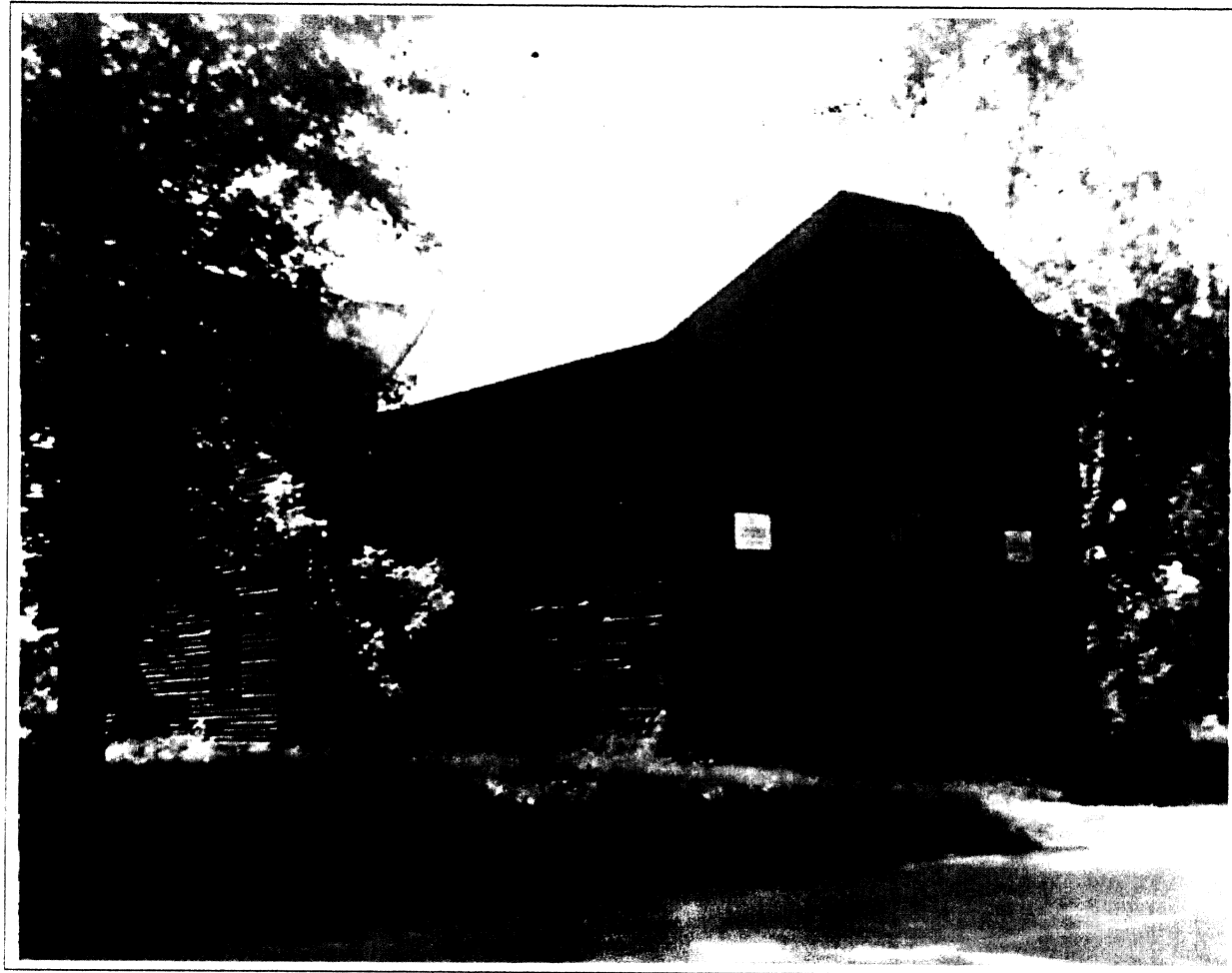


## Wales Township Park

**This Park is located next to the Township hall on Wales Center Road. It was purchased from the Arthur and Margaret Trombley estate in 2006, and is gradually being improved. It is open to the public year around for picnics, family reunions or other events, and play time for the kids.**

# May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mothers Day 	9	10	11 4:00 Historical Soc  Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day 	31				



### The Maccabee Hall

**The Maccabee Hall was built around 1900**

**The Hall served as a meeting place for the people of Goodells.**

**Many plays and dances were held there.**

**In 1912 the old "infirmary" of County Park Drive burned and the "inmates" were housed at the Hall while the "infirmary" was being rebuilt.**

# June 2016

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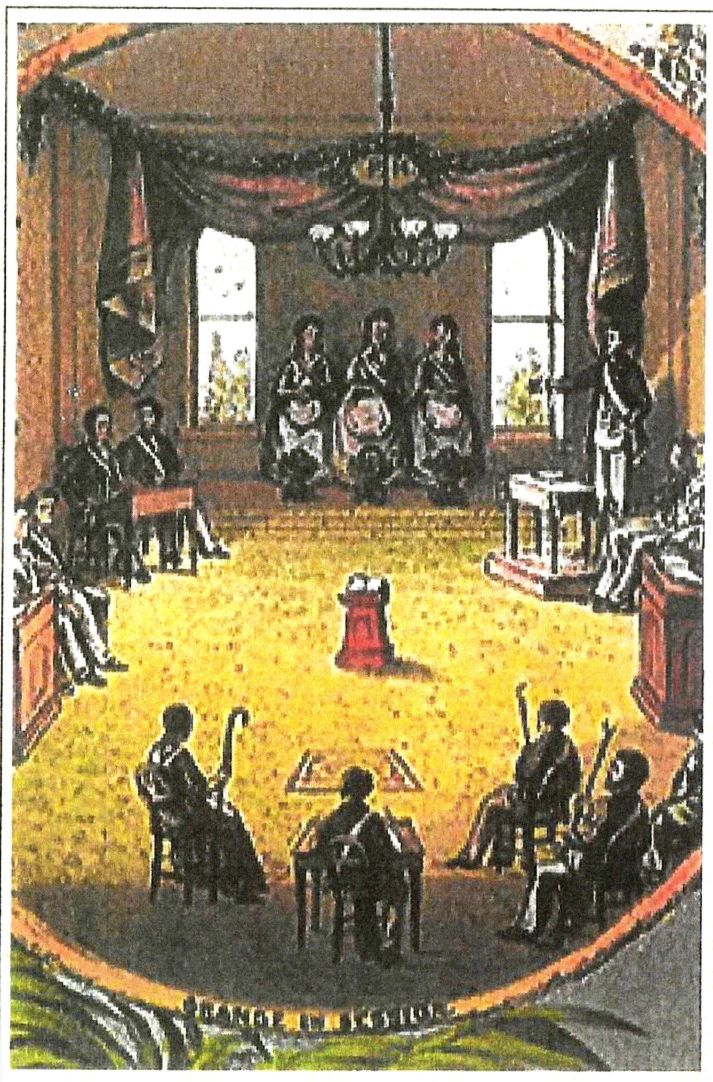
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5	6	7	8 4:00 Historical Soc  Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Fathers Day 	20 1st Day Summer 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**National Order of Patrons and Husbandry  
...or known as National GRANGE**



Founded after the Civil War on December 4th 1867, in Washington D.C. by seven men, later a women was named hohoray member.

Started out as a secret order, based on some of the rituals and symbols of the Freemasonry. The Grange is not longer a secret. Oaths and passwords the Bible and small farm tools often displayed at meetings.

Motto: In essentials, unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things, charity.

Family and community roots agriculture, a healthy enviroment for small and large farms..farmers working together for keeping prices for grain and wages compatible. Regulating prices of rail frieght rates and mortgage rates at a reasonable rate. Free mail delivery was started in 1867 with efforts form the Grange. Help establish the Farm Credit system.

Many women attended the meetings, and held offices in early years, because men were working in the fields and taking care of the animals.

Grange: Latin for Grain      Husbandry: Breeding and health of the animals

GOODELLS GRANGE NO 1130  
Organized June 16, 1903 by A.W. Camfield

Officers.....	Master	John Rudock	Sec.	James Click
	Lecturer	N. E. Haskell	Overseer..	Geo. Andrews
	Steward	Wm. Finley	Asst. Steward....	James Dove
	Gate Keeper	-James Isbester	Pomona ..	Mrs J Dove
	Flora	Mrs. Dr. McCue	Ceres	Sarah Marchall
			/asst,	Miss Emma Bargoa

Many meetings were held in homes to start with, the members voted to rent hall at \$15.00 a year. Committee of Oliver Stevenson, Fred Short and Wm. Quinn to retain hall.

Meeting were held at the Maccabee Hall, meeting to be held on Tuesday on or before Full Moon each month.

Other members 1904..Chas. Burt, Samuel Webb, Geo. Wehh, Frrdie Atkins  
1905 Archie Campbell, M.C Woolley, Henry Darling, Mrs. Daniel Smith, Florence Oaks, Wm and Mrs Grunwell  
1906 Andrew Kitchen and John Green.

# July 2016

Sunday

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3	4 Independence Day 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 4:00 Historical Soc  Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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**After ninety-nine years of sitting by the edge of Wales Center Road, the old Wales Township Hall was being lifted from it's failing stone foundation, to be placed on a new cement block basement, further away from traffic. The move was completed in 1989, complete with indoor plumbing and central heat, at a cost of \$40,000, much less than the cost of a new building.**



# August 2016

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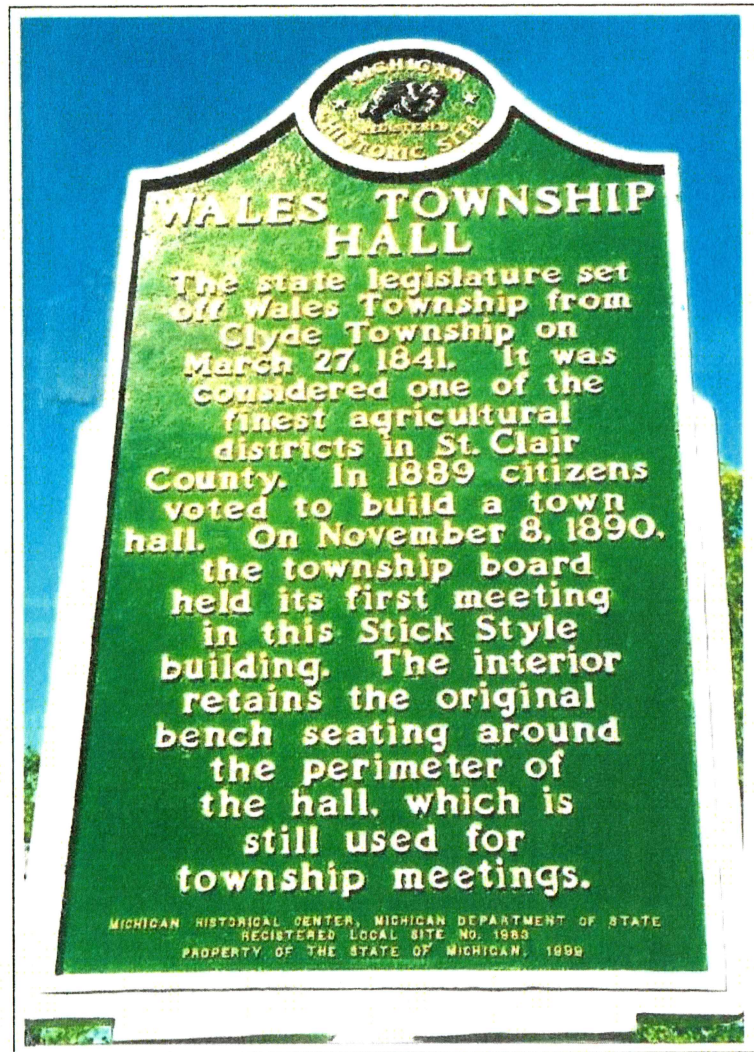
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7	8	9	10 4:00 Historical Soc  Meeting	11	12	13
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## ***Wales Township Hall Historical Dedication 1890-2000***

The Wales Township Hall became a State recognized Local Historical Site in September of 2000.

On September 17, 2000, the township Board of Trustees hosted an open house in honor of the recognition and installation of the marker.

# September 2016

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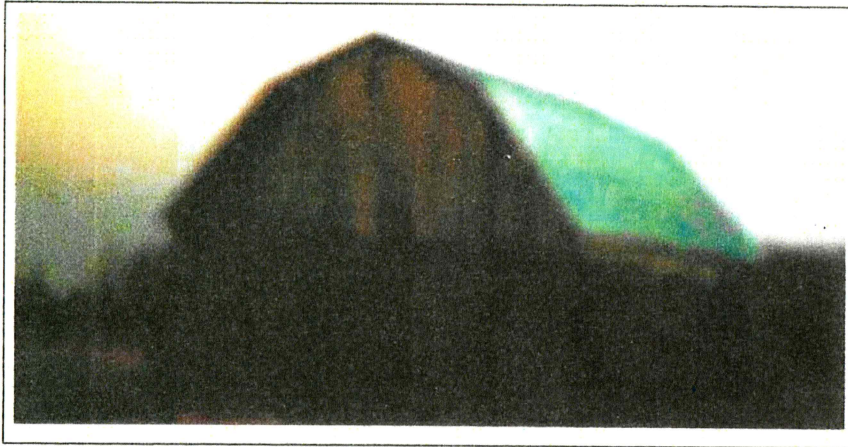
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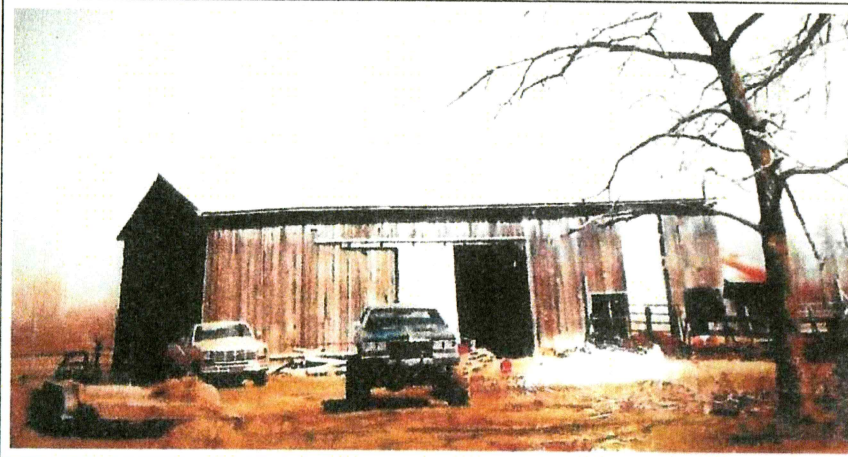
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4	5 Labor Day 	6  Back to School	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 4:00 Historical Soc  Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 First Day of Fall 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



## Darwin Drake Barn

Barn belonging to Darwin Drake on Wales Center Rd. The original barn had the hip roof taken off in tornado and they did not replace the hip roof on the barn.

In recent years the barn has been in the process of being torn down, ...slowly. Now all that is there are the huge beams.



Darwin Drake born in town of Gouverneur, St. Lawrence Co., New York.

Mr. Drake was a school teacher in New York and Iowa before coming to Michigan in 1870 and buying forty acres of partly improved land in Goodells on Wales Center Rd. He improved the balance of his farm while teaching.

Mr. Drake was Postmaster of Goodells for ten years, and Superintendent of schools for eight years, he also served as Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Drake married Lodema Burch of Gouverneur, NY in 1858. Held the office of Deacon in the Baptist Church and had two sons, Harvey E. and Charles B.



Mr. Drake died in 1905, and is buried in Yale.

# October 2016

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16	17	18	19 4:00 Historical Soc  Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween 					



**In 1988, the Wales Township Boards made the decision to have a basement dug and to move the Hall onto it. The old foundation was crumbling from old age. The Hall now sits 120 feet East of the original site, where it was moved in February, 1988.**

**On November 10, 1992, at 7:30 in the evening, there was a dedication to the Hall and also a celebration for Mr. Joe Wright, outgoing Trustee who has given a lot to the Township. Joe took office as Trustee in November 1980 and now after 12 years is retiring.**

# November 2016

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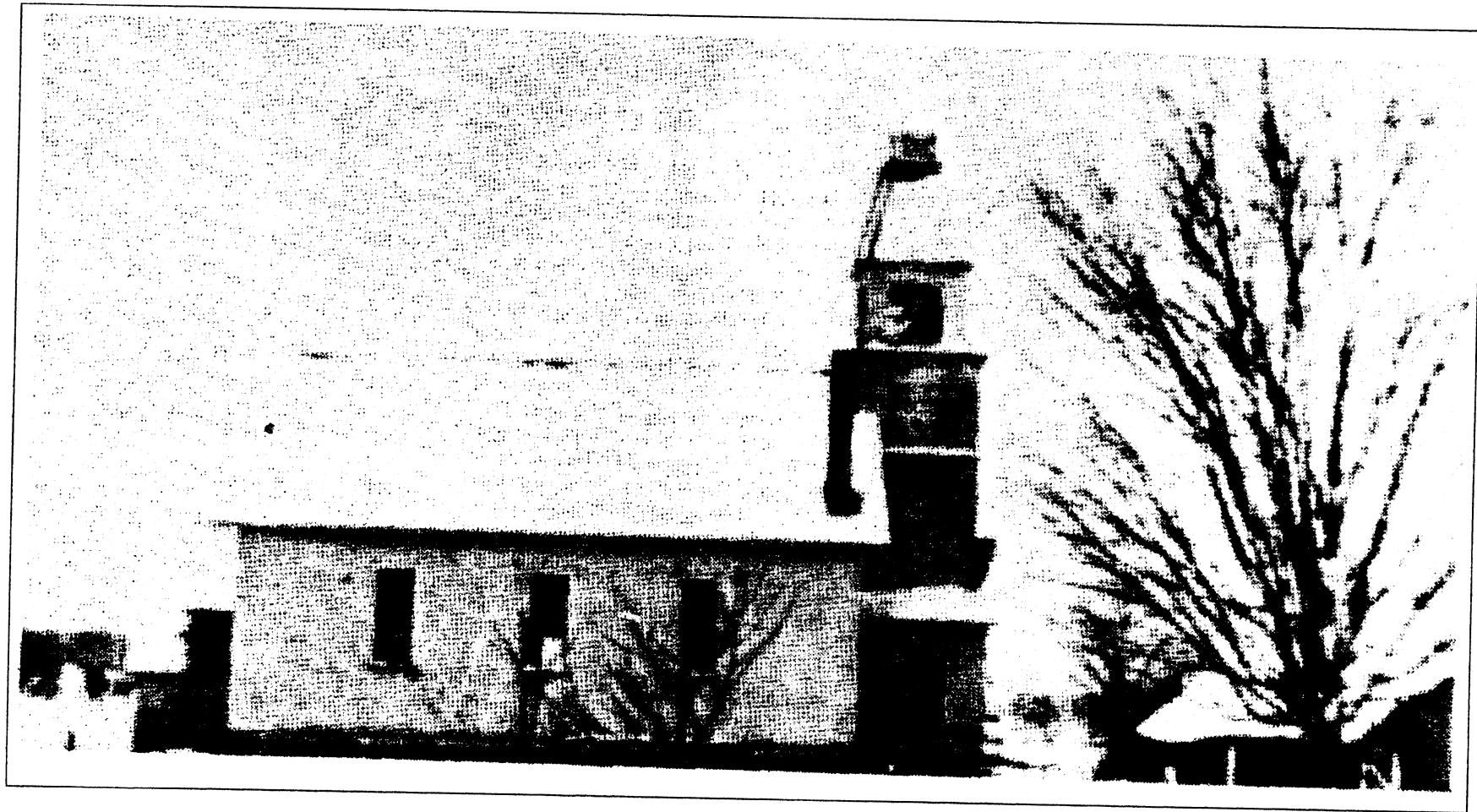
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6 Daylight Savings	7	8 Election Day 	9 4:00 Historical Soc  Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25	26
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**Before December 1923**

**The original Mt. Pleasant church, located on Emerson Road near Lambs Road, burned in December of 1923. Services of the church were held in the Wales Township Hall from then until 1925, when the church was rebuilt.**



# December 2016

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11	12	13	14 4pm-Historical Soc  Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 First Day Winter 	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30	31

Notes: