

Old Town Hall - 4

(corner of Crouse & Avon)

Built in 1893 in Victorian style this building was used for township business and elections. Throughout the years it served as a meeting place for many groups such as the local area band, scouts, drama clubs, medicine shows, and Memorial Day services.

In the 1940s the building was remodeled to house a fire truck on ground level at the west end of the building. In 1953 an addition was added for a second truck. In 1970 the township office and fire department moved to a new hall on N. Hartland Rd. The Hartland Area Historical Society was formed to preserve the old Town Hall from demolition. The Hall was deeded to the society in July 1971, restored and was granted permission to move the Florence B. Dearing museum from the basement of the Cromaine District Library.



Grist Mill - 5 (site)

Hartland had several mills in its early history. Chauncy Crouse ran the flour mill and saw mill located west of Mill Street. In 1933 J. Robert Crouse, Sr. purchased the old mill, restored it and turned it into a modern mill for grinding and mixing feed.

In 1934 Cromaine Crafts opened in the old mill. Cromaine looms were manufactured and the weaving industry grew rapidly. By late 1934 the industry outgrew the old mill and moved to the 100-year-old tavern on Avon Street.

First Hotel (Mill Street) - 8

Built in 1840 in Greek Revival style. Some additions to the house have been made but the eyebrow windows are original. The first owner was Amos F. Albright who owned the first Grist Mill in town. During the early days Mill Street was the main thoroughfare in town. This building is now a private residence.

Second Hotel (1849) - 13

Cromaine Crafts (1934)

Built in the Greek Revival style during the 1840s the building has seen few changes in appearance. Early uses were a tavern and stagecoach stop, grocery store, post office, and jail. During the 1930-1940s J. Robert Crouse, Sr. converted the building to a craft shop. The shop provided an outlet for the sale of hand-woven goods crafted by local area artists and craftsmen. Weaving was also taught in the shop. It is now a private residence.



Lemen Inn - 14

(corner of Phelps & Avon)

Mr. & Mrs. C.H. Lemen purchased the house and opened it as a hotel in 1919. They put up travelers and served meals in Hartland for 40 years. Henry Ford once ate lunch there while visiting Hartland. The hotel was later used as a doctor's office, beauty parlor and is now a private residence. Notice how dramatically different the exterior is today compared to this earlier photo.



First Congregational Church/Music Hall - 17

This church was built in 1858 on land donated by the Crouse family. The original construction cost \$1,800. One of the organizers of the church was John P. Kellogg of the famous Kellogg's of Battle Creek. The church membership disbanded in 1923 and the church fell into a state of disrepair.

In 1929, Mr. John Robert Crouse, Sr. purchased the building for \$500. He retained the services of noted architect Emil Lorch from the University of Michigan. A porch was added and a foundation dug for rehearsal rooms, storage, and a pipe organ. State of the art electrical systems were added. The building seats 225 and is one of Livingston County's oldest public buildings still in use today.

During the 1930s and 1940s the Hartland Schools used the Music Hall for music lessons and offices. It gained a national reputation as a center for music and music education. In 1979, the building was declared an official historic site by the State of Michigan.



School buildings - 18 & 19

(corner of School St. & Avon; demolished August, 2005)

Prior to 1921 the area that is now the Hartland Consolidated School district was composed of 15 one-room school houses called Primary Districts. These one-room schools only went to the eighth grade and each had their own school board. Students who wished to go to high school would have their Primary District contract and pay tuition with a nearby town. The Union School was built to house grades one through ten and stood where the Community Education building stands today.

In 1920 the Hartland Area decided to build a modern new high school. In order to do this a larger tax base was needed and the Hartland Consolidated School District was formed in 1921. It was the second district to become consolidated in Michigan. The 1921 building was the first high school in Hartland and is still used daily by the Community Education department for enrichment classes.



Early Post Office/ Ice House - 15

This is a Victorian type structure built in 1870 by Mr. O. Chambers. The building was used as an ice house and post office. Other uses through the years were as a canning cooperative, hardware store and a temporary morgue when it was the ice house.

During the 1950s the building was partially remodeled and used to manufacture the Lindahl looms for weaving. The building was later changed to an antique and gift shop. It is now the Stillmeadow Gifts and Antiques Shoppe.

Cromaine District Library - 21 (1927, North Addition 1980)

The Cromaine (District) Library has served the residents of the Hartland Consolidated School district and surrounding townships since it was built in 1927. It was donated to the schools by John Robert Crouse, Sr. and his uncle Henry A. Tremaine, as a result of a bequest of \$50,000 from John B. Crouse, father of John Robert Crouse, Sr. Tremaine and Crouse added \$20,000 to the bequest to erect a library, which is named in honor of its donors CRO (Crouse) MAINE (Tremaine). The Hartland Schools provided the land on which the library was built. Mr. Crouse provided a nucleus of 1,225 books for the collection.

The building is a fine example of American Federalist architecture and was designed by Professor Emil Lorch, Dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Michigan. In 1980 the library opened a 9,400 square foot addition. In 1995 the library separated from the school district and became a district public library.



Hartland United Methodist Church - 23

(corner of Washington & Maple/Hibner)

The initial construction of the church began in 1859 and took several years to complete. There have been additions and renovations added over time. During the early 1900s an ambitious renovation project took place. A new front entrance was built on the northwest corner of the church with a tall belfry, the bell and tower still a community symbol today. Also during this phase of construction a choir loft was added along with rooms for religious education.

In 1929-30 more remodeling took place due to the trust fund created by John Robert Crouse, Sr. Renovation of the second floor for Sunday school and a kitchen was completed. Stained glass commissioned in memory of Betsy Crouse (J. Roberts mother) and a memorial library in her honor were dedicated in 1930. In 1999 the church congregation celebrated 145 years.

Other Points of Interest in the area

Florence B. Dearing Museum (4)

Located on the corner of Crouse and Avon. Open June-August each Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 p.m and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Also open Memorial Day and AutumnFest (1st Saturday in October) from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. No winter hours. Call (810) 632-6022 to schedule an appointment for a tour. \$1 entry donation appreciated.

Hartland Cemetery (22)

Located in the North end of the village of Hartland at the corner of Henry and Avon (N. Hartland Rd).

Hodge Cemetery

Located at Fenton and Read Roads in Hartland Township approximately 3.5 miles North of M-59 when traveling on Fenton Rd.

Historic Village of Parshallville

The village is located just minutes North of Hartland. Travel North along Old U.S. 23 to Parshallville Rd. Follow the signs to the Cider Mill and village. Walking tour maps are available.

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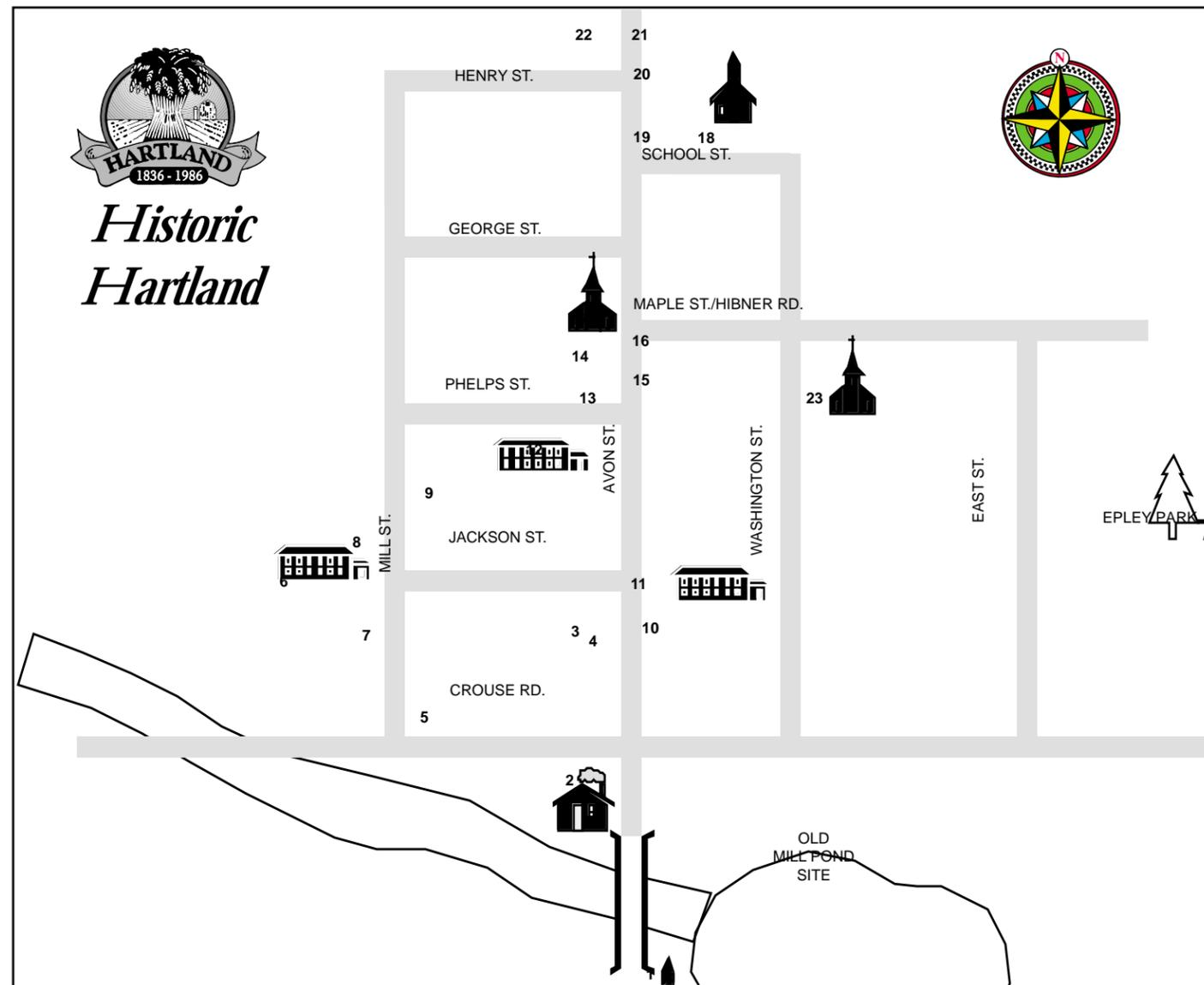
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Buildings and Sites in the Village

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| 1. First School House 1836 (Site) | 12. Blacksmith Shop (Site) |
| 2. First House in Town 1842 (Site) Log Cabin | 13. Second Hotel in Town 1849/Cromaine Crafts 1934 |
| 3. First General Store 1846 (Site) | 14. Lemen Inn 1919 |
| 4. Old Town Hall 1842 (Currently Dearing Museum) | 15. Early Post Office and Ice House 1891 |
| 5. Grist Mill 1837 (Site) | 16. Blacksmith Shop (Site) |
| 6. Saw Mill 1836 (Site) | 17. First Congregational Church 1858 |
| 7. Ice House 1870's | 18. Second School Building 1870 (Site) |
| 8. First Hotel in Town 1840 | 19. 1921 School Building (Site) |
| 9. Foundry 1849 (Site) | 20. Blacksmith Shop (Site) |
| 10. Drug Store and First Post Office (Site) | 21. Cromaine District Library 1927 |
| 11. Third Hotel in Town 1855 (Site) | 22. Cemetery 1840 |
| | 23. Methodist Church 1854 |

A Tour of Historic Hartland



A self-guided walking tour

Welcome to Hartland. The Saginaw Chippewa and Potawatomi Indians first settled the Hartland Area. They lived their lives as hunters and fishermen until the white settlers pushed them North. People from upper state New York and the East Coast then settled Hartland. These settlers followed the old Indian trails to reach their land and Hartland became a farming community.

The village of Hartland, first called Hartland Centre, was founded shortly after the township was settled in 1836. The village has never been incorporated but has served as a center for merchants to set up shops, local government, and schools to serve the farm families who settled in the area.

Come with us on a tour of the Village of Hartland beginning at the Mill Pond bridge and traveling North through the village ending at Cromaine District Library. Along the way you will discover the rich heritage of Hartland. Enjoy your tour.

Please note: This walking tour does not provide access to the privately owned homes.