

Presbyterian Camp 10/18/89

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- 1801 Plan of union/with Congregationalists of western New York and Old Northwest (until 1837).
- 1821 "Chicago Treaty": Gen. Lewis Cass with Potawatomi & Ottawa tribes, gave 5 million acres in western Michigan (Allegan Country part of it.)
- 1822 Fur Traders on the river.
- 1825 Fur Trading Post at mouth of Rabbit River.
- 1829 Seminary of Northwest founded in Hanover, Indiana (later known as **McCormick** in Chicago).
- 1830 William & Emily Butler arrive at mouth of Kalamazoo River, build raft & float to Saugatuck.
- 1832 Area open to settlement. Northeast section of camp property registered by Wm. Butler (9/21) same day also registered what is now Saugatuck. Black Hawk War in Wisconsin ended.
- 1834 1st industry in area: tanning of hides. GEORGE GRAY born near Dayton, Ohio (12/6). Synod of Michigan organized, first met at Ann Arbor (9/23); Presbyteries: Monroe, St. Joseph, Detroit.
- 1836 "Indian Uprising" in Saugatuck?
- 1837 Michigan admitted as a state. First lumber mill in Singapore. Old School/New School split in Presbyterian Church (until 1869).
- 1838 Michigan Central Railroad completed to Ypsilanti.
- 1848 **Presbytery of Chicago** formed. Railroads come to Chicago (Michigan Southern came by 1852).
- 1854 First Railroad across Mississippi River (Chicago & Rock Island).
- 1858 **GEORGE GRAY** received BA degree from Iowa Wesleyan College.
- 1868 Saugatuck incorporated into a village
- 1871 Extensive fires in western Great Lakes region: Phestigo, Wisc: Chicago & Western Michigan (including Allegan County--end of the big animals: bear, wolf, deer, etc.). (General Assembly of Presbyterian Church met in Chicago).
- 1876 George Custer & 7th Cavalry are killed at battle of the Little Big Horn
- 1892 Dalton Brothers outlaw gang are wiped-out in Coffeyville, Kansas. End of the "Wild West."
- 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Michigan Homestead Law (160 acres at 10 per acre.)
- 1894 **GEORGE GRAY** becomes a "City Missionary" in Chicago.
- 1896 **FORWARD MOVEMENT ASSOCIATION** incorporated by **GEORGE GRAY** (4/13) 27 Directors (9 women), chartered (5/6). Witherspoon Bldg. in Philadelphia built. Interurban from Holland Saugatuck completed. Last remains of Singapore removed.
- 1897 **GEORGE GRAY** visited Saugatuck with Edwin House, whom he met in Oak Park.
- 1899 Property for camp purchased in March. **FORWARD MOVEMENT PARK** dedicated (7/15-16). An "illuminated excursion" of boats on river planned by GRAY, but fogged-out. Swift Cottage built. David C. Cook of Elgin, Illinois led Sunday School worker's retreat (9/3). Arthur Conan Dolye wrote "The Retired Colourman". In it Sherlock Holmes restrains the villian by saying that things are to be "done decently and in order".



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