



VAN BUREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dedicated to Preserving Van Buren County History

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Dear City of Hartford

This letter comes to you as an appeal for support for the Van Buren County Historical Society and Museum; one of the last County Poorhouses in Michigan still standing. The building is located on Red Arrow Highway between Lawrence and Hartford, in front of the county fairgrounds.

The Museum artifacts include all facets of life, work, play, education, health, and government during the period from the beginning of the settlement of Van Buren County up to the present time, with forty-four rooms to tour.

The building was saved from destruction by volunteers and the museum is to this day, run and maintained by unpaid volunteers; its existence depends on the hard work done by the volunteers and by donations given to maintain this work. Any donation is deductible as we are a non-profit 501-C3 organization and governmental bodies are allowed by law to donate to non-profits.

We would ask that you consider a donation to support our continuing work. The Museum has many documents and records regarding the establishment of the various township and municipality agencies available for review and enjoyment.

Please consider contributing to preserve the history of Van Buren County, its residents, businesses, and governments. We offer guided tours, access to our archives and free admission to our contributors and members. Come see us, the best kept secret in Van Buren County!

Thank you.

Sandra M. Merchant, President

Van Buren County Historical Society