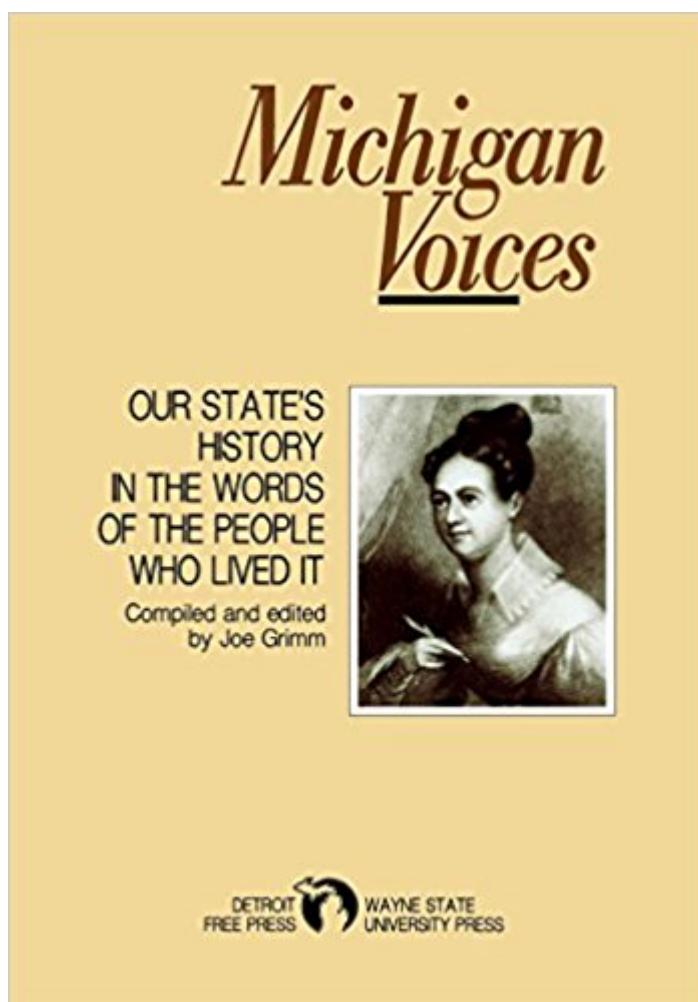


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# Michigan Voices: Our Stateâ€™s History In The Words Of The People Who Lived It (Great Lakes Books Series)



## Synopsis

Joe Grimm of the Detroit Free Press has combined a fascinating collection of old family letters, diaries, journals, photos, and other memorabilia in this rare glimpse at Michigan's past. Based on a series of articles that appeared in the "Chronicles" column of the Detroit Free Press Sunday magazine from 1985 to 1987, Michigan Voices introduces the reader to a more personal side of the state's history. Excerpts from historical documents include Cadillac's proposal of 1700 to establish Detroit and Roger Andrews' crusade for an independent Upper Peninsula in 1916. Among the chronicles Grimm has uncovered are humorous letters from a World War I recruit, an engaging series of correspondences between a Flint schoolgirl and Detroit Mayor Frank Murphy during the Great Depression, and an interview with Kenneth C. Welch, the revolutionary architect and planner who developed the mall/shopping center concept in 1946.

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A fascinating assemblage of old family letters, diaries, journals, photos, and other memorabilia, Michigan Voices introduces the reader to a more personal side of the state's history.

I am so glad you're interested in "Michigan Voices." This book began as a series I proposed while working at the Detroit Free Press. I pitched it as a series of Sunday magazine features for the two years leading up to Michigan's 1987 sesquicentennial. You can bet I was pretty excited

when, as a relatively new staff member, my idea was accepted.Â We used the series to invite readers to send in the small histories they had, unnoticed and unpublicized, in the attics and basements of their homes. Several came through.Â When the sesquicentennial came, Wayne State University Press asked whether we would like to preserve this magazine series as a history book. You bet!Â I thought that would be easy, but publishing projects never are. We re-edited the series, wrote new headlines and tracked down better art.Â This has not been a labor, but a celebration of Michigan. I hope you enjoy it. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

So far I love this book. It's very fascinating with a taste of multiple kinds of peoples direct words from essays, news papers, books, letters or whatever. Is printed in order of time as the tales go on. Great bathroom read or night time story. Quality is also good with easy to read print, printed through Wayne State University Press. A perfect book to have for a Michigan History Collection.

The book arrived in perfect condition

Such a cool and interesting book with true to life articles about Michigan. Very cool.

Many folks do not realize the rich history and important role Michigan played in our country's history. It was being colonized at the same time - and was every bit of a colony - as the original thirteen. Detroit was founded in 1701, just 19 years after Philadelphia, and has thrived (for better or worse) ever since. What makes this book such a find is that it is solely written in the hand and language of those early settlers, going back to 1665 when the French settlers were spreading God's word to the Indians and continuing through the Indian wars of Pontiac, the Revolutionary War, early settlements in the lower peninsula, the Civil War, through the automobile industry, up into recent times. The most interesting entries are those written by the simple folk trying to etch out a life in this wilderness, such as the life of a new school teacher in 1866 who writes of having 89 students in her one room schoolhouse, as well as the surveyors who wrote off Michigan as a water logged wasteland. The life of a logger, a first hand description of the sounds of the Civil War, the birth of the GOP in 1854, and into the electric light and telephone age of 1907. This book is a wealth of information, taking the reader back into time, visiting the early folks of our great state. A must for local history buffs and social historians.

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