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EASTMAN SAFETY KODAK HABS

^{COUNTRY}
The Judge Samuel Dexter House
Ann Arbor Street
Dexter, Michigan
Washtenaw Co.

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PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
DISTRICT NO. 27

Historic American Buildings Survey
Branson v. Gamber, District Officer
3500 Union Guardian Building, Detroit, Michigan

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JUDGE SAMUEL DEXTER HOUSE
Ann Arbor Street
Half Miles North of Town of Dexter
Washtenaw County
Michigan

Owner: Crumrine Estate.

Date of Erection: 1842 or 1843 (index card); 1840 to 1843 (Kimball, F.,
Domestic Architecture of the American Colonies and of the Early
Republic, 182.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Fair.

Number of Stories: Two,

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text. ¹

Additional Data: See following pages.

¹ See also the following references:
Kimball, F., Domestic Architecture of the American Colonies and
of the Early Republic, figures 142 and 180.
See Gardens of Colony and State, vol. 1, 406.
See Hamlin, T.F., The American Spirit in Architecture, 128.

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April 28, 1934.

THE JUDGE SAMUEL DEXTER HOUSE

ANN ARBOR STREET

DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Erected in 1842

The following article was published in the Detroit News
December 1, 1931.

GREEK ARCHITECTURE IN PIONEER HOMES

By Howell Taylor

Perhaps Judge Samuel Dexter had seen Thomas Jefferson's famous home, "Monticello", in Virginia, when he chose the site for his country seat near Dexter, Mich., for the two have many features in common. Occupying as the Dexter house does a commanding position at the top of a gently sloping hill several hundred yards from the main road, with its two-story portico and pediment, it is not unlike "Monticello", which, it will be remembered, rests at the summit of a good-sized mountain and has its front entrance protected by a hospitable, high-columned porch.

Then, too, there was presidential influence connected with the project, since one of the designers and builders for Judge Dexter was no less than Calvin Fillmore, the brother of the President. With him as a partner was his son-in-law, Sylvester Newkirk, father of Judge Newkirk, now mayor of Ann Arbor. These two designed and constructed many a fine house in the surrounding district over a period of several years, and numbers of these still remain as convincing proof of the inherent good taste in architecture of the times.

When Mrs. Dexter attached a queer, tower-like structure to this lovely old dwelling in the seventies, however, she well-nigh ruined it architecturally.

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THE JUDGE SAMUEL DEXTER HOUSE

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DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Contrary to popular belief that the Greek revival in architecture started in Europe,* it is now well recognized that President Jefferson, who, in addition to his many other accomplishments, was a distinguished architect, first conceived the idea of using the Greek temple form for secular buildings. Judge Dexter's house is typically a Greek revival expression * comfortable and hospitable, more or less sprawling, but dignified and beautiful, unusually well-suited to its first owner, who was a man of culture and refinement, a leader and pioneer organizer, and the first judge of Washtenaw County.

J. Philip McDonnell

H.A.B.S. Member

*See Major: Domestic Architecture of the Early Republic for truth on this subject.

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| MICHIGAN | WASHTENAW | DEXTER HALF MILE NORTH OF TOWN |
| INDEX NUMBER | MONUMENT | COUNTRY |
| MICH. 81-DEX.V. 1 | THE JUDGE DEXTER HOUSE | 8401 - ANN ARBOR ST. |
| REPRESENTED IN NEGATIVE FILE | H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO. | DESCRIPTION |
| | 27-21 | HISTORY - BUILT IN 1842 OR 1843 BY JUDGE SAMUEL W. DEXTER - REMAINED IN POSSESSION OF DEXTER FAMILY UNTIL LAST MEMBER DIED - THIS WAS MRS. HENRY STANNARD, A DAUGHTER OF JUDGE DEXTER, WHO DIED RECENTLY - PRESENT OWNER, CRUMRINE ESTATE. |
| PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS | PUBLISHED DRAWINGS | GORDON HALL |
| ✓ | | DESCRIPTION - FRAME CONSTRUCTION - 5 COLUMN, 2-STORY DORIC PORTICO - GABLE ROOF - SERVICE WING, STABLES AND OUT-BUILDINGS - 4-STORY TOWER, ADDITION OF LATER DATE |
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THE MOST ELABORATE OF MANSIONS OF THIS PERIOD IN MICHIGAN WITH
THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE LARGE ESTATES IN THE SOUTH.

GARDENS OF COLONY + STATE

KIMBALL - DOM. ARCH. OF AMER. COLONIES. FIG. 142, 180

HAMLIN - THE AMER. SPIRIT IN ARCH.

HERBERT G. WENZELL · 409 · GRISWOLD · ST · DETROIT · MICH.

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