

Michigan's Historical Trees

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I am in the process of nominating a tree for historical importance and I thought it would be a good topic to post. ♦
Read the article [here](http://www.absolutemichigan.com/dig/michigan/michigans-famous-and-historical-trees-sought-as-part-of-national-effort/), ♦ or below:

The tree I am nominating now is a lovely Black Walnut Tree on a property in Livonia. ♦ The tree is thought to have been growing before or soon after when the house was built in 1840. ♦ A civil war veteran lived here with his family and likely enjoyed this tree. ♦ The home is located in Livonia, MI. ♦ It is being restored and becoming green in the process. ♦ [Green Building Services of Michigan](http://www.greenbuildingofmichigan.com/) is doing the restoration. ♦ They have a [newspaper](http://www.greenbuildingofmichigan.com/in_the_news.html) ♦ article posted on their site regarding their company and this home.

Michigan's Famous and Historical Trees Sought as Part of National Effort

The Michigan Forest Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Forestry and Parks Association and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is searching for famous and historical trees in Michigan. As part of a nationwide effort to locate and document these trees, the association plans to update its book "**Michigan's Famous and Historic Trees**" - last published in 1976.

"Many trees, due to their long life, are considered silent witnesses to history," said Lynne Boyd, chief of the DNR's Forest, Minerals and Fire Management Division. "Many of Michigan's famous trees have been lost to old age, storms or disease including the Old Council Tree in Emmet County, where chiefs of the local tribes held council."

"Recording and preserving these wonderful living recorders of history is part of our culture and is important part of the heritage of Michigan," said Kevin Sayers, coordinator of the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program.

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The categories of famous and historic trees that the Michigan Forest Association has adopted as established criteria for selection are as follows:

- ♦ Trees associated with notable people.
- ♦ Trees associated with the development of the nation.
- ♦ Trees associated with eminent educators and educational institutions.
- ♦ Trees associated with art and artists, literature and writers, law, music, science and the cultural life of the state.
- ♦ Trees associated with churches and religion.
- ♦ Trees associated with early forestry and conservation.
- ♦ Trees with distinctive scenic and aesthetic associations.
- ♦ Trees historic or famous because of unusual size or age. Most trees in this category will already be on record in The American Forestry Association's Social Register of Big Trees. The Michigan Botanical Club administers a

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similar program in Michigan. Visit: [Michigan Botanical Club - Big Trees Project](http://www.michbotclub.org/big_trees/bigtrees.htm).

- Trees that have gained prominence due to unusual form or botanical characteristics.

Trees such as the [James Oliver Curwood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Oliver_Curwood) tree in Owosso, [Dr. Dorsch's](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM4CC6) Gingko in Monroe, the [Republican Oaks](http://www.jacksonmich.com/markers/mark1.htm) in Jackson, and [Hudson Motor Car Pine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_Motor_Car_Company) are all examples of Michigan's famous or historic trees.

Anyone wishing to nominate a tree for recognition should provide the following information:

- Trees species (if known)
- Exact location
- Reason for historical significance
- Present landowner (if known)
- Photos (if available)
- Contact information

Nominations may be submitted via e-mail to miforest@acd.net or by writing to the [Michigan Forest Association](http://www.michiganforests.com/) at 6120 South Clinton Trail, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.