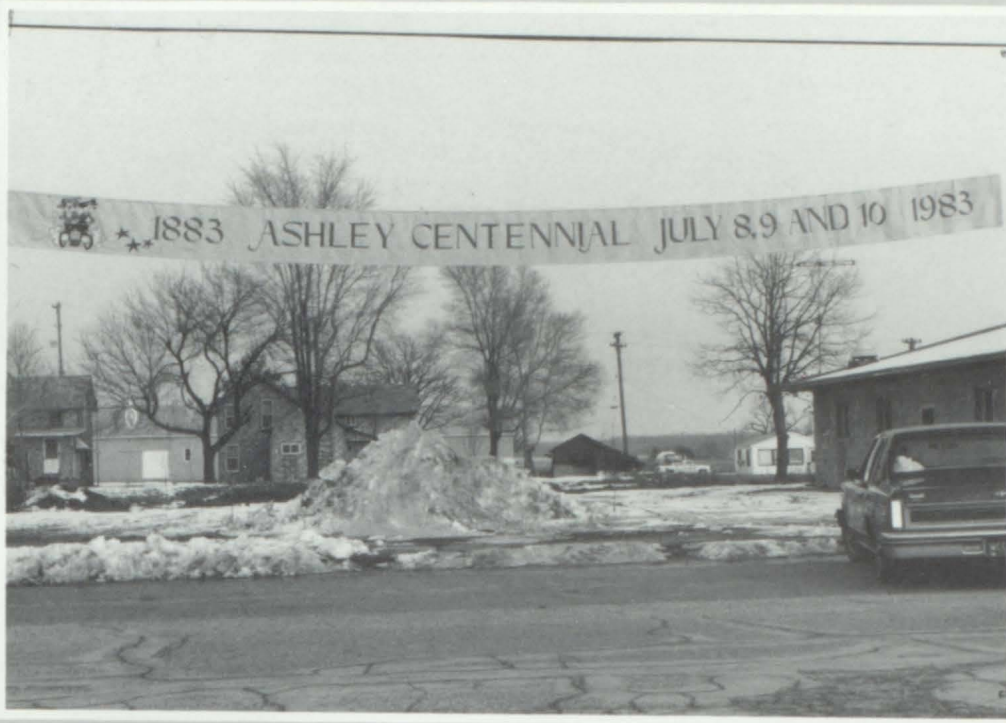


# ASHLEY CENTENNIAL



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In the fall of 1881 there were four families in the now called Ashley area. The railroad played a big part in Ashley's start. Ansel H. Phinney, George P. Dudley and Miles Bullock, formerly of Howell, Michigan, assumed that the Ann Arbor Railroad, which was under construction, would adopt Ashley as a depot location. They surveyed the land and purchased pieces around the area. The original plat of Ashley was done in the fall of 1883. it was certified in 1984. The settlement is named Ashley in honor of James M. Ashley, the promoter and builder of the Ann Arbor Railroad which was built through Ashley and is still in limited use.

#### Ashley in Brief —

With the railroad came several industries  
Chapman and Lyon saw mill  
Salliotte and Chitteden saw mill  
Cole and Rheubottom charcoal kilns  
Ashley Manufacturing Company  
Tiffany Brick Plant

First Post Office 1884

First Election 1886

First Lights 1920

Destructive fires has changed Ashley through the years has been one of the major reasons Ashley is the size it is today compared to the early 1900's.

Village water works plant 1959

Natural gas 1966

Direct dial telephone 1965

Ashley centennial banner was done by Cindy Boog  
Photo to the left shows typical dress in the early years of settlement by Bruce and Bun Gallup.