




GORDON HALL TIMELINE

Gordon Hall was home to the founder of Dexter, Judge Samuel W. Dexter, and his family for many years.

Test your knowledge of the history of this important landmark by completing the activity below.

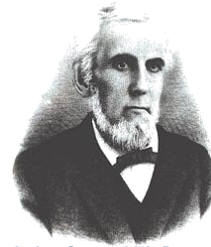
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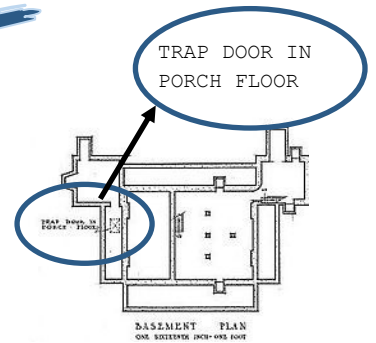
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| A. Gordon Hall placed on State Register of Historic Places. |
| B. Mortgage on Gordon Hall is paid in full after successful fundraiser challenge posed by Wally Fusilier. |
| C. Gordon Hall is built. Named to honor Judge Dexter's mother. |
| D. U.S. Department of Interior reports Gordon Hall is "one of the oldest and most historic buildings" in the state. |
| E. Gordon Hall is given to the University of Michigan. It is immediately divided into four large apartments and rented to faculty and staff. |
| F. Katherine Dexter McCormick (granddaughter of Judge Dexter) repurchased Gordon Hall to restore it to its original beauty. |
| G. Gordon Hall is placed on National Register of Historic Places. |
| H. Mrs. Dexter passes away. The house is sold to Thomas Birkett. |
| I. University of Michigan plans to sell Gordon Hall. |
| J. Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum assumes ownership with \$1.5 million bid. A landmark victory for the people of Dexter. |

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Since being built, Gordon Hall has served residents and organizations in the Dexter area in a variety of ways, including acting as a stop on the Underground Railroad in the 1800's.



Judge Samuel W. Dexter



Calvin T. Fillmore



Judge Dexter hired architect Calvin T. Fillmore (brother of President Fillmore) to design his new country house. This architect is also where Fillmore Bar & Grill got its name.

The Dexters, as prominent citizens, entertained many important visitors, including US Presidents James Buchanan, James K. Polk, and likely Millard Fillmore.



President Buchanan

President Polk

President Fillmore



Gordon Hall was developed on land spanning 1,700 acres. A majority of this land has been sold off, including 15 acres to the United Methodist Retirement Community Inc. for the development of what is now The Cedars Retirement Community.

The Dexter Area Historical Society has worked to restore Gordon Hall to its appearance during Judge Dexter's lifetime with added bathrooms and amenities and develop it into a historic venue site for parties, weddings, banquets, etc.



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