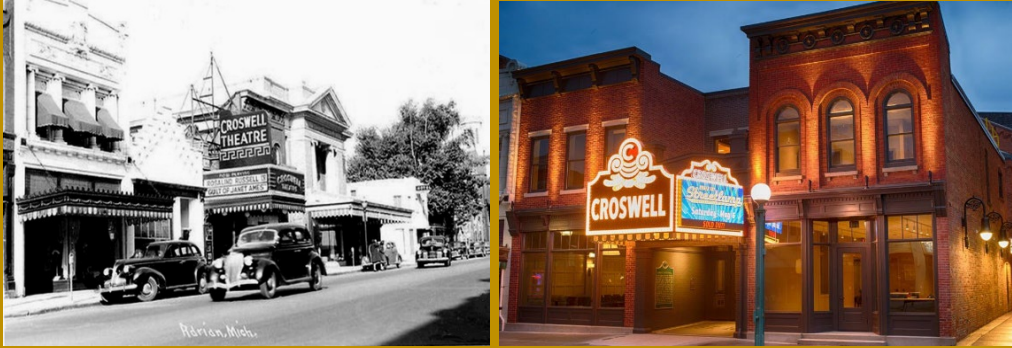




LENAWEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORIC STRUCTURE



129 East Maumee, Adrian

WHEREAS, historic structures are not only tangible evidence of important national history, but tell the stories of generations of citizens of Lenawee County and their triumph and tragedies as well; and

WHEREAS, the Lenawee Historical Society created its “Historic Structures” program to identify and celebrate places in Lenawee County, Michigan, that connect people to their individual and collective heritage, and to work toward creating an environment that will support the preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings and neighborhoods, celebrate economic development of sites, and manage change in communities; and

WHEREAS, 129 East Maumee Street is a fine example of a commercial Romanesque Revival structure that dates to around 1866; and

WHEREAS, in 1866, with the support of civic leader and future governor Charles Croswell, the Adrian Union Hall opened to host theater, concerts, lectures and community events. The early 1900’s ushered in several decades as a movie theater, evolving into a successful theater venue for the last half century; and

WHEREAS, the Croswell has undergone updates over the last century and a half, capped by the most extensive renovations of 2017, maintaining its unique character and value to Adrian as the oldest operating theater in Michigan;

THEREFORE, the directors of the Lenawee Historical Society do hereby PROCLAIM 129 East Maumee Street in Adrian, commonly known as The Croswell Opera House, as an HISTORIC STRUCTURE in Lenawee County this 1st day of November 2020.