



Surveying and the Early History of Novi

Thursday, January 19, 2012

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Local History Room, Novi Public Library

Join professional surveyor and survey historian, Joe Kapelczak as he takes us through the early days of surveying and the importance of surveying as a foundation for Novi and surrounding communities. From the establishment of the Michigan Baseline in 1815 along what is now Eight Mile road to surveying's use to encourage early settler immigration from New York and other eastern states, surveying has been very important to the development of Novi. Learn about the hardships that early surveyors faced while traversing the Novi "wilderness." Joe will bring this fascinating aspect of the early history of our community alive.

To Register for this event or for more information, call 248-349-0720
Space is limited



Novi and Northville Go to War:

The Civil War and our Local Boys
who Served

Thursday, March 22, 2012

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Local History Room, Novi Public Library

Long-time Northville Genealogical Society member, Tillie Van Sickle will take us through the contributions of local Novi and Northville soldiers to the war effort. Many Michigan soldiers came from SE Michigan. The Civil War was often seen as a chance to get off the farm and experience the world and an opportunity to participate in the great drama that raged from 1861 through 1865.

Michigan sent 90,000 soldiers to fight in the conflict, 15,000 did not return. Who were these men that fought so bravely for the Union? Tillie is currently compiling a book of Novi and Northville's fighting men. Come learn about this important part of our local history.

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