

## **Road Names in Superior Township**

### **The Short List\***

**Albert Drive.** Named in 1976 after Albert Staebler, a long time area farmer whose property fronted on the east side of the road north of Fleming Creek.

**Ann Arbor Road** - See Plymouth Road.

**Ann Arbor Trail** - See Plymouth Road

**Berkshire** - See Dawn.

**Berry Road** - Named after Joseph G. Berry who had purchased property fronting on the road in 1926.

**Cherry Hill Road** - The road that leads to the village of Cherry Hill from Dixboro.

**Church Street** in the village of Dixboro. Named for the fact that the Dixboro Methodist Church fronts on this street.

**Clark Road** - Probably named after Crawford Clark who owned 40 acres in section 1 of Pittsfield Township fronting on the road.

**Curtis Road** - Named after Leslie Curtis, a long time farmer in Salem Township.

**Cynthia Drive** off Albert Drive. Named for Cynthia, a niece of Stanley Rozwood who owned the land on which the road was built.

**Dawn** - Formerly called Berkshire. One of the few roads that remain from the World War II Willow Village era. No information regarding the source of either name. The name was changed sometime in the late 1950's or early 1960's.

**Dixboro Road** - The road to the Village of Dixboro from the Geddes settlement on the Huron River on the south, and South Lyon on the north.

**First Street** - So named on the 1877 plat of the settlement of Superior in section 32 of Superior Township.

**Ford Road, M-153.** Named after William Ford who owned a farm at what is now the intersection of Ford road and Greenfield road in Dearborn Township, Wayne County.

**Frains Lake Road** - The road running south from near Frains Lake into the center of Superior Township.

**Gale Road** - Named after George W. Gale who owned land fronting on the road.

**Geddes Road** - Named after John and Robert Geddes, who in 1825 settled in section 36 of Ann Arbor Township and established on the Huron River a sawmill which resulted in a small settlement called Geddesburg.

**Goss Road** - This road no longer exists in Superior Township and may have been the name of the road that ran between Gale Road and Dixboro Road in section 19. The right-of-way was officially abandoned in 1939.

**Gotfredson Road** - Named for the Gotfredson Land Company which acquired 14 parcels of land totaling 10,756 acres in sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, & 35, the area of Gotfredson Road and Geddes Road, between 1919 and 1926.

**Harris Road** - Named after the Harris family, long time residents in Ypsilanti Township.

**Hickman Road** - Named after John Hickman who owned land fronting on the road.

**Joy Road** - Named after James F. Joy, "an old citizen" of Detroit.

**LeForge Road** - Named after Clinton LeForge, a landowner at the intersection of Vreeland and LeForge roads.

**M-14** - The only numbered road in Superior Township. It assumed the route number originally applied to the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road upon its completion in 1979. It is an extension of the Jeffries Freeway east of Plymouth but has no name (yet) itself.

**MacArthur Boulevard** - The road was created when Willow village was built by the government in World War II and is presumably named after General Douglas MacArthur.

**Midway** - No longer exists in Superior Township although it still appears on some Superior Township maps. A road in the World War II Willow Village and believed to be named after the Battle of Midway.

**Mott Road.** Named for Bert and Daisy Mott who purchased a farm on the road in Canton Township about 1907.

**Napier Road** - No information regarding the naming of Napier Road. Possibly named by the Wayne County Road Commission.

**Plymouth Road** - The road to Plymouth from Ann Arbor.

**Prospect Road** - Named in the 1930's, it being an extension of Prospect Street in Ypsilanti. Previously called Superior Center Road. The name was changed to avoid confusion with another Superior Road existing in Superior Township.

**Ridge Road** - Considered so named because a portion of it in Canton and Superior Townships follows an ancient lake beach ridge.

**Stamford Road** - One of the original roads of the old Willow Run Village built in World War II. There is no explanation for the name.

**Stommel Road** - Named after Peter Stommel who had the only residence on the road.

**Superior Road** - Shown as Superior Street on the 1877 map created for platting of the settlement of Superior in section 32, Superior Township.

**Territorial Road** - There are no roads in Superior Township currently called Territorial Road. This term was once applied to Geddes Road and to Plymouth Road.

**Vorhies Road** - No definite information on the source of this name.

**Vreeland Road** - Named after Dr. Clyde Emerson Vreeland, an extensive land owner at the west end of Vreeland Road.

**Warren Road** - Named after General Jospeh Warren "of revolutionary fame". An extension of Warren Road in Wayne County.

**Wiard Road** - Named after the Wiard family, early and long time land owners in Ypsilanti Township.

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\* 'The Short List' refers to this being a concise explanation of the road name. All of these roads have a history which is explained in 'The Long List'.

The roads listed do not include private roads, except Cynthia Drive, or those that have been created in the more recently established subdivisions.