### William Reynolds

1919 – 1922 Mark Hoppough

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# IONIA COUNTY SHERIFFS

1923 – 1926 Henry J. Cook

Elhanan W. Curtis

1837 - 1838

1839 – 1840 John Porter Place

1843 Alonzo Sessions

1844 Cyprian S. Hooker

1845 – 1846 Hiram Brown

1847 – 1848 Volney Eaton

1849 – 1850 Peter Coon

1851 – 1852 Asaph C. Smith

1853 – 1854 Ami Chipman

1855 – 1858

Charles M. Holmes

1859 – 1862

Abraham Alderman

1863 – 1866 James L Jennings

1867 – 1870

Abraham Alderman

1871 – 1874 Edson P. Gifford

1875 - 1876

1877 – 1880 William Mattison

1881 – 1884 William Toan

1885 – 1888 Hiram N. Lee



1889 – 1892 Hamilton R. Welker

1893 – 1896 Alexander T Montgomery

1897 – 1898 Henry H Jordan

1899 – 1902 Frank L. Moon

1903 – 1906 Elmer E. Fales

1907 – 1910 Elmer F. Cilley

1911 – 1914 William R. Taylor

1915 – 1918 Ed N. Lowery



1927 – 1932 William A. Franch



1933 – 1938 Herbert A Ross



1939 – 1944 Leslie H Murphy Maude Murphy



1945 – 1948 Richard H. Dodes

1949 – 1954 Ben Neve



1955 – 1964 Peter VanVleck



1965 – 1976 O. Gary Newton



1977 – 1984

# William Bensinger



1985 – 1998 Terrence L Jungel



1998 - 2012 Dwain Dennis



2013 - 2018 Dale A. Miller



2018 – Present Charlie D. Noll

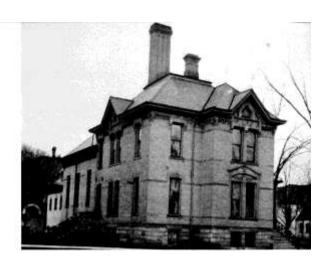
#### HISTORY OF IONIA COUNTY JAILS

#### 1851

Ionia County's first jail was completed in 1850 and first occupied in January 1851. Prior to the building of the jail, inmates had been incarcerated in the Kent County Jail. Rooms for dwelling purposes were constructed in 1864. At the time of Sheriff Wm. H. Mattson's time in office, the jail had become unfit for housing inmates. In April of 1880, a proposal to appropriate \$10,000 to build a new jail was submitted to the residents of the county and was passed by a vote of 2838 to 2206. Building of the new jail began in July 1880 and was completed in January of 1881.

In July of 1881, the first jail was moved by large horses and roller logs to its current location on Lafayette Street. \*1

#### 1881



The new jail opened in January of 1881. An article from the Ionia Daily Sentinel dated January 5, 1881 told of the new jail being practically completed and reflecting the highest credit upon the county and all concerned. The exterior of the building was composed of Ionia sandstone and brick. The interior of the dwelling was divided into a house for the sheriff and family, sheriff's business office, and the jail. There were 13 cells; one separate from the others for female inmates. The cellar held a large range, vegetable and wood rooms, furnace, pantry, and kitchen. The article noted that, "The kitchen and sinks are supplied with water by simply turning a faucet." \*2

### <u>1957</u>



After 74 years of use, it was once again time to ask the tax payers to build a new jail. The construction began in 1955 with the "new jail" opening its doors to the public on July 14, 1957 for an open house and tour. Inmates were transferred from the old jail later that week.

## <u>1990</u>



Out of necessity and constant threat of federal lawsuits, Ionia County was faced with building a new and larger jail. Sheriff Terrence Jungel led this endeavor and in January 1990 the new 122-bed jail on Adams Street was completed. With concerns of jail overcrowding, the number of beds was increased in 2004 to 132 and to 141 in 2013.

<sup>\*1 –</sup> History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties, Michigan – 1881

<sup>\*2 -</sup> Ionia Daily Sentinel, Wednesday, January 5, 1881