

work continued for a year and on July 4th, 1892, the building was formally opened with appropriate dedicatory exercises.

Committee on Dedication of the Court House was as follows: R. B. Loomis, L. E. Paige, James Hill, W. D. Frost, S. T. Colson, M. J. Ulrich, Chas. E. Hogadone, J. T. Gould, F. E. Skeels, Cornelius L. Harvey, F. H. Gill, E. B. Fisher, E. F. Uhl, G. G. Briggs.

July 4th, 1892, the county officials were at home all day to the public in the new Court House, which inside and out was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, plants and flowers. At two o'clock a procession was formed at the old county building at the corner of Kent and Lyon streets and led by a band marched through Lyon, Canal, Monroe and Ottawa streets to the Crescent avenue entrance to the Court House and thence to the Western Circuit Court room where the dedicatory exercises were had. Chairman A. W. Weeks of the Board of Supervisors called the assembly to order and the exercises were opened by a song from the Schubert double quartette, followed by prayer from Rev. J. H. Maynard, chaplain of the day. Architect Sidney J. Osgood then gave a brief description of the building. Robert D. Loomis, chairman of the building committee, gave a history of the building and its cost. Chairman Weeks accepted the finished structure from the hands of the builders. Hon. Roger W. Butterfield made the address of the day, followed by remarks from Justice R. M. Montgomery of the State Supreme Court, Hon. T. D. Gilbert, Hon. Geo. W. Thayer and Judge Allen C. Adsit. The audience led by the Schubert quartette then sang America and the exercises closed with a benediction by the Rt. Rev. George D. Gillespie. After more than forty years wandering the County of Kent had an official home.

The cost of the Court House was as follows:

Paid on original contract.....	\$170,869.11
Paid for extras outside of contract.....	19,495.01
Stone sidewalks, platforms and copings.....	13,059.49
Mantels and grates.....	791.75
Gas fixtures.....	2,040.65
Elevator and connections.....	1,725.00
Vault fixtures.....	4,658.97
Furniture.....	11,310.00
Inside blinds.....	2,485.00
Grading and sodding.....	448.49
Varnishing and oiling floors.....	315.00