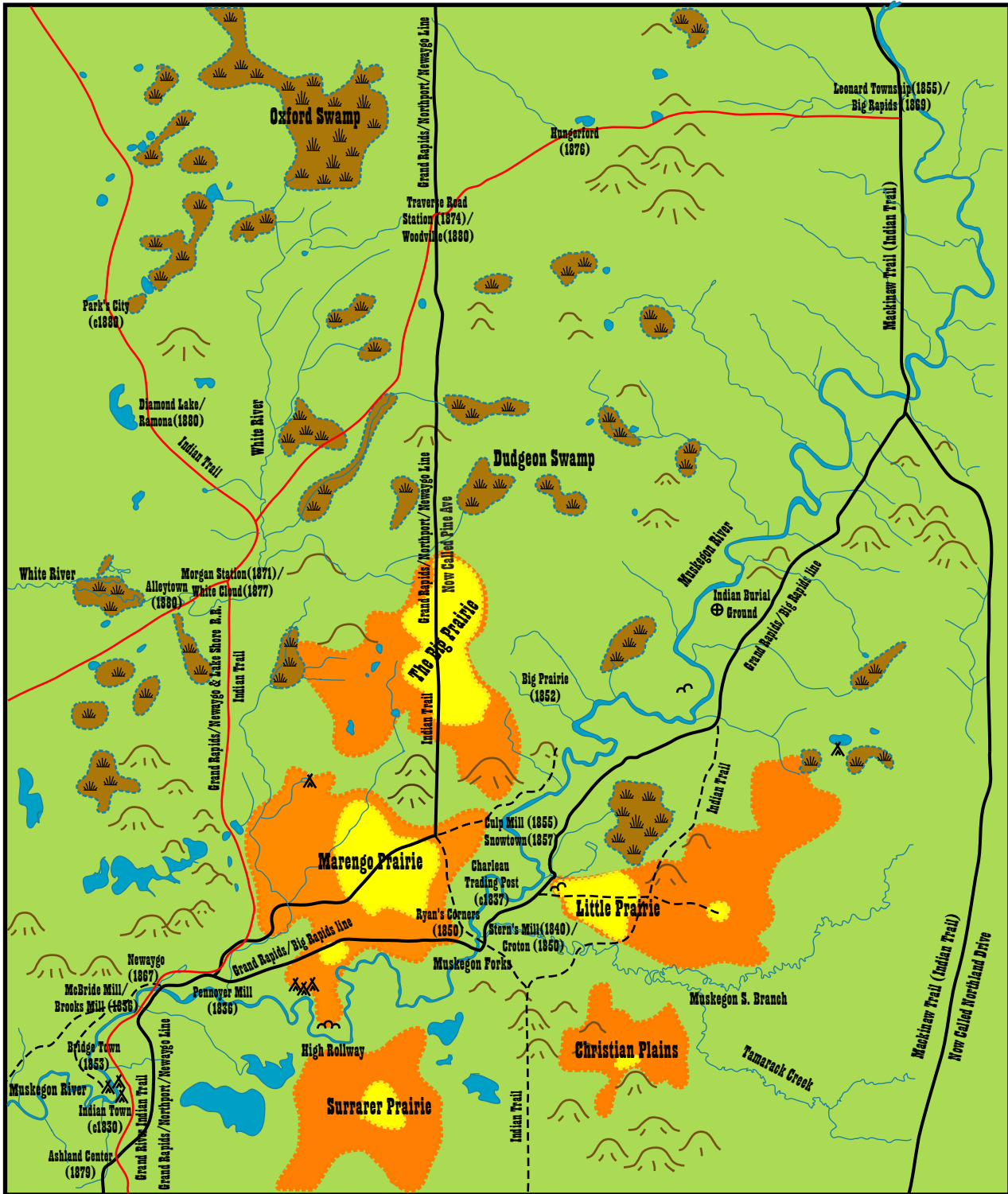


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The fifty year period from the early 1830s to the 1880s marks an era of changes for the Newaygo area that would shape the landscape of the future. Prior to 1830 this area of West Michigan was inhabited by Native Americans who traveled the rivers as well as trails they first established. The main north and south trail was the Mackinaw Trail, but two other trails to the west became important early roads in the area. These trails were improved and became stage roads or railroads (a dashed line indicates a trail that was the last to be improved). Many of the roads on this map are also Indian trails. The stage roads became state roads and then local roads. Many lumbercamps and boomtowns were built along the rivers and early roads. The founding date is after the town names, the letter "c" indicating "circa", or an uncertain date. Many towns lasted only a few years while others survived to this day. Rivers are named but tributaries and lakes are not. Less research was done on the far right of this map, where it covers portions of Mecosta County east of Newaygo County.



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## Map Legend or Key

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| Railroads<br>               | Forest - White Pine & White Oak<br> | Large River<br>         | Hill or Upgrade<br>                  |
| Stage or State Roads<br>    | Lake or Pond<br>                    | Stream or Tributary<br> | Prairie & Barrens<br>                |
| Unimproved Indian Trail<br> |                                     | Wetlands<br>            | Indian Village, Burial or Mounds<br> |