

PAMPHLET FOR THE Broom Field
Walls tumble down

at Benedict House

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may rise in spirit

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The Benedict House, a familiar landmark on Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills for the past 159 years, will come tumbling down this week.

By next spring, however, a replica of the red-brick house may rise just north of the present site on property owned by the city of Bloomfield Hills.

Dismantling of the house, which sits on property expected to be sold and developed as offices, began Saturday and continued earlier this week.

Woodwork, moldings and window casings were removed from the house and will be placed in storage to be

used when it's rebuilt, according to Ron Swanson, a spokesman for the ad hoc committee to save the Benedict House, a non-profit group.

"We should be through with the woodwork tomorrow and then the house can be dismantled toward the end of the week," Swanson said Monday.

A CONTRACTOR will knock the building down, salvaging about 19,000 of the hand-formed bricks needed to reconstruct the house. Since walls of the house are three-bricks-thick, there

should be bricks fit explained

Bricks & woodwork A tentative found, but tax-exempt donations "We'll next spring the whole said Swanson Bloomfield

Benedict House to fall down

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that if acceptable terms can be worked out, the house can be reconstructed on a triangular parcel of city-owned property just north of the existing site.

THE HOUSE would then become city property. The committee intends to submit a written proposal to the city explaining proposed use of the building.

It has been suggested that the house, built in 1819 as part of the Deacon Elijah S. Fish homestead, be used as an archives library and historical society headquarters.

Cost of rebuilding the house was estimated by Swanson to be \$100,000. He said he has \$30,000 in pledges and hopes to raise the rest of the money once tax-exempt status is granted by the Internal Revenue Service.