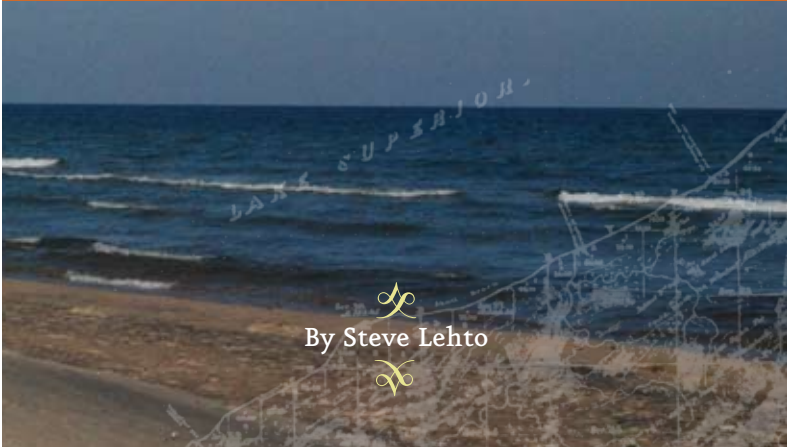




# Michigan's Columbus

the LIFE of DOUGLASS HOUGHTON



By Steve Lehto

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*“Like every other person from Michigan, I have known the name ‘Houghton’ for as long as I can remember. There is Houghton Lake, Houghton County, the City of Houghton, even a Mt. Houghton and the Douglass Houghton Falls, but I was never quite sure WHY we remember him with so many place names. I had heard some of the stories that tied him to the Copper Country, but he must have done something quite remarkable. But as I explored his story more, I discovered that he was a doctor, a mayor of Detroit, a professor at the University of Michigan, and many more things. That, and he died at the age of 36. Clearly, this was a story that needed to be told.”*

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## SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- Why did Houghton come to Detroit in 1832?
- What was Detroit (or Michigan) like in 1832?
- What parts of the state did he explore and what did he discover?
- What was special about his 1841 report that caused all the commotion?
- Did Houghton ever discover gold in Michigan?
- What things did he accomplish in his life that we don’t hear as much about today?
- How did he die?