

*Harrison Heritage
Homes & Properties
Tour*

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Dedicated To

Ed Bragg, Marty Bucholz and Larry Smith

We dedicate this offering to our husbands for their patience and understanding. Their support and encouragement for our endeavors was greatly appreciated. We can never express how much their assistance meant to each of us.



PROCLAMATION

HARRISON CITY CENTENNIAL YEAR 1991

WHEREAS, 1991 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Harrison as a city by legislature, LA 1891, p. 836; and

WHEREAS, The City of Harrison is rich in history; and

WHEREAS, The City of Harrison is confident of its future; and

WHEREAS, The Harrison Area Chamber of Commerce with support of many area organizations and individuals have many events and activities planned throughout the year of 1991 to celebrate the centennial; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Glenn Bucholz, Mayor of the City of Harrison, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the

YEAR OF 1991 AS THE HARRISON CITY CENTENNIAL YEAR

and call upon the people of the City of Harrison and the Harrison area to support, attend, and enjoy the many events and activities throughout the year of 1991 in celebration of the Harrison City Centennial.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand this 7th day of September, 1990.

Jack H. McNutt
Attested:
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City Clerk



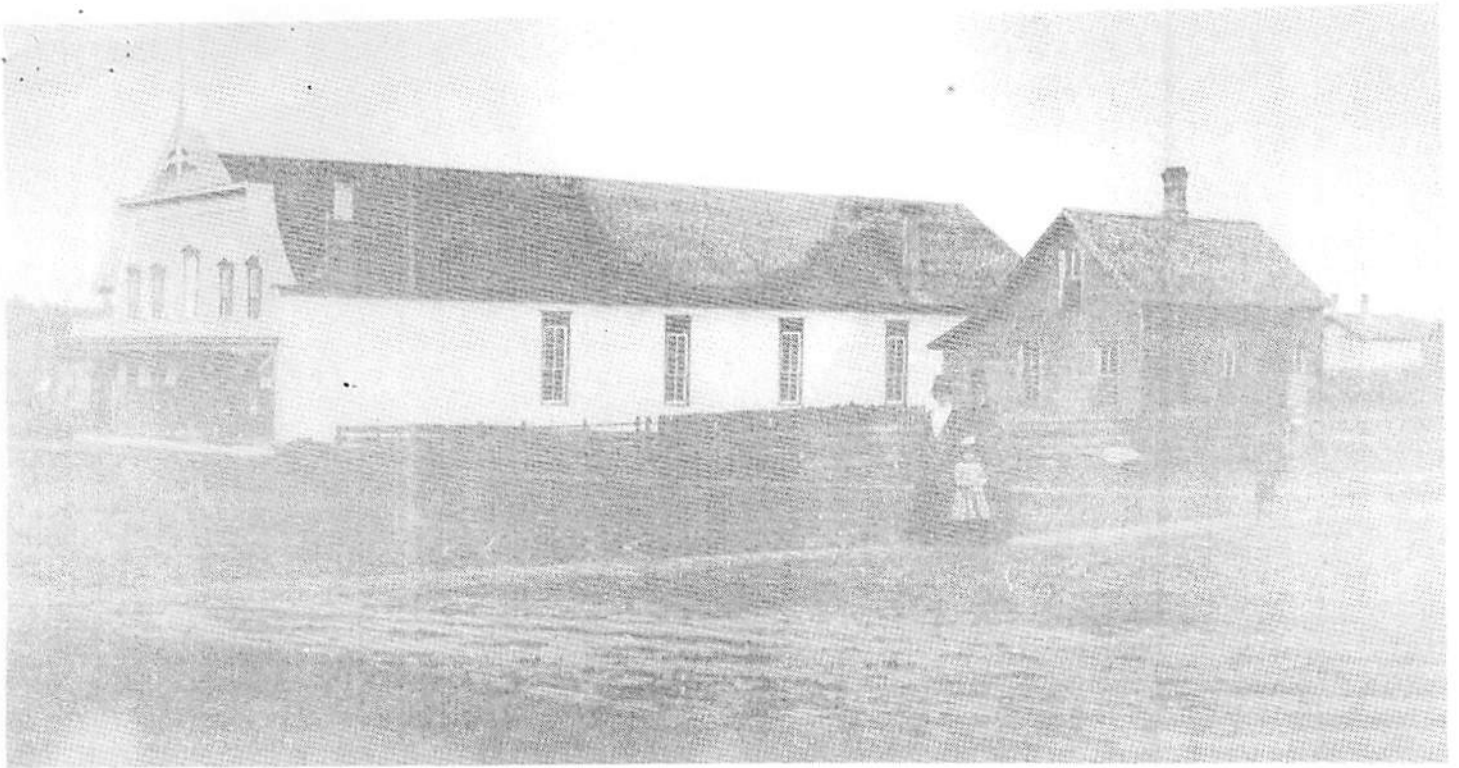
Glenn Bucholz
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Mayor
City of Harrison



This house was originally built by the Wilson Family who were the lumber barons of Harrison. The home is now owned by Betty Foote.



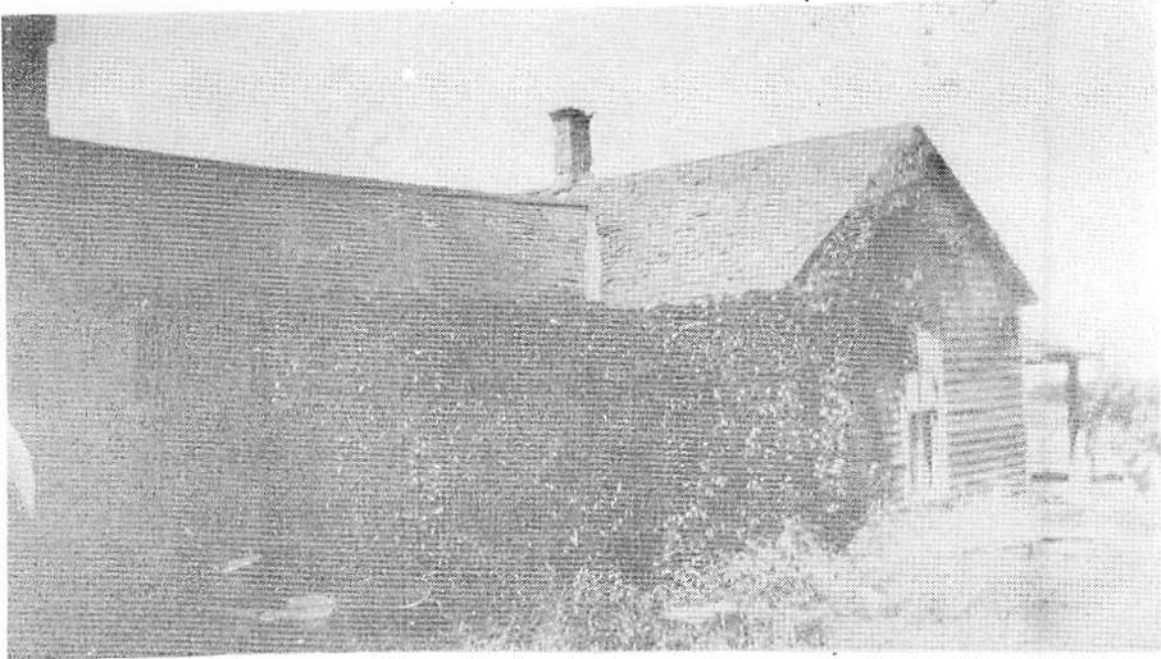
The W. H. Wilson residence is located at the corner of Main Street and Lake Street. The Wilson family were the lumber barons of Harrison and owned vast amounts of acreage around the area. The three Wilson men began Harrison's first industrial enterprise, Wilson's Lumber Mill on the hill overlooking Budd Lake. The first general store was also built by the Wilson Company. The house is now owned by W. H. Wilson's granddaughter, Gertrude Meyers Carey.



The Masonic Temple, originally The Opera House, is located on the corner of First and Main Streets. It was built as a skating rink and used to accommodate stock entertainment touring companies. In 1890 a second story was added to the structure and a stage, dressing rooms, balcony, ticket office, coat check room and dance floor was added. It was used for basketball games, talent shows, formal banquets and ballroom dances.



The Commercial Hotel located on the north side of east Main Street, just off First Street.



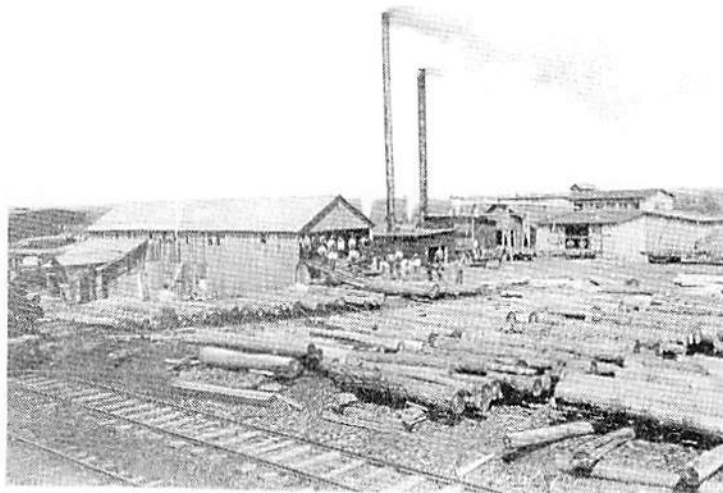
This Centennial home was built by Charles Bailey, a pioneer. His first wife died before he completed the home and he moved into the home with his second wife in 1899. Charles was a road builder for the lumbermen. Bailey Road to Leota was named for him. The home was occupied by a family member until recently. It is owned now by John & Lillian Leposky.



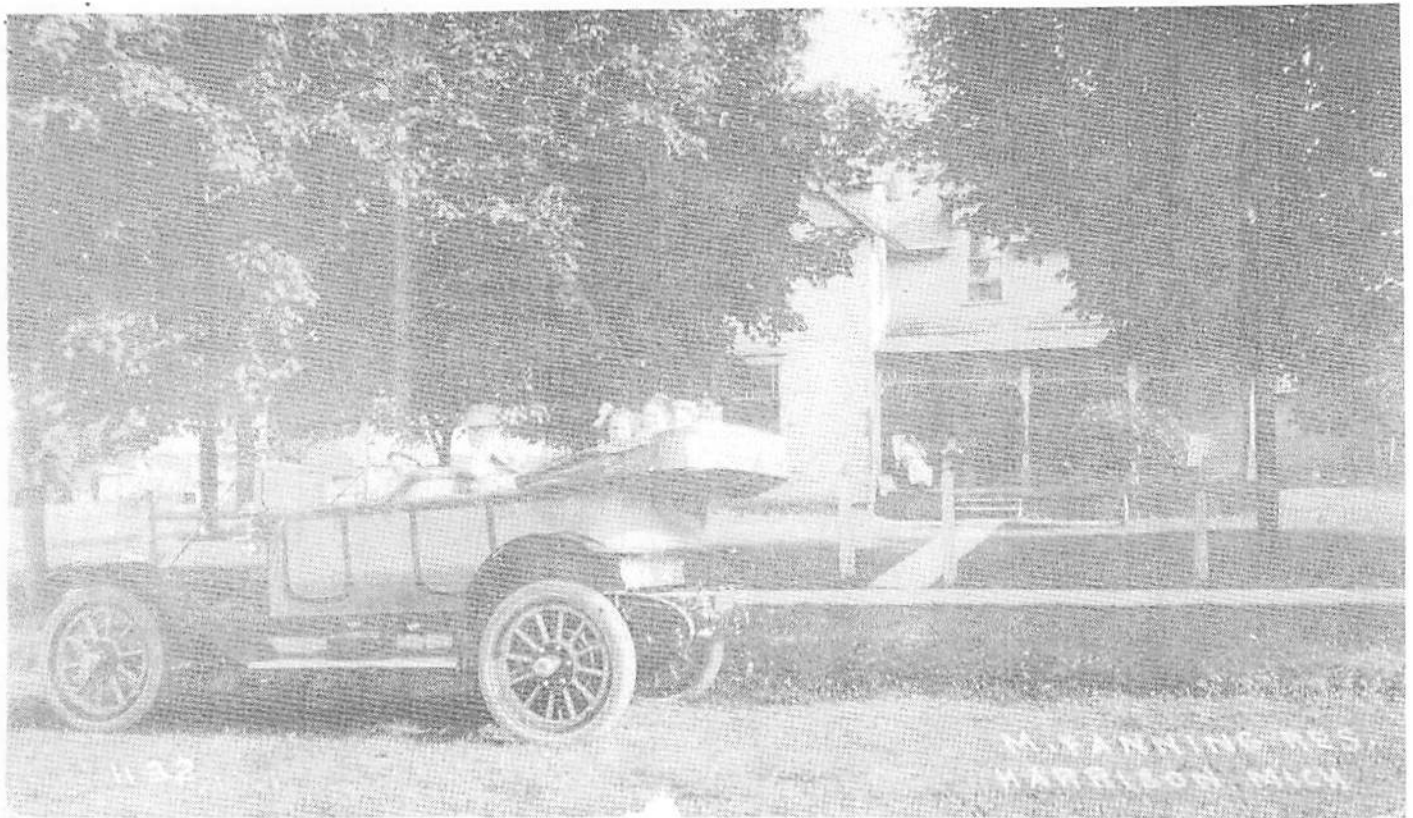
John R Brown owned a farm in the area bounded by Birch, Fourth, John R & Broad Streets. Today only this home remains of the original property. The current occupant is Alice Brown, widow of Dave Brown grandson of the original owner. Many of the current residents recall playing in the Brown woods as children.



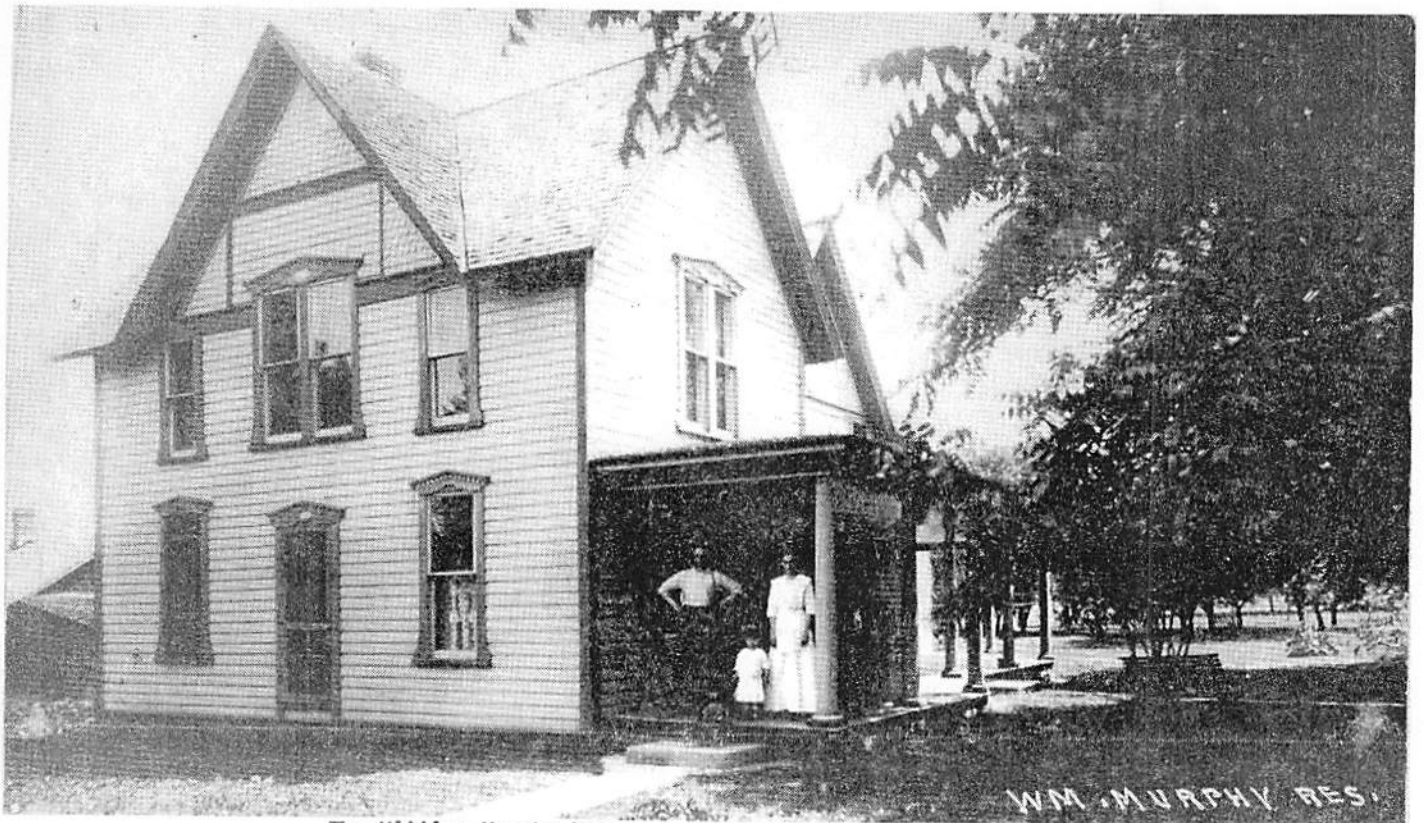
The John Quinn home was located on the corner of First and Maple Streets. John Quinn was the first owner of The Clare County Cleaver and he also served as postmaster and owned a stationer's store. This house was later occupied by the Sheffield family and the Ben Carpenter family. Mr. Carpenter served as state senator for a number of years and Ralph Carpenter, his son is still a resident of Harrison.



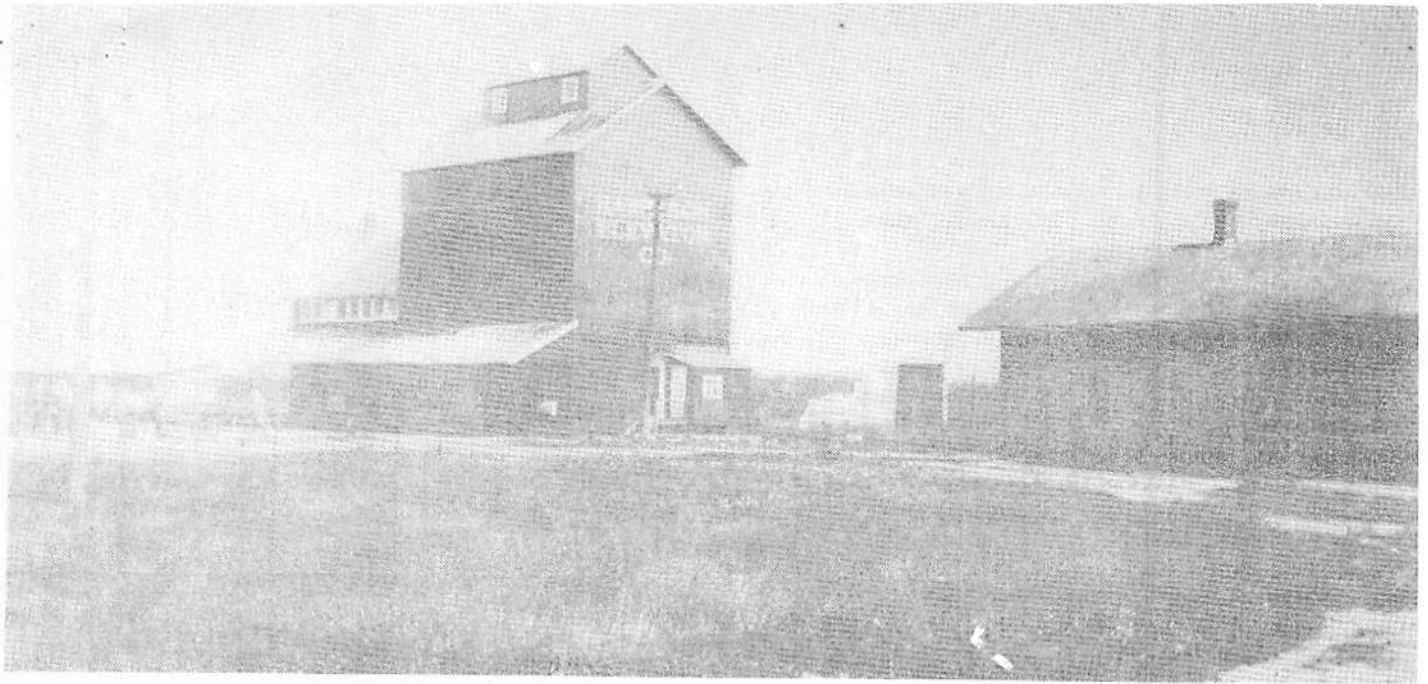
A sawmill located on Budd Lake.



The Fanning home is located on the corner of First Street and Pine Street. Michael Fanning purchased the home from Dr. Pierre Witherspoon, the local druggist in the 1890's and completely remodeled it. He added hardwood floors, woodwork, and stained and leaded glass windows. His daughter, Winifred, a postmistress for 30 years, resides here.



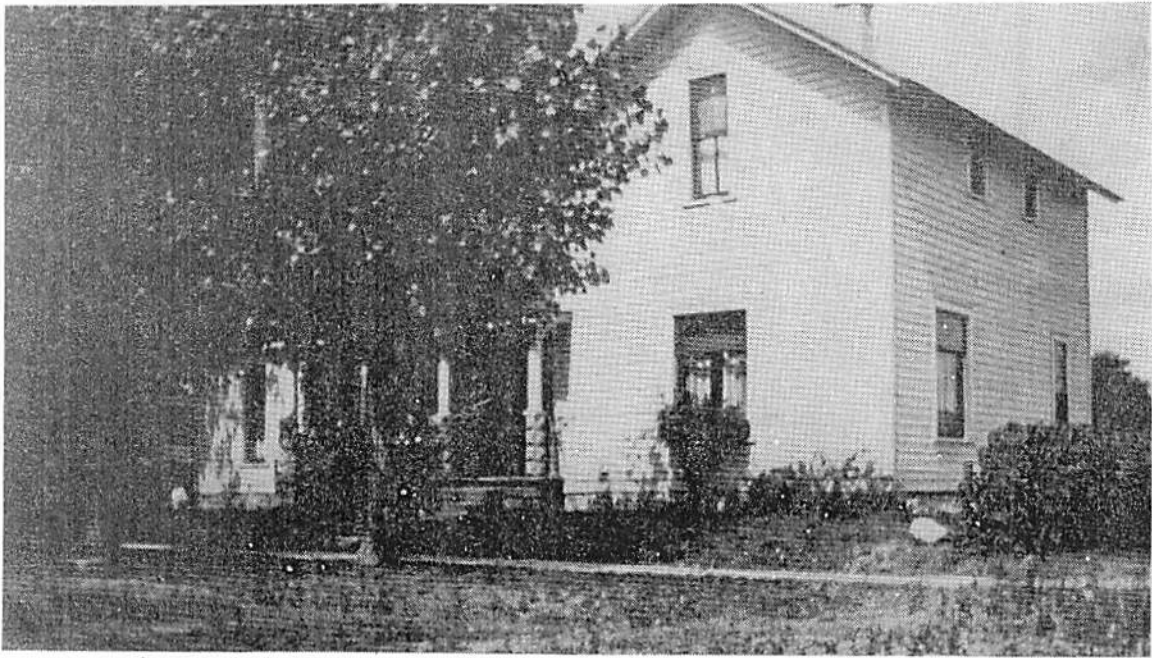
WM. MURPHY RES.
The William Murphy home was located at the corner of First Street and Oak Street. Mr. Murphy was a local grocer, druggist, and mortician.



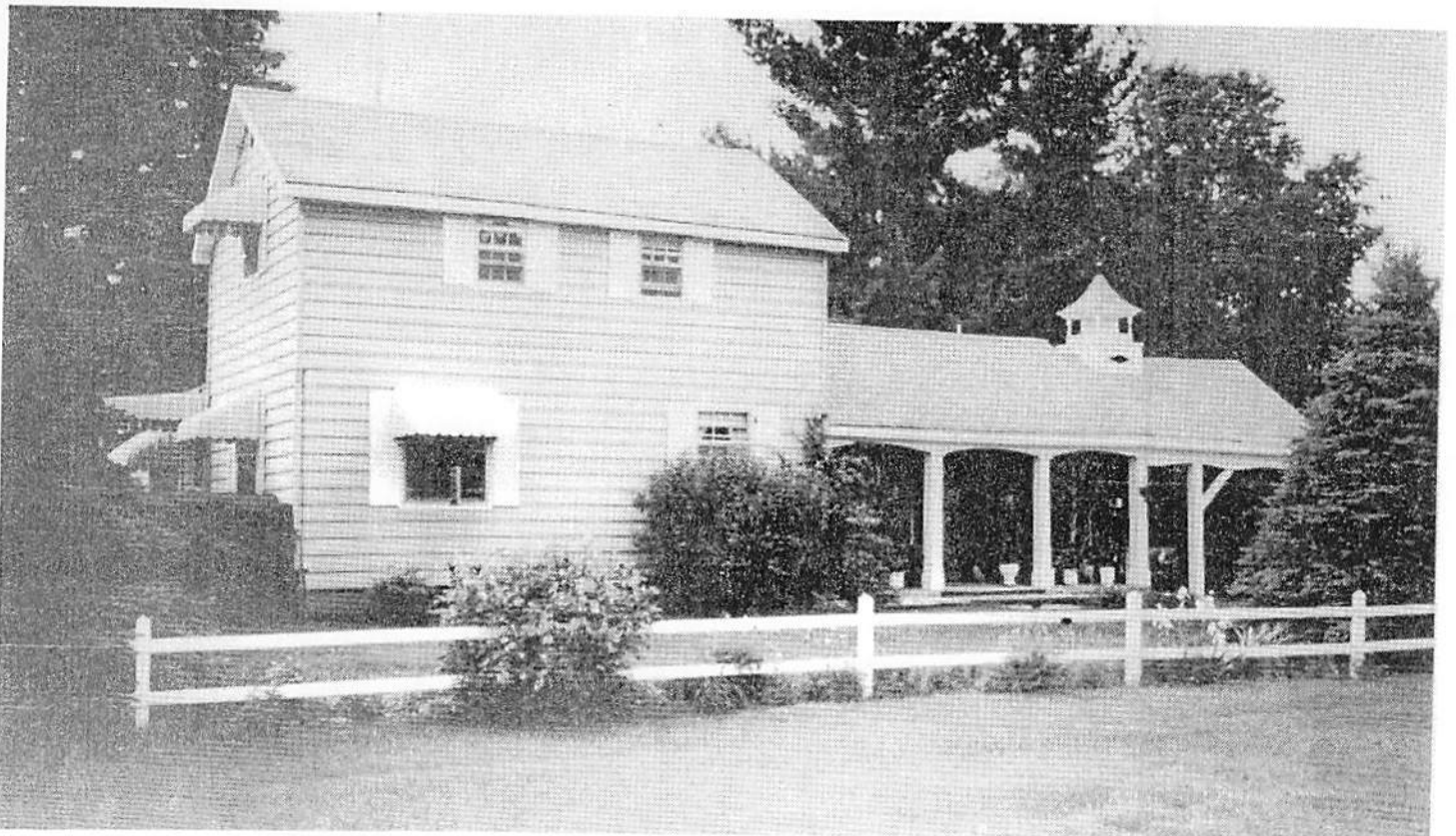
The Harrison Elevator Co. was founded in 1912 and was renamed the Harrison Lumber Co. in later years.



185 Lake St. (north) was built in 1870 probably by one of the Wilsons - William Hotchkiss Wilson, Farwell Alonzo Wilson or William Henry Wilson. Some of the later owners were: Oliver and Lena Beemer, Cora E. Johnstone, Fred and Clara Parker, Phil Gosine, I. E. Hampton, Hans and Agnes Rasmussen, Bernard and Anna Muller, Axel and Elizabeth Carlson, Arnold L. and Leone Stamman. At one time Paul and Roba Gibson as well as Curtis and Leota Murton rented the house. The present owners are Devere (Bill) and Peggy Bedour, since 1969.



The William W. Harper family, consisting of William W., his wife Alice, his mother and children came to Harrison in 1879. During their years in Harrison, Mr. Harper was one of Harrison's most prominent citizens, serving as a city alderman, county supervisor, county surveyor, school trustee, superintendent of the poor and postmaster. He opened the first meat market in Harrison. The third generation to occupy this residence was Wallace L. Harper and his family; William's son. Wallace was employed at The State Savings Bank until the time of his death in 1942. The fourth Harper family to reside here was David R. Harper and his family. David and Tom Young were owners of Harper and Young Realtor, Inc. The great-grandchildren of David R. Harper are the seventh generation to enjoy the Harper home. The home stands on the corner of Beech Street and Broad Street.





The Hughes Brothers store which was located on the corner of Second and Main Streets. It was a general store, selling shoes, clothing, sporting goods, hardware, and groceries. It smelled of kerosene, vinegar, leather, peanut butter, horse liniment, fresh ground coffee, the oil on the rolling floors and from the crowd of customers who hung around the stove to keep warm.

* This is now
the library!
Not sure if
same building
though.





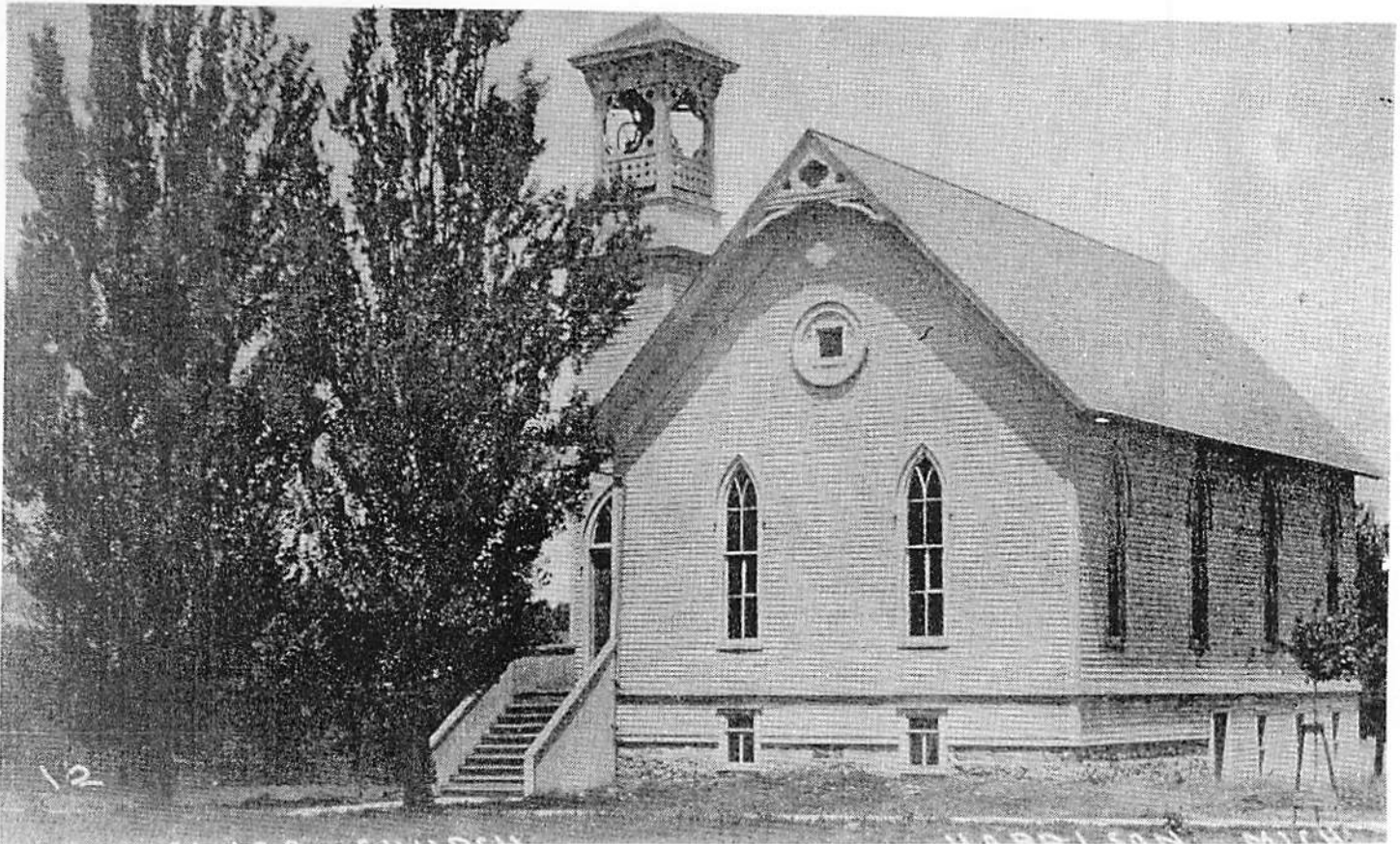
This house was built in 1882 and purchased by David Taylor in 1891 for his new bride, Minnie. Taylor's daughter, Edith, married William Sly and they resided in the family home until 1972. Today it is owned by Dean and Linda Weldon.



The original St. Athanasius Catholic Church was built in 1900 on west Broad Street.



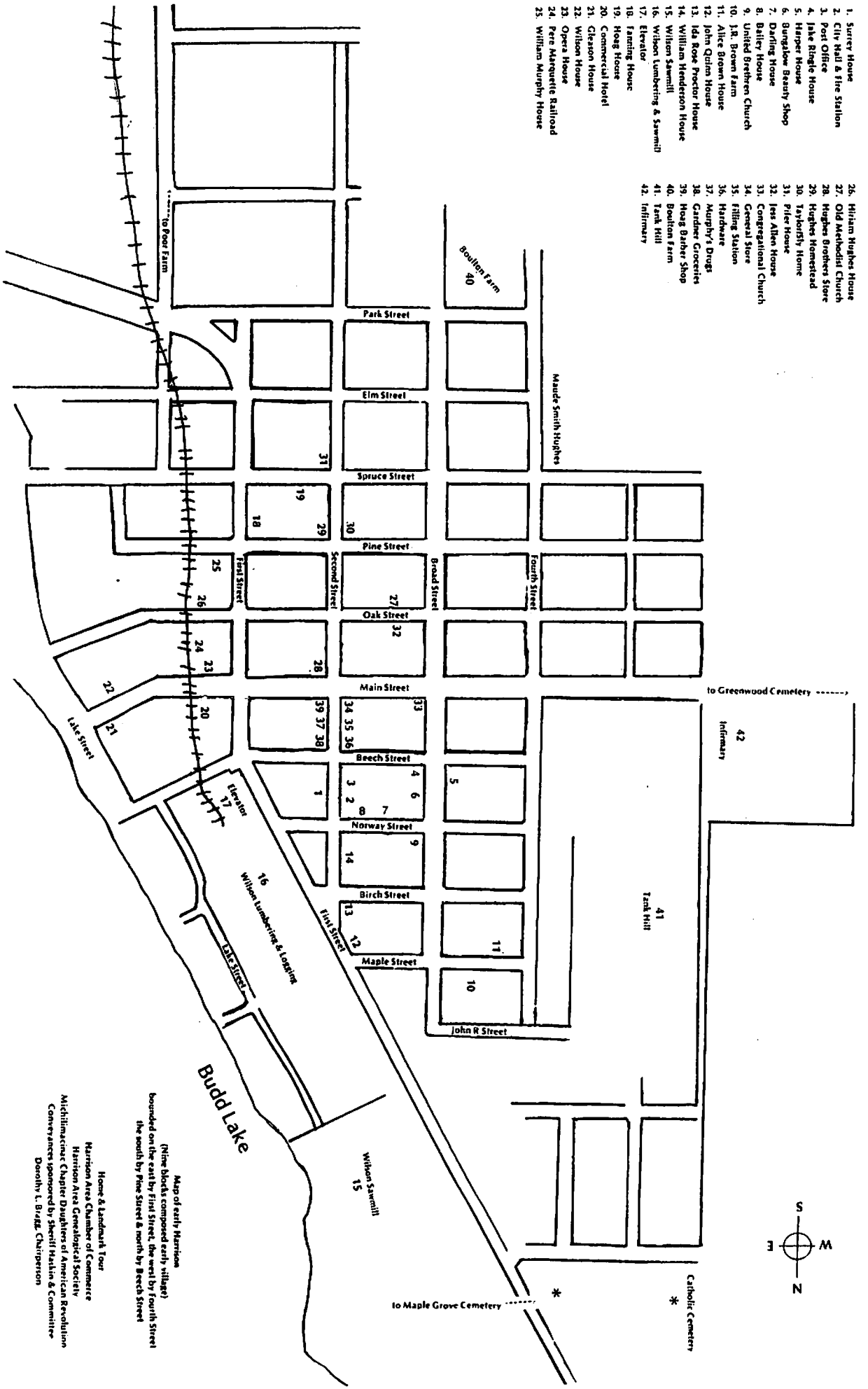
Harrison as viewed from Tank Hill. Jim Carr and his wife Maggie operated a combination saloon, dance hall and hotel on the top of this hill. In the early 1900's the hill was named "Dead Man's Hill," because Jim Carr was said to have buried several men in secret graves on the slope below his saloon. Carr, who trafficked in every known vice, is said to have rolled hundreds of lumberjacks. In 1885, he was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in Jackson Prison for beating to death Frankie Osborn, a female employee.



The Congregational Church built in 1880 and located on the corner of Main Street and Broad Street.

1. Surrey House
2. City Hall & Fire Station
3. Post Office
4. Jake Ringler House
5. Harper House
6. Bungalow Beauty Shop
7. Darling House
8. Bailey House
9. United Brethren Church
10. J.R. Brown Farm
11. Alice Brown House
12. John Quinn House
13. Ida Rose Proctor House
14. William Henderson House
15. Wilson Sawmill
16. Wilson Lumbering & Sawmill
17. Elevator
18. Farming House
19. Hoag House
20. Commercial Hotel
21. Cleason House
22. Wilson House
23. Opera House
24. Pere Marquette Railroad
25. William Murphy House

26. William Hughes House
27. Old Methodist Church
28. Hughes Brothers Store
29. Hughes Homestead
30. Taylor's Home
31. Pifer House
32. Lee Allen House
33. Congregational Church
34. General Store
35. Filling Station
36. Hardware
37. Murphy's Drugs
38. Gardner Concrete
39. Hoag Barber Shop
40. Bouton Farm
41. Tank Hill
42. Infirmary



Map of early Harrison
 (Rhine blocks composed early village)
 bounded on the east by First Street, the west by Fourth Street
 the north by Pine Street & north by Beech Street

Home & Landmark Tour
 Harrison Area Chamber of Commerce
 Harrison Area Genealogical Society
 Middleburg Chapter Daughters of American Revolution
 Conventures sponsored by Sheriff Haskin & Committee
 Dorothy L. Brader, Chairperson

Harrison Businesses, circa 1893

It contained 4 churches...Methodist, Catholic, United Brethern and Congregational; an opera house seating 700, court house, water works, several steam saw and shingle mills, and a weekly newspaper, The Clare County Cleaver. Lumber was the principal export. Land was worth \$1.50 to \$10.00 an acree.

Abbott, Carlton	cash, L. Saviers & Co.	Harper, Wm. W.	County surveyor
Aldrich, Wm. E.	register of deeds	Harrison Cornet Band	Thomas Averill, leader
Baxter, Marvin A.	saloon	Harrison Water Works	James Hamacher, supt.
Beck, Charles	livery	Hatch, Edward	carpenter
Benford, Rev. George	Congregational minister	Heller, Bernard	hotel
Birdsall, Rev. Salma	United Brethern minister	Hinckle, Henry	saloon
Bogue, Henry H.	justice	Hoisington, Orin N.	wagonmaker
Bracy, Emmett E.	physician	Hughes, Ellis	grocer
Bright, Perry	justice	Hughes, Hiram W.	justice
Browne, Wm. H.	Attorney	Johnson House	Christine Buch, propr.
Bruce, Thomas	barber	Joos, John B.	meat market
Buch, Christina	propr. Johnson house	Lawrence, John	justice
Burrirt, Wm. A.	prosecuting attorney	Lees, Thomas H.	hardware
Campbell, David J.	barber	Lewinson, Max	tailor
Campbell, James	restaurant	Lewis, Charles H.	propr. Lewis House
Canfield, Alfred R.	propr. Clare Co. Cleaver	Lockwood, Daniel	grocer
Canfield, John H.	lawyer & circuit court commissioner	McLellan, Frank	coroner
Carpenter, Joseph H.	coroner	Mills, Henry C.	justice
Casey, Patrick	wines, liquors & cigars	Mitchell, John	blacksmith
Cimmerer, George E.	furniture & undertaker	Morgan, George	cigar mnfr.
Cimmerer, John A.	grocer	Mott, Royal M.	baker & harnessmaker
Clare Co. Cleaver	A.R. Canfield propr.	Neff & Prestel	shingle mill 7 mi. n.w.
Clark, James E.	railroad exp. & tele. agent	(Frederick Neff & John W. Prestel)	
Cleveland, Orra D.	grocer	Norton, Patrick	coal
Cole, Gurgo	justice	Palmer, George	saloon
Cory, P. & Co.	shingle mill	Pease, Chauncey J.	constable
(John & Philip Corey & George B. Ehrenkrook)			
Crawford, Thomas	justice	Quigley, John	blacksmith
Cummins, George J.	attorney	Quinn, John	postmaster & stationer
Dean, Charles	restaurant	Raught, Ephraim D.	saw mill 7 mi. e.
Deremer, John	carpenter	Razek, H. & Co.	livestock
Deremer, McClellan	barber	(Henry Rasek, Solomon Rosenstock)	
Dillon, Mrs. Eliz.	drugs, etc.	Rice, Charles	justice
Dillon, Michael	jeweler	Richardson, Mrs. Charlotta	milliner
Dolloff, Cotton W.	restaurant	Richmond, John H.	county clerk
Doty, Arthur E.	sheriff	Saviers L & Co.	bankers
Doud, John H.	saloon	(Lemuel & Mrs. C.M. Saviers)	
Downey, M.C. & Co.	milliner	Schloss, Moses J.	clothing
(Mrs. Caroline Downey & Mrs. Abbie Sugnet)		Scriinger, Alfred W.	justice
Drake, G.F.	planing mill	Shadbolt, Cervin	general store
Durfee, Earett R.	justice	Smith, Rev. Calvin W.	Methodist minister
Elliott, Andrew H.	physician	Steele, Rev. Newland	Methodist minister
Exchange Hotel	Ferguson & Reid, propr.	Thompson, I. J.	saloon and livery
Fanning & Co.	grocers	Tinker, Asa M.	lawyer
(Michael J. Mitchell, Michael Fanning)			
Ferguson, James	hotel		

Harrison businesses, continued

Reid, Mrs.	hotel propr.	Walker, David J.	justice of peace
Frary, Sidney	circuit court commissioner	Wilson's Opera House	
Goodman, Wm. A.	county treasurer	Wilson, Wm. H.	village president
Grant, Albert	saloon	Wilson W. H.	general store, farming
Green, Wm. W.	judge of probate and lawyer	Wilson, Farwell A.	lands cheap for sale or
Green, Willis E.	jeweler	Wilson, W. Henry	exchange
Hagen, Anders	shoemaker	Witherspoon, Dr. Pierre	druggist
Hall, Seely P.	shoemaker	Wright & Co.	confectioners
Hansler, Mrs. Mary	notions	(Lewis Wright, Wm. W. Green)	



And so we end our book where it all began....