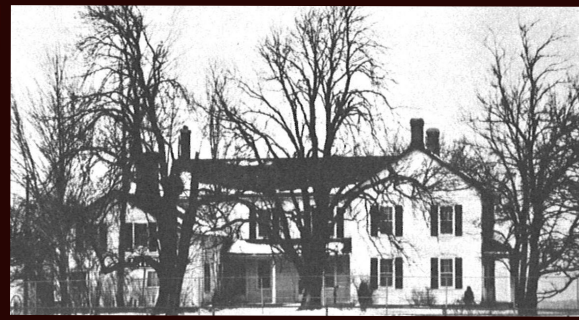


1860



## MOYER WHARF

Jacob Honsberger Moyer bought this farm property in 1860, and built this house in 1867. By 1871 local farmers had advanced from clearing land and growing grain for their own use to a situation of surplus production. Recognizing an excellent business opportunity, Moyer set up as a grain merchant and shipper. On this site, he constructed a large wharf and warehouse to store and ship farmers' grain. It became a very busy lakefront, with docked schooners and long lines of farm wagons waiting to unload. When those vessels sailed off, the cargo aboard them represented some of the earliest agricultural exports from this area and provided farmers with funds to improve homesteads and to expand to other crops. When the business shut down in 1885, it had contributed significantly to the prosperity of agriculture throughout the area.

