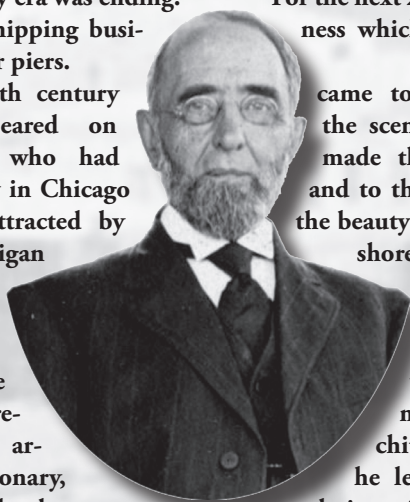


**FIRST OF A SERIES - BEGINNING "THE COVE"** From a howling wilderness in 1835 to a near boom town in the 1860s, the early pioneers — Plummer, Thompson, Richards, and Perrotet--brought to Pier Cove a quarter century of modest glory. But by the late 1870s the lumber-tannery era was ending. For the next 20 years the area lived by the shipping business which ran from the two open water piers.

As the 19th century pioneers appeared on entrepreneurs who had fortune mostly in Chicago --they were attracted by Lake Michigan second generation was Ossian (1855-1931).



O. C. as he came to a close, new scene. These were made their name and and to the south of here the beauty and cool of the shore. One of these pioneers was called, was most mid-west-chitect. An innova-he led the Midwest design. Simonds called for natural preservation for both aesthetic and utilitarian reasons. He was a master creator of parks, a campus and arboretum planner (at both the University of Michigan and Michigan State), and was the designer of the acclaimed Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. In addition he wrote, taught and founded university programs and was the only Midwesterner among the eleven charter members of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

When O. C. and his close friend James Butler Johnson (1850-1902) arrived in Pier Cove in the late 1880s, the area had been logged off leaving a scrubby ravine of dune land. But the possibilities they saw for the land, the creek, the mill pond, the old mill and the lake shore excited them and they vowed to establish summer homes. Soon after, Simonds purchased the old mill and began to buy much of the surrounding property. Here he was to apply his ideas and professional landscaping genius. In the following forty years, Simonds, Johnson and other families they attracted to the "The Cove", transformed it into a most marvelous place.



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