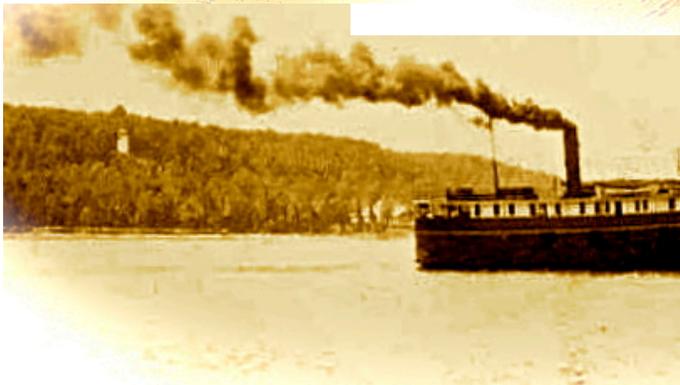




The Village of Egg Harbor

Door County, Wisconsin

In the making from: naming of the harbor
in 1825, becoming a township in 1861, incorporating
into a village in 1964.





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**“Egg Harbor Settled by Many Nationalities
Horse Shoe Bay Once a Bustling Community”**



*A Look At the Development
of the
Village of Egg Harbor*

I

Naming of Egg Harbor





How Egg Harbor Got Its Name

Taken from the Wisconsin Historical Society's website's "Odd" Wisconsin Archives

On June 23, 1825, Henry and Elizabeth Baird set off from Green Bay toward Mackinac. They were passengers in a small fleet of bateaux owned by fur-trader Joseph Rolette, who was taking beaver pelts to market. The Bairds were on Rolette's own boat with nine voyageurs; another craft was commanded by John Kinzie, who would later help found the city of Chicago.

Henry Baird recalled that they were "well supplied with good tents, large and copious mess baskets, well stored with provisions of all kinds, especially a large quantity of eggs." Elizabeth remembered that "the boats would sometimes come near enough to allow an interchange of conversation, jest and play. This began that morning by the throwing of hard tack at each other. This, however, did not last long, the prospect of needing them later served to save them. Our boat had at first shared in the contest but on my account they soon desisted."

An Epic Naval Battle

At noon on the second day, when Rolette ordered a break for lunch, Kinzie's boat decided to race for shore. "Mr. Rolette ordered it back," Baird recalled, "but instead of obeying, the crew of the boat — urged on by Mr. Kinzie — redoubled their exertions to pass the 'Commodore,' and as a kind of bravado the clerks held up an old broom; the Commodore and his companions could not stand this; the 'mess baskets' were opened and a brisk discharge, not of balls, but of shell, was made upon the offenders. The attack was soon returned in kind."

"The men entered fully into the fun," his wife wrote, "though the oarsman did not dare slack their oars. But they gave vent to their enjoyment by a "cri de joi," fairly shaking with excitement. It was about as animated a contest as any of these men had ever witnessed or expected to. Not to spoil the fun, I crawled under the tarpaulin, where I was comparatively safe, although an occasional egg would strike me on the head."

The Combat Comes Ashore

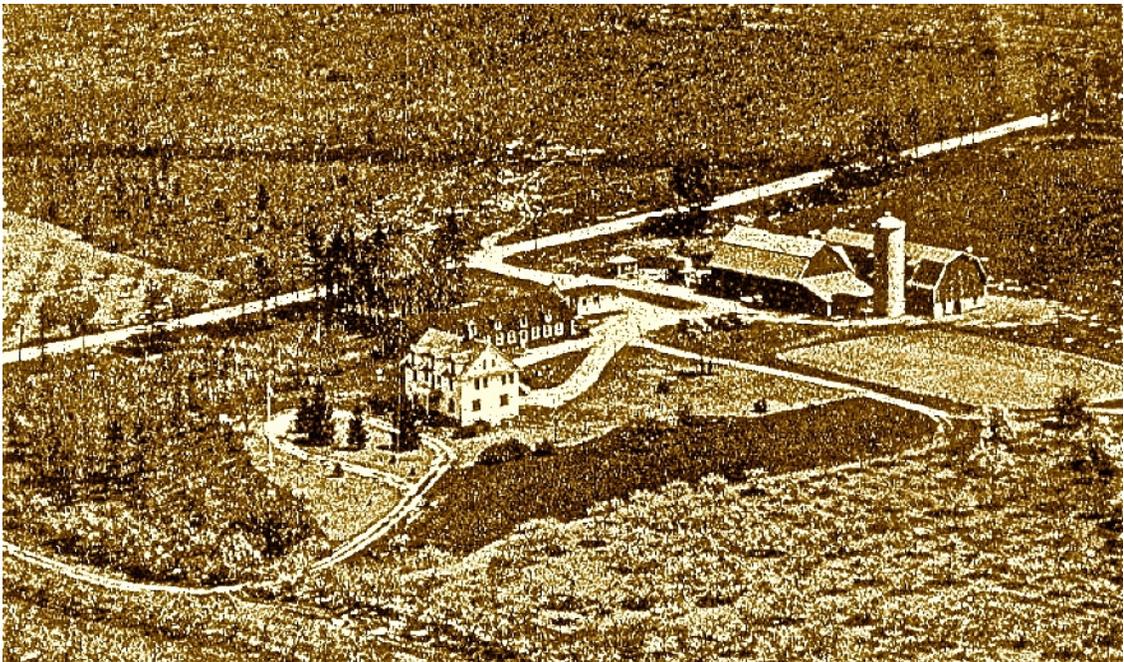
When the boats reached land, eggs were found hidden in the coat of one of the assailants. His adversaries "slapped his pockets until the eggs were broken and the contents ran in a stream down his pantaloons and white stockings (he wore low shoes.) The men laughed until exhausted. Then there was another call for more eggs and another fight ensued, which only ceased for want of ammunition."

"Never did anyone enter with greater zest into any sport than did these gentlemen on this occasion," commented Elizabeth. "The boats and men presented rather an 'eggish' appearance," wrote her husband, "and the inconvenience was rather increased by the fact that some of the missiles used by the belligerents were not of a very savory or agreeable odor."

"The next morning," Elizabeth concluded, "the field of battle presented a strange appearance, strewn as it was with egg shells, and many were the regrets expressed that the ammunition was exhausted. Before leaving the shore, speeches befitting the occasion were made by most of the gentlemen, and the place was formally christened "EGG HARBOR," the name it has ever since borne."

II

Early Major Land Owners



Dr. Eames Farm

EARLY MAJOR LAND OWNERS

In 1855, Levi and Jacob Thorp received on Patent from the US Government approximately 1,600 acres of land in the Egg Harbor area, mostly shore land near the harbor. Their business was logging. Levi later bought out Jacob's holdings. Both Thorps moved from the Egg Harbor area by the early 1900s.

Major land holders as recorded in the 1899 Door County Atlas by Randall & Williams:

- 907 acres – the Carmody families (5 names listed)
- 750 acres – Leathem & Smith
- 660 acres – Levi Thorp – (shoreline & village of Egg Harbor area) * (**see below**)
- 612 acres – R.H. Parkinson – (shoreline from Murphy Park south)
- 523 acres – Bank of Sturgeon Bay
- There were 73 male heads of Egg Harbor families listed in the Door County Directory of the Atlas

Major land holders as recorded in the 1900 Platbook of Door County:

- 2,359 acres – R.H. Parkinson
- 760 acres – the Carmody families
- 526 acres – Horseshoe Bay Farms
- 520 acres – H.F. Eames **
- 259 acres – Ferdinand Hotz **
- 180 acres – Cady Land Co. **
- Many of the same 73 names listed in the 1899 atlas show up in the 1900 Platbook

*The date used for the information for the 1899 Atlas was not noted. Since a follow up atlas was produced 15 years later, maybe one can speculate that the information for the 1899 Atlas comes from about 15 years prior, **about 1885**. Since it was noted in the introduction that the Thorps got approximately 1,600 acres on Patent from the US Government in 1855 they could have already sold off 940 acres by 1884. They started with 1,600 acres in 1855, may have had about 660 left in 1885 and none by 1900. (According to the 1900 Platbook, no more land holdings appear in the Thorp name or for Leathem & Smith and only 120 acres for the Bank of Sturgeon Bay).

**A total of 959 acres involved the shoreline and village of Egg Harbor area were lands mostly purchased from the original Levi Thorp holdings by Doctor H.F. Eames, Ferdinand Hotz and the Cady Land Company.

Looking at data from the 1900 Platbook and the 1899 Atlas it appears that the 1899 Atlas was written using data that was a good bit dated, but still useful in studying the change of land ownership. Records are a bit sketchy so some speculation was used.

Many of the 73 names that appeared in the atlas also appear on the platbook, some with changes in acreage owned.

Levi Thorp Government Land Patents

Levi Thorp acquired 1022 acres of his 1600 in the vicinity of what is now the Village of Egg Harbor through these 14 transactions. In partnership with his brother Jacob, his intentions were to harvest the forest. Land transactions below ran from 1858 to 1873.

Levi Thorp and his brother Jacob were among the first settlers in what is now the village of Egg Harbor. They were the brothers of Asa Thorp, pioneer settler of Fish Creek. They went into the cord wood and cedar business and built the necessary pier for shipping their harvest on to the emerging mid-west cities. Early shipping was done with sailing craft, later followed by steam power ships.

According to Hjalmer Holand (Door County historian), in its early years of existence, Egg Harbor's population consisted mainly of Indians and European immigrants, who though they couldn't speak English, they could chop wood for the Thorps. The wood cutters used axes to fell trees and cut them into 4 foot lengths for splitting. They were paid 50 cents per cord. (a cord is a stack 4' wide x 4' high x 8' long)

Overall the wood business proved profitable because of the cheap labor, but not entirely, sometimes the wood sold for as little as \$2.00 a cord and the Thorps had to pay the tax on the forest. Levi eventually bought out Jacob and went on to become one of the biggest businessmen north of Sturgeon Bay.

Land Patent Transactions

Accession	Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
WI1510__133	THORP, LEVI D	2/22/1858	19717	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 1	25	Door
							030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 2	25 Door
WI1520__063	THORP, LEVI D	2/22/1858	20805	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 3	25	Door
							030N - 027E	W½NW¼	30 Door
WI1540__204	THORP, LEVI D	2/22/1858	22026	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 027E	W½SW¼	19	Door
WI1560__060	THORP, LEVI D	2/22/1858	22968	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 026E			Door
WI1560__061	THORP, LEVI D	2/22/1858	22969	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 5	25	Door
WI1560__062	THORP, LEVI D	2/22/1858	22970	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 027E	SW¼NE¼	31	Door
WI1560__063	THORP, LEVI D	2/22/1858	22971	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 027E	NW¼SW¼	30	Door
WI1590__021	THORP, LEVI D	3/1/1858	24632	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 4	25	Door
WI1590__022	THORP, LEVI D	3/1/1858	24633	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 1	26	Door
WI1620__409	THORP, LEVI D	3/1/1865	26446	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 1	24	Door
							030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 2	24 Door
WI1620__410	THORP, LEVI D	3/1/1865	26447	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 027E	SW¼NW¼	31	Door
WI1630__047	THORP, LEVI D	11/15/1865	26567	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 026E	Lot/Trct 2	13	Door
WI1630__048	THORP, LEVI D	11/15/1865	26568	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 027E	NW¼NW¼	19	Door
WI1690__225	THORP, LEVI D	2/10/1873	29934	WI	4th PM - 1831 MN/WI	030N - 027E	NW¼SW¼	22	Door

Early Egg Harbor Names:

“Directory of Egg Harbor” – 1899 Atlas of Door County (Randal & Williams):

Arndt, H. - Farmer
Austin, M. - Farmer
Blank, G. – Town Supervisor
Blonde, Paul – Farmer
Blonde, Peter – Farmer
Bubda, J. – Town Supervisor
Carmody, James T. - Farmer
Carmody, John F. – Farmer
Carmody, T.F. – Farmer
Colomb, A. – Farmer
Cordier, E. – Farmer
Curvall, S. – Farmer
Demmin, C. – Farmer
Donovan, D.D. – School Teacher
Eames, Dr. H.F. – Physician & Surgeon, Druggist
Eisold, L. - Farmer
Gitner, Andrew – Farmer
Gitner, Anton – Farmer
Goll, C. - Farmer
Guenther, C.O. – Surveyor & Farmer
Haines, T. - Farmer
Harder, F. – Town Supervisor
Hayes, M. - Farmer
Krauel, C. - Farmer
Krueger, C. - Farmer
LaRouche, C. – Prop. Gen'l. Mdse. Store
Leverenc, F.- Farmer
Martens, F. – Farmer
Mosqoller, L. - Farmer
Neumayer, F. - Farmer
O'Hern, D. – Farmer
Parent, P. – Farmer
Ratz, J. – Blacksmith
Rittenberg, M. – Farmer
Rohde, L. – Farmer
Sauger, B. – Farmer
Schneider. – Farmer
Schram, F. – Farmer
Schultz, C. - Farmer
Schultz, W. - Farmer
Schuster, J. – Farmer

Simonar, F. - Farmer
Stellwagen, J. – Farmer
Sterling, J. – Farmer
Stienke, A. - Farmer
Tanck, G. – Town Assessor
Thorp. L. - Lumber
Thorp, T.A. – Postmaster, Prop. Gen'l. Mdse. Store
Wellever, F. – Town Chairman
Wolzien, C. – Farmer
Wolzien, J. – Farmer
Wolzien, T. – Farmer
Worachek, J. – Blacksmith & Wagon Maker
Yost, J.F. - Farmer

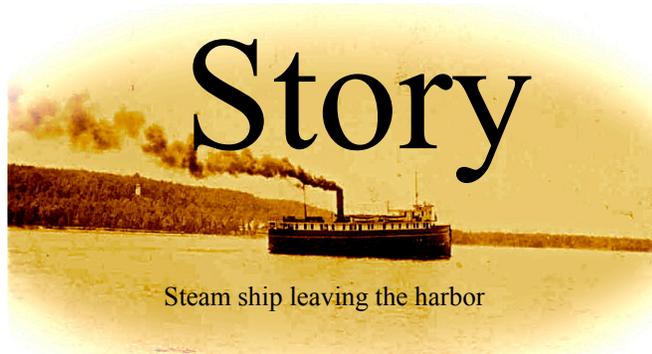
“Business Directory of Egg Harbor” – 1914 Atlas of Door County (Otto Nelson):

Baraboo, Theo – Hardware Store
Bertschinger, John F. - Dock, Grain and Produce
Carmody, John H. - Hotel
Carmody, Thos. F. - Road Builder and Contractor
Eames, Dr.H.F. - Drugs, Fruit Farm, & Dock Owner
Eichinger, Jos. - Store and Cheese Factory
Gunther, O.B. - Shoe Repairer
Gard, C.W. - Postmaster
La Rouche, Chas. - General Store
LeMere, Jerry – Hotel
LeMere, Goe. - Barber Shop
Mathews, Art – Hotel, Saloon, and Barber Shop
Parent, Arthur – Hotel and Livery
Schultz, Wm. - Blacksmith Shop
Wilson, J.F. & Co. - General Store
Wilson, Max H. - Creamery
Worachek, Jos. - Meat Market
Wolzine, Otto – Blacksmith Shop

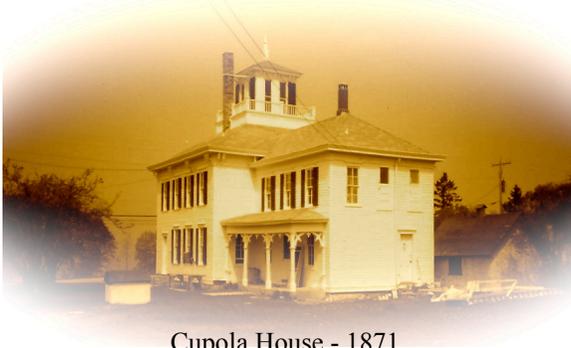
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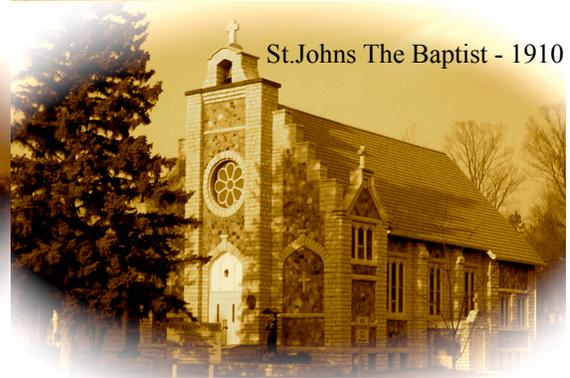
Story



Steam ship leaving the harbor



Cupola House - 1871



St. Johns The Baptist - 1910



Harbor Inn - 1915



Lena's Sip-N-Chat - 1942

THE VILLAGE OF EGG HARBOR'S STORY

(As taken from the Egg Harbor Website – note, numerous statements may differ from other resources)

There are many conflicting stories about the name Egg Harbor. Some say it was named after a nest of eggs found on the shore by Door County's first settler. Others say it received its name because seagulls nested along the shore and one could gather a basket of eggs from their nests.

A more appealing story is told in the Door County Advocate of April 26, 1862. The story indicates that three or four Mackinac boats left Green Bay to deliver furs to the trading post on Mackinac Island. The boats stopped at the yet unnamed harbor to rest for the night. While rowing ashore there was a race to see who would reach the shore first. Food from the mess baskets was thrown at the leading boat and food quickly returned. First, hard tack was the missile of choice, but soon eggs flew through the air. When the boats reached the shore, the battle continued until the eggs were gone. Everyone enjoyed the fun and the story of the battle which was often repeated by the voyagers. The harbor was then identified as Egg Harbor.

Egg Harbor was the tenth organized town in Door County and was established on July 9, 1861. A portion of the town organized its own government and boundaries and incorporated as a separate governmental unit in August, 1964. The incorporated area is today known as the Village of Egg Harbor.

The first settlers in Egg Harbor were Jacob and Levi Thorp who purchased land and began lumbering operations. Their efforts included building a pier to ship their product. Levi eventually bought Jacob out and branched the operation to include farming and orchards. He built the impressive Cupola House in 1871. Ownership subsequently moved to C.A. Speaker and then to the Cady family. The Cupola House is one of the Village landmarks located on Highway 42 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

French Canadian families began arriving around 1865. Charles and Delia LaRouche played an important part in organizing the first Catholic Church.

John Bertschinger, a Swiss, came to Egg Harbor in 1904. He bought the Kewaunee House at the corner of what is now Highway 42 and County G. He enlarged, remodeled and added a dining room to the facility which he named the "Harbor Inn". In 1912 he sold the Harbor Inn to try other ventures in lumbering, fruit and dairy farming. John sold the Harbor Inn to Jack and Phoebe Carmody. Murphy Moore became the owner in 1945, "Murphy's" was a popular dinner stop for many years. The building in 2014 is now a drinking and eating establishment known as "Shipwrecked".

John Bertschinger eventually went back to the hospitality business and with his brother Paul built the Alpine Resort which opened in 1922. Orin Glidden developed the first 9-hole golf course adjoining the resort and called it the Alpine Golf Course. Financial difficulties forced him to sell the course and the Bertschingers added it to the resort in 1926. The Alpine remains one of the oldest resorts in the area and is still owned by the Bertschinger Family.

Jerry LeMere's saloon and dance hall was located where Casey's Bar and Restaurant now stands. The LeMere's came from Canada and purchased the land in 1889.

Another early business was a saloon-hotel built by Canadian Antone La Plant. The building burned, and was rebuilt as a stagecoach stop called the Concord Hotel. Today it is called Mojo Rosa's.

The first doctor in the area, Dr. David Graham, arrived in 1858. He was an untrained medical man. After 16 years he was joined by a young doctor, Horace Eames, who was a graduate of the medical school of Valparaiso University in Indiana.

"Doc" Eames remained in the Egg Harbor community for the rest of his life. Besides medicine, he farmed and was well known for his large orchards of cherries and apples. He was also trained as a chemist and provided prescriptions for his patients. He made home visits with his horse and buggy or sleigh in every kind of weather. His home on County E has been moved to the Cupola House property.

Early residents of the area managed small businesses. Harbor View Park was the site of a grocery store built in 1910 by Jim and Rose Wilson. Tom Carmody's tavern was the site of many dances in the early years. The facility became Lena's Sip and Chat. Woldt's Hall was also a popular spot for dances and basketball in the 1920's.

Two churches were established in the area's early development. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church was founded in 1876. The church was located on the corner of Hillside Road and Highway 42. Early in the new century some parishioners wanted to build a new church at a different location. The controversy ended with the gift of land from Charles and Delia LaRouche in 1901, and the new church was built on Highway 42 and School Road in 1909. Calvary United Methodist Church was organized in 1912 as the Egg Harbor Union Society. The early stone church was completed in 1924. The building is used for special events. A larger church was built and dedicated in 1965. Both are near the intersection of County E and Highway 42.

The decades of the 1950's and 60's were a time of growth in business and building. The Village included a drugstore, grocery store, saloons, restaurants, a hardware store, a thriving feed mill, car dealership, gas station/garage and a two-room school on the border. However, as the community changed, the make-up of the Village also changed. More residents became seasonal and businesses began to adjust by providing "summer only" stores and shops. The school eventually joined others in the county and consolidated into the Gibraltar Area School District.

The Egg Harbor Fire Department is a cooperative venture of the town and the Village of Egg Harbor. It was established in the early 1930's with Lee Adams as the first fire chief. First Responders were initially trained in 1979-80 and remain some of the best in Door County.

The Egg Harbor Women's Club lobbied successfully to provide a library in the Village. Their gift of furniture and shelving helped to establish the Egg Harbor Branch of the Door County Library in 1969. The library was first located in one of the rooms in the Granary Shops complex. The building was eventually sold and the library moved in the old stone church for several months until it moved to its new location in the community center.

The need for a new post office, library space, Village office and community meeting room sparked a fund drive in 1984. Funds were donated by many individuals. The Bertschinger family kicked off the fund drive with a gift of \$75,000 in memory of their father, and the Paul J. Bertschinger Community Center was completed in June, 1985.

Traditions grew quickly in the Village. The Pumpkin Patch celebration first began in October, 1984. Blossoms throughout the Village have made it a delight to visit in the spring and the first Blossom Festival was held in 1993. In winter, the Village displays holiday decorations and has now developed Holly Days.

One Village tradition began with the Egg Harbor Women's Club. The women decided that a village with the name Egg Harbor should have an Easter egg hunt. The first Easter egg hunt was held in 1978. That tradition continues today, and the egg hunt is held in Harbor View Park for all area children on the Saturday morning before Easter Sunday.

The July 4th parade was a Village tradition in the 1920's and continued until World War II. Then, for a time, there was no parade. Local residents who often gathered at Bob Sawyer's Bar revived the July 4th parade in 1968. Each year since that time, the parade is held in the afternoon on July 4th. Another local tradition is the New Year's Day parade. In 1976, the same group talked about the Rose Bowl Parade and decided to host their own parade in Egg Harbor. At 1:00 the next day, January 1, 1976, a horse and rider paraded down Highway 42. The next year, several other unofficial participants joined in. Each year thereafter, the parade continued. At 1:00 P.M. on New Year's Day, the parade lines up at the south end of the Village and marches. There is no formal registration required and no advertising of the event; everyone arrives and there's a parade.

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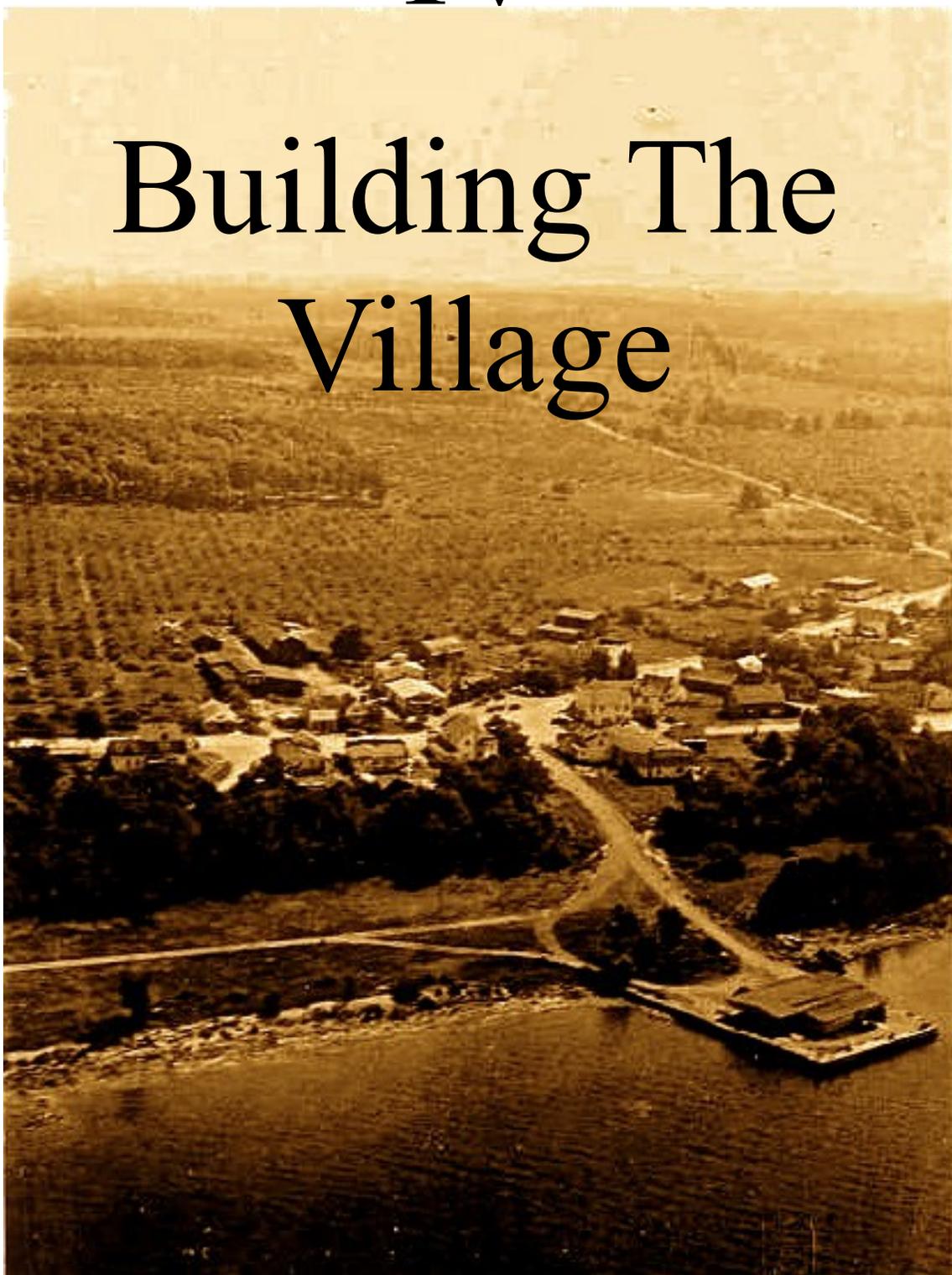
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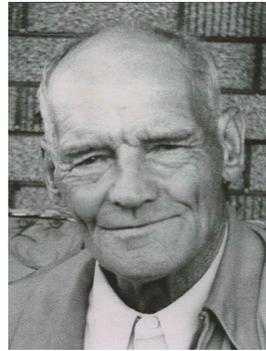
Building The Village



BUILDING THE VILLAGE OF EGG HARBOR

The following pages are recollections of Phillip LeMere, an early longtime resident of Egg Harbor. Names and places existed prior to and during Phillip's lifetime.

By Barbara Henquinet Prigge as researched and told to her in 1958 by Phillip LeMere, at age 82
(Edited by Giz Herbst in 2014 with assistance from Peter LeMere, Phillip's grandson, and Bill Bertschinger, long time Egg Harbor resident)



Phillip and Barbara around the date of their Egg Harbor history project

(Notations in italics and parentheses were edited)

PEOPLE OF EARLY EGG HARBOR

Some of the last Indians in Egg Harbor were the Menominee, Oneida and the Potawatomi. This was about 1870. In the summer they lived near where Mrs. Murphy has her cottage now (*just east of the swimming beach*) and as far north as the town dock. In the winter they lived in the ravine near Leo LaFontaine's (#7689 Hwy 42). They were friendly. They helped with the lumbering nearby. They hunted deer and planted corn.

Some of the early settlers of Egg Harbor were Levi Thorp, the Morries (*may be Maury*), the (*Captain or Cap*) Kirklands, the Thomases, and the LeMeres. The LeMeres came from Quebec, Canada. Jerry LeMere came after the Civil War. (*Jerry's original name was Gideon LeMieux*) The Thorps were English, LeMeres were French. The Baileys Harbor Road was then a path. Many of the settlers went to Green Bay for their food because there weren't many stores except a little one at Juddville which was the Lundbergs.

ROAD TO EGG HARBOR WAS BUILT QUICKLY

A calamity occurred in 1856 which caused a great change in mail service. Because of the difficulty of getting to and from Green Bay, that fall the settlers living in Fish Creek and Ephraim had made arrangements with a lumber carrying schooner's captain to bring them winter supplies on his last trip from Green Bay. They had, of course, by this time cleared some of the land but only enough for cattle pastures and the growing of a few vegetables. All their other supplies, such as flour, coffee, sugar, salt and wearing apparel, tools and fishing equipment had to be imported. The settlers were all anxiously awaiting the arrival of the schooner for their children were running around barefoot, their clothing was ragged and a small quantity of milk plus a few potatoes was all that remained in the larder.

A sudden cold spell followed by a calm froze the shallow waters of Green Bay Harbor into a sheet of solid ice. By the time a strong enough wind arose the small schooner was hemmed in by miles upon miles of ice and was forced to spend the winter in the harbor.

(at about the same time)

Employing more than 50 lumberjacks and mill hands was the Bradley and Crandall sawmill in Sturgeon Bay. Practically all these men were fed and housed in the company boarding house and all supplies were imported from Green Bay. The steamer Ogonty was to bring their supplies which would last until spring. Late in November the bay froze and the workers were becoming concerned about the Ogontz's failure to appear.

The salt pork was running low and the local supply of whiskey and tobacco was exhausted. Then one Sunday afternoon the steamer appeared at the mouth of the bay, stopped by a four mile long layer of ice. Many of the men started running across the ice in an effort to stop the vessel which was starting to turn around, for the bay was uncharted. With a long blast of farewell, the steamer left, bound northward.

A bleak dismay settled over the lumberjacks. No one went to work the next morning. Every man was busy trying to think of a solution to the problem. Shortly after noon a messenger from Egg Harbor arrived saying that the Ogontz had landed the supplies at the village and the captain was sorry but it was the best he could do.

The lumberjacks were now angrier than ever for the trail north of Sturgeon Bay extended only 5 miles long and there were 13 miles of swamps and dense woods to Egg Harbor. But Mr. Bradley and Mr. Crandall were not so easily discouraged. They got all the men together and lined them up for road work. Every wagon and sleigh was sent northward with supplies. Swampers were sent ahead to cut out underbrush and soon axes were digging into the giant trees to pave the way for federal trunk number 42.* Food was provided and many of the men slept in camp while a few returned to Sturgeon Bay.

In three weeks the highway (*road*) was opened but could carry only a few hundred pounds at a time. A large celebration was held in Egg Harbor and a week later on Christmas Eve, Sturgeon Bay had an even bigger celebration to which all Egg Harbor people were invited. Roasted bear, smoked sturgeon, mince pie and black coffee were served to all.

The success of this road prompted the people of Sturgeon Bay to build a road to the south. The Belgian settlers joined in and soon the road was completed to Green Bay. The people of Sturgeon Bay no longer felt marooned on an island, but rather that they were now part of the great nation known as the United States.

**(Hwy 42 was originally Hwy 17 which was included in the first 5,000 miles of the state highway system designated in 1918. It was changed to 42 when the system was revamped in 1930 from Manitowoc to Sturgeon Bay to Egg Harbor to Sister Bay. The highway had a gravel update from Sturgeon Bay to Egg harbor in 1929 and was paved with concrete starting in 1932 and finished in Egg Harbor in 1933. (per Jim Thompson, WI DOT – 2-12-14).*

(Calamities such as these caused by the isolation during winter months were greatly relieved with the building of the Egg Harbor Road from Sturgeon Bay north and later the Green Bay Road from Sturgeon Bay south)

Reference “Old Peninsula Days”, taken from the Door County Advocate, December 4, 1958.

EGG TOSSING BATTLE NAMED EGG HARBOR

The legendary “battle of the egg” is responsible for Egg Harbor receiving its name. Early in the 1800's, according to this story, a group of fur traders from the city of Green Bay sailed to Death's Door and gathered eggs from a number of small islands en route. When they reached the present site of Egg Harbor they started throwing eggs at each other in a spirit of old fashioned fun. The “battle” continued for several hours until the egg supply was gone completely. *(this story is different than the more common one of the fur traders in 1825 coming from Green Bay traveling north to Mackanic Island to trade in their furs, and with them a lawyer Baird from Green Bay who recorded the happenings of the egg fight when the group entered the harbor for overnight camping)*

EARLY EGG HARBOR LIFE

The Indian Trail was a road where early settlers took the cut timber down to the bay where it was to be shipped out. Pete Carmody had a saw mill where the Driftwood Motel (*#7845 White Cliff Road Condominiums*) is now located. *Cordwood was piled there from the farmers. Pete Carmody was killed later. He got his pants leg caught on a screw on one of the machines and it was said he was pounded to death. **(There was a 'roadway' from the mill to the main road above where logs were hauled down to the mill, ropes, etc. (kind of a tramway) were used to prevent the logs from sliding past the horses hauling the logs).*

Stones were shipped to Michigan by boats and on the ice in the winter time. A lime kiln was located along the bayshore. Jim Wilson owned it and shipped out limestone. Some of the remains are still there.

Before the new road running through Egg Harbor was completed there was a road from Wilbur (*Wilbert*) Bertschinger's (*#7802 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G*) going through the woods and ending at the bottom of the hill near Chief Oshkosh. There wasn't any main road through the village.

The first settlers had dances and plays for entertainment. They had dances in the town hall and they went to Baileys Harbor in sleighs and buggies for various events. They also had quilting bees at different homes. They liked to have masquerades. Dave Graham was a violinist who often played for the dances and he once owned the Proctor Farm north of the village.

BUILDING THE VILLAGE OF EGG HARBOR, WISCONSIN

The early builders and structures, as described by Phillip LeMere in 1958

** Six noted village structures were not on Phillip LeMere's and Barbara Henquinet's list; the town hall, the Catholic Church and rectory, the new school, Charlie and Herman Birnschein's Garage, the Lee Adams Home, and the Alpine Resort. They have been added and marked with an *.*

Buildings Along the Highway 42 corridor

(from South to North)

CHIEF OSHKOSH'S - (*#7631 Hwy 42*)

It was built in 1945 by Chief Roy Oshkosh. Francis Bogenschutz helped build it. Now it is a trading post for summer tourists. *(In 2014 it was Chief Oshkosh's Native American Arts)*

THE GEORGE KUSCH HOUSE – (*#7645 Hwy 42*)

George Kusch built it in 1932 and he still owns it. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE EUGENE OHMAN HOUSE - (*#7653 Hwy 42*)

This house was built in 1926 by Adolph Polzen. It was originally a log cabin and he built it as a home project. Ohmans now live there. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE ED KABAT HOUSE – (*#7663 Hwy 42*)

This house was built by Ed Kabat about 1938-39. Gus Brungraber was one of the carpenters. Kabat still owns it. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE FRED BITTORF HOUSE – (*#7673 Hwy 42*)

It was built by the Bittorfs about 1930 and they still own it. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE LEROY OSMUNSON HOUSE – *#7678 Hwy 42*)

This house was built in 1954 by Bittorfs. It is a wood structure. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

** THE TOWN HALL - (#7681 HWY 42)*

The original hall was built in the 1880s, it burned and a new one was immediately built by Jerry LeMere on the same location. It was used for general elections, annual town meetings, social gatherings and as a protestant church when a minister was available before the Union (Calvary) Church was built. (In 2014 it was the Patricia Shoppe)

THE MYLES LEROY HOUSE - (#7682 Hwy 42)

This house was built in 1954. The Bittorfs did the carpenter work. It is a stone structure. The Leroy Motel adjoins the housing grounds. (In 2014 it was the Cape Cod Motel)

THE LEO LA FONTAINE HOUSE – (#7689 Hwy 42)

It was built in 1922 by Charles La Rouche and he built it himself. Mr. La Fontaine now owns it. (It was still a private residence in 2014)

THE BEN PATZA HOUSE – (#7703 Hwy 42)

This house was built in 1920 by Mrs. Gagnon. Chases have lived there, but now Patzas do. (In 2014 it was Larsen's TV)

** THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH and RECTORY - (#7710 Hwy 42)*

The first church was a small log building built in 1878 where the St. John Baptist Cemetery is located at the corner of Hwy 42 and Hillside Road. In 1888 a larger church was built across the road. As the Village of Egg Harbor grew there was a movement to build a church within the village. Charles and Delia LaRouche donated the land. The church was dedicated on October 5, 1910 and the Rectory in 1918. It is believed the church cost \$2000. Families pledged either labor or \$100 to build the church.

** THE NEW SCHOOL – (Was located where the fire station is now, east on Harbor School Rd)*

On July 27, 1910, 3 acres were purchased from the Cady Land Trust at the price of \$200 for a new school. At its annual meeting Egg Harbor voted a loan of \$2,500 from the state trust funds for erecting a two-department structure on the land purchased just north of the new Catholic Church. The new building was of classic type, constructed of stone similar to the Catholic Church. The architect was Fred Crandell. The school opened with the 1912-1913 school year. There were four grades in each of the two classrooms. The school closed after the 1971-1972 school year and the building was torn down in the fall of 1977. A new fire station was built on the site.

THE OTTO JOHN'S HOUSE - (#4612 Harbor School Rd. East off Hwy 42.)

This house was built in 1910 at the Schroeder Farms and moved on its present location in 1933. An old sawmill was originally here. Tom Carmody built the mill in 1910 but it burned down in 1915. Many of the town people worked there. (It no longer exists)

THE JOSEPH CHARNESKI HOUSE – (#7723 Hwy 42)

It was built about 1900 by John Bunda. George Columb, Gus Tanck, Gotlip Anger, Odberts, Jacobsons, and Leslie Kihl have all lived there and now Charneski's do. (It was still a private residence in 2014)

THE SHELL GAS STATION - (#7730 Hwy 42)

This was built in 1949 by Norman Kabat. Herman Forey laid the blocks for it and Bittorfs did the carpenter work. Other people who have operated it have been Lloyd Logerquist, Phillip Appel, Mr. Clark, Jim Ranney and Lee Roggencamp. Roger and August Paschke now operate it. (When Norman "Bud" Kabat returned from WW II the original building when he opened was a wood frame structure). (In 2014 it was Something Fishy)

THE DON GIESSEMAN TAVERN – *(Was located where the new Cowles Center will be built)*
Tom Carmody built this place in 1930. George Kusch helped him build it. Later Giessemans bought it. *(Best known as Lena's Sip & Chat, the village purchased the property from Senator Robert Cowles in 2012, demolished it and has plans to build a new library and Village and welcome center at the site)*

THE GRACE CARMODY HOUSE – *(#7746 Hwy 42)*
Tom Carmody built this house in 1905. He earned the money to buy the land by playing music for dances. His daughter Grace now owns it. *(In 2014 it was the Carmody House Gallery)*

TRACY'S TAP - *(#7755 Hwy 42)*
Tracy's Tap was built in 1908 by Jerry LeMere and his brothers. When Art Parent owned it in 1916 he sold farm implements in it. Other owners have been Carl Demmin, August Anschutz and now Clarence Tracy. *The original building was only the right front of the complex, everything to the left and rear were later additions. (In 2014 it was Liberty Square)*

THE MARVIN TRODAHL STORE - *(#7763-7765 Hwy 42)*
This store was built by Charles LaRouche about 1885. Mr. LaRouche came from Canada about 1880. Lester Olson rented it for awhile and then Mr. Trodahl bought it. The Post Office was there until 1954. *(In 2014 it was Maxwell's and Jane's)*

THE POST OFFICE – *(#7769 Hwy 42)*
The Post Office was built in 1954. The Bittorfs did the carpenter work. Before this, the Post Office was located in a section of the Trodahl store. The first Post Office was at Morey's *(Maury's)* Brook near Chief Oshkosh. The mail came in by stage. *(In 2014 it was the Papel)*

THE SAUGER HOUSE – *(#7770 Hwy 42)*
The Sauger house used to be a log cabin and it was built about 1865. There was a shoemaker shop there and later Mrs. Sauger had a store and she sold pencils, thread, gum, and tablets. Mrs. Breunig and Mrs. Worachek's mother worked at the store. People who have lived there were Joe Breunig, Ben Sauger, Joseph LeMere, Lee Adams, Ed Kabat, Lloyd Perry, Viola Nelson, Leroy Osmunson, and now Albert Eckert. *(It no longer exists. It's now the location of Main Street Market)*

THE WORACHEK HOUSE – *(#7775 Hwy 42)*
This house was built about 1890. It is made of cedar blocks and Joe Worachek built it. The owners have been Joe Worachek and now Mrs. Emma Sawyer. Don Giesseman also owned it. *(A new building is at the location, in 2014 it was Signature Pieces)*

THE CONCORD HOTEL - *(#7778 Hwy 42)*
The Concord Hotel was built about 1890 by Levi Baraboo. The hotel once burned down. In 1934 the dance hall burned. The town people used to play basketball in the dance hall. Baraboos were to have a wedding dance in the hall but the floor swayed so they were afraid to have it there so it was held at the Harbor Inn which is now Murphys Inn. People who lived in it were Art Parent, George Kolacheske, an ex-sheriff from Green Bay, Art Herboldt, Tilander, Nick Hugenrath, John Schlise, Patti Gray, and now Maurice Moore who owns it. *(In 2014 it was Mojo Rosa's)*

THE LOUIS BARABOO TAVERN – *(It was next to #7778 Hwy 42)*

This tavern was built along side of the Concord Hotel. It was owned by Louis Baraboo. It was built about 1870 and later was destroyed by a fire. *(It was located next to what was Mojo Rosa's in 2014)*

FREEMAN FISCHER HOUSE - *(#7783 Hwy 42)*

The old building that is now used for storage was a blacksmith shop *(located where present garage is)* and the blacksmiths were Joe Worachek and Henry Meyers. Fischer's house was built in 1898 and they have always owned it. *(In 2014 it was Christine's Casuals and Classics)*

MURPHY'S INN - *(#7791 Hwy 42)*

This building was built about 1882 by George Barringer. John Worachek added an addition to it. People who have lived there were George Barringer, John Worachek, John Bertschinger, Jack Carmody, Ed Fiddlers, Fred Bhirdo, and Art Parent. Now Maurice Moore owns it. *(It was originally the Kewaunee House and was best known as Murphy Moore's. In 2014 it was the Shipwrecked)*

THE BARABOO HOUSE – *(It was located behind the present BP Gas Station, about where the south driveway is located)*

This house was built by Levi Baraboo and Albert Baraboo in 1900. Hardheads and granite that was used in building it were found around Egg Harbor. The Post Office was located there from 1933-1937. The post mistress was Mrs. Albert Baraboo. Mr. Birnschien now owns it and uses it for storing auto parts in it. *(The house was taken down in 1983 to make room for the mini-mart and gas pumps, the barn and auto garage still remain behind the BP Station in 2014)*

THE BIRNSCHEIN GARAGE – *(#7792 Hwy 42)*

Mr. *(Herman)* Birnschein started this garage as a tire vulcanizing repair service in 1925. Additions were added to the building until it grew to the size it is now. John Flint had the first blacksmith shop at this location. *Charlie Birnschein had opened a garage across the highway at #7821 Horseshoe Bay Rd.-Cty G around 1919 and his brother Herman started working for him at that time. In 1925 Herman started his own tire shop across the highway at #7792, this site. In 1927 Herman bought out his brother Charlie and in 1931 constructed the stone building as it appears on this site. Herman operated his "Point Beach Station and Chevrolet Dealership" at both sites (#7792 & #7821) until he sold the business in 1965 to Harry Nell. Harry sold to Herb and Bob Mueller in 1968. (In 2014 it was Chips World and Bay Wear)*

THE VIOLA HABERLI STORE - *(The store was a 'Clover Farm Grocery Store'. It was located at the entry to Harbor View Park. Ida, Viola's mother, helped with the grocery store operation. Viola also had a beauty shop on the south side of the store, on the north side there was a clothing 'annex')*

This store was built in 1910 by Jim Wilson. The carpenters were Henry Anschutz and sons. The land was bought from Dr. Eames. Wulfs bought it in 1934 and Haberli purchased it in 1956. *(The village purchased it and demolished it in 1977 to start Harbor View Park)*

THE COOPER SHOP – *(Its location was recollected as being where the lower terrace of Harbor View Park is, further down the hill and behind the Wilson Store)*

An old cooper shop once stood across from where Cornells live now on the dock hill. John Flynn built it. Ben Blanger lived upstairs in the shop. One night Ben Blanger bought a 300 pound barrel of salt pork. The storekeeper asked him how he was going to get it up the stairs of the shop. Ben said he would carry it up. The store keeper didn't believe him so he bet Ben that if he did carry it up the steps he could have the pork free. To the store keeper's amazement Ben did carry it up to his living quarters. Ben later said it was the easiest and cheapest pork he had ever gotten. The cooper shop burned down about 1905.

HAEN'S GAS STATION – *(It was located at the north edge of Harbor View Park)*

Eli Forrest built a log cabin about 1850 where Haen's Station now is. After he died it was torn down. The station that is there now was moved there from Sturgeon Bay in 1936. Owners were Lawrence Baraboo and now Harvey Haen. *(Robert Pence made it into his home and art gallery. In 2001 the village purchased the property, demolished the building and added the property to Harbor View Park)*

* *THE LEE ADAMS HOME - (#7813 Hwy 42)*

The house was built by Fred and Annie Hanson in 1902. Families that lived here were Meyer, Columb, Oscar Kohlman who had a butcher shop here. Phoebe Carmody had her variety store here before she built a new store across the street. Johnny Giesseman and Lee Adams also lived here. (In 2014 it was Schoolhouse Artisan Cheese and Door County Confectionary)

THE JOHN BERTSCHINGER HOUSE - *(#7810 Hwy 42. The property included a lumber yard and feed mill - #7798, #7810 and #7812 Hwy 42)*

It was built in 1906 by Dr. Eames. John Bertschinger bought it from Dr. Eames and started the lumber mill about 1915. Where the paint shop is now Dr. Eames had a drug store. *(In 2014 the house was a hot dog and ice cream shop and the paint shop was Fat Louie's Olive Oil Co., the feed mill and lumber yard were Designworks and Nature Works)*

THE NELSON HARDWARE STORE - *(#7821 Hwy 42)*

Built by Theodore Baraboo in 1911 as a hardware store. Some of the owners have been Francis Bogenschutz, Myles Leroy, Gordon Nelson, and now Herman Rueter. *(At one time there was a pipe shop on the south side). (In 2014 it was Greens-N-Grains)*

THE ALBRECHT VARIETY STORE - *(#7818 Hwy 42)*

It was built in 1938 by Phoebe Carmody. Earl Albrecht now owns it. *(In 2014 it was Double Delites)*

THE FRANCIS BOGENSCHUTZ HOUSE – *(#7829 Hwy 42)*

Truman Thorp from Egg Harbor built this house in 1895. *(Other sources state that the house was built by Levi Thorp for his son Truman Thorp)* Carpenters were Jerry LeMere Sr. and Jerry Jr., and George, Phillip, Frank and Amy LeMere. Otto Woldt had a meat market in it where the electrician shop is now. Owners have been: Levi Thorp-1895, C.A. Speaker-1906, Eugene Gagnon-1911, Otto Woldt-1921, Mabel Woldt-1926, and Francis Bogenschutz-1946. Lester Kihl, Emil Volkman, Oliver Williams and Bernie Anderson have lived in it. The labor for the building was \$395. Eli Forrest was the mason. The land was issued by U.S. President James Buchanan, Thomas J. Albright Secretary's office February 2, 1858, and registered December 28, 1859. *(In 2014 it was the Parador Restaurant)*

THE CADY HOUSE – *(#7836 Hwy 42)*

Levi D. Thorp and his wife Eliza Jane built this house in 1871 with the money he made in the California gold rush. Thorp made \$30,000 *(\$6,000 according to the History of D.C.)* in the gold rush which is like a million today. The labor in 1871 was only \$400. The house is all pine. There aren't any boards on the roof with knots in them. The original wallpaper is still in the hallway. A picture above the lady's bedroom is a queen and above the man's a king which means hers and his. It's the only place in town with a Widow's Walk. It is patterned after the houses in the East. It was called this because when men went fishing their wives were widows until their husbands came back and sometimes they didn't. The wives would watch over the water and watch the harbor for the boats to come back. Cady's bought it in 1908. *(John and Nettie Shields and son Clyde were farm and orchard managers and lived on the first floor). (In 2014 it was the Cupola House Gallery.)*

THE PAUL BERTSCHINGER HOUSE - (#7843 Hwy 42)

Mr. Bertschinger built his house about 1927. He still owns it. *(Other sources indicate he built it in 1931. In 2014 it was the Alpine Resort's winter office and a summer rental)*

CASEY'S INN - (#7855 Hwy 42)

Caseys was first built about 1870 by Anton Rushford. They had dances, church services, and meetings in it. Jerry LeMere bought it in 1889. It burned down on the 4th of July, 1897. There were about 300 people having a dance when Jack Manney discovered the fire. Jerry LeMere, who was a carpenter and mason rebuilt it. No one was hurt in the fire. Other people who lived in it were John Paul, Jerry LeMere Jr., Wagners, and now Lautenbachs. *(It was known as Uncle Jerry's before becoming Caseys in 1938. It remained Casey's in 2014))*

THE PHILLIP LEMERE HOUSE – (#7859 Hwy 42)

Phillip LeMere built this house about 1923. He still owns it. Martin Mogenburg also lives in it. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE JOSEPH LEMERE HOUSE – (#7869 Hwy 42)

This house was built by George LeMere in about 1916. Joseph LeMere now owns it. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE LEONARD KIHL HOUSE – (#7875 Hwy 42)

This house was built about 1912. Jerry LeMere helped build it. Mr. Kihl owned it until 1954 when Francis Bogenschutz bought it. Charles Bogenschutz now lives in it. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE LLOYD SCHNEIDER HOUSE – (#7876 Hwy 42)

It was built about 1900 by Frank LeMere. Phillip Schneider once owned it, but now the Lloyd Schneiders own it. *(No Phillip Schneider can be found, It may have been Phillip LeMere) (It no longer exists, it was replaced by a ranch style private home)*

THE JOHN HALTUG HOUSE – (#7881 Hwy 42)

Mr. Haltug built this house about 1927. He owned it until 1954 when Francis Bogenschutz bought it.. Nelson Henquinet now lives in it. *(Mr. Haltug was a survivor of the Erie Hackley sinking on October 3,1903, he lived in Fish Creek at that time of the sinking) (It was demolished in the 1990s and The Bridge was built in its place. In 2014 it was still The Bridge)*

THE JOHN TANCK HOUSE – (#7885 Hwy 42)

This house was built in about 1918. The lumber came from an old house that was torn down where the Alpine Clubhouse is now. People who have lived there include Arnold Fairchild, Gus Leroy, Harvey Leroy, Jules Desotelle, Lavern LeMere, John Tanck, August Paschke, Mrs. Jacobson, and Nelson Henquinet. The back part is a newer addition. It is now being remodeled, but still is vacant. *(The house was razed in September of 2013 and it was a vacant lot in 2014)*

THE JOHN ANDERSON HOUSE – (#7886 Hwy 42)

This house was built in 1924 by William Belmer of Fond du Lac. Anderson's now own it. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE ALBERT STREGE HOUSE - (#7892 Hwy 42)

Strege's house used to be a cheese factory and Mineral Parent moved it there. People who have lived there were George Vertz, Meyers, Mr. Polcin, Joe Vertz, the Pelkes, Lavern LeMere, Roger Paschke and now Streges. *(In 2014 it was the Yore Place Gallery)*

THE FRANK LAROY HOUSE – (#7897 Hwy 42)

It was built by Frank Laroy about 1930. Arnold Fairchild once rented it. Laroy's now live in it. *(Owned by Lavern LeMere for several years. The house was razed and replaced with a private home)*

THE JOE HAEN HOUSE – (#7899 Hwy 42)

This house was built by Jerry and Allie Shields in 1928. People who have lived there were Arnold Fairchild, James Nelson, and Jerry Shields. The owner is now Joe Haen. This is a stucco structure. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE AUGUST PASCHKE HOUSE – (#7901 Hwy 42)

It was built by Bill Manney in 1910. Some of the people who have lived there were Joe Schneider, Jerome LeMere, Nelson Henquinet, the Johnsons and now the Paschkes own it. *(In 2014 it was the Dovetail Gallery and Studio)*

THE MANNEY HOUSE - (#7904 Hwy 42)

This house was built in 1874. It is called the Manney House but it now belongs to Mrs. Rose Wilson. The original structure was a log cabin. The land grant was signed by President James Buchanan in 1857. This was a homestead and was farmed. It went from the Baileys Harbor road to the Little Hill at Eames, and to Proctors Orchards and then down to the bay. The first Manney house was built by Westens. Mr. Manney was a Pennsylvania Holland Dutch. Mrs. Manney was a Swede. Dances were often held in the big dining room for entertainment. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE LAVERN LEMERE HOUSE – (#7909 Hwy 42)

This house was built in 1898. People who lived there were August Schroeder, Gus Abrahamson, Vincents, Rushfords, Fred Vertz and now Lavern LeMere owns it *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH – *(located next to #7916 Hwy 42)*

This church was built in 1914. The carpenters were A.J. Leroy, Louis Wagner, and many of the people who belonged to that parish. These people also helped with the stone construction. *(Other references state that the church was not completed until 1924 due to delays caused by the Depression and World War I. It was the Calvary Methodist Chapel in 2014)*

THE MINISTER'S HOUSE – (#7916 Hwy 42)

It was built in 1952, Bittorfs were the carpenters. The ministers who have lived there were Rev. Stedman, Rev. Walter, and now Rev. Goehring. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE DR. WESTON HOUSE – (#7917 Hwy 42)

Dr. Weston built it in 1933. Miss Allen now owns it. It is located across from the Lull-a-Bye Motel. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE JERRY LEMERE HOUSE - (#7975 Hwy 42)

This was originally Jerry and Amanda LeMere's house. Mr. LeMere built it in 1913-1914. Francis Bogenschutz has owned it since 1956. *(In 2014 it was the Lost Moth Gallery)*

Buildings Along Horseshoe Bay Road-County Rd 'G'
(from North to South)

THE BARBERSHOP – *(It was located next to #7821 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G)*

It was built about 1875 by George Barringer. For awhile it was a general store. The post office was there in 1917. The post master was Claude Gard. People who have lived there were George Barringer, Phillip and George LeMere. Phoebe Carmody, August Paschke, Lavern LeMere, and now Kenneth Herbst. Spencer Eames owns it now. The barbershop went in there in 1930. Barbers have been George LeMere and now Kenneth Herbst. *(It was located next to the Chocolate Chicken, it was purchased by the village from Harvey Haen in 2001, demolished and made into part of Harbor View Park)*

*** CHARLIE AND HERMAN BIRNSCHEIN'S GARAGE -** *(#7821 Horseshoe By Rd/Cty G. Located south of Harbor View Park)*

Charlie Birnschein opened a garage at this location around 1919 and his brother Herman started working for him at that time. In 1925 Herman started his own tire shop across the highway at what is now #7792 Hwy 42. In 1927 Herman bought out his brother Charlie. Herman operated his "Point Beach Station and Chevrolet Dealership" at both sites (#7792 & 7821) until he sold the business in 1965. (In 2014 it was The Chocolate Chicken and Harbor View Restaurant)

THE CAROLINE VERTZ HOUSE – *(It no longer exists. It was located next to the Chocolate Chicken where the road to the marina now is located)*

It was built in 1904 by Dave Vertz. Gus Schroeder, August Lautenbach, Wallace Wickman, and Paul Monica have lived in it. Now Caroline Vertz lives in it.

THE LOYAL CORNELL HOUSE – *(#7813 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G)*

The original part of this building was put up in 1936. It was started as a cottage but it was never finished. Mr. Cornell bought it and it was remodeled in 1949. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE DALHSTROM HARDWARE STORE – *(#7806 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G)*

It was built in 1933 by Joe Worachek. Owners have been Woracheks, Lloyal Cornell, and Mrs. Emma Sawyer. Bill Carson now owns it, but Kenneth Dalhstrom runs it. The concrete blocks were made by John Beuchner. Oscar and Walter Kurth were the masons. Francis Bogenschutz was a mason tender. They received 20 cents an hour for their work. *(In 2014 it was Blacksmith's Clothing)*

THE CHEESE FACTORY – *(It was located across the road from Blacksmith Clothing #7806 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G)*

Max Wilson built a cheese factory in 1913 on the site where Lester Olson's garage is now located. It was later remodeled into a meat market owned by Otto Woldt. Mr. Olson purchased it from Mr. Woldt and he had a store and meat market in it. This structure burned down in 1931 *(corrected date of 1935)*.

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE – *(Photos show the old schoolhouse located where Cty. G was built between Shipwrecked and the Chocolate Chicken located at the curve in the road just south of #7801 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G)*

The old school house was located behind Lester Olson's house near the bay. It was built about 1855. Before this, school was held in the kitchen of the old Stillwagon house. Some of the teachers were Rose Burdick, Dr. Eames, Peter Jirtle, Dennis D. Donnavon, Clara Higgins, and Mr. Bachus. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyers lived in it for a number of years after the new school was built. Henry Meyers was a blacksmith and had a blacksmith shop across from Grace Carmody's house. Cooney Schneider later operated it. Some of the children used to use it as a playhouse. It was torn down in 1932.

THE WILBUR BERTSCHINGER HOUSE - *(#7802 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G)*

The original house was built by John Guenther in 1900. He fixed shoes and he was also a carpenter. Some of the people who have lived there were August Lautenbach who lived upstairs, and Harvey Ostrand. Then it was empty for awhile. Berschingers bought it and remodeled it in 1948-1949. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

THE LESTER OLSON HOUSE - *(#7801 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G)*

This house was built in 1913 by Max Wilson. A carpenter that helped him was A.J. Leroy. Later owners were Otto Woldt and Lester Olson. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

* *THE ALPINE RESORT - (#7715 Horseshoe Bay Rd/Cty G)*

In 1914, John and Paul Bertschinger repurchased shoreline property with the intention of building a resort. Building was delayed due to the Great Depression and World War I. In 1921, Fred Bertschinger completed the plan for the resort and the Alpine Resort opened on June 18, 1922 with a main lodge, two staff buildings and 20 cottages. In 1930 the first 9-hole golf course was purchased and additional nines were added in 1948, 1976 and 2002. In 2014 the resort continued to be operated by the Bertschinger family.

THE ED McKEE HOUSE – *(#7834 White Cliff Road. Below the main corridor of Hwy 42)*

It was built in 1954 by the Bittorfs. *(It was still a private residence in 2014)*

Note.....the date 2014 was used as a reference date for the structures being it was the 50th anniversary of the Village of Egg Harbor. The Village incorporated in 1964.

V

The First 50 Years of Village Government



A Shortened introduction to chapter 5, “The First 50 Years As a Village”

In a newspaper article from the July 2, 1964 Door County Advocate the following was reported:

- In 1962 some of the Egg Harbor's business men weighed the pros and cons and secured an attorney to come and talk to the people in the village explaining incorporation. (we were part of the Township of Egg Harbor at that time which was formed in 1861)
- In 1963 a meeting was held in the town hall with the attorney and members of the board for the Village of Forestville which had incorporated in 1962 to answer questions concerning the incorporation process they went through. A petition was sent around the village of Egg Harbor to get the proper number of signatures to go ahead with incorporation proceedings.
- A plat plan of village boundaries was drawn up and sent to Madison to get approval of the State Planning Commission. State Assessors were sent up to look over the proposed area and in May all was approved by the State.
- June 24 was election day. A total of 79 votes were cast, 78 voted for incorporation and 1 against.
- Two days after the election favoring incorporation certification was granted by the Secretary of State. (in essence the ‘village’ voted to secede from the Township of Egg Harbor)

The next step was election of Village Officers. Election for officers was held at the town hall on August 6, 1964. The results as posted in the book were:

Harvey Haen – President
William Bertschinger – trustee
Gordon Nevins – trustee
Frank LaRoy – supervisor
Henry Gilson – clerk
Rose Olsen – treasurer
Maurice Moore – Village Assessor
Francis Bogenschultz – Constable
Stephen Follett – Justice of Peace

- On October 16, 1964, for the purpose of organizing, the first official board meeting was for want of no Village government building held at the “Alpine Chalet”
- On November 28, 1964 a special board meeting was held at the home of trustee, Gordon Nevins, it was deemed necessary to borrow \$2,000 from the Bank of Sturgeon Bay at 5% interest for general and current municipal expenses.....so started the running of the Village of Egg Harbor with a \$2,000 bank loan.

Incorporation Proceedings Commence at Egg Harbor

Circulation Of Petitions Is Planned

Proceedings have been started to incorporate the village of Egg Harbor.

A

Village Incorporation Infrequent in County

A news story and a legal notice in this issue of the Advocate indicate that an attempt will be made to create a new incorporated village in Door county. Under consideration is the incorporation of what is now the unincorporated village of Egg Harbor.

Incorporation proceedings have been rare in Door county, there being only three incorporated villages in the county at present time—Sister Bay, Ephraim and Forestville.

Sister Bay was the first of the three to achieve official village status, having been incorporated in 1912. Ephraim followed in 1919. The incorporation of Forestville in 1960 ended a 41-year drought in incorporation proceedings.

What is now the city of Sturgeon Bay was the first incorporated village in Door county, receiving its village charter in 1874. Incorporation as a city followed in 1883.

VILLAGE STORY 7/2/64

For years back some people were talking about incorporating the town of Egg Harbor but it would just go so far and then become a dead issue. In 1962 some of the business men tried again. They weighed the pros and cons and secured an attorney to come to talk to the people in the village explaining what incorporation would entail. Many meetings were held to discuss the matter. They had a plat drawn up to get the right amount of area which was needed for the proposed Village and the number of residents to acquire this. Then in 1963 a meeting was held at the town hall with the attorney and members that were on the board for the village of Forestville when they incorporated in 1962. They answered questions that the people wanted to know how they fared when they went through the procedure of incorporating themselves and for them all worked for the good. A petition was then sent around the Village for the people to sign as a certain number of signers were needed in order for this to go through. The plat was then sent to Madison to get the approval of the State Planning Commissioner. State Assessors were sent up here to look over the proposed area, and in May all this was approved by the State. June 24 an election was held at the town hall to decide if we would be a village or not. There were 79 votes cast — 75 were for incorporation, and 4 against. So from this time forth we will be known as the Village of Egg Harbor. A. BERTSHAM

Egg Harbor 7/1/64 Now village

Egg Harbor is now officially a village. Two days after the June 24 election favoring village status, certification was granted by the secretary of state.

The next step is election of village officers. The election notice will be in the Advocate and will be posted at Schneider's and Vi's stores and at the Egg Harbor town hall.

The election will be held at the town hall Thursday, Aug. 6. Myles LeRoy, Donald Lautenbach and Agnes Bertschinger will serve as inspectors.

Nomination papers for the various offices can be obtained from Norman Stegmann, county clerk. From 5-10% of the incorporation referendum vote total are necessary for nomination petitions. There were 79 votes cast so five signatures would be more than enough for nomination.

Papers must be filed with Ed Bevy, town clerk within 15 days of the election, or July 21.

New officers will be sworn in by clerk of court Herb Gaeth within 10 days following the election.

Positions to be filled are two trustees (one serving only until the spring election), a president, supervisor, assessor, clerk, treasurer, constable and justice of the peace.

File for Egg Harbor posts

Contests for president, supervisor and trustees shaped up as the filing deadline for candidates for Egg Harbor village posts passed Tuesday.

Two men aspire to be president of the new village, Loyal W. Cornell and Harvey G. Haen. The election will take place Aug. 6.

Two trustees will be chosen from three candidates, William Bertschinger, Lester Lautenbach and Gordon Nevins.

Frank LaRoy and Joseph Schneider are competitors for the county board supervisor post.

Unopposed candidates for remaining offices are as follows: Clerk, Henry Gilson.

Treasurer, Rose Olsen.
Assessor, Maurice Moore.
Constable, Francis Bogen-schutz.
Justice of the Peace, Stephen Follett.

Egg Harbor Becomes an Incorporated Village on June 26, 1964

Two days after the June 24, 1964 election favoring village status, certification of such was granted by the Secretary of State. At the June 24 election deciding incorporation, 79 votes were cast, 78 for incorporation and 1 against. So with the certification by the Secretary of State on June 26 Egg Harbor became a village.

Nomination papers were to be filed within 15 days of the election for Village Board Members, or July 21. The results of the election of Village Board Members are show as tabulated on the sample ballot below and on the following page.

Sample

OFFICIAL VILLAGE BALLOT

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, make a cross (X) in the square after the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his name in the blank space provided for that purpose.

PRESIDENT— **Vote For One**

LOYAL W. CORNELL 15

HARVEY G. HAEN 54

TRUSTEES— **Vote For Two**

WILLIAM D. BERTSCHINGER 50

LESTER LYLE LAUTENBACH 34

GORDON A. NEVINS 44

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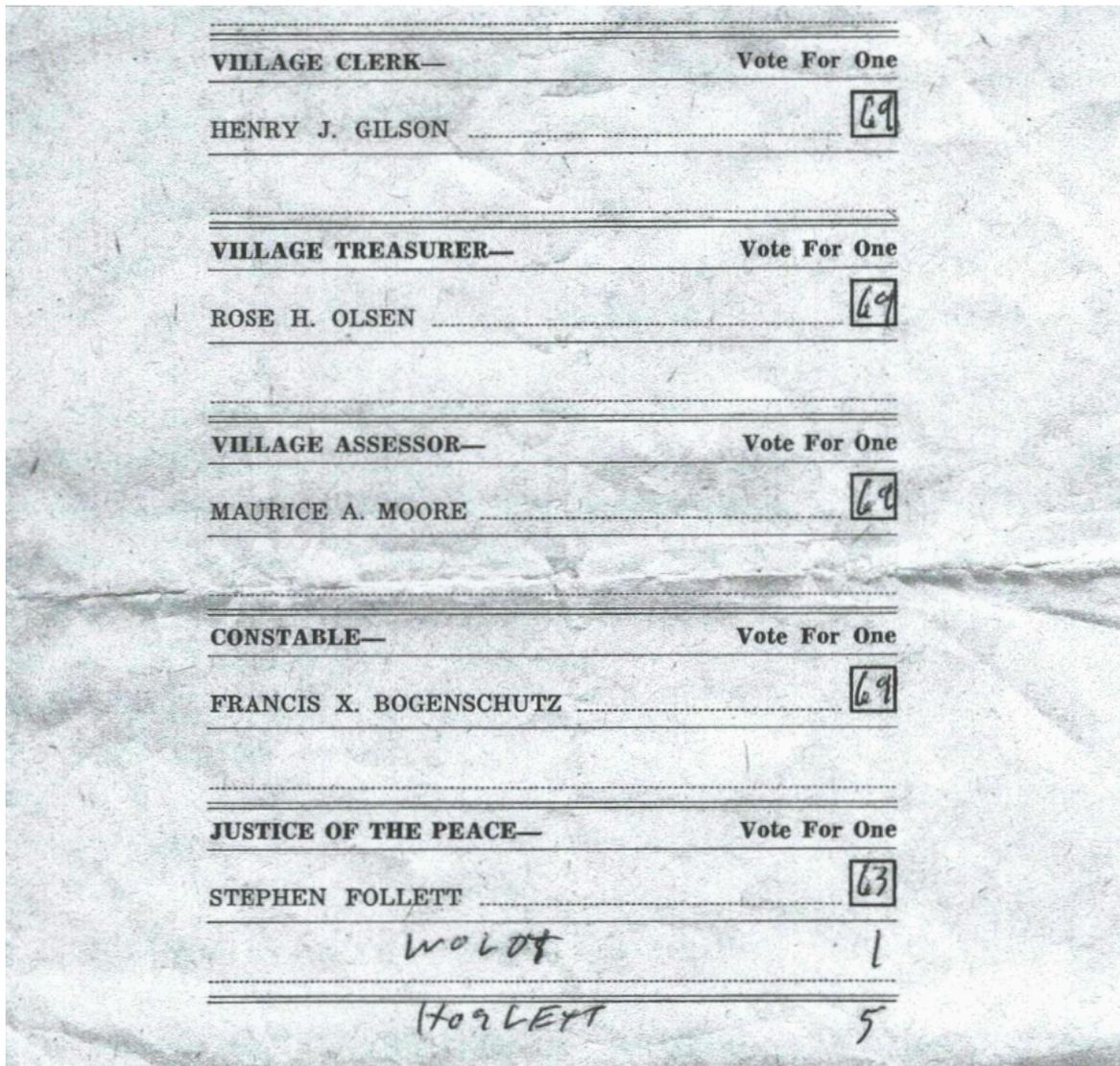
SUPERVISOR— **Vote For One**

FRANK A. LA ROY 78

JOSEPH W. SCHNEIDER 31

128
69
738

(bottom half of the ballot for the new Egg Harbor Village Board)



October 16, 1964 was the first official board meeting held at “Alpine Chalet”:

The Village Board formed with the following members:

- Harvey G. Haen – president
- William D. Bertschinger – trustee
- Gordon A. Nevins – trustee
- Frank A. LaRoy – supervisor
- Henry J. Gilson – clerk
- Rose H. Olsen – treasurer

In addition to the Village Board, Maurice A. Moore was elected Village Assesor, Francis X. Bogenschutz the Constable and Stephen Follett the Justice of Peace.

Officers of the New Village of Egg Harbor



NEW OFFICERS of the village of Egg Harbor were sworn in Wednesday by Clerk of Court Herb Gaeth. From left are Gaeth; Harvey Haen, president; Gordon Nevins and William Bertschinger, trustees; Henry Gilson, clerk; Rose Olsen, treasurer; Maurice Moore, assessor; Frank LaRoy, supervisor; Francis Bogenschutz, constable, and Stephen Follett, justice of the peace. —Advocate

THE FIRST 50 YEARS OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Village of Egg Harbor, Wisconsin
Researched and edited by Linda and Giz Herbst

Throughout researching the project most noted was the periodic surges of village business activity intermingled with periods of time handling daily village routine. "Egg Harbor" during the mid-20th century was a small collection of homes and cottages along with related businesses. The village spent its first 86 years under the auspices of the Township of Egg Harbor. In 1964, the residents thought it was time to incorporate into a Village and go about the business of governing itself as a Village. The catalyst for the decision to incorporate into a Village, rumor has it, was a Township dispute over a street light that was needed at the intersection in the village.

Nothing was found on the decision on the street light dispute, but it's noted that Village business started slow when in its second meeting the board deemed it necessary to borrow \$2000 at 5% from the Bank of Sturgeon Bay for general and current municipal expenses. Business progressed over the years from street light disputes and \$2000 loans to projects costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to millions of dollars in Village business.

The following, is a "brief" log researched and edited from the Village Board minutes. Business activity was selected to reflect the climate of an emerging village. For the most part, absent from the log are the necessary daily actions governing stray dogs, noise issues, sign violations, etc. Efforts were made to report on transactions that "**Enhance The Quality of Life for the Village of Egg Harbor**".

October 16, 1964 – first official board meeting – held at "Alpine Chalet":

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William Bertschinger – trustee
Gordon Nevins – trustee
Frank LaRoy – supervisor
Rose Olsen – treasurer
Henry Gilson – clerk

November 28, 1964 – special meeting at the home of trustee, Gordon Nevins:

It was deemed necessary to borrow \$2000 from Bank of Sturgeon Bay at 5% interest for general and current municipal expenses.

February 8, 1965 - Signs for village were discussed with the Door County Hwy. Dept.

Spencer Eames contacted regarding dumping grounds on property.

Village salaries set at: (with mileage at 7 cents/mile)

Assessor - \$300 plus \$7/meeting
Treasurer - \$250 plus \$7/meeting
Clerk - \$400 plus \$7/meeting
Election inspectors - \$10/day, \$8 if finished early
Clerks for elections - \$8
Constable - \$10
Justice of Peace - \$10
President - \$300 plus \$7/meeting and \$2/hour for special work with a minimum of 2 hours
Trustees - \$7/meeting and \$2/hour for special work with a minimum of 2 hours
Supervisor – no salary.

March 8, 1965 - Fire rig owned by village needs to be mounted on a trailer

April 3, 1965 - Need to borrow \$10,000 from the Bank of Sturgeon Bay for acquiring park facilities, public grounds, recreation and parking area.

April 8, 1965 - Traffic officer employed for summer months.

Gordon Nevins donated \$1000 toward operation of Information Booth.

April 19, 1965 - Offer made to purchase John Bertschinger estate beach property, next to the Alpine Beach, for \$10,553.

October, 1965 - Harvey Haen's Mobil Station to be headquarters for all village tools. Harvey to keep tabs on men working with village tools.

So went the first year of Village Board business and the addition of property to Enhance the Quality of Life in the Village.

In 1966:

The following were selected for fire calls: Harvey Haen, Roger Paschke and Albert Strege. The fire bell at Bertschinger's Feed Mill moved to Harvey Haen residence.

Suggested that Sheriff Baldy Bridenhagen talk with village cop, Nels Henquinet.

In 1967:

Village will pay 1/3 yearly \$3746.70 contract with Sister Bay's Going Garbage. Balance will be shared by residents according to collection service received.

Joseph Haen and Roland Woldt appointed to spread the beaches with lime to take care of the dead alewife (fish) problem.

In 1968 - 1974:

Rose Olsen in charge of planting and upkeep of entrance garden to the village.

Village will pay for all garbage pickup.

Liquor licenses granted to: Casey's Inn, Murphy Moore, Midtown Tap, George's Anchor Inn, and Lena's Sip and Chat.

Village library fund set at \$1,300 for the year.

Mrs. Dannhausen, chairperson of Egg Harbor Library Board, invited board to open house at the library located in "Stage Coach Junction" on November 22, 1969.

Board voted to purchase on equal basis with Town of Egg Harbor Board, the Sister Bay fire engine, delivery on June 1, 1970

Austin Frazer will make drawings for the Village Dock.

Will borrow \$150,000 at 3.5% interest from the Bank of Sturgeon Bay for construction of and addition to the village dock, and repair of the existing.

Village purchased an information building from Berns Lumber Co. for \$1,900.

Dock revenue included \$2280.90 for season docking and \$245 for overnight dockage.

In 1977 - 1978:

Village school house on School Road put up for bids to take it down.

The following activity was the first big action taken to beautify the village and open up the downtown to the view of the harbor, a prime tourist attraction. It was difficult to find in board minutes since we were looking for the sale of the Clover Farm Grocery Store, located on the downtown corner. Research found that actually the grocery store was not the last business in the building, but an antique shop was the last to occupy the building that for the first half of the century was the Wilson Grocery Store, a Red Owl and then a Clover Farm Grocery Store. The transaction in board minutes is only referred to as the "Coleman-Murphy Property".

April 11, 1977 - Board adopted resolution on the Coleman-Murphy Property. "WHEREAS, it is desirable to expand the Dock Park in order to provide additional space and to provide a scenic view from the commercial are of the Village..." The Village resolved to purchase the property offered at \$25,000.

April 16, 1977 – Board discussed offer for Coleman-Murphy Property, including \$2,500 deposit.
May 9, 1977 – Board offered to purchase Coleman-Murphy Property at \$25,000. Offer was accepted. July 1st closing on the property.
October 27, 1977 – Board accepted a bid for \$5,000 for demolition of both buildings, the school building, and (what can only be assumed, the old grocery store).
November 14, 1977 – Survey “the property” for a park.

So, with that deal, and later acquisition of two adjoining properties, the Village had a magnificent water view park to preserve for the enjoyment of many forever. In 1978 the first layout for Harbor View Park took place with leveling and landscaping.

In 1980:

Preliminary census figures show 239 residents in the village.

In 1982:

Planning for improvements are being made for the highway between Egg Harbor and Fish Creek, to be done in 1985.

In 1983 - 1985:

March 14, 1983 - Egg Harbor's Women's Club asked for meeting on March 21 to discuss the possibility of a Community Center. Women's Club brought up uses for a Community Center: meeting rooms, village offices, library, information booth, a meal site for the Bureau of Aging, kitchen, public restrooms and a multipurpose room with a gym floor.

With the catalyst coming from the Women's Club, the Village was on its next venture, the creation of a Community Center.

June 8, 1983 – Suggested to purchase the Stage Coach Junction for the site of the Community Center.

October 10, 1983 – Suggested to locate the center at the dock area.

December 12, 1983 – Stage Coach Junction site was purchased by another association.

March 12, 1984 – Possible remaining sites: north end of Bank Property, Zawojski's property, Mitchell and Sollenberger property across from the fire station, and dock location. 6,000 sq.ft. of space estimated as a need to cover suggested uses. Egg Harbor Yacht Club requested space in the center and thus preferred the dock site.

May 30, 1984 – Architect hired for the center project. He felt a \$150,000 budget would be tight, several board members felt the property cost should not be part of that budget.

June 18, 1984 – Bank Property was the first choice for building the center. Preliminary plans had the size reduced to 4,700 sq.ft., of which the Post Office would rent 1,485 for \$16,000/year.

July 12, 1984 – William Bertschinger announced that his family: Gladys Bertschinger, Dorothy Hoslett and himself would make a \$75,000 donation to the center in memory of their father Paul Bertschinger. They requested that the building be named the “Paul J. Bertschinger Community Center”.

November 12, 1984 – Resolution for borrowing \$275,000 for building the center at 8% interest, to be paid back over 15 years.

November 19, 1984 – Contracts were awarded to accepted bids for the center for a grand total of \$313,146. Efforts to be made to negotiate some reductions in cost.

February 18, 1985 – Donations have reached \$27,661.37 for the center. Still plan on being in the center by June 1st despite the snow.

March 11, 1985 – Dedication Committee has plans for a pot-luck supper for the village residents and tax payers to view the center on June 23.

June 10, 1985 – The Post Office moved into the Community Center.

July 8, 1985 – Architect will make a final inspection of the center on July 15 at 6:30pm.

Another important addition to the Village of Egg Harbor was completed.

In 1985 – 1988:

November 4, 1985 - Hearing held presenting a summary for the need for a waste water treatment system because of the high bedrock and ground water contamination. Village board toured several treatment systems and decided an oxidation ditch system seemed most practical for our area. Initial cost estimate of \$3,970,000 with 60% funding, leaving \$1.8 million cost for the village. At about 758 users, the individual cost would be \$2,500 per residence for construction. Yearly operating cost would be \$97,000/year, or about \$235/year per residence. (so started another major Village project)

November 26, 1985 - How about installing a water system at the same time. Estimated cost - \$2,614,000, if done at the same time as the treatment system, but at a later date, estimated cost - \$3.8 million.

December 17, 1985 - Board voiced support for now is the time to proceed with the waste water treatment project before funding dries up.

October 3, 1986- Resolution made to purchase lands necessary to complete a municipal sewerage treatment system at the south end of the village (baseball park area), across from Chief Oshkosh.

October 13, 1986 - Engineers are busy working on reports to be filed by October 15 for the system. Suggested we require annexation if out of village developments want to be hooked up to the system and that they pay their share.

January 12, 1987 – Motion passed to go ahead with engineering to bury water pipe with the treatment system along Hwy 42 between School Road and Cty. E.

May 13, 1988 – Contracts were signed by the Egg Harbor Waste Water Treatment Plant Contractors, the Village of Egg Harbor, and engineers, Robert Lee & Associates.

March 14, 1988 - Hwy 42 Committee adopted a concept for development of downtown improvements, including the Harbor View Park and waterfront beautification as part of the 1989 Hwy 42 upgrade.

April 18, 1988 - New waste water treatment plant ready to accept sewerage.

The biggest and most important improvement to the Village was completed with the water treatment plant system.

In 1989:

Public hearings on issues of REU payments for sewerage service, new sidewalks, curb and gutter concerns, new street lighting, and landscaping along the Hwy 42 upgrade.

Final landscaping project bids opened and contract awarded at \$39,126 for the “Walkways and Trail Development Project”.

Inspection made on the landscaping project along Hwy 42 and a number of items need further attention.

Letter from Country Gardener's Garden Club commended the Village on recent landscaping and the “Walkways and Trails project”.

In 1990-1993:

November 6, 1990 - Joint Village and Township meeting. Bids were opened for the sale of the old fire truck. Bid #1 - \$252.50. Bid #2 - \$252.00. The bid for \$252.50 was accepted.

July 8, 1991 - Bell tower donation made to the Calvary United Methodist Church and Village. Bill Bertschinger explained that the plan is for the bells to toll at noon and 6:00pm with music which would be seasonal. Donation approved.

January 10, 1992 - Discussion on the status of Cable TV in the Village as the result of dissolution of Door Cable.

February 10, 1992 - Plan Commission recommends Ten Year Plan for the Village:
Mandatory to plant trees alongside new roads in the Village (by the developer).
Develop nature trails, bird stations, etc. on Village 10 acre site by Cty G and South Trail.
Purchase additional shore property for recreational purposes.
Construct toilet facilities at the swimming beach.
Improve playground equipment at the dock and swimming beach.
Encourage development of more residential homes (with in-house businesses such as arts and crafts) to keep smallness and uniqueness of our Village.

February 24, 1992 - Robert Doneff purchased 220 acres of Egg Harbor Orchards property existing within and contiguous to the Village corporate limits. He desires to annex these properties into the Village and asks for zoning to change from AG to R-2 for his Eames Farm Condominium Association Project.

May 11, 1992 - Doneff's first phase of development would be 20 acres for 56 units at the Egg Harbor Orchards site. He would later petition to annex approximately 71 acres for further development.

July 12, 1993 - In a show of hands for support of Doneff's request for rezoning from AG to R-2 there were 30 from the audience in support and none against.
Village board voted 4 to 1 for rezoning the property in question from AG to R-2.

September 13, 1993 - Proposal for perennial flower planting along Hwy 42 from Cape Cod Motel to Cty.E, using daffodils and tulips. In their scaled down version, Jerry Ploor and Robert Pence planned to plant 14,000 daffodils and 2,000 tulips.

220 acres of Dr. Eames Farm became The Eames Farm Condominium complex..

In 1995-1999:

January 9, 1995 - Discussion over discontinuing the Village service of trash collection.

June 12, 1995 - Pointed out that Egg Harbor is the only municipality in northern Door County that has a passing zone within the Village on the state highway, we should have this changed.

November 13, 1995 - Board petitioned by approximately 94 people requesting reinstatement of Village provided trash collection because it is a worthwhile governmental service.

January 25, 1996 - Resolution from the Town of Egg Harbor and the Village of Egg Harbor to form a joint fire department.

April 15, 1996 - Sewerage treatment plant's flow of waste increased 30% over last year. In near future the plant will not be able to handle the load. We might have to turn away outside haulers or come up with expensive expansion. If system is too small after only 8 years of operation, then there was an engineering problem from the start.

May 20, 1996 - Purchase 5.5 acres of land behind the fire station and northerly to Ridgewood Condominium property line for \$115,000 to be used for a public park.

August 5, 1996 - Request from fire department to order a new fire truck with a 100 ft. aerial ladder costing between \$415,000-\$475,000.

Another 5.5 acres were added to the Village for park purposes.

- October 16, 1996 - The bank will be razing its existing structure and building much larger. Business Association has negotiated to acquire it for an information center. The Association is seeking permission to have it moved to the east end of the Bertschinger Community Center property. Cost of the move, between \$12,000-\$15,000. The building could become Village property and the Business Association would lease it.
- October 29, 1996 - "Waterside Development" volunteered 40 feet of property to the Village to be added to the east of the existing Community Center lot for the purpose of making room to move the bank building and making into a visitor center.
- March 19, 1997 - 7 acres of Eames Farm property rezoned from AG to R-1 for single family residence.
- September 29, 1997 - Fire department recommends a used 1986 ladder truck from Wichita, Kansas. Board OKs a bid of \$195,00 on the truck instead of purchasing a new truck for \$415,000+.
- November 3, 1997 - Fire truck bid rejected. A bid of \$230,000 was re-submitted. That offer was also turned down.
- January 7, 1998 - A used 1980 ladder truck in Lancaster, Penn. was located for \$135,000. Letter of intent to purchase was sent and representatives sent out to inspect the truck and if acceptable, purchase would be made.
- October 12, 1998 - Preliminary reports recommend replacement of the upper level of the dock with new timbers and concrete estimated at \$413,000. A grant could be applied for to help with the cost.
- May 19, 1999 - Board reviewed proposed ordinance creating the position of Village Administrator. Village attorney to draft an ordinance creating the position of combined Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator.
- June 24, 1999 - Dock Committee came up with a repair list totaling \$339,800. \$8,800 was donated for a flag pole to be placed at the end of the dock. Beach bathrooms with a well and running water planned at a cost of \$52,200. Egg Harbor Business Association request the use of Harbor View Park for free concerts to be held on Thursday afternoon from July 1 through August 12.
- July 26, 1999 - Bids opened for construction of the Beach Bathrooms, \$56,108 was the low bid accepted.
- September 20, 1999 - Bids opened for the dock repair. Low bidder at \$515,895 was Harbor Construction of Baileys Harbor. Start date is October 18th with a completion date of May 25, 2000.
- October 11, 1999 - A total of 73.12 acres of Doneff's Eames Farm property annexed to the village.
- November 29, 1999 - Michael Schiedermeier interviewed and hired as the Village's first administrator, he requested a starting salary of \$48,000 for year 2000 with a \$2,000 per year increase for the next 3 years. A simple IRA plan, funded by the employee, was also included.

With the hiring of a Village Administrator the way the Village conducted business was changed.

In 2000:

Board executive sessions were held for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of properties of Harvey Haen home and Callsen-Ploor (the Robert Pence Gallery).
Bid of \$176,774 was accepted for addition to the Bertschinger Community Center.

February 12, 2001- Resolution authorizing the acquisition of the Harvey Haen (home) property at \$160,00 and the Robert L. Pence Gallery (Callsen-Ploor property) at \$305,000.

February 12 (con't) - Bids received for the demolition of the Pence Gallery, lowest bid of \$10,195 was accepted.
Contractor planning on starting construction on Community Center addition this week.

With the acquisition of the Haen Home and Pence Gallery the Village added very valuable property to join the acquisition of the 'Grocery Store' property in 1977, which was phase one of the Harbor View Park development. The Haen Home was to the immediate south and the Pence Gallery to the immediate north of the Harbor View Park.

May 14, 2001- Amendment to the Harvey Haen home property purchase to set the closing date at June 22, 2001.

October 8, 2001 - Buildings and Grounds Committee recommended to bid the demolition of the Harvey Haen home.

Recommended to remove and donate perennials which are located in the rear of the Pence property only.

October 29, 2001 - Bid for \$10,050 for demolition of the Haen home with the stipulation that it be completed by December 1, 2001.

With the demolition of the Haen and Pence properties, the Harbor View Park could move on to its continuous metamorphosis into one of Door County's finest parks.

In 2003-2006:

February 10, 2003 - President of the Eames Farm Association will be meeting with Market Center Development for further agreement proposals on the proposed expansions at Newport Resort.

March 10, 2003 - WPS gave cost estimate for underground power lines along Hwy 42 as well as telephone lines. The cost ranged from ½ million to \$1.7 million.

Harbor Committee is planning for new restrooms at the dock area, including separate facilities and showers for the dock tenants

May 12, 2003 - Proposal by Eames Farm Association (Egg Harbor View LLC), which formed to preserve the open space view between Eames Farm and Hwy 42 and the Bay of Green Bay. Proposal was due to Mainstreet Development's application to construct 10 buildings for a total of 28 condo units just south of the existing Newport Resort and beneath the Eames Farm condos. Unsuccessful attempts to work with the developer led to an offer of \$600,000 to purchase the property (6.18 acres). Proposal would have the Village acquire this parcel from Egg Harbor View LLC. EHV LLC would contribute \$300,000 and offer the parcel to the Village for \$300,000. Benefits were stated to the Village in how the parcel would help preserve small town charm.

Motion made by the board to send this proposal to respective committees for recommendation to the Village Board.

June 9, 2003 - Village Board reminded that the Plan Commission did approve annexation of the Orchards property to the Village. Motion to annex the Orchards property died for a lack of a second.

October 13, 2003 - Bid of \$169,493 was accepted for the building of the dock restrooms.

June 14, 2004 - Presentation by Charter Communications regarding cable service in the Village of Egg Harbor.

Recommendation of Harbor Committee to contact Coastal Planning and Design, Inc. to inspect damage to North Dock and make recommendation on course of action. Dock has wash outs under the 2000 reconstructed crib.

- March 14, 2005 - Ordinance regulating the removal of snow and ice from public sidewalks passed requiring the property owners to remove the snow or be billed by the village for its removal.
- July 11, 2005 - Buildings and Grounds Committee reported on the Egg Harbor View LLC's donation proposal of 6.1 acres of land to the Village. The committee recommends that Seaquist Orchards expand their orchard onto 5 acres of this property for a minimum 30 year lease, and the Village would develop a park on the remaining acre. EHV LLC is looking for this sizable charitable donation for recouping a portion of their investment. No action was taken on the report.
- August 8, 2005 - We are under a two year property tax freeze as signed by the Governor. We cannot spend, borrow against needs for expenditures or present a referendum to the citizens.
- September 12, 2005 - Motion passed to accept the Egg Harbor View LLC's 6.1 acre land donation of which 5 acres will be leased to Seaquist Orchards and 1 acre made into a Village park. Access to the park would be off Church Street.

So, another piece of valuable property was added to the Village, another component in the enhancement of the quality of life.

- October 10, 2005 - Charter Cable is waiting on WPS and Verizon to issue permits and if it happens soon, we should have service in one month.
- November 14, 2005 - EHV LLC's donated land to be named "Eames Cherry View Park". Concept proposals for the acre park were started, including a band shell/restroom structure.
- October 25, 2006 - Ad Hoc Committee to advise the Village Board on the following objectives: design and build an EH Village fire station, complete design and building by November 1, 2007, maximum cost at \$1 million, and determine ownership and disposition of the current Station #1.

In 2007-2008:

- March 12, 2007 - Recommendation by the board that the Village proceed with the design for the fire station at \$1.4 million construction level.
- May 14, 2007 - Peg Egan Performing Arts band shell to be located at the Eames Cherry View Park has been planned and is under construction with a July 1st opening date planned.
- July 16, 2007 - Authorized JJR LLC to proceed on the Egg Harbor Marina Design for a design cost of \$246,500.
- July 19, 2007 - Village Board makes a motion to offer \$1.6 million to purchase the Troup property adjoining the present village beach property on the north side, approximately 1 acre with 150 feet of shoreline and a house built in 1922.
- September 10, 2007 - Peg Egan Performing Arts Center (PEPC) is near completion.
- November 12, 2007 - The conceptual layout dated November 12, 2007 was approved for the new marina by the board.
- April 14, 2008 - Troup house on new beach park property demolished for \$21,036.
- May 12, 2008 - Two designs for the new marina will be presented at a public hearing on June 30.

Upon the resignation of the Village's first administrator, Josh Van Lieshout was hired as administrator in July of 2007. 2007-2008 were years of huge investments in the future character of the Village with the planning of the Fire Station No.1, purchasing the Troup property, completion of the Peg Egan Center, and the beginning of design work for a new marina.

In 2009:

- March 26 - Referendum on the new marina project set for May 26 with a cost of \$6.6 million.
- April 13 - Bids on Phase I for the marina have been rejected and rebidding on Phase I will be reopened on May 1st. (removal of old dock and building of new breakwater)
- May 11 - Re-bidding on Phase I came in with a low bid of \$4,533,110.
Bid opening on Phase II is scheduled for May 22 at 2:00pm. (building new dock)
- May 28 - The marina referendum on May 26th was defeated.
It was suggested introducing another referendum as soon as possible addressing some of the concerns over the first proposal and possible grants.
- June 18 - Second referendum for the marina project set for July 28, 2009.
- June 22 - New language for second referendum suggested to be changed to “not exceed \$3.8 million in additional financing for new construction and total construction costs estimated to be \$6 million inclusive of design and engineering fees to date, with 50% being funded from property taxes, and the remainder shall be repaid from user fees, and state and federal grants.”
No decision made after much discussion. Meet on June 24 to decide the language.
- June 24 - Final proposal ended up as...”not exceed \$4.3 million in additional financing for new construction and total construction costs estimated to be \$6.5 million”. Motion carried on the wording of the second referendum.
- July 29 - Results of the marina second referendum: 104 ballots in favor and 75 opposed.

The rest of 2009 was spent securing financing and grants, and actual demolition of the old dock and work on construction of the breakwater until the winter's ice shut down the building process.

In 2010:

- January 11 - A letter was received from the Egg Harbor Historical Society inquiring about what seed money may be available from the Village of Egg Harbor and the Town of Egg Harbor to assist in the start up of the Egg Harbor Historical Society.
Village of Egg Harbor Board donated \$500 to the EHHS.
- February 8 - Marina project is on schedule with the Grand Opening set for August 14, 2010.
- March 8 - Phase II is ready to go, the piers are built and we are waiting for the ice to move out.
Phase III, (upland improvement) plans are set for bidding on the marina project.
- August 9 - Marina is paved and marked, it is pretty much complete.
Installation of the granite for the Hackley memorial will happen Wednesday.
- August 14 – A day of celebration was held in Egg Harbor for the Grand Opening of the new Marina.
- September 13 – Should The Village use room tax money to promote tourism? A third of the room tax money goes to the Egg Harbor Business Association and a third to PEPAC (Peg Egan Performing Arts Center).
- October 11 – Great Lakes Restoration granted \$274,000 for construction of Beach Quality surface overflow, parking lot, and storm water runoff project.
- October 27 – Waterways Commission will be awarding an additional grant of \$319,000 to the Village of Egg Harbor.
It was moved that the Village propose to the Town of Egg Harbor to extend the Fire Station No.1 construction to add a library facility, motion passed unanimously.
- November 8 – Consensus suggests a separate building on the Fire Station No.1 site for a library.
- November 15 – Motion passed to relocate the existing harbormaster building at the marina to the Beach Park for \$16,300 and to build a new safety and service building to replace the harbormaster building.

December 13 – Approved the sale of the 1972 Egg Harbor volunteer fire department pumper truck to Andrew Staats, Jason Staats and Jeremy Schopf.

The concept plan has been reviewed and will go to the Harbor Committee for them to make a recommendation to the Village Board for the proposed Safety and Services Building. (replacement for the harbormaster building)

Architect is working on the drawings for Fire Station No.1.

The completion of Egg Harbor's new marina in 2010 was one of the Village's largest accomplishments, second only to it's Waste Water Treatment Facility. With the acquisition of three properties over the years to make the downtown Harbor View Park and finally the marina, Egg Harbor now has the most beautiful village site in Door County. Another lasting “Enhancement To Our Quality Of Life.”

With the dedication of the new marina in August, village business settled into more of the usual. However, two new concepts were introduced; adding a new library with the fire station No.1 construction project and building a new harbormaster building for the just dedicated marina.

In 2011:

January 10 – Discussion concerning the proposed Safety and Services Building at the marina to replace the harbormasters building. Issues: would the two story height obstruct the view of the bay and marina from Harbor View Park; the top floor could hold about 50 people in standing position; sewer services will need to be provided to the building; planning started with an estimate of \$130,000, the budget estimate came in at \$210,000. The harbor committee was directed to continue working with the engineers and bring a recommendation back to the board.

Elevation and interior layouts for Fire Station No.1 are available and recommendations will be brought to the Joint Town and Village meeting.

Motion passed for an intergovernmental agreement for the Door County Coastal Byways Council.

A request was made regarding building a dog park in Egg Harbor.

March 14 – Contract awarded to Harbor Construction of Baileys Harbor for boat trailer and beach parking improvements in the amount of \$314,872.50.

April 11 – Changes to Fire Station No.1 project involve a new estimate of \$175,000, down from the budgeted \$300,000, will give room for options such as paving the parking lot, installing sewer, and back-up generator so the facility could be used as a place of refuge if necessary.

Park Committee Reports: Blue pole street lights will be replaced with new black poles with downcast metal halide lighting.

South Trail walking trail is shaping up, it will be gravel.

Harbor View Park timbers will be replaced with stone terrace steps and new terraces developed.

Beach parking lot improvements are to be made and concession/storage building constructed.

April 27 – Special Meeting held in closed session for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties for library/community building purposes.

May 9 – Reference made to Myles Dannhausen's April 3 letter in which the Historical Society requested the Village Public Works personnel to help with some signage to enhance the historical aspects of the Village. Consensus of the board approved.

June 13 – Harbor Committee stated maybe a renovation of the existing harbormaster building is a more logical than a complete new Safety and Services Building at a cost up to \$250,000.

It was noted that the Village had been in closed session with a Village owner about their property for a new library. Owners of the Decorator's Gallery were invited to this meeting but not being in attendance, the Board is forced to conclude there is no interest on their part.

It was stated that this Village library site has the highest use per square footage and the Village should be considering addressing this need.

Permeable paver bricks will be installed between the sidewalks and curb in some places in the downtown area.

August 8 – Public Art Committee will add three works to the Village, “Sunset Melody” a mosaic sculpture mounted on the side of the Peg Egan building by Kathleen Mand Beck, Renee Schwaller, Cynthia Board and Angela Lensch. Stone sculptures by Jeff Olson, “The Performers” placed at the Peg Egan Performing Arts Center and the “Seafarer” placed on the apex of the marina breakwall will also be added.

October 10 – Fire Station No.1 construction has started.

October 24 – Harbor Hounds dog park has raised \$3,398 and paid the Village \$1,500 for brushing and clearing the park site. They are asking for an advance of about \$15,000 for fence and construction of the park. Total cost of the park is \$22,000 with amenities of a port-a-potty, small shelter and benches. Harbor Hounds will continue to work with business and individuals to raise money to pay the Village back.

December 6 – Special meeting moved to closed session to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties for library/community building purposes. Consideration and action on the closed session item moved to have the buyer's representative deliver the Commercial Offer to Purchase to the seller's representative with an acceptance date deadline of January 4, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

December 12 – Resolution authorizing up to \$750,000 be borrowed from the Wisconsin Trust Fund for the purpose of community beautification and the purpose of a building for a library and community needs.

2011 was a year of recess after the hectic year of completing the new marina in 2010, but with the number of closed sessions held for the purpose of... “to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties for library/community building purposes”... implications were that there were more Village projects on the way.

2012 started with a special session called on January 9th at 5:30pm with an adjournment to closed session for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties for library/community building purposes.

January 9 (Con't) – (in regular session) it was reported the final construction cost for Fire Station No.1 would be about \$280,000 and with professional service the project was expected to be under the \$300,000 budget.

Motion at 8:01pm to again go into closed session for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties for library/community building purposes.

February 13 – (Joint Village Board and Business Association Meeting) EHBA reported there are three new events: Art Fair, Car Show, and Hops on the Harbor.

Three other events were noted in addition to Pumpkin Patch Fest and the 4th of July: Holly Days in November, Frosty Fest with New Year's Day activities, and Girlfriends Great Escape in May.

- February 13 (con't) – (in regular session) Motion at 9:24pm to go into closed session for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties for library/community building purposes.
- March 12 – Decorator's Gallery owners relayed their frustration with the Board's decision to not purchase their property.
After a year of talking about a property that would allow for a new library, visitor center and much more, a location was found. It was moved to purchase the property located at 7740 State Hwy 42 (best remembered by many locals as Lena's Sip & Chat) for a purchase price of \$350,000 from the Cowles Limited Partnership in Green Bay, motion was seconded and carried.
New beach restrooms were contracted for with Carlson Erickson for a total cost of \$132,774.
- April 9 – 500 signatures were presented opposing the demolition of Lena's and instead in favor of restoration of the building to a functional property. Village property owners were allowed to speak concerning the property.
Motion to demolish the building at a cost of \$12,700 passed with 'Tipping Fees' being billed directly to the village.
- May 14 – Five 'pocket parks' are planned for the Village.
Dog Park will have a “soft opening” taking place on Memorial Day Weekend.

June through October was routine government. A community meeting was held on October 25th to get input from the public concerning concepts for the new Cowles Center to include the library, visitor center, community use space and other perceived needs and wishes.

- November 12 – Is there a feral cat problem in the Village?
The 2013 budget was adopted levying a tax - \$1,007,039.
- December 10 – A timeline for the Cowles Center project presented.

2012 ended with expectations of planning for the new Cowles Center.

In 2013: (the 50th year of Village business)

- February 11 - To date, \$22,000 in donations for free summer Sunday evening performances at the Peg Egan Center.
Recommendation by Giz and Linda Herbst that the Village purchase the condemned Rosenburg property on Hwy 42 to be made into a 'bluff sunset view park'
- March 11 – Dovetail Gallery's egg collection will be donated to the Village.
Reported that Harbor Hounds Dog Park gets loud on Saturdays and that the chain link fence is unsightly.
- April 8 – Board was asked why the board was discussing possibly purchasing land in closed session and not in open session.
Egg Harbor was presented the award of Wisconsin Bird City USA.
Overflow parking at the beach is a problem.
- May 13 – Bill Miller to serve as co-chair for the Cowles Center Ad Hoc Committee.
Plan to finish the replacement of the 23 street lights for \$81,000 and the park/village beautification for \$34,876 and some marina projects for \$34,124.
- June 10 – Stated that the beach land that the Village last purchased doesn't look like public park land, but it looks like a private kayak rental place.
Cowles Center Committee is moving ahead and has identified a professional to help with the capital campaign. RFP's for architects/engineers are due June 20th.

- July 8 – It was asked about the parking study that was just done and that it was recommended that the Village doesn't purchase land to make a parking lot.
Interviews of the Cowles Center architect/engineer firms will be July 18th.
Rosenburg asked the village to tear down his condemned house and roll the cost to the tax roll.
The metal sculpture 'The Rooster' was added to Harbor View Park.
Motion to purchase the property from the Fitzgerald Family Trust for \$85,000 (located on Church St. across from the Peg Egan Center, Village presently leases the lot for parking). Motion carried.
- August 12 - \$10,000 grant given to the Egg Harbor Business Association to help fund its Alefest.
Cowles Center committee recommended the firm of Hammel, Green and Abrahamsen, Inc. for the Cowles Center project including a library and many other things. Motion by the board to accept the recommendation carried.
Fact finding meetings will be held with the public and stakeholders for the planning of the Cowles Center.
Coastal Byways kiosk is being installed in Harbor View Park.
- September 9 – Summer of 2013 ended the 6th year of free Sunday night concerts at the PEPAC with approximately a total of 49,000 attendees.
AT&T proposed a stealth tower at the Bertschinger Center with much contention from residents as to the location. Two other possible sites given by AT&T were the baseball park at the sewerage plant and the swimming beach.
Planning for the Village's 50th anniversary continues with the plan of having artist design 50 large eggs to be displayed for the summer of 2014 as part of an Eggstravaganza event.
- October 14 – After rejection of proposed sites within the Village, AT &T will be looking for sites for its tower outside the Village.
Room Tax Fund is renamed Entertainment and Arts Fund.
A trustee suggested that the Village get out of joint cemetery and ball field agreement.
Cowles Center Ad Hoc Committee has the capital campaign as its focus at this time.
Egg Harbor Business Association rates were raised from \$250 to \$300.
Pumpkin Patch was a success, earning about \$75,000, Alefest was about \$5,000 short.
- November – An uneventful month.
- December 9 – Cowles Center capital campaign request materials are nearing completion.
Bird City USA Committee will be putting a Purple Martin house up at the marina.
- December 11 – Meeting called to order at 1:50pm. Approved a certified survey map creating 1 lot located in Gov't Lot 1, Section 34, Town 30 North, Range 26 East. Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm. (short order of business to end the year)

2013 business was fairly mundane except for the beginnings of the planning for the Cowles Center and the controversial proposal from AT&T for building a 130 foot tower on the Bertschinger Community Center property. The Village added more property to its real estate with the parking lot on Church Street. And we'll all be looking for the Purple Martin house at the marina.

It's been a long story to tell, from the beginning on October 16, 1964 when the Village of Egg Harbor was incorporated due to a dispute over a street light, to its first action of borrowing \$2,000 from the bank to cover general and current expenses to, after 50 years, purchasing of an Egg Harbor icon, Lena's Sip & Chat and its demolition making room for a new library and community center, the Cowles Center. A 50 year story worth telling. It's not the end, Village business and growth will continue, there are still many projects on the agenda to “Enhance the Quality of Life In the Village of Egg Harbor”.

VI

Present Designated Historic Sites



**Historic Village of Egg Harbor
(as in year 2014, the 50th
anniversary of the village)
From the South end to North end
of Highway 42**

**#7653 – Private residence
was Adolph Polzien's
home**

The house was built in 1926 by Adolph Polzien from logs salvaged from a granary building in Fish Creek.



**#7663 – Private residence
was Ed Kabat's home**

Built by Ed Kabat in 1938 of 'hard head' stones collected in the area. The stones were dropped by the ice age glacier.



**#7681 Hwy 42 – Patricia Shoppe
was the Old Town Hall**

The original hall built in the 1880s burned and a new one was built immediately by Jerry LeMere on the same



location. It was used for general elections, social gatherings and as a protestant church when a minister was available before the Union (Calvary) Church was built. Annual town meetings made this the center for lively discussions between town and village residents which eventually led to Village Incorporation in 1964. Movies were shown here during World War II, in the late 40s and early 50s. There were teen "sock hops" held in the 50s and 60s. Heat was upgraded, but there was never plumbing. The restrooms were in the 'outhouse'. This building was used until October of 1990. The fire truck was stored for years in the garage at the back.

**#7710 Hwy 42 – St. John the Baptist Catholic
Church and Rectory**

The church was dedicated on October 5, 1910 and the bell tower was finished a year later. Land was donated by Charles and Delia LaRouche. It is believed it cost \$2000 to build. Families pledged either labor or \$100 to build the church. The adjoining Rectory was completed in 1918. Renovation of the



interior was done in 1973 to implement Vatican II changes and redecorating was again done in 1992. The shrine in honor of the Blessed Mother was donated by Felix and Julie Milfeld in 1964. The church is now part of Stella Maris Parish which includes northern Door Catholic Churches.

**#7730 Hwy 42 – Something Fishy
was Norman Kabat's Shell Gas Station**

The station was built by Norman (Bud) Kabat in 1949. Herman Forey laid the blocks and Bittorfs did the carpentry. The building was owned by Shell and several people ran the station after Kabat; namely, Lloyd Logerquist, Appel, Clark, August and Roger Paschke, Ranney & Roggenkamp, Strege and Feldt. In recent years numerous shops have welcomed visitors.



**#7746 Hwy 42 – Carmody House Gallery
was Tom Carmody's home**

Tom built his home in 1905. He was best known for his road building abilities and in 1908 he was the first private contractor in the area. He was also the Door County Highway Commissioner which may have been the reason the road through the village was one of the first paved in Door County.



**#7763 & 7765 Hwy 42 – Maxwell's and Jane's
was the Charles LaRouche General Store**

The original building was constructed by Charles LaRouche about 1885. Lester Olson rented it until Marvin Trodahl purchased it and opened it as an IGA Grocery Store. The U.S. Post Office was in the north end of the building. In 1954, Marvin built the small building to the north for the Post Office which has since located in the Paul Bertschinger Community Center. After Marvin sold in the 60s, several others have operated businesses at the location: Frank Schneider, Gene and Helen Standard, Art Witalison, Ed Pils and since 2002, Shawn and Karen Peterson in Maxwell's and Jane Lautenbach in Jane's.



#7778 Hwy - 42 Mojo Rosa's was the LaPlant House, later the Concord Hotel

Mitchel and his half-brother Anthony LaPlant started their pioneer Hostelry around 1880. Levi Baraboo purchased it in 1889. The LaPlant House was destroyed by fire in 1998, Levi immediately rebuilt and named it the Concord Hotel. Levi's son Theodore took over in 1907 and sold to Authur Parent in 1911 for \$8,000.



Numerous proprietors ran the Concord after Parent; Paddy Grey known for his Irish Setter dog and race horse 'Goldie May', Murphy Moore named it the White House, it was later operated by Sylvester Thiel and Ken Herbst, Ken added a barber shop, and Bob Delain and Wendell Vandertie also barbered there. Bob and Jean Sawyer named it the Midtown Tap. Tony and Sharon Demarinis named it Old Stage Stqation. Rick and Pam Grant had it for 15 years. It is now owned by Kim Jensen.

#7783 Hwy 42 – Christine's Casuals and Classics was William Fischer's home

The house was built in 1898 and was owned by William and Tena Fischer and later their son Freeman. William and sons, Edwin and Freeman were well drillers.



In the early years there was a blacksmith shop where the garage now stands. The blacksmiths were Joe Worachek and Henry Meyers. It has been Christine's since 1981.

#7791 Hwy 42 - Shipwrecked was the Kewaunee House

Built in 1882 by George Barringer and named the Kewaunee House when operated by John and Mary Worachek from Slovan in Kewaunee County. Fred and Joseph Burdo owned it in 1898 and Ed Fiedler in 1901.



In 1904 John and Anna Bertschinger purchased it and expanded the saloon adding hotel rooms and a dining room, and changed the name to Harbor Inn. A meal and a room cost 20 cents each. John 'Jack' and Phoebe Carmody bought it in 1912. When 'Jack' died in 1931, Phoebe sold to Olive and Arthur Parent. In 1945 it was sold to Verna and Maurice 'Murphy' Moore and operated as Murphy Moore's Harbor Inn until 1975. The Thimbleberry Inn and Blue Iris preceded the present Shipwrecked Restaurant and Brewery. **(Sadly the building burned on August 20, 2017, a new building was consructed in 2018)**

#7792 Hwy 42 – Chips World and Bay Wear was Herman Birnschein's Garage

Herman Birnschein built his garage in 1931 with Old English architecture using some great stone work. It was called Birnschein's Point Beach Service Station. The garage had a show room for new Chevrolets and 3



repair-service work bays. Herman sold around 50 new cars and 100,000 gallons of gas per year, plus Caterpillars, radios, bicycles as well as snacks at his counter. He sold Standard Oil products and Goodyear tires. The garage was the hub of the village, a stop for the Lake and Bay View Bus Line. It was sold to Harry Nell in 1965 and then to the Mueller's in 1968. It now has two gift shops and an apartment upstairs.

Intersection of Hwy 42 & G – Harbor View Park was the Wilson Grocery Store, Harvey Haen's Mobil Gas Station and barber shop and home

In 1977 the village purchased the 1910 Wilson Grocery Store and demolished it and started the first phase of the park. In 2001 the village purchased Harvey Haen's home/barber shop and closed off the street to the village dock. The village also purchased the Robert Pence Art Gallery (was Harvey Haen's gas station) to complete the park. The park could very well



have overlooked a happening from 1825 where voyaguers from Fort Howard were traveling north to Mackinac Island to trade in their furs. A lawyer Baird and his wife were traveling with them and reported that when they stopped to camp overnight in the unnamed harbor the voyaguers proceeded in jest to have an egg fight, thus the harbor was named Egg Harbor.

#7813 Hwy 42 – Door County Confectionary and Schoolhouse Cheese – was Fred Hanson's home and store

In February, 1901 the land was sold by H.F. and Emma Eames to Fred and Annie Hanson. They built a house and store in 1902. Known family owners throughout the years were



Meyer, Columb, Oscar Kohlmann, Lee Adams, Helen Olson, Brown, Smits, Crow, Fitzgerald, and Cheryl Crowe. In addition to living quarters, businesses have included a meat market, beauty salon operated by Eldon Robertoy, a restaurant, gift shops and bakery. The building is now occupied by Schoolhouse Artisan Cheese and Door County Confectionary and Fudge.

#7810-7812 & 7798 Hwy 42 – Fat Louie's Olive Oil, Hotdogs and Ice Cream; and Nature Works and Designworks - was John Bertschinger's home, lumber yard and feed mill

After becoming disenchanted with the saloon business at the Harbor Inn, John sold it in 1912 and purchased the home of Dr. Eames across the highway.



John developed a successful lumber and feed business with his sons Arthur and Wilbur. He also operated the Minnie R. and Belle Culvert, two boats transporting supplies to and from Marinette and Menominee, MI. In 1922, with his brother Paul, John built the Alpine Resort. The mill operated until 1962 when it was purchased by Helen and Harold Dannhausen which they developed into Stage Coach Junction. The barns are now Nature Works, and John's home is now Fat Louie's Olive Oil and Hotdogs and Ice Cream. The mill later became the Granary Shops and is now Designworks.



#7818 Hwy 42 – Double Delites was Phoebe Carmody's Variety Store

After owning the Harbor Inn with her husband 'Jack' from 1912 to when he died in 1931, Phoebe built the store and living quarters on land purchased from Charles and Ethel Cady in 1938.



Phoebe had the only soda fountain in the village. The store was later owned by Earl and Louise Albrecht from 1948-59, and Elva and Henry Gilson from 1959-83. Amongst other wares, the store most recently sold leather products before becoming Double Delites.

#7821 Hwy 42 – Greens 'N' Grains was Theodore Baraboo's Hardware

In 1911 Theodore Baraboo built a hardware store on land he acquired from H.F. and Emma Eames for \$200.



Francis Bogenschutz, Myles LeRoy, Gordon Nelson and Herman Reuters continued to operate the hardware store until 1965. The Engersons sold to John and Jessie Burkhardt in 1972 for an antique shop. In 1989, Kathleen Navis purchased the property for Door County's first and only full-service natural food store.

#7829 Hwy 42 – Parador Restaurant was Truman Thorp's home

Truman Thorp's home was built in 1895. Truman was the son of Levi Thorp a founder of Egg Harbor. Other owners have been C.A. Speaker, E. Gagnon, and Otto Woldt who had a meat



market in the home in 1921. Francis Bogenschutz had an electrician shop in the 40s and 50s. The building also housed a sport shop. Restaurants and gift shops have been recent businesses. The present owners Roy and Teri Back purchased the building from a seasonal resident. The original property was issued and registered by U.S. President James Buchanan on December 28, 1859.

#7836 Hwy 42 – Cupola House Gallery was Levi Thorp's home

Levi and his brothers Asa and Jacob purchased 1600 acres in the area for the purpose of harvesting the forest products. Levi built his home in 1871



with monies made during the 'Gold Rush' of 1849. It has been the best example of Gothic Revival architecture in Door County. Named the 'Cupola House' because of its distinct cupola. The cupola is surrounded by a 'widows walk'. In 1907 Charles Cady traded his farm in Oconto for the Cupola House. Other owners over the years included Rocky and Everett Fairchild, Dorothy and Therman Deerwester, and Adele Carley-Hake. Gloria and Richard Hansen purchased it in 1980 and refurbished it into the Cupola House Gallery.

#7836 Hwy 42 – Private residence was Dr. Eames' home - "LaVista"

Dr. Eames built his "LaVista" in 1912 on the ridge east of the village as his home for his dairy farm and orchards. Moving to the area from Canada in the 1880s, Dr. Eames became one of the top physicians in Door County. He accumulated over 400 acres of land in the immediate area of the village.



At one time he had the largest orchards in the county and at top notch dairy herd. Dr. Eames died in 1937. His son Spencer and wife made it their home after his death. The home was moved from the farm to this location in 1993 by the Gloria and Richard Hansen, of the Cupola House.

#7843 Hwy 42 – Alpine Rental & Winter Office was Paul Bertschinger's home

Built in 1931 with the exterior stone coming from the basement excavation. Believed to have had the first boiler and hot water system in the village. Paul, with his brother John, built the Alpine Resort in 1922. The house now serves as a summer rental and the winter offices for the Alpine Resort.



#7855 Hwy 42 – Casey's BBQ & Smokehouse was Uncle Jerry's

Built by Antone Rushford about 1870, then purchased by Gideon (Jerry) LeMieux (LeMere) in 1889. (Gideon changed his name to Jerry LeMere) The tavern was destroyed by fire in 1897 and Jerry rebuilt it with his sons Phillip, Jerry and Frank. It became know as Uncle Jerry's place where dances and socials where held in the dance hall on the second floor. In 1938, August "Casey" and Lelia Lautenbach purchased the tavern and changed the dance hall to 4 rental rooms at \$2/night. Casey's sons, Donald and Lester continued operation until 1987. Bob Manson purchased it and sold to Matt Peterson in 2008, it has been "Casey's" since 1938. Bob Hope was a patron of note.



#7859 Hwy 42 – Private residence was Philip LeMere's home

Built by Philip LeMere in 1923. The fine stonework on the front was completed in 1935 as a lower section of an open front porch. The stones were gathered from beaches as far away as Sister Bay. The designs were formed flat on the ground and when fully cured they were stood up in place and supported with a cement cap and corner posts. Philip's daughter, Celestia Moegenburg, passed away in 1989 and the home was sold to Tony Demarinis who enclosed the porch and reconstructed the original stone work.



#7901 Hwy 42 – Dovetail Gallery and Studio was August Paschke's home

In 1910 H.F. Eames built the log home on land that was part of his estate. It was later sold to August Paschke in 1942 and remained in their family for 34 years. It was sold to Robert Costa in 1976 and then to Robert Serge and Nancy Goodman in 1984. In 1993 Kathleen (Gleason) Mand Beck purchased the historic log home. Siding and wall materials were removed to expose the original log structure. She made it into the Dovetail Gallery, named for the dovetail log construction. A log in one of the walls is supposed to have been salvaged from the 1871 Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating fire in U.S. History. Peshtigo is located 18 miles directly across the bay. The fire consumed 1.5 million acres of forest and over 2500 lives.



#7904 Hwy 42 – Private residence was William Manney's home

The land grant for the property was signed by President James Buchanan in 1857. The Manny house was built in 1874 as a log structure. The log structure has since been sided over. The wrap-around porch was added as a gift from William Manny to his wife Anna. Dances were often held in the big dining room. The homestead was farmed, it covered land from 'Wood Orchard Market' to the Eames Farm hill, down to the bay. It was gradually sold off. Mrs. Rose Manney Wilson later owned the house, she sold it in 1967. The Browning family now owns the property.



#7916 Hwy 42 - Calvary Methodist Chapel was the Evangelical Church

Mrs. Anna Manney gave the land to build the church in 1912. According to the deed it was established under the name of Egg Harbor Union Society. The church was started in 1912 and opened for services in 1924 as Calvary, World War I had held up the construction. In 1963 the congregation broke ground for a new United Methodist Church located around the corner on Cty. E. Old Calvary is now a chapel used just occasionally.



Important icons from the past...

Three other sites are located off the beaten path of the village....

#7631 Hwy 42 - Chief Oshkosh Native American Arts – was Chief Roy Oshkosh's Trading Post

Roy became chief of Menominee Indians in 1932 upon the death of his father, Chief Reginald. Roy was a graduate of Carlisle College with an engineering degree and was recruited to work the ship yards in Sturgeon Bay during World War II. After the war he and his wife, Princess Ruth built his trading post in Egg Harbor in 1945. Roy and Ruth are buried in the cemetery across the highway.



#7806 – Horseshoe Bay Rd. - (G) - Blacksmith's Clothing was Joe Worachek's Meat Market

Worachek's Meats and Sausage Co. announced it's opening in 1934. It was constructed of cement blocks with decorative 'hard head' stones on the front. An attached smoke house is still located in the back. It later served as a blacksmith shop and hardware store.



#7715 – Horseshoe Bay Rd. - (G) - Alpine Resort and Golf Course – was built in 1922 and has continued operation under the same name and ownership

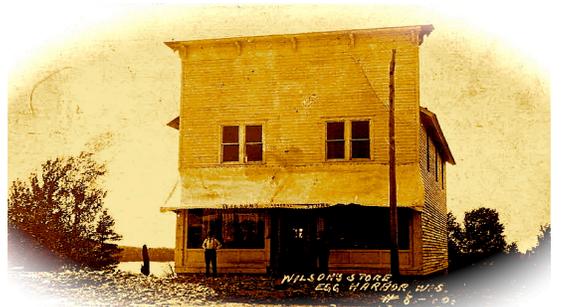
It's Door County's largest resort, built by brothers Paul and John Bertschinger. It opened with a main lodge, 20 cottages, and several service buildings that were expanded upon over the years. Some of the firsts at that time were indoor plumbing. Refrigeration was by means of an ice house with ice harvested from the bay during winter months. A 9 hole golf course was purchased in 1926 and additional 9's in 1948, 1976, and 2002.



Looking South – first school at center of road -1855-1912.

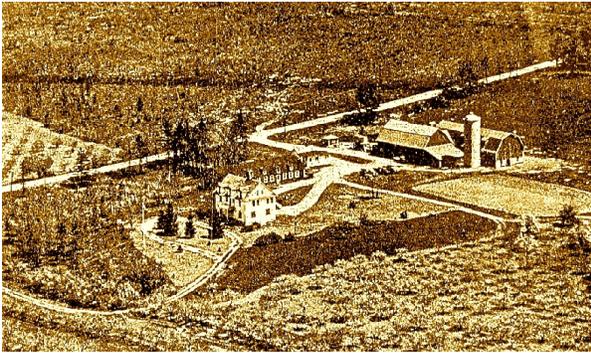


Second school – 1912-1972 – demolished In 1977 to make room for the fire station.



Wilson's Store – 1910 - demolished 1977 for the start of Harbor View Park.

Sites gone that some may remember...



Dr. H.F. Eames Farm – house moved to Cupola property in 1993. Property now condominiums.



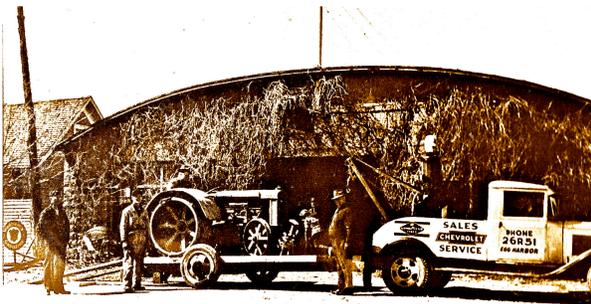
Harvey Haen's home, barber shop, etc. - purchased by the Village, razed in 2001 for the south side of Harbor View Park.



Observation tower on top of the water tank at the Alpine Resort – observation tower no longer used.



Harvey Haen's gas station (1942-1979) - was remodeled into a gift shop which was later rebuilt into Robert Pence's art gallery which in turn was sold to the Village, razed in 2001 for the north side of Harbor View Park.



Birnschein Chevrolet Sales and Service – rebuilt into the (Harbor Square) and now the Chocolate Chicken.



Best known as Lena's Sip-N-Chat – purchased by the Village and razed in 2012 with plans of building a new library/community center.

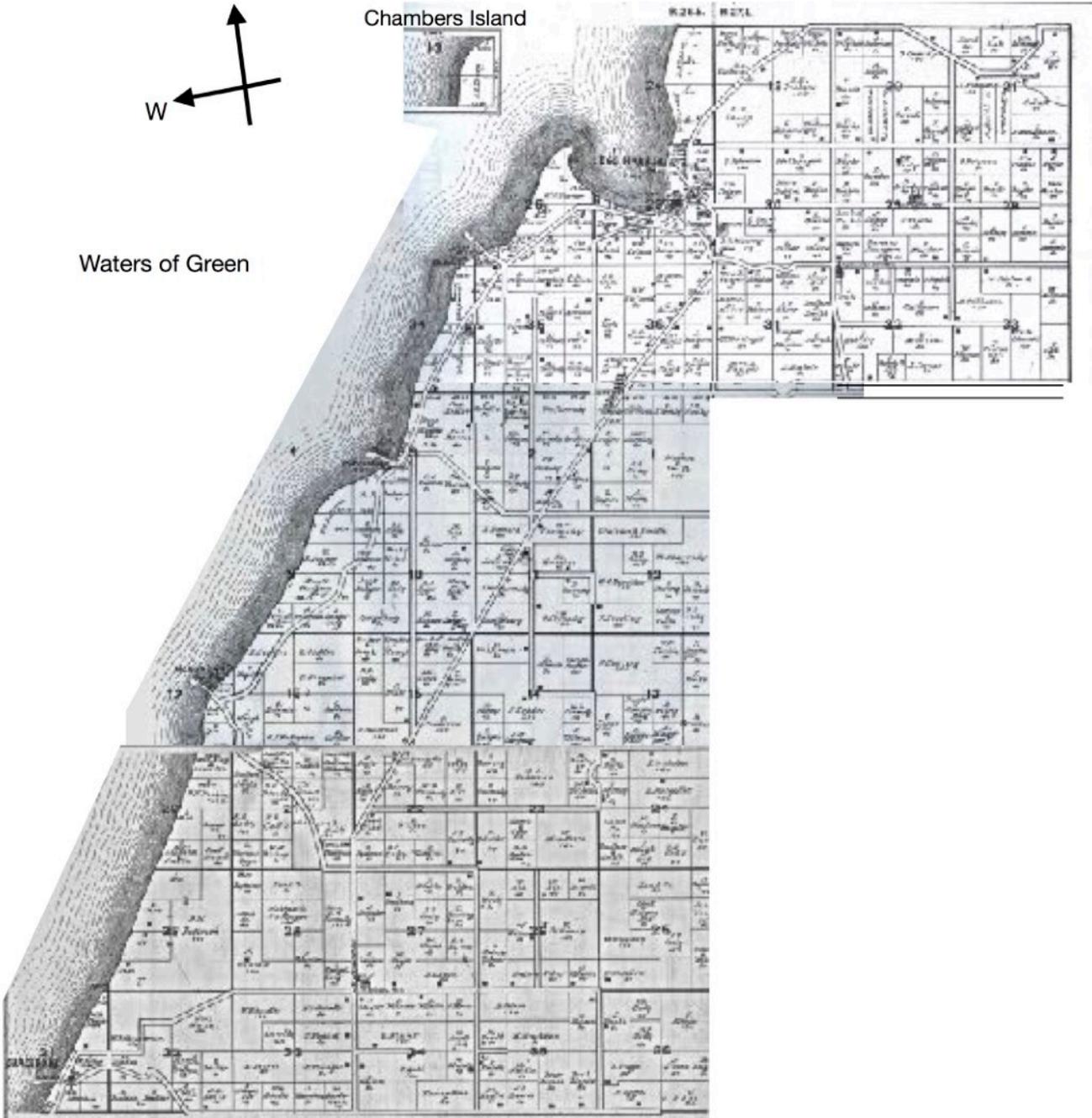


Farmer's Inn (Welcome Inn, Tracy's Tap, etc.) - rebuilt into Liberty Square.



Baraboo house and barn – house was razed in 1983 for the BP gas station, barn remains behind the BP station.

VII Egg Harbor's History in Review



Egg Harbor Settled by Many Nationalities Horse Shoe Bay Once a Bustling Community

By Eva M. Vrooman

To give the history of a village with such an odd name it is imperative that we explain how Egg Harbor received its name. All the early settlers tell of how years the gulls were as thick along the shore of the harbor as they now are on Hat Island, and that in the spring you could pick a basket of gull eggs in minutes. Many have been led to believe that this is how the harbor and later the village was named.

But the old timers would rather believe that Increase Claflin, Door County's, first white settler who in 1847 moved from Little Sturgeon to a place eight miles north of Egg Harbor, gave the harbor its name. They say that Mr. Claflin from a high vantage point atop the bluff discovered that the harbor from the south point now known as Olson's point around to the north point known as Manney's Point was shaped like an egg and thus called it Egg Harbor.

History of the village of Egg Harbor before 1855 is virtually nil so before this date let us picture in our minds a beautiful egg shaped harbor with a slightly different shore line than we have today as the water level of Green Bay was much higher then and the shore line was way up almost to the bluff beyond where the Alpine hotel now stands. Then picture the land surrounding the harbor covered with a magnificent forest, of virgin timber, hardwood, hemlock, and lofty beautiful white pine in the sandy areas, abundant with wild game, the home and hunting grounds of the Indians.

As the people began to settle in and around Egg Harbor, the Irish settled to the south of the village, the Germans to the east and the French in the central area,

In the year 1855 when Asa Thorp settled in Fish Creek, brothers Jacob and Levi settled in Egg Harbor, purchasing from the U.S. government 1600 acres of land including and surrounding the present village. Jacob built a house on the beach near what is now Cady's new home. His Son Roy was the first white child born in Egg Harbor. Levi built a log house directly below the bluff from where Cupola House now

stands, which he occupied with his wife and two children for 16 years. Shortly after 1855 a dock was built by Jacob and Levi and they began selling cordwood to the boats that were already plying the waters of Green bay. After a few years Levi Thorp bought out his brother's interests and plunged into the logging, shipping and farming industries. By 1879 he had 160 acres under cultivation and was then the biggest farmer in the county. During this Levi was making plans and gathering material with for miles around. Choice white pine lumber was brought by sail boat from Menominee and Levi made many trips to Menominee to inspect the lumber as he would not accept a single piece of lumber with a knot in it. Picturesque Cupola House was completed in 1871 and today is as sound in structure as the day it was built.

Following the building of the Thorp dock the village of Egg Harbor started to grow. With the great number of men needed for logging and shipping, lodging houses, saloons, stores, blacksmith shop, hardware store and dwellings were rapidly being constructed. Soon a school, church and town hall were built with the school being built soon after 1855 as the Levi Thorp children received their book learning in the first school in Egg Harbor, located near Lester Olsons home.

Among the earliest settlers of Egg Harbor were William Manney, Lyman Mowry, Jerry Lemere, William Turner, Russel Baker Sr., and M. E. Lyman. The last three settled on what is now known as Point Beach. Baker and Turner came from Washington Island where they had been engaged as fishermen. Milton Lyman was the first settler in the town, coming here in 1853 at the age of 32. Mr. Lyman was the first county judge, holding office from 1862 to 1866. He was also at the same time clerk of court county superintendent of schools. After that he served for many years as justice of the peace in Egg Harbor.

The township of Egg Harbor was organized in the spring of 1862. The township was taken from Gibraltar and the prime movers in this organization were Judge Lyman, J. J. Barringer and David Graham. Twenty votes were cast at the

first election in April as follows: M. E. Lyman, O. P. Graham, Louis Leroy, William Leroy, M. Rittenberg, William Carmody, Michael Hayes Sr., W. G. Manney, John Leroy, A. Olin, Russel Baker, Martin Maloney, Thos. Carmody, Pat Gallagher. Andrew Nelson, Nathaniel Thomas, James W. Turner, L. D. Thorp, Aaron Halcomb, J. E. Thorp, Geo H. Thorp, J. W. Carmody and J. J. Barringer.

The Baraboo brothers, Levi and Lewis, were among the first to build business establishments in Egg Harbor. Levi built a store where the White House Bar now stands and Lewis also built a store right next to Levi. Then Levi built the Concord House and saloon so Lewis followed suit and went into the saloon business. No reason has been given as to why the brothers built so close together or why they had the same type of businesses. It wasn't for the lack of space or brotherly love either because it is said they fought constantly.

In 1897 fire destroyed both places and Lewis left Egg Harbor never to return. Levi rebuilt and later sold to Mr. LaPlant who changed the name to the LaPlant House. It is now owned by Murphy Moore and called the White House Bar. During this time Geo. Barringer built a saloon and rooming house called the Barringer House, now Murphy's Harbor Inn. This place has changed hands several times over the years. The second to own it was Joe Woracheck of Kewaunee so he changed the name to the Kewaunee House. Mr. Woracheck operated a grain elevator on the Eames Dock and also a feed store and was a cattle buyer. There were two owners Mr. Woracheck, a Mr. Bhirdo and Ed Fidler. In 1910 Ed Fidler sold the Kewaunee House to John Bertschinger who after adding additions and remodeling extensively changed the name to Harbor Inn.

John Flint was the first blacksmith in Egg Harbor and built his shop where Birnschein's garage is now located.

Charles LaRouche was the second blacksmith and was located where Trodahl's now operate their grocery store. Directly across the road Charles Brooney the shoemaker had his shop in what is known as the Sauger place. LaRouche operated

his blacksmith shop for about seven years, then tore the building down and built a store and went into the hardware business. Theodore Baraboo, who cooked for his father in the LaPlant House, built a hardware store now known as Nelson's hardware. Charles LaRouche changed to the grocery business. LaRouche's wife most likely influenced this change as she was Theodore's sister.

Mr. Michelshak operated a saloon and bowling alley where Tracy's is now located and did a thriving business, bowling apparently as popular as it is today. It is not known whether Mr. Michelshak was a stone cutter or not but he did carve the monuments that mark the Michelshak graves in the cemetery.

The fishing industry was very large in Egg Harbor at one time so there was also a cooper's shop operated by Flint in 1875 that made the barrels for packing and shipping the salted fish. It was located back of where Vi's store now stands. Either the shop was awful small or there were an awful lot of fish because one old timer remembers boat load after boat load of barrels being shipped in.

Mike Rittenberg was one of the early fishermen in Egg Harbor and his daughter Mrs. Hans Hanson now residing in Sturgeon Bay with her husband Hans tell of the tremendous amount of fish that were hauled in each day, and the large number it took to clean and salt them for shipping. The Rittenbergs lived on Point Beach and Mrs. Hanson went to school in the first school house at the time that Dr. Eames taught there. Mr. Rittenberg was also a carpenter and in 1870 carried mail from Green Bay to Washington Island. Hans Hanson located on a farm in Juddville in 1883 but did his courting in Egg Harbor and married Miss Rittenberg in 1899.

Truman Thorp's General Merchandise Store located across the road from the Cupola House was at that time the largest store north of Sturgeon Bay. It was two stories high with a full basement, and carried every conceivable item you could think of, from groceries, yard goods, coal oil to roofing nails.

The first town hall was built in same location as the present one and in those days was a very important and essential place in the village,

not only because it served as a voting place and for town meetings but it was used as a protestant church when a minister was available (before the Union church was built) and also for dances and social gatherings.

The first Catholic church was located two miles south of Egg Harbor next to the Catholic cemetery, and in 1911 the new church was built in the village. The new two room school house was constructed at the same time, so that year two very big and important additions were added to the village.

The first post office in Egg Harbor was located across the road from Chief Oshkosh and the first postmaster was Lyman Mowry, a Civil War veteran. The Mowrys had three children, Louis, George and Clara. Their stay in Egg Harbor was short as they soon moved to Sturgeon Bay. The next postmaster was Truman Thorp, who operated the post office in his store on the north end of the village. The third to have the post office was Claude Grade and he was located in the Geo. LeMere home. The first rural carrier was Gustav Tanck. He started in spring of 1904 in which position he served 25 years. He was succeeded by Joseph LeMere who is our present rural carrier. Mr Tanck had a 27 mile route out of the village of Egg Harbor. Ben Tanck was Mr. Tanck's first substitute carrier for 15 years, followed by his son, John Tanck who was appointed Jan. 9, 1919, was the second sub carrier and presently is.

Many docks protruded from the shores of Egg Harbor, the first, Thorps, Eames, John Bertschingers and Capt. Kirtland. William Leroy built a dock where the bathing beach is now. There were no paved roads at this time so the only means of transportation was the water ways and business on the docks was booming.

There was a continuous stream of sail boats and later steamboats. The first boats to visit the harbor were of the Goodrich Line, one of which was the Carolina. The Hart Line boats that docked were the Fanny Hart, Harriet Hart and the Eugene Hart. From the Hill Line there was the Sailor Boy, Bonita, and the Thistle.

Residents of Egg Harbor also had sailing boats and used to haul wood products, peas and potatoes to Marinette. Capt. Kirtland owned and

sailed the Veto, a three masted schooner, and Capt. Ferdinand Jorns, who cleared a large farm, also owned and sailed a three masted schooner, the Elizabeth.

A lumber and shingle mill was located near the Kirtland and Leroy dock but operations were never large or too successful because with the large operations across the Bay in Marinette it was cheaper to get lumber shipped in. There were 32 saw mills in Marinette at one time and some that were operating 24 hours a day sawed as high as 160,000 feet a day. With so much handling of logs and lumber across the Bay and the prevailing west winds they tell of picking up large amounts of logs and lumber all along the shore from Horse Shoe Bay to Fish Creek.

Jobs were plentiful in those days and no one was out of work, there was land to be cleared, logs, cordwood, ties, and cedar posts to cut. Then everyone fished in the spring and cleaned and salted fish for shipping. In the early fall there were wild blackberries and raspberries to pick which they sold to the boats for 2 cents a quart. No one was standing on the docks when a boat came in waiting for a job to load so the captain would blow the whistle and men would leave whatever they were doing and come and load the boats working as fast as they could receiving 20 cents an hour for their labor. There was logging to do in the winter but the men found time to fish in Green Bay for trout. A favorite spot where the water was deep was between Chambers and Hat Island. There you could catch trout that weighed as much as 30 pounds.

Sometime in the spring before navigation opened food supplies would get pretty low. When this happened to the flour supply they would grind the inner bark of the maple tree and mix it with the flour to make it stretch.

Jerry LeMere, a native of Canada, was a Civil War veteran who came to Egg Harbor in 1870 and settled on a farm now known as the Meeker farm. He was a wagon maker and carpenter by trade and many of the buildings he erected are in use today. He built the present town hall shortly after the first town hall burned down, also the Truman Thorp home where the Bogen-schutzes now reside. He built the building now occupied

by Tracy's Tap after the saloon and bowling alley owned by MichelShak was destroyed by fire in 1897. Also built the store presently owned by Trodahls. In 1894 he purchased what is now Caseys from Antwine Rushford and for years it was known as Uncle Jerry's. Two years later it burned but Mr. LeMere rebuilt the same year. He had a family of four boys and three girls, Delsie, Jerry Jr., George Phillip, Amos, Mary and Clara. One of his sons, George LeMere, went to Marinette and learned the barber trade. He started barbering in 1900 and for a long time was the only barber in Egg Harbor and Fish Creek, going by boat to Fish Creek twice a week. Philip told how they as kids made their own chewing gum of pine pitch. They would boil the pitch until it became firm and wouldn't stick.

Social gatherings, dances, parties and basket socials were always well attended. People walked for miles to attend as these were fun-packed events and their only form of recreation. This was also true of the ball games as everyone was a ball fan and followed their team from town to town. Baseball being the only sport of the time for the young men to participate in, there was always a good group of players. And happy was the day when the Sturgeon Bay ball team would come to Egg Harbor and the team would give them a good trimming.

There was always a ball game on the Fourth of July following a big parade through town. The celebration continued from dawn till dark with large dinners.

Dr. Horace F. Eames was a man of marked activity and has been acclaimed as one of the great pioneers of Egg Harbor for the part he played in its development.

Dr. Eames was born in Quebec, Canada, May 30, 1860, and came to Door county with his parents in 1876. He was 17 years old and his first job was teaching school in the little one room school that was located on the shore side near the Lester Olson home. He taught school for five years, saving enough from those small wages so he could continue his education. He entered Valparaiso university, from which he graduated in 1884 with the degree of bachelor of science. He next became a student in the medical department

of the University of Illinois from which he graduated in 1889. He returned to Egg Harbor to practice medicine and he remained until his death.

In addition to his medical practice Dr. Eames had many other interests. He operated a drug store for 23 years, located where John Bertschinger now has his paint store. He also owned the Eames dock which he built in 1904 at the time the Thorp dock was going out. In 1912 he went into dairy and fruit farming, purchasing 400 acres of land one-fourth mile east of the village, of which he had 120 acres in orchard. It was on this property (the LaVista farm) that he built his new home, the one in which his son Spencer now lives.

Apr. 6, 1887, while still in medical school he married Emma Baker, daughter of Russel Baker. Dr. and Mrs. Eames had seven children: Gladys, Enid, Frank, who operates a restaurant in Sturgeon Bay, Bernice, Spencer, who has followed in the fruit growing, and Harold.

Dr. Eames, like all early country doctors, was a 24-hour a day doctor, and for this small community located hours and hours away from medical aid it must have given everyone an intense feeling of security to know their doctor was ready to respond to any need at any time day or night. Many is the time he was called at night and would travel for miles in a raging snow storm to some poor farmer's home to treat a patient for flu, mend a broken leg or deliver a baby. When he knew he would have to stay for a long period of time or perhaps overnight with a very sick patient or wait for the stork he would send his white horse back home alone. Many are the stories that are told of the doctor and his faithful white horse which they say got to know the back roads better than Doc himself.

Dr. Eames was one of the most capable and distinguished representatives of the medical profession in Door County along with being one of the leading orchardists and dairymen in this part of the state. It is said he loved medicine and farming with equal parts. Being a doctor with a large practice, operating a large farm and steamship pier, along with a drug store was insufficient however to fill the doctor's energetic cravings as he was always ready to

serve in public office. He served as chairman of the county commission on education and filled many other public offices, manifesting at all times a marked devotion to the welfare of the community.

John Bertschinger, a grand old pioneer of Egg Harbor, is surely to be credited for much of the development and growth of Egg Harbor, in which he is active to this day. He is also to be credited as the pioneer of the tourist industry here.

John was born in Switzerland Nov. 21, 1875. He came to the U.S. with his parents in 1884, settling in Milwaukee. In 1904, then a young man of 29, he came to Egg Harbor where he went into the hotel business in the Kewaunee House which he purchased from Ed Fidler. John's activities and businesses have been many through the years. In 1910 he remodeled the Kewaunee House, adding the dining room and living quarters, and changed the name to the Harbor Inn. To the rear was the livery stable. He sold the Harbor Inn in 1912 and started a fruit and dairy farm, having two farms one of 120 acres and one of 80 acres. He started two business ventures in 1914, built a dock where the Alpine is now located and went into the lumber business, having his own planing mill. Along with his own pier he owned a boat with a 60 ton capacity, which he used mostly for hauling his own goods to Menominee to Carpenter Cook Co., and ports on the lakes.

Around 1920 the price of lumber took an awful slump, dropping from \$30 a thousand to \$15. John owned 100 acres of shore property and with the price of lumber so low he decided to build a large resort. It took a considerable amount of talking before he could convince his brother Paul to join him in this business venture. Paul perhaps could not foresee the tourist trade potential in Door County as John could. An agreement was finally reached and building of the Alpine Resort was started in 1921. Along with the main lodge 20 cottages were erected, a power house, maid's dormitory and manager's quarters. It was opened in 1922, heralding the beginning of the tourist trade in Egg Harbor. In 1926 the Alpine added a golf course located just south of the resort on what used to be the Baker farm (parents of Mrs. Eames).

May 13, 1899 Mr. Bertsehinger was married to Anna Guenther. They were blessed with three children, Arthur and Wilbur, both of whom have joined their father in the retail lumber business, and Clara, Mrs. Carl Anderson, residing in Sturgeon Bay.

Soon after Mr. Reynolds of Door County presented a bill in the legislature at Madison for an appropriation of \$75,000 to purchase land in Door County, several members of the park board and Governor Davidson arrived by boat in Egg Harbor to visit the proposed park site. John Bertschinger, a representative, from this area, took them by carriage to view the proposed park area. In the evening they had dinner at the Welcher Resort in Fish Creek.

Jim Wilson began his career as a store keeper in the late 1800s, starting as a clerk for F. S. Hanson and then as manager of Thorp's general store. In 1910 Jim built his own store, now Vi's Store, which he and his wife (the former Rose Manney) operated until his sudden death in 1933. Mr. Wilson will never be forgotten by the youngsters of that area, and when he was preparing one of his special ice cream sundaes for a youngster or giving them a treat you could look at his eyes and see the merriment inside. Those who were youngsters then, when telling of the fun and excitement of going shopping with their parents for the week's groceries on Saturday night, speak with delight of Mr. Wilson and how he would never forget to pack a bag of candy in with the groceries for them. Miss Lillian Anderson tells of walking from Juddville to purchase groceries and coal oil and tobacco for dad from Wilson's store and how excited and happy the children would all be when upon returning home they would unpack the groceries and find the never-forgotten bag of candy.

One of the first settlers in the northern part of town was Dr. David Graham, who came here in 1867. He was chairman of the town for many years and was very popular and highly respected. His estate was sold to Dr. T. C. Proctor in 1904 as a side interest. Dr. Proctor came to Sturgeon Bay in 1900 where he entered the general practice of medicine. On weekends he would come up by stage and oversee his farm. In 1924 he

auctioned the cattle and went into fruit growing. He and Dr. Eames were excellent friends. Upon retirement he built a home in 1933 on the estate, near the bluff overlooking the waters of Green Bay.

To the south of the village Dr. Schroeder of Marinette had developed 400 acres of orchard by 1921. He kept increasing, clearing land, buying 40 acres at a time, and also developed a dairy herd of Holstein cattle. Dr. Schroeder, a one man grower had the largest cherry acreage during twenties. The cherries were shipped fresh in crates by boat from the Fames dock by the cooperative.

Farther south of the village of Egg Harbor for a time was known as the Carmody district, a settlement of Irish who played a big role in development of the village and township of Egg Harbor. Some of the first were Martin Maloney, Michael Haves, and Andrew Hanrahan and they were joined in 1869 by the Thomas and William Carmody, they both having a number of husky boys and girls. Thomas had five sons and two daughters: Jack, Thomas, Michael, Dennis, Patrick, Mary and Olive. William had five sons and four daughters: John, James, Dennis, William, Henry, Mary, Bridget, Ellen, and Johanna. The boys in both families were a boisterous jolly bunch of Irishmen and you could just bet that if there was a brawl going on at any dance or gathering the Carmody's were in the middle of it, as they loved to fight.

They must have been busy and very content as they tell that fights were common in the early days of Door County. The Carmody families have become numerous and well be it so as they have always been good hard working farmers, shrewd business men and always interested in civic affairs.

Thomas Carmody operated a lath mill near what is now the town dock and later purchased a large steam engine used to operate his threshing machine and stone crusher. In 1910 he crushed stone for the construction of the town roads. The town of Egg Harbor boasted the finest roads in the county at one time.

Because of its almost complete obliteration the once thriving little settlement of Horse Shoe

Bay is seldom mentioned except by a few of the old timers. Located just south of Egg Harbor on a natural harbor and in the midst of a dense white pine forest, it became a booming logging and shipping center for several years.

The first pioneer loggers to fell the beautiful white pine trees at Horse Shoe Bay were Albee and Taylor around 1870. In 1875 they sold their holdings to Walt Young and John Fetzer, the latter the father of Henry Fetzer president of the Bank of Sturgeon Bay for many years. Logging was booming then and they employed many Indians as well as white men in their logging and sawmill operations. The saw mill was then located out on the south point of the harbor. One of the buildings that was used as a boarding house during this time is still in use today and rugged sturdy construction is an excellent example of the buildings constructed in that area, typifying the stout, robust men who built them. This house was owned and inhabited by Andrew J. Anderson for over 50 years and is presently owned by Edward Koza of Wilmette, ILL., who resides there during the summer.

During this same period John Leathem and Tom Smith were doing extensive pine logging just one mile south of Horse Shoe Bay to help supply their saw mill in Sturgeon Bay.

About 1889 Andrew J. Anderson purchased the 500 acres of timber land from Young and Fetzer and that first year built a commercial dock where the present Horse Shoe Bay dock is located. This dock was in constant use (there was always a boat docked along side being loaded with cordwood, hemlock bolts, hemlock bark for tanning, and lumber) until Oct. 5, 1905. when a terrific storm out of the northwest shattered the dock to pieces and washed it out. During this same storm, many docks along the shore were washed out and the sailing vessel "Iver Lawson" was washed ashore at Horse Shoe Bay. Mr. Anderson immediately began construction of a new dock, determined to build a dock that would withstand the storms of Green Bay. It took two years of construction, 1906 and 1907 before the new dock was completed, but his efforts were not in vain as the dock still stands.

Mr. Anderson built and operated a store

located where the statue of Chief Oshkosh now stands but discontinued operating the store when Mrs. Anderson died in 1899. At the same time he also built a saloon but this was closed after four or five years because there was so much fighting among the loggers that at times it wasn't safe to enter the place. The loggers consisted of mixed group of nationalities: Bohemian, German, Irish, and many Indians, all of which were very clannish and of course the Irish always loved a good fight so were always ready to get one started.

During the hey day of the large logging operations. Horse Shoe Bay consisted of a store, saloon, blacksmith shop (operated by David Lykens) a cooper shop, 15 dwelling houses and a school house which was located two miles north of the harbor.

In 1912 Mr. Anderson sold most of his holding to United Fruit Growers Corp., retaining Horse Shoe Bay Point. Eugene Odbert Sr., and H. C. Kibbey bought the property to develop apple and cherry orchards and start a resort area. They built a large clubhouse to be used as a hotel (still standing and used by county 4-H Camp) and sold lots for summer cottages. They even contemplated building a railroad to Sturgeon Bay at one time.

In 1917 the property again changed hands and was purchased by Eldrige N. Murphy and Frank Murphy. This was the beginning of the Horse Shoe Bay Farm and in order to expand in the cattle and fruit growing they purchased many of the surrounding farms: the Joe Rosco farm, Henry Roscoe, Joe Pichette. Frank Wellever and Del LaRoy farm. The latter also owned and operated a dock halfway between Horse Shoe Bay and Egg Harbor.

Eldridge and his Uncle Frank Murphy operated the farm and were famous for their outstanding dairy herd of Holstein Friesians in the 1920s. Russel Bieri of the University of Wisconsin was herdsman at this time. He was succeeded by Eric Erickson, who had managed the fruit operation when Bieri was there.

In 1935 Frank Murphy donated Murphy Park just south of the dock to the county.

The Horse Shoe Bay Farm is now owned and operated by Frank Murphy's daughter Mrs.

Robert Cowles.

During 1915-1916 George, Edward and Arthur Anderson, the sons of Andrew Anderson, formed an orchestra and played at local dances. They were later joined by Chester Manney who played the piano and Frank LeMere on the guitar. They would play from 9p.m. to 3:00a.m. for \$1.00 apiece. The orchestra was short lived as World War I was started in 1917 and they all entered service.

Egg Harbor today is a thriving and popular resort and vacation center, with hundreds of acres of apple and cherry orchards and some of the most productive farms in Door County surrounding it. This is far from the wildest dreams of what the first settlers could imagine Egg Harbor would some day be. With its natural harbor for shipping the pioneers built docks with dreams of a large shipping port. The waters of Green Bay were abundant with fish, so they dreamed of a large fishing industry. The county was rich in beautiful timber so they dreamed of large lumber mills. None of these was to be the destiny of Egg Harbor, but their dreams and their super abundance of energy in clearing land, building churches, schools, homes and roads has made history in Door County and established it as a cooperative, enterprising village. To everyone living in Egg Harbor today the harbor is as beautiful to their eyes as it was to the early pioneers who first gazed upon it and we wouldn't trade it for any place in the world.

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