

Few Carriage Houses Survive Here

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younger ones have hipped roofs.

Most of them are two-stories high, with the second floor having been used to store hay and straw and sometimes grain back in the days when horses were stabled below.

These city barns in days gone by also were used to stable the family's cow or sometimes to house chickens and occasionally a pig. More often than not, however, a smaller separate building contained the family's egg and poultry supply.

Only three persons were located last week who could remember when some of the surviving barns used to house livestock.

Mrs. Frank Junod, who has a beautiful red barn behind her home at 523 Dunlap, doesn't doubt for a moment that it once stabled horses.

"Why, on a wet or rainy day, you can smell the horses out there," she laughs.

Mrs. J. A. Congo of 45620 Bloomcrest is a lot surer than that. She was born and raised in the Junod home and lived there when her father, Wilbur Stark, operated a grocery store in town back about the turn of the century.

"It held not one, but two horses," she says of the barn. One of the horses was white, another brown. The white one stands out in her memory because it once ran away with her grandfather who was delivering groceries.

Also inside was the family carriage and the cutter that carried the Stark family up and down the then unpaved Dunlap Street—the same street where she remembers watching the Saturday horse races. Upstairs in the loft, the hay and straw for the horses were kept. And up there, too, her father once raised pigeons and at another time kept bee hives there.

"We had a regular farmyard," she laughs.

The days when the barn housed two horses are remembered fondly by Mrs. Congo but, alas, the children grew up and married and acquired automobiles and the old barn took on a whole new career, she sighs.

Next door at the William Milne home, 537 Dunlap, a smaller white barn stands close behind the house. Its owner doesn't know the age of the barn but guesses it was built more than a half century ago.

The Milne house was built between 1885-1890 by its original owners, John and Mary Kellogg. Historical Society research indicates the barn may have been built by a later occupant, M. A. Porter, who used it to house one of Northville's first automobiles, a Maxwell.

Porter ran the first telephone company in Northville and at one time operated a combination funeral home-furniture store business.

Over on the next street, at 610 Randolph, Mrs. Lock Kooztz says with certainty of the big handsome barn on the hillside, "It was 65 years old when we bought the place in 1932. But I don't know who built it."

The red barn serves as a garage and it makes a pretty good basketball backstop as well.

"It's a very old barn," but a horse lived in it long after the arrival of the automobile, Pearl Stephens says of the carriage house standing behind the home of her father—Joseph Denton, former Northville police chief—at the southwest corner of Randolph and Linden.

The Dentons were horse lovers and back before she was married, Mrs. Stephens remembers stabling her riding horse there during World War II. She guesses carriage horses probably were kept there many years earlier.

The carriage house out back of the I. H. Wilson house at 536 Main Street is recalled fondly by Rose Carrington of 239 Hutton, widow of the late Tom Carrington.

"It was such a lovely place. When we moved there I had the big doors changed, and I made it into sort of a sitting room or retreat where Tom and I could sit and enjoy the backyard. It was so lovely. When I was a little girl Mr. Knapp kept a horse and buggy there. He delivered groceries in it. Of course, that was many years ago."

Mrs. Alex McMillan of 483 Grace says she can't recall the history of the old, weathered barn that sits at the rear of her property, but Mrs. Lloyd Morse of 632 North Center Street sure remembers it. She lived on the Center Street side of the barn and her late husband's creamery stood immediately next to the McMillan barn.

Mr. Morse, who bottled and sold milk from the family creamery, bought the business in 1928. It had been started years earlier by a Mr. Dickerson, possibly C. O. Dickerson, who reportedly years ago owned the house at 516 North Center where still another handsome carriage house still stands. It is owned by the Clyde Fergusons.

Next door to the Fergusons, Herman Toussaint of 620 North Center will soon remove the remaining section of an old carriage house that served his grandfather (by marriage), Frank Brown, at the turn of the century.

For a number of years, the Toussaint barn was attached to an old shop formerly used by the Brown brothers, both highly respected craftsmen in the community, and converted to an apartment on the alley between Center and Grace streets.

Newspapers dating back to the turn of the century have been discovered in the flooring of the barn, reports Toussaint.

The former house of James A. Dubuar, Northville pioneer manufacturer, and now occupied by the E. A. Drolshagen family at 142 Randolph, stands in front of a handsome old barn now used as a bathhouse by those enjoying the adjacent pool.

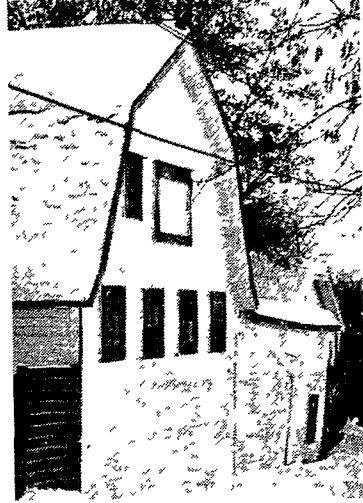
It very likely was built, guesses Drolshagen, well before the turn of the century. The concrete floor in the barn is dated 1913. During World War II, the occupant of the house built model airplanes in the barn that were used by the military in identification training, he notes.

One of the most authentic looking of the surviving

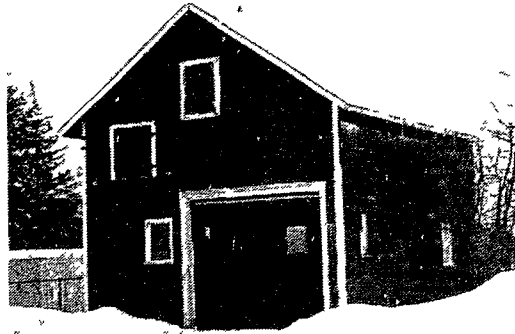
carriage houses is the structure standing in the backyard of Helen M. McKinney at 218 Lake.

"I'm sure it must be a 100 years old or older," says Mrs. McKinney, who points out that it still has a wood floor. Horseshoes found inside the barn years ago are displayed there.

Among the other "carriage houses"—but not all of them—observed last week included: A "one-horse" size barn at the home of Helen Whipple, 521 West Cady; a hip roof structure behind the house of Edgar Wilder at 615 Grace; a barn estimated to be 80 years old at the rear of Laura Wood's property at 561 Grace; the 60 to 70 year old barn behind the Andrew Torok house at 328 North Center; the Earl Keim Realty carriage house at 339 North Center; and Robert Litsenberger's carriage house at 413 Randolph.



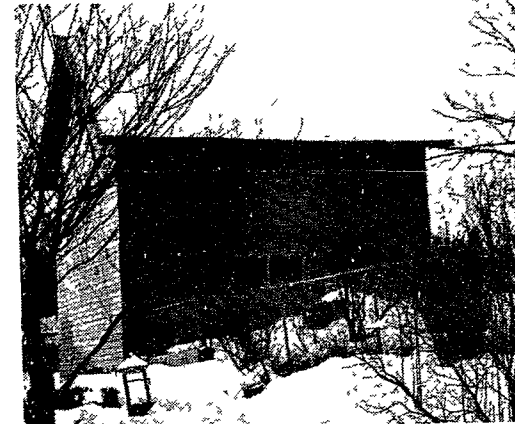
615 Grace Street



218 Lake - Still boasts wood floor



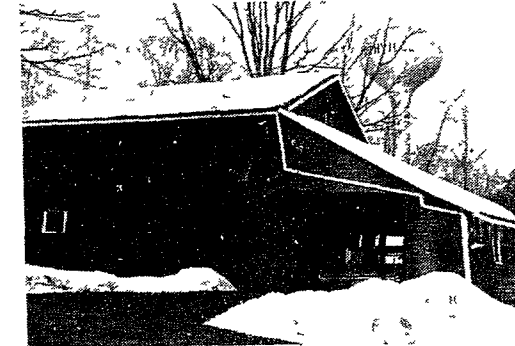
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403 Randolph - Housed riding horse



537 Dunlap Street



610 Randolph - Over 100 years old

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