

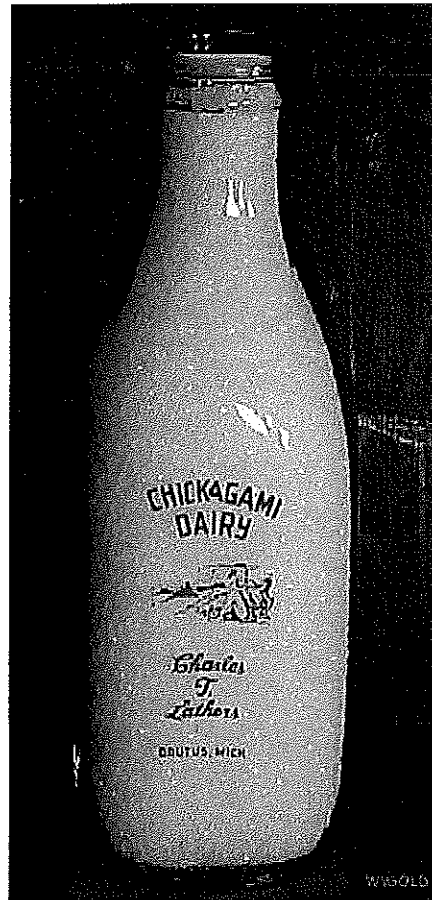
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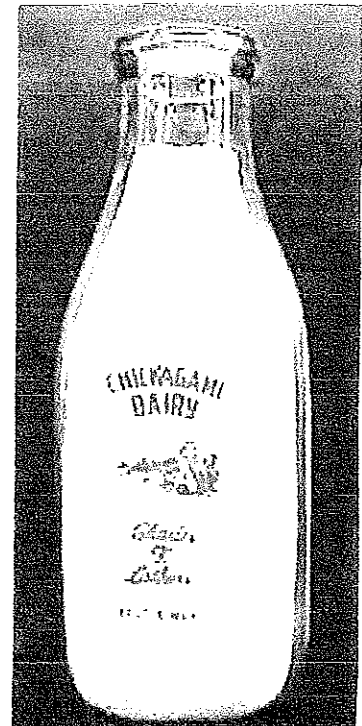
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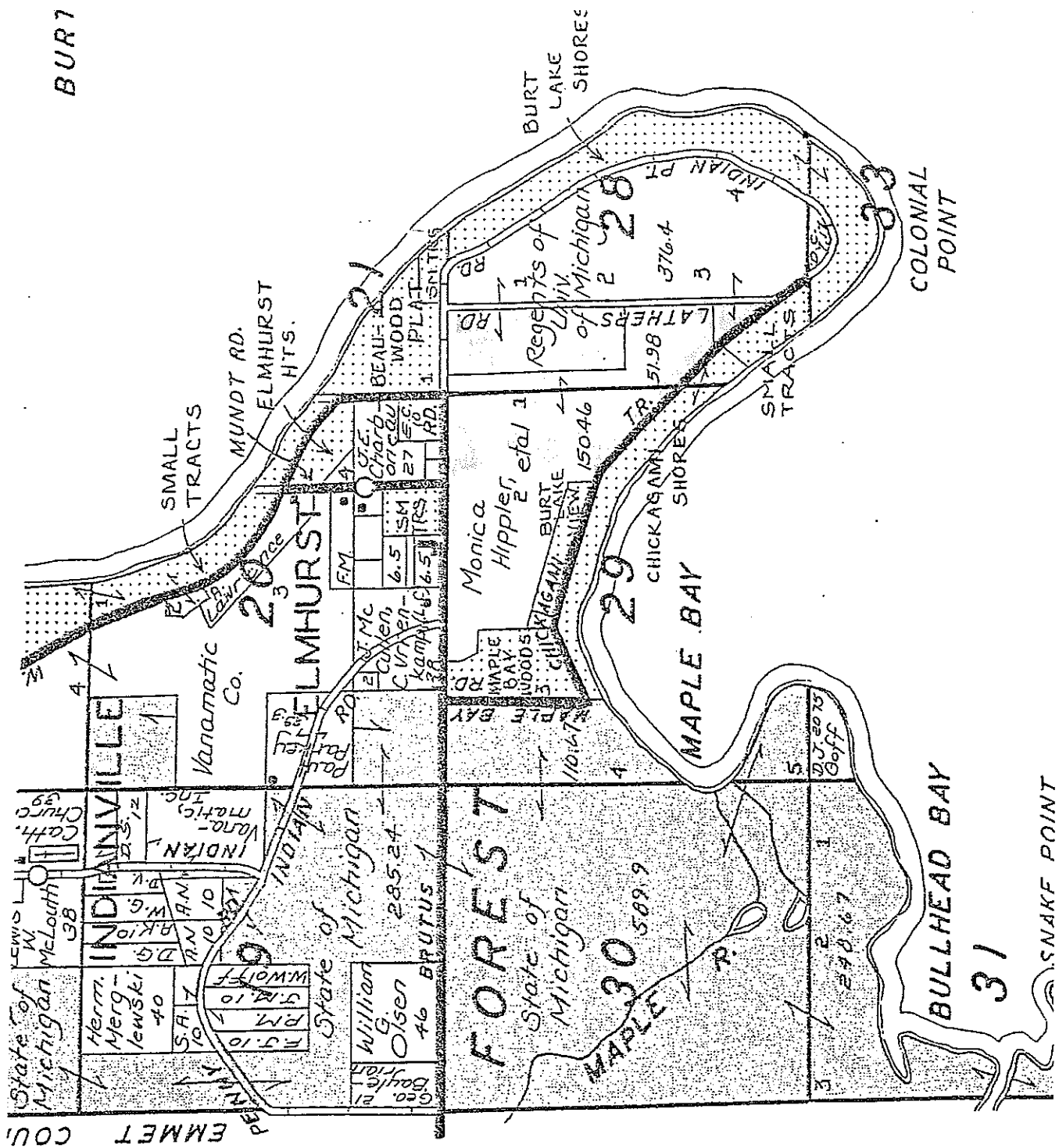


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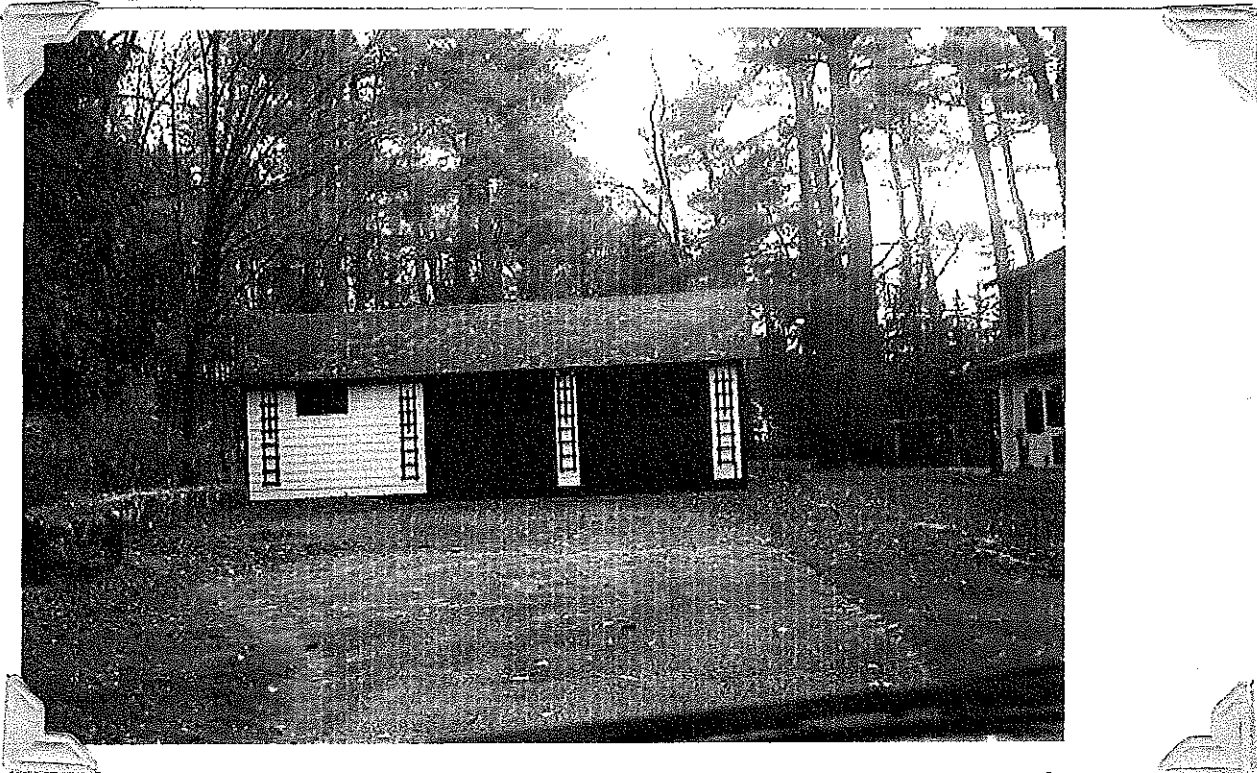
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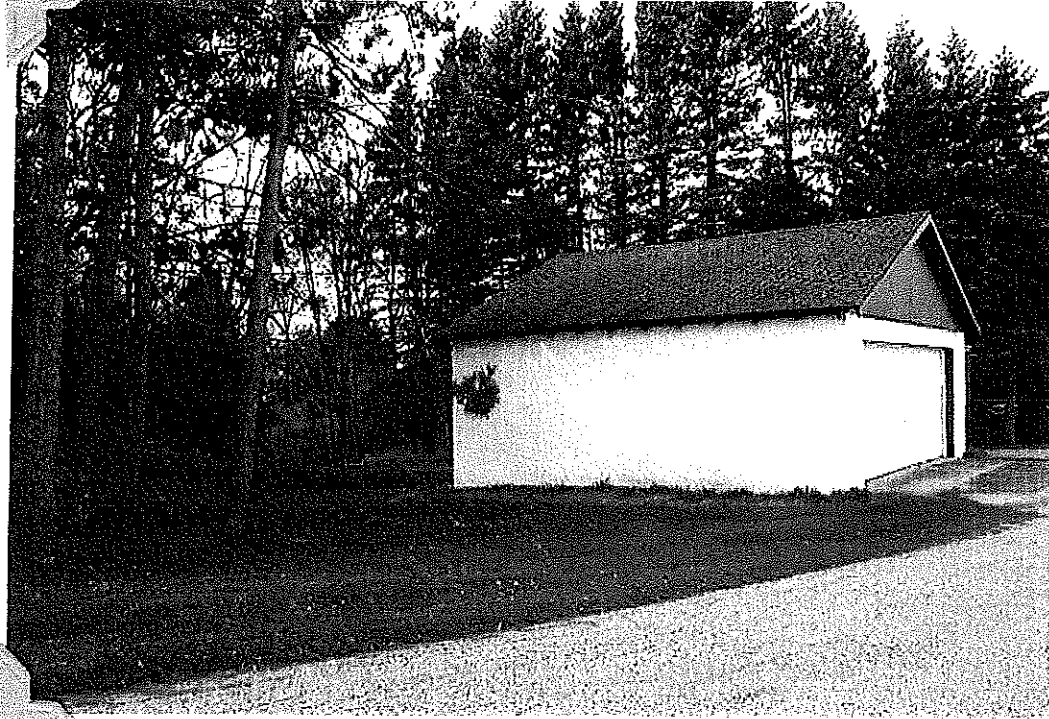


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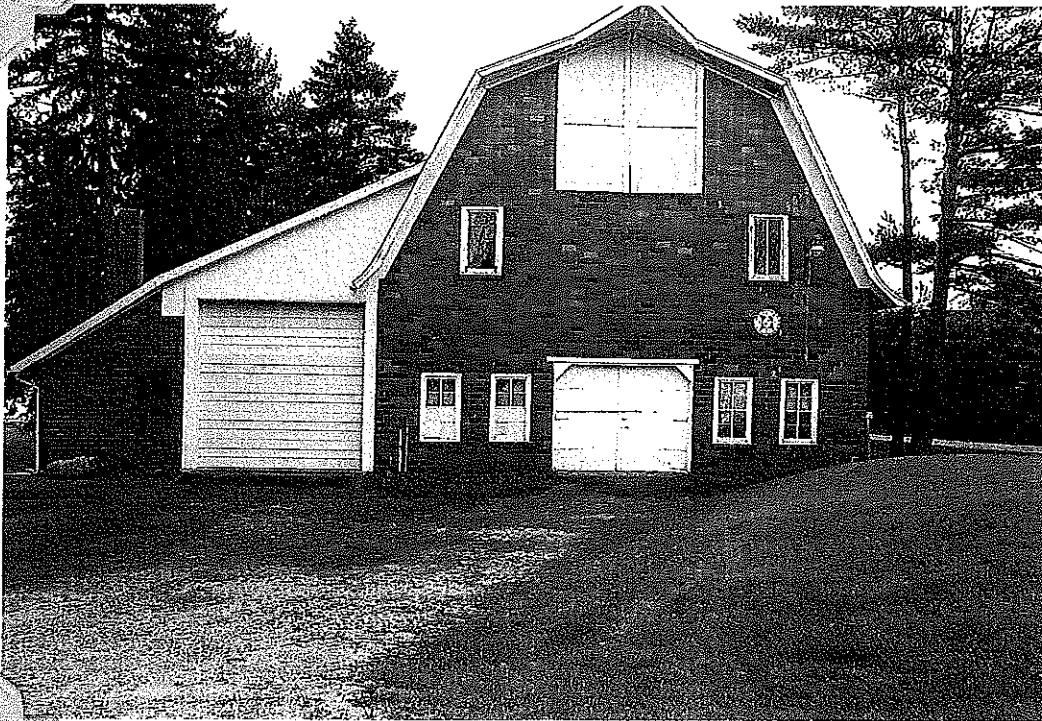


Main House Garage

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Upper Garage {at road} to Main House

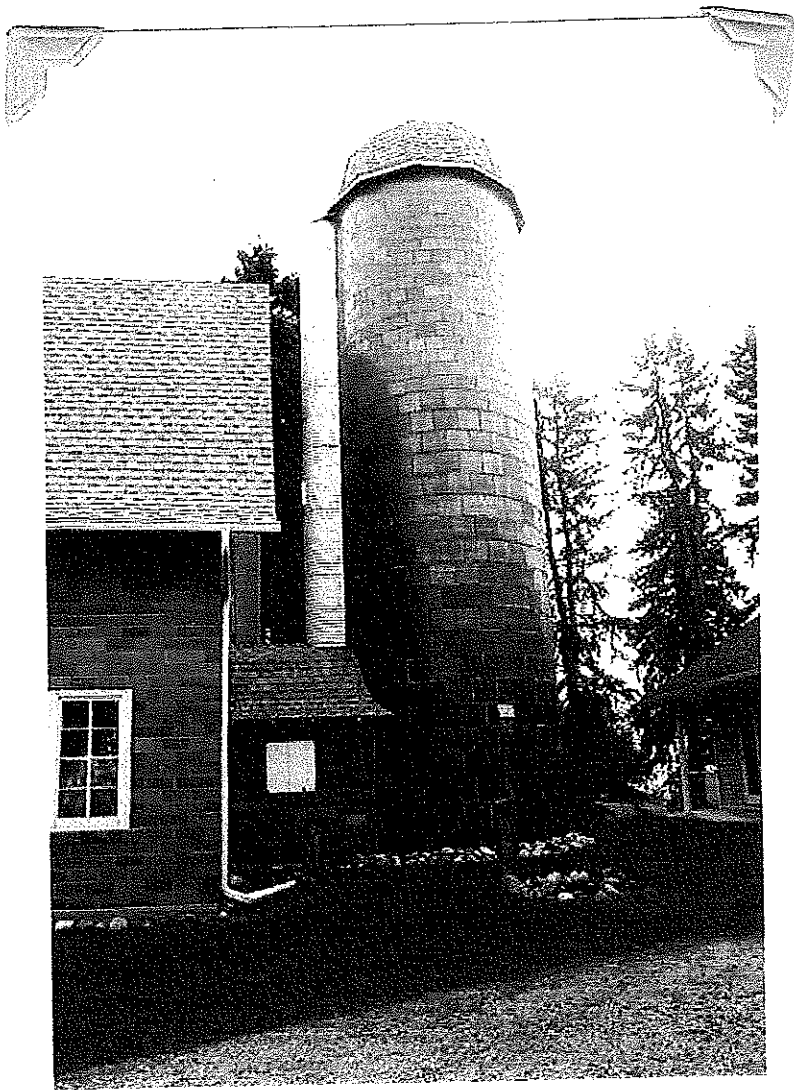


Milk Barn {original bricks} View from road

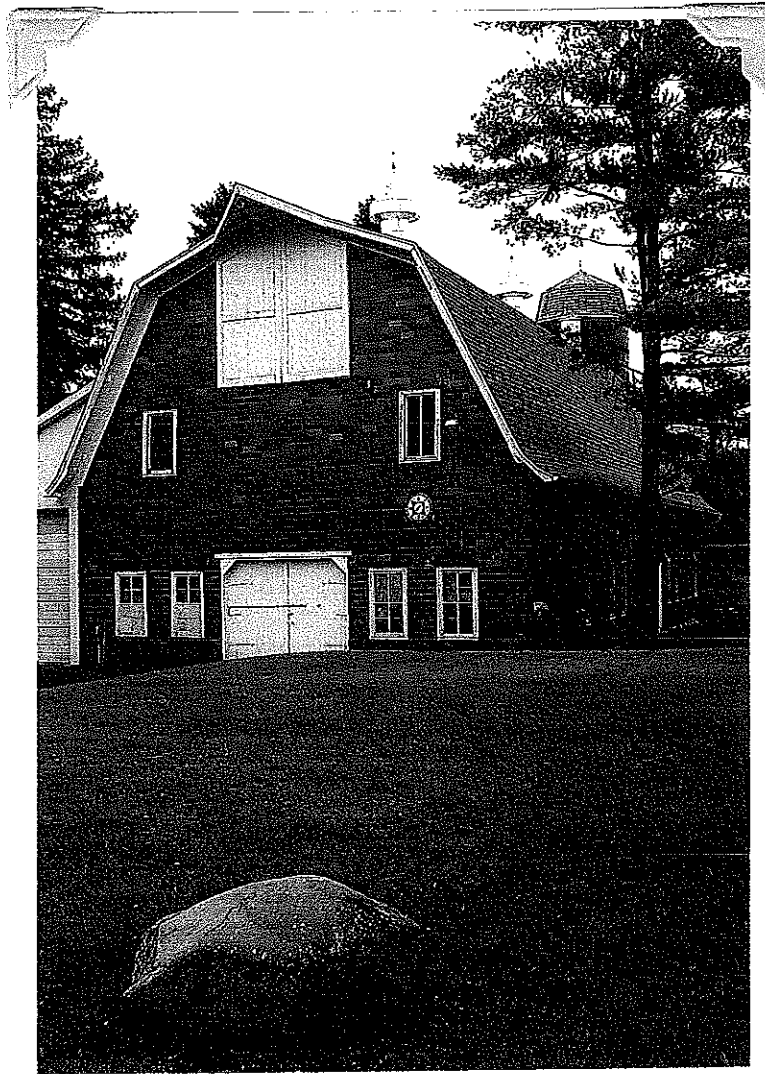
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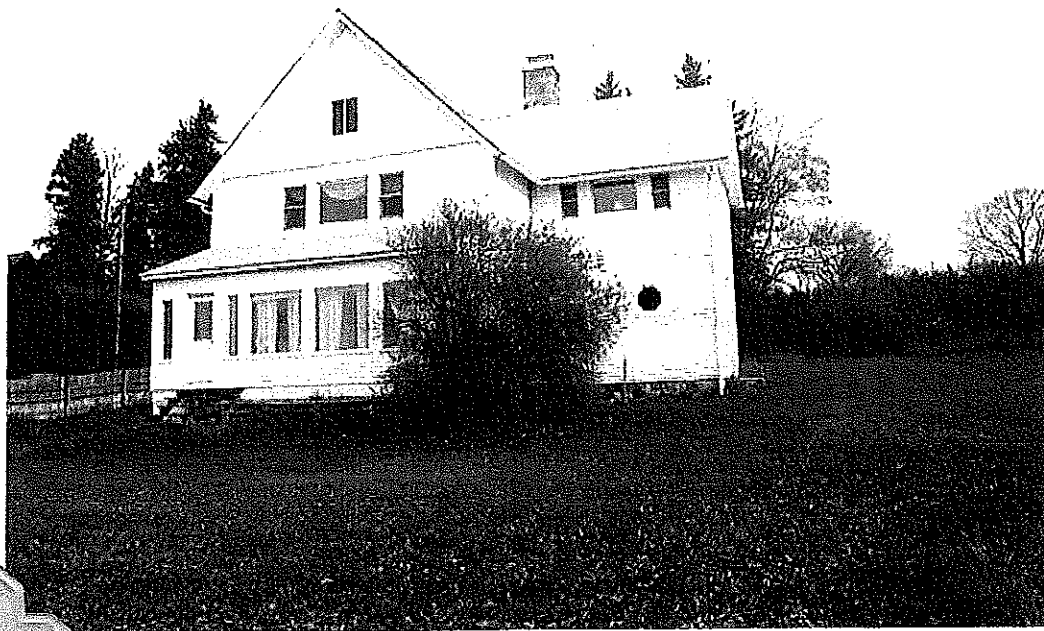


Milk Barn Silo {original bricks}



Milk Barn {original bricks} Front/west side

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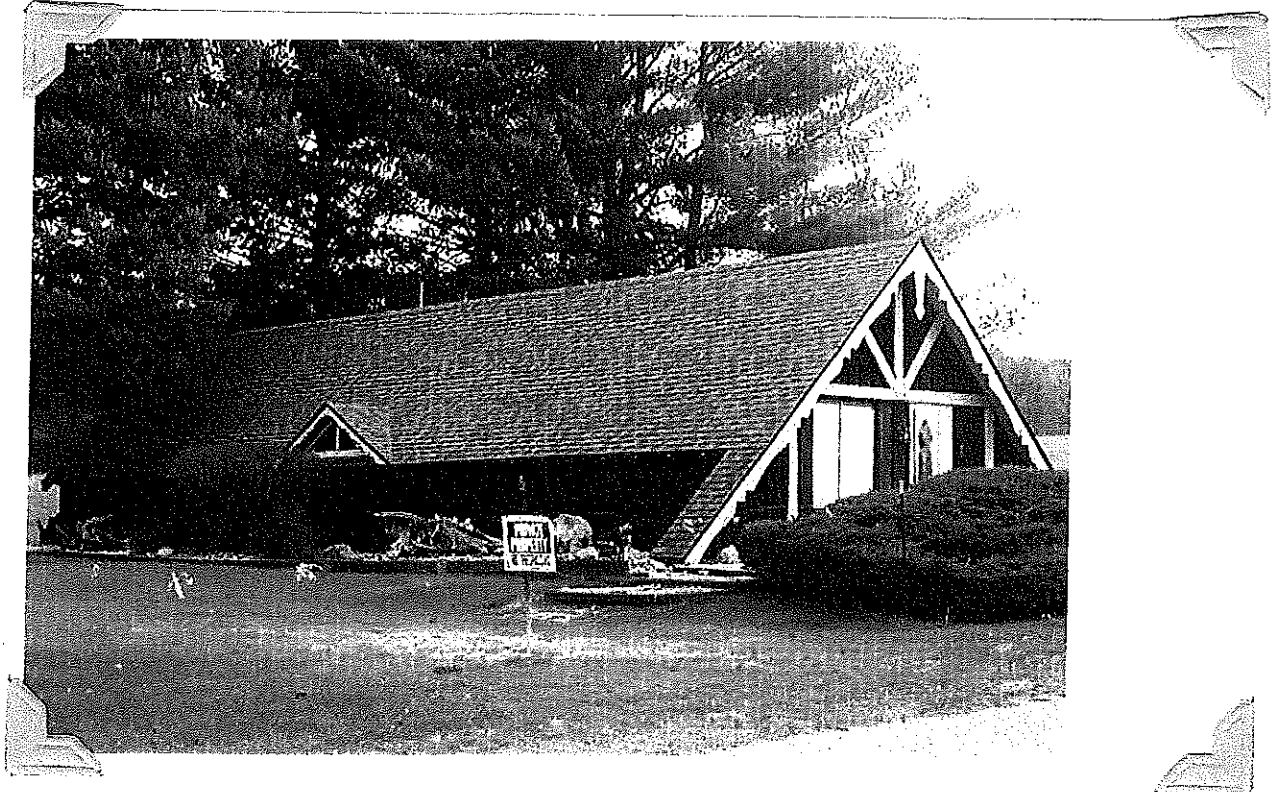


Managers Home, taken from lake front
Located to the west of the barn



Hired Man residence
Located across the road and to the west of the milk barn
Directly across the road is St. Mary's Indian Cemetery.

CHICKAGAMI DAIRY - continued
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Used to be the "Hog Barn" now a residence



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St. Mary's Indian Cemetery
Across the road from hired man residence



CHARLES TEN EYEK "CHICK" LATHERS
1888 -- 1971

Birth: October 22, 1888, Dearborn, Mi.

Death: July 26, 1971, Petoskey, Mi.
 Little Traverse Hospital

Age: 82

Marriage 1st October 1911

Ruth {Richmond} Grand Rapids

B. January 6, 1892

D. September 28, 1955

Marriage 2nd July 20, 1957

Madeline {Ferguson} Ypsilanti

B. Unknown

D. July 8, 1969

Parents:

Father: John E. Lathers

1858 -- 1932

Mother: Sarah F. Lathers

1858 -- 1932

Siblings:

Ruth M. {Lathers} Vondette

1892 -- 1965

Military: WWI

Captain in Secretary of War

Newton Baker's Office in ordinance.



Chick Lathers was an infielder, one in college (1909) and two in the Major Leagues (1910-1911). He was a World War I Veteran (BN). He played for the University of Michigan. He played in 70 games for the Detroit Tigers (1910-1911), playing at all four infield positions. He operated a large dairy farm on Burt Lake, east of Brutus MI, from 1934 to 1962 and was active in civic and community affairs in the area. After selling his farm, he spent his winters in Florida. Lathers died at age 82 at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey, MI and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Find-a-Grave Records



Lathers, Detroit Americans

Photo extracted
 Find-a-Grave Records



Chuck Lathers in his
 University of Michigan
 Baseball Uniform, circa 1909

CHARLES TEN EYEK "CHICK" LATHERS

OCTOBER 22, 1888 - JULY 26, 1971

Charles "Chick" Lathers was an American baseball player. With a .383 batting average, he was the third baseman and the leading hitter on the 1909 Michigan Wolverines baseball team that finished with a record of 18-3-1-. He later played two years of Major League Baseball as an infielder for the Detroit tigers. After retiring from baseball in 1913, Lathers worked for the Ford Motor Company for several years, served in the U.S. Army during World War I, and operated a dairy farm in northern Michigan from 1925 to 1962. He was also active in local government in northern Michigan.

BIOGRAPHY

EARLY YEARS

Lathers was born in Dearborn, Michigan. At age 16, Lathers played for the 1905 Cass club baseball team that won the city championship of Detroit, Michigan. The 1905 Cass club team also included two other future professional players—Bert Lerchen, who played for the Boston Red Sox, and Harvey Bussey, who played eight seasons in the minor leagues.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

After graduating from high school, Lathers enrolled at the University of Michigan where he played as a third baseman for the Michigan Wolverines baseball team. He was enrolled at Michigan in the engineering program from 1907 to 1910 and was described as "a major contributor" to the success of the 1909 Wolverines baseball team. The 1909 team finished with a record of 18-3-1 and outscored its opponents 140-59. Lathers was the leading hitter on the 1909 team with a batting average of .383. He was described by The Washington Post as the "baseball star of the University of Michigan" and "one of the best throwers ever seen on a Michigan ball field." The Post reported that Lathers had a batting average of more than .400 at Michigan, and noted that, "when he does hit, the ball goes a mile." Lathers was also considered a "sure fielder."

In February 1910, press accounts reported that Lathers had either been "expelled" or flunked out" at Michigan. The 1910 baseball season at Michigan was the first under new coach Branch Rickey. Because of the expulsion of Lathers, Rickey, who was later inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, was deprived of the services of the team's best batsman.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

As soon as Lathers was expelled from Michigan, Detroit tigers manager Hughie Jennings announced that Detroit had "first claim" on his services. Jennings said that he intended to take Lathers south for spring training and described Lathers as "an unusually promising player" whose "only fault" is base running, a skill at which Jennings was an expert teacher.

After joining the Tigers for spring training, Lathers made the team and had his major league debut on May 1 1910. Early in the 1910 season, Lathers was touted as a future star. The Washington Post in late May 1910 published Lathers' photograph with a caption describing him as "Chick' Lathers, last year's star of the University of Michigan nine," However, with Jim Delahanty, Donie Bush, and George Moriarty holding down the starting jobs at second base, shortstop and third base, Lathers did not find his way into Detroit's starting lineup. As a result, Lathers spent most of the 1910 season, as one newspaper put it, "on the Tiger bench learning the rudiments by observing." Lathers played in 41 games for the 1910 Tigers, playing games at second base, shortstop and third base. He compiled a .230 batting average and .300 on base percentage in 93 plate appearances during the 1910 season.

In February 1911, Lathers returned to the Tigers for spring training. Press accounts suggested that, if the injured legs of Delahanty and Bush had healed, there was "no chance" of Lathers taking their starting spots. However, one newspaper opined that Lathers "is a much better batter than O'Leary and if he could learn some of the fine points of the game while South, would have the call" at second base. As the spring progressed, Detroit manager Hughie Jennings tried moving Lathers to first base to find a spot for him in the starting lineup. The press reported that Jennings planned to have both a right and left hand batting first baseman, with Del Gainer or Ness getting the start when a left-hander was pitching and Lathers getting the start against right-handers. In the end, Jennings moved Delahanty to first base in 1911, and Lathers saw even less playing time than he had in his rookie season. He played in only 28 games and compiled a batting average of .222 and an on base percentage of .314 in 53 plate appearances.

In 1912, Lathers tried for a regular position in the Tigers outfield, but failed to make the team. He was then shipped to the minor leagues by the Tigers to play with the Providence Grays in the International League. Lathers was joined in Providence by two other Detroit cast-offs, catcher Boss Schmidt and outfielder Delos Drake. By late July, newspapers reported that the three former Tigers playing in Providence were "fairly burning up the International League with their hitting." At the time, Schmidt was hitting .364 and Drake .330. Lathers spent much of the 1912 season on the "sick list," causing his batting average to slump, but by late July, his batting average had started to climb and stood at .304.

CHARLES TEN EYEK "CHICK" LATHERS OCTOBER 22, 1888 - JULY 26, 1971

In his two-year major league career, Lathers played in a total of 70 games, all with the Detroit Tigers. He played games at all four infield positions {22 games at 3rd base, 16 games at 2nd base, and 8 games at shortstop}. He had a career batting average of .228 with a .305 on base percentage. His lifetime fielding percentage of .906 was 32 points lower than the league average during his years of play, and his Range factor of 2.94 was 1.66 points lower than the league average of 4.59.

MILITARY SERVICE AND FORD MOTOR COMPANY

In December 1912, Lathers was traded by the Detroit Tigers to the Indianapolis baseball team run by Mike Kelley. In return for Lathers, the Tigers were to have received Charley O'Leary – the same player whose starting job Lathers had sought in 1911. Lathers was expected to play in the outfield for Indianapolis. However in February 1913, the trade was cancelled after Lathers said he would not play baseball in 1913. It was reported that Lathers had quit baseball permanently to become an automobile salesman. Lathers reported that he was attached to the Kalamazoo, Michigan, store of the Ford Motor Company as a salesman. Lathers said of the new job that he "likes it so well he proposes to stick to it."

Lathers served in the U.S. Army as an ordinance officer during World War I. After the war, Lathers returned to work at Ford Motor Company as a branch manager.

DAIRY FARMER AND LOCAL POLITICS

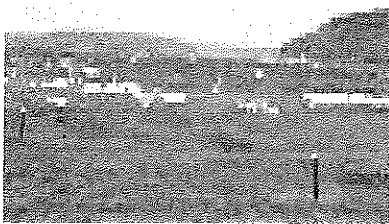
In 1925, Lathers bought property on Burt Lake at Indian Point {also known as Colonial Point}. Lathers built a dairy barn, which was still standing in 2006, a sheep barn, chicken coop, icehouse and other buildings. Lathers' farm bottled and sold unpasteurized milk from "his prized Golden Guernseys." He used giant chunks of ice cut from Burt Lake in winter to keep the milk chilled. For many years, Lathers also supplied the iceboxes of area resorters. Lathers continued to operate his dairy farm until 1962.

Lathers was active in local government. In 1945, Lathers was living in Petoskey, Michigan, and was one of the principal forces pushing a plan to raise \$50,000 to partially finance the reconstruction of the inland water route from Cheboygan, Michigan to Conway, Michigan. Lathers and a group of northern Michigan businessmen formed a non-profit corporation to raise the funds from local residents and tourists. Lathers believed the route, which was known as Michigan's "forgotten water route," would promote tourism in northern Michigan. Lathers was also a longtime member of the Cheboygan County Road Commission. In 1953, he was elected chairman of the commission. He also served for a time as head of the Michigan Association of Road Commissioners.

LATER YEARS

In 1962, Lathers sold his dairy farm. In his later years, he spent his winters in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Lathers died in 1971 at age 82 at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. He is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Extracted from Chick Lathers, Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



From 1925 to 1962 Lathers
operated a Dairy farm on the
Shores of Burt Lake

6-PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW

Saturday, April 9, 1966

Looking 'Em Over

By Jim Doherty

Letters from Petoskeyites in scattered places:

Charles T. "Chic" Lathers, who operated a dairy for many years on the shores of Burt Lake prior to his retirement,

writes from 4431 W. Tradewinds-ave., Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., that a lot of people have been there including "several from the Petoskey area. We get the News-Review and it keeps us up to date on what is taking place near home." Veteran baseball fans will remember that he is a former Detroit Tiger first baseman back in the days when this century was just a youngster.

CHARLES TEN EYEK "CHICK" LATHERS

1888 - 1971

OBITUARY

Petoskey News Review
Monday, July 26, 1971

Charles Lathers Dies Here Today

Charles T. "Chick" Lathers 82, retired businessman, civic leader and ex-Detroit Tiger baseball player died today at Little Traverse Hospital.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. from Emmanuel Episcopal Church here with Fr. Lee Lindemberger in charge and burial following in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Lathers discontinued dairy and farm operations of his Chick-a-Gami Dairy in 1862 and made his winter home at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and summered at the Bay View Inn.

Mr. Lathers was active in not only Northern Michigan but in the state. He served as supervisor of Burt Township for six years; was member and chairman of the Cheboygan Michigan County Road Association and was president of the State Road Association.

He served as president of the Inland Route Improvement Association in the 1840s and 1950s and the group led to dredging a channel from Cheboygan to Conway by the U.S. Corps of Engineers to open these recreational waters for safer boating.

He was president of the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce and was president of the Petoskey Rotary Club. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of Dearborn.

He was born Oct. 22, 1888 at Dearborn. He graduated from Central High School, Detroit, in 1907 and attended the University of Michigan for two and a half years where he played varsity baseball and basketball. He left the U. of M. to play professionally with the Detroit Tigers in 1910 and he was with them for three seasons and made friends with many of the pros and sports writers of that era.

He joined the Ford Motor Co. in 1912 and was with them until 1930.

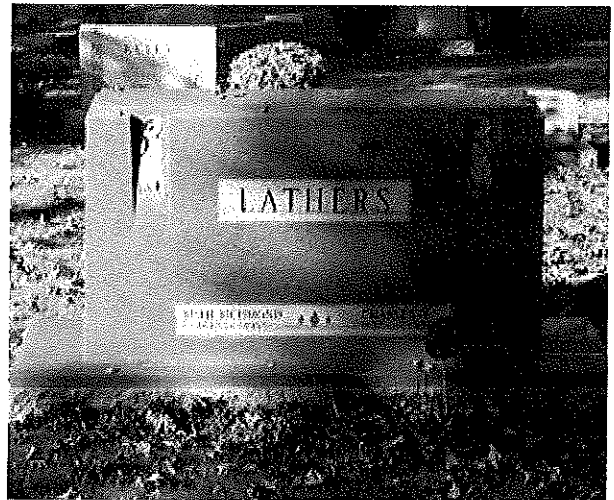
During World War I he served as captain in Secretary of War Newton Baker's Office in ordinance.

In 1934 he moved to the Brutus-Burt Lake area where he operated a large dairy farm on Burt Lake east of Brutus. He bought the land in 1920 and started operating the farm in 1930. He operated the dairy until 1962.

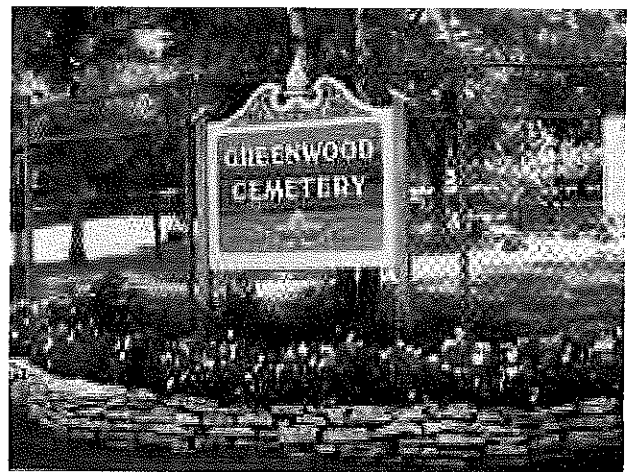
He was married to Ruth Richmond at Grand Rapids in October 1911 and she died in September 1955. He was married to Madeline Ferguson of Ypsilanti in Ypsilanti on July 20, 1957 and she died in 1969.

Surviving are two step-sons, Robert Ferguson of Fenton and James of Mound, Minn., and seven grandchildren.

The body is at the Stone Funeral Home where friends may call from Tuesday afternoon until 10 a.m. Wednesday.



Greenwood Cemetery
Petoskey, Emmet County, Michigan
Section O, Block 150, Lot 26



RUTH {RICHMOND} LATHERS
1892 -- 1955

OBITUARY

Petoskey News-Review
Thursday, September 28, 1955

Mrs. C. T. Lathers Rites Saturday

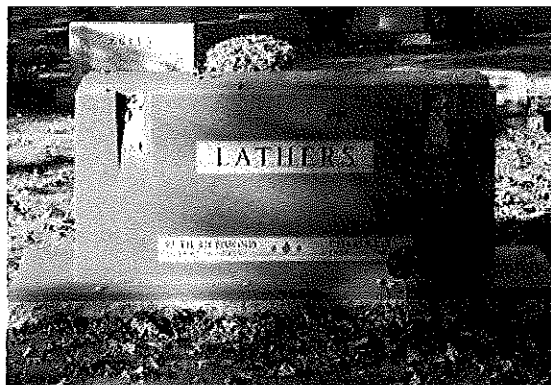
Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday from the Peters Funeral Home for Ruth R. Lathers 63, wife of Charles T. Lathers, of Brutus, who died Wednesday at Little Traverse Hospital following a two-month illness.

The Rev. Lloyd Brasure will officiate, and burial is to be in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Born in Holland, Mich., January 6, 1892, the former Ruth Richmond was married to Mr. Lathers in Grand Rapids on October 19, 1911. They made their home in Detroit and Birmingham until 1934 when they moved to a dairy farm in the Brutus area. Mr. Lathers is a former Detroit Tiger baseball player and Ford Motor Co. executive.

Surviving in addition to the husband is a sister, Mrs. George Munro, of Cedar Springs, Mich.

The family will be at Peters Chapel from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday when friends may call.



Greenwood Cemetery
Petoskey, Emmet County, Michigan
Section O, Block 150, Lot 26

MADELINE LATHERS
Unknown -- 1969

OBITUARY

Greenwood Cemetery Records

Former Burt Lake Resident Dies

Services for Mrs. Charles (Madeline) Lathers, who died at ~~Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Fla.~~ will be held in Ypsilanti, Mich. Friday.

Mrs. Lathers, a summer resident of Burt Lake, died April 8 and services were held in Florida before the body was brought to Ypsilanti.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, James and Robert Ferguson and several grandchildren.

Cemetery Unknown
Services held at Ypsilanti