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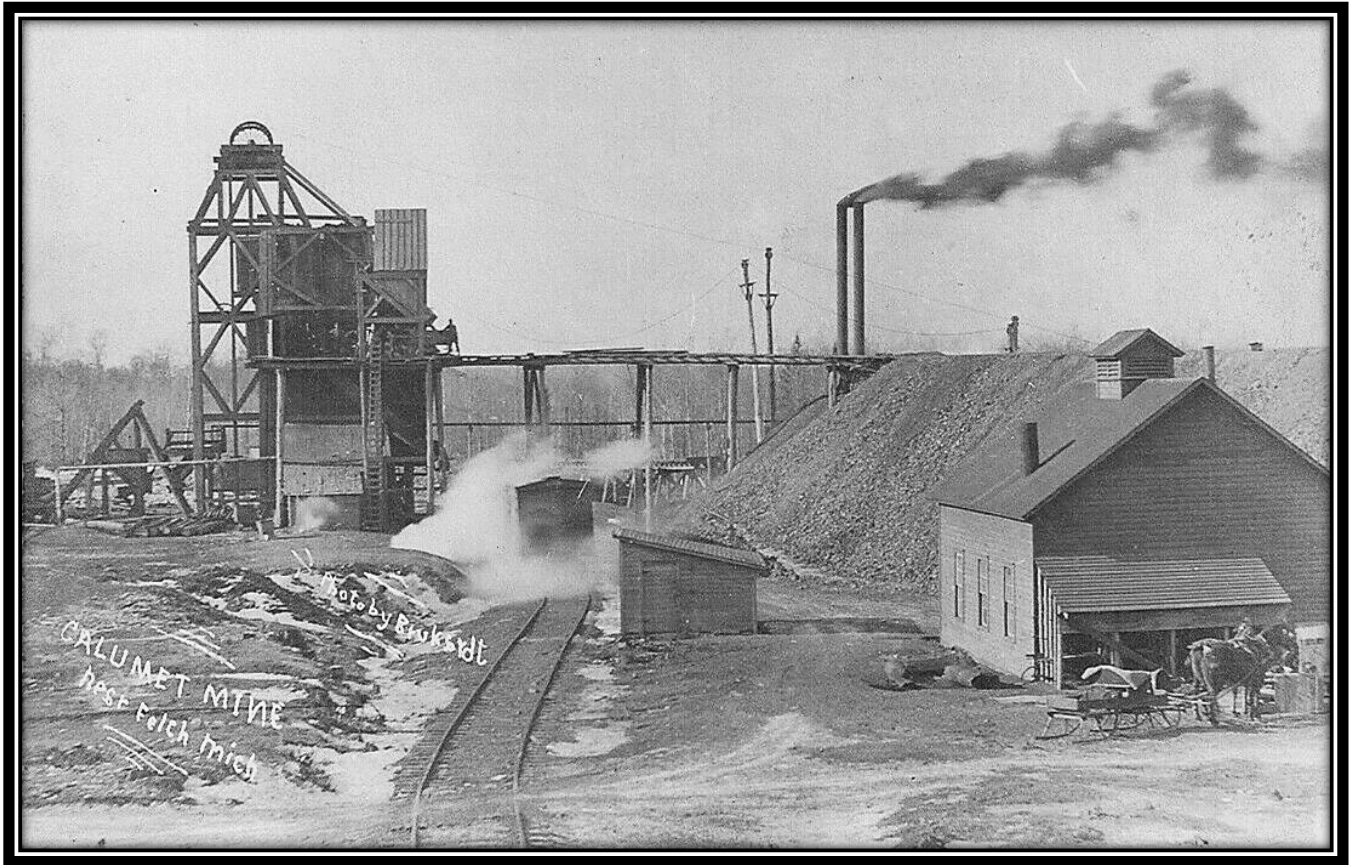
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Organized March 16, 1877, embracing T39N – T40N – T41N of R27W – R28 W (then part of Menominee County); boundary changes: (1) E ½ of T40N of R27W detached February 27, 1890, and attached to Spaulding Township; (2) T39N of R27W – R28W and W ½ of T40N of R27W detached February 27, 1890, and included in Meyer Township as organized; (3) T42N – T43N – T44N of R27W and T39N of R28W attached May 21, 1891, to Dickinson County as organized; (4) T39N – T40N of R28W and S ½ of T41N of R28W set off March 9, 1892, and organized as Waucedah Township; (5) T43N – T44N of R27 W detached October 19, 1908, and included in West Branch Township as organized; named for Thomas and Bartley Breen, timber cruisers from Menominee.

CALUMET MINE: Located in Section 8, T41N of R28W, mine shipped ore in 1882, 1883 and 1884; reopened in 1905 and active sporadically until 1914.

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Calumet Mine, Felch Mountain Range, Near Felch, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Calumet Mine, Near Felch, Mich.” probably dates to about 1910 and was taken by E. Brukart (Ernest Robert Brukart, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch). This is Shaft No. 1 of the Calumet Mine, showing the trestle, stockpiles, railroad tracks, boiler house with two smokestacks and a mining building with a sleigh pulled by a team of horses at the lower right. [eBay]

Located on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 41 North, Range 28 West; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 41 North, Range 28 West, the Calumet Mine was discovered in the summer of 1881 and opened in 1882. Initially the Calumet Mine was operated by the Calumet Iron Company, Cleveland Ohio. (A.B. Cornell, president, G.H. Cornell, secretary; Robert McCurdy, treasurer). The mine shipped from 1882-1884 and prior to 1894 shipped a total of 38,713 tons of iron ore. The Calumet Iron Company reopened reopened the Calumet Mine in 1906 with Pickands, Mather & Company, Cleveland, Ohio, serving as sales agents. Ore was shipped from 1906 through 1908 and again in 1912 and 1913. Ore shipments from 1882 to 1913 totaled 173,917 tons. The greatest vertical depth was 215 feet.

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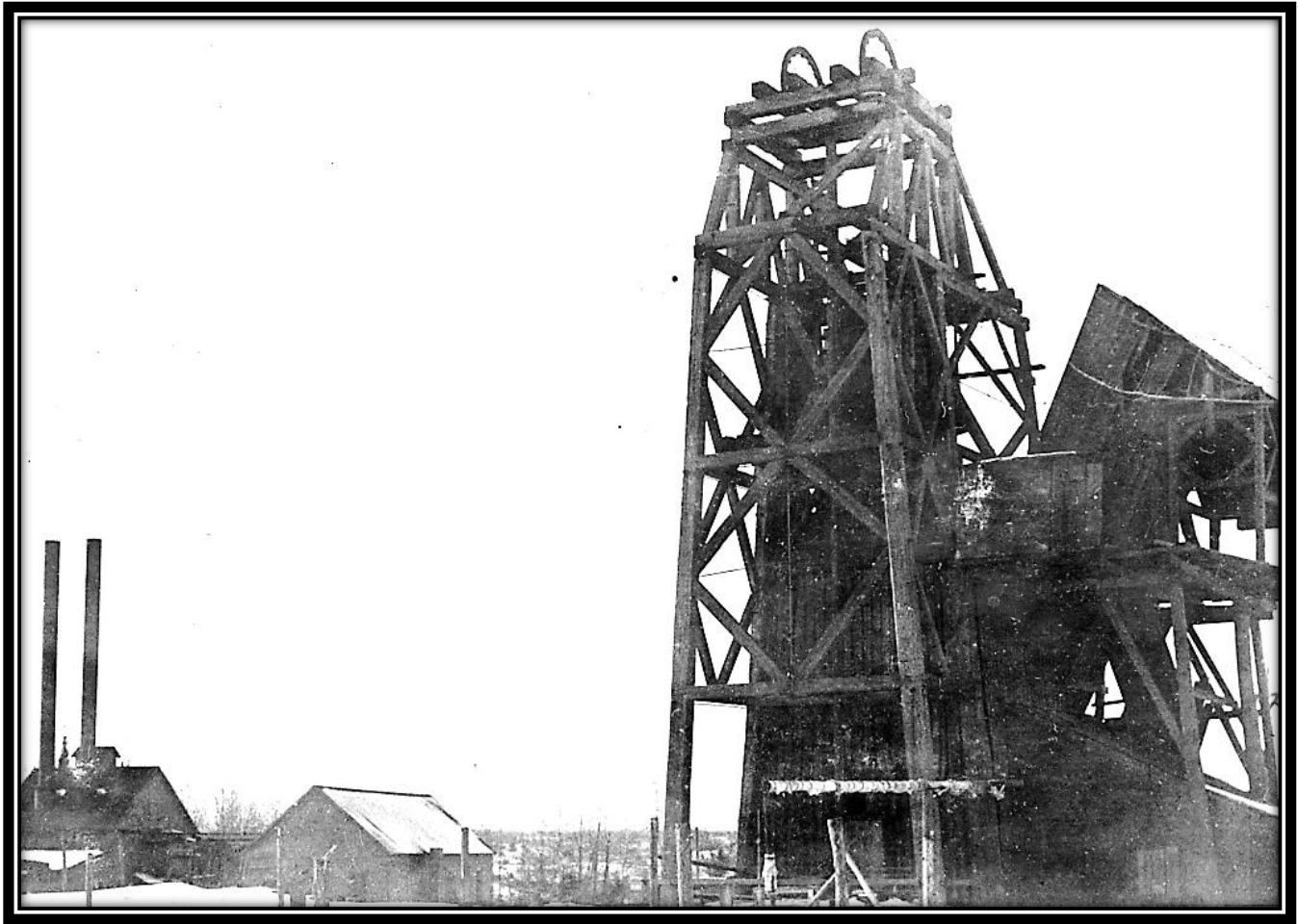


Shaft No. 1, Calumet Mine, Felch Mountain Range, Near Felch, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910: This real photo postcard view identified as “**Shaft No. 1, Calumet Mine**” is postmarked Felch, Michigan, July 15, 1910 and was taken by E. Brukar dt (Ernest Robert Brukar dt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch). The mine was discovered late in 1880 or early in 1881, and by 1882 four shafts had been sunk and extensive diamond drilling had been done. In 1882 the Calumet Mine was expected to ship 10,000 tons, but only managed 5,847 tons. In 1884 only 3,627 tons were shipped. The mine closed shortly thereafter and was reopened late in 1905 or early in 1906 by the Verona Mining Company, a subsidiary of the Pickands Mather Company. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

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Calumet Mine, Looking North, Felch Mountain Range, Near Felch, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1914: This photograph, looking north from atop one of the slag piles, was taken from a spot in front of the mine office between 1910 and 1914. The building left of center was the machine shop, and a larger, 3-stack boiler house was located to the left of the 2-stack boiler house visible in this photograph. The Verona Mining Company reopened the Calumet Mine in late 1905 or early 1906, and the mine was active sporadically until 1914. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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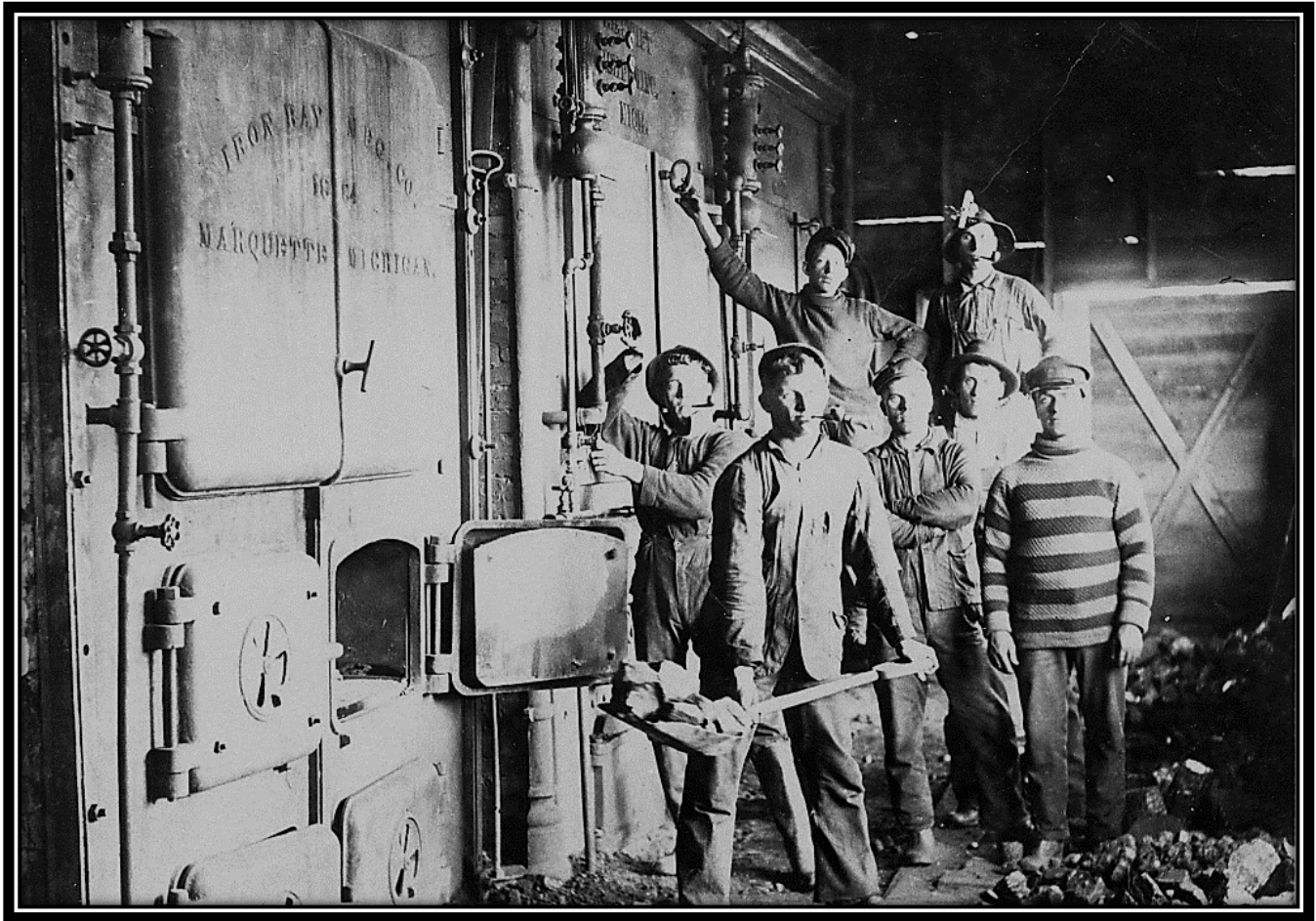


Coal Dock and Engine House, Calumet Mine, Felch Mountain Range, Near Felch, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1912: This real photo postcard view identified as "Coal Dock & Engine House, Calumet Mine" is postmarked Felch, Michigan, May 29, 1912 and was taken by E. Brukardt (Ernest Robert Brukardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch). [William J. Cummings]

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Interior of the Boiler Room at the Calumet Mine, Felch Mountain Range, Near Felch, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1905-1914: This unidentified crew worked stoking the boilers at the Calumet Mine. The photograph was probably taken after the Verona Mining Company reopened the Calumet Mine in late 1905 or early 1906. Note the miner at the right in the back with a pipe in his mouth wearing an oilskin mining hat with his miner's candlestick attached. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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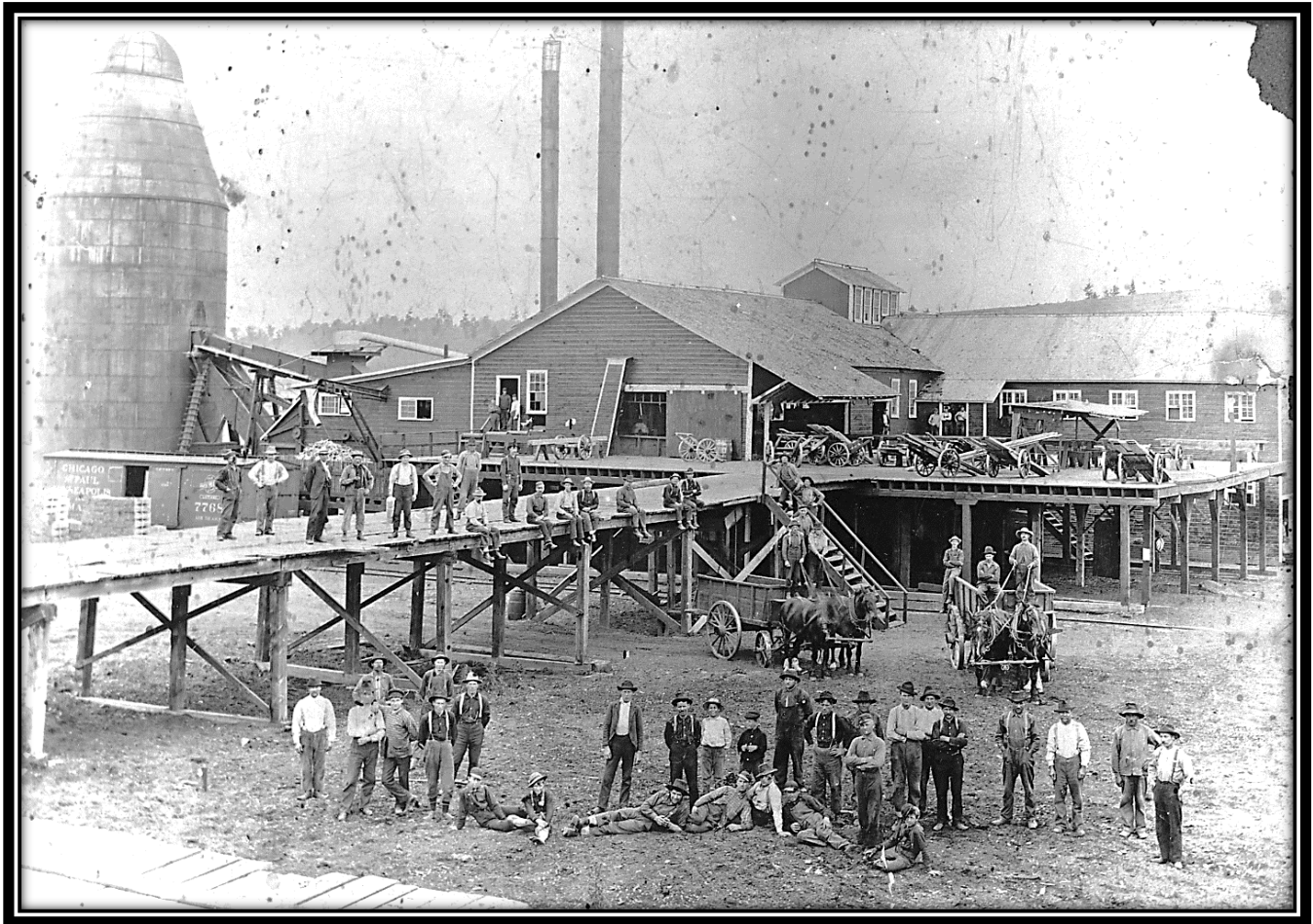


Calumet Mine Location, Felch Mountain Range, Near Felch, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1913: Shortly after the Calumet Mine was reopened by the Verona Mining Company in late 1905 or early 1906, twenty-five houses were built at the mine location to house the miners. In early April, 1910, the Iron Mountain Press announced the Calumet Mine had been closed due to the poor quality of ore being mined there. Between fifty and one hundred men were thrown out of employment, many having recently moved to the Calumet Mine Location, pictured here prior to 1913. The two boys at the left are John Peterson and Helmer Edberg. The woman wearing white at the right in the background was the school teacher. The children near her were members of the Edberg family. More houses extended to both the right and the left of those pictured here. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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FOSTER CITY: Established by lumberman Alonzo L. Foster in 1884 in Breen Township; post office established February 5, 1886, with Alonzo L. Foster, postmaster.



The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Sawmill, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1905: The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company made extensive alterations at its Foster City sawmill in the early spring of 1905. A 40x50-foot addition housed the shingle mill equipped with two double block machines and ten knot saws capable of producing 160,000 shingles per day. The main building, 50x120 feet, contained a bandsaw, resaw, edger, trimmer, tie machine and shingle bolt saw. The mill had the capacity of 45,000 feet of lumber per day. A planing mill and electric light plant completed the Foster City sawmill complex, pictured here at about the time the improvements were made. Note the cone-shaped sawdust burner at the left, the lumber carts on the wooden tramways and the horse-drawn slab carts below. A large number of the mill's employees posed for the photographer. [Lola (Wickman) Hallenbeck]

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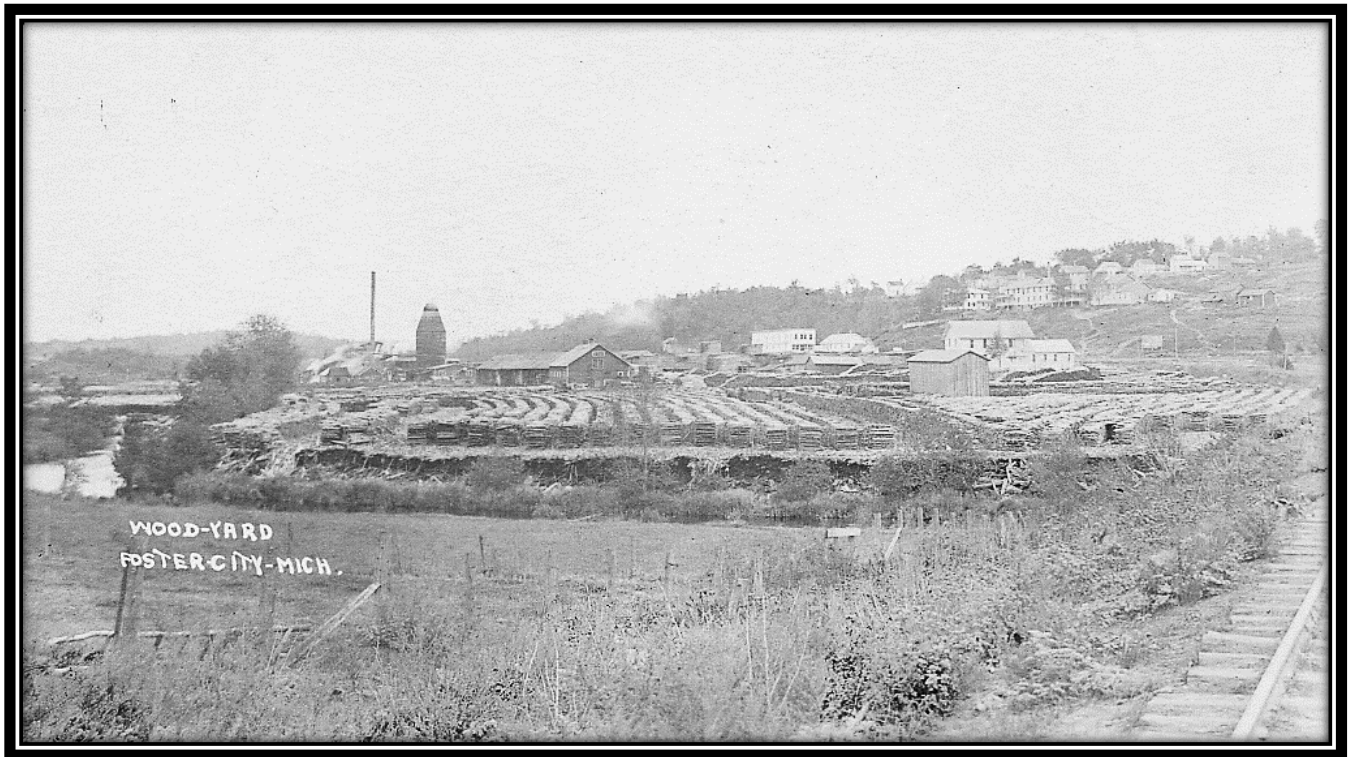
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Returning from a Picnic at Norway Lake, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1901-1902: These Foster City residents were returning from a picnic at Norway Lake when this photograph was taken in about 1901-1902. The cone-shaped sawdust burner from the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's sawmill can be seen in the distance between the heads of the two horses at the left. Houses on Boarding House Hill can also be seen in the background and the little schoolhouse is barely visible at the upper right. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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Wood Yard of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1918-1925: This unused real photo postcard view identified as **“Wood-Yard, Foster City, Mich.”** probably dates between 1918 and 1925. The bridge over the Sturgeon River is visible at the far left, the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company sawmill with the cone-shaped sawdust burner is to the left of center, the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store is to the right of center and Boarding House Hill with various buildings overlooking the mill and millpond area is at the upper right. Note the neat rows of stacked rough-sawn lumber and the railroad tracks at the lower right. *[William J. Cummings]*

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The Felch Flyer Crossing the Sturgeon River at Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, August 1910: This real photo postcard view caught “The Felch Flyer,” also called “The Lightning Express,” crossing the railroad bridge over the Sturgeon River at Foster City in August 1910. Note the two passenger cars behind the boxcar. The number on the coal tender is 888. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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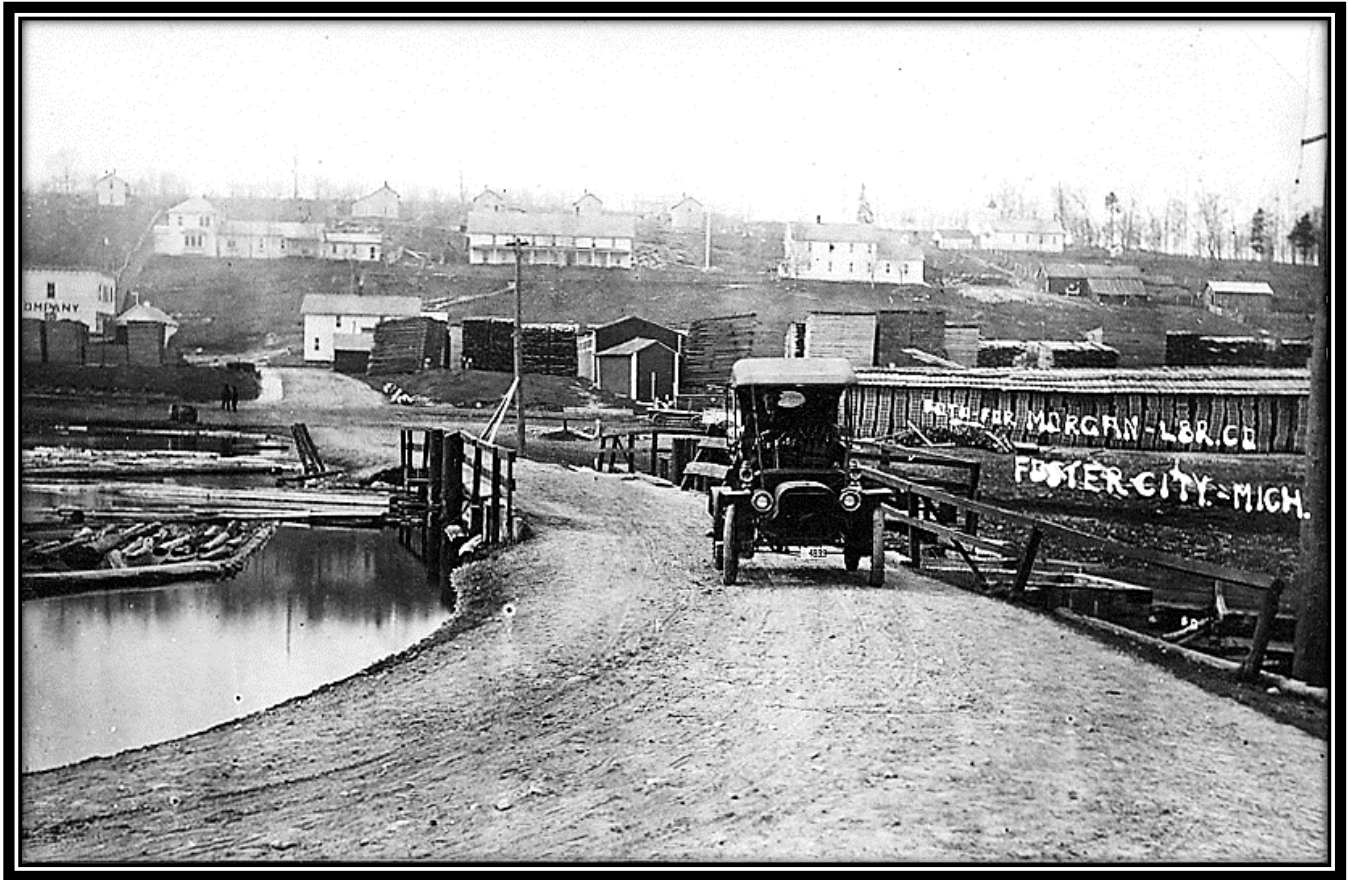
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Bridges Over the Sturgeon River with Early Automobile, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1911: This real photo postcard view identified as “Foster City, Mich.” is postmarked Foster City, Michigan, February 3, 1911. The wooden bridge crossing the Sturgeon River near the millpond is visible in the foreground with an early automobile crossing the structure and the railroad bridge can be seen above in the background. [William J. Cummings]

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Bridge Over the Sturgeon River and Boarding House Hill in Background, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Morgan Lbr. Co., Foster City, Mich." probably dates to about 1910. Note the logs floating in the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's millpond at the left of the bridge which crossed the Sturgeon River. An early automobile has just crossed the bridge and the buildings on Boarding House Hill are visible, including the superintendent's house at the left and the boarding house at the center. An identical view postmarked August 1, 1910 sold on eBay. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Boarding House, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Foster City, Mich.” probably dates between 1910 and 1915 and was taken by Conant, an Escanaba photographer. The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company’s boarding house (above at left) and an unidentified building, were both located on Boarding House Hill. A similar view by Brukaradt (Ernest Robert Brukaradt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch) (below) shows the same two buildings and was postmarked Foster City, December 5, 1915. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Boarding House, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1915: This real photo postcard view identified as “M.L. & C. Co. Boarding House, Foster City, Mich.” is postmarked Foster City, Michigan, December 5, 1915 and was taken by E. Brukardt (Ernest Robert Brukardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch). The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company’s boarding house (above at left) and an unidentified building were both located on Boarding House Hill. [William J. Cummings]

[Ernest Robert Brukardt, son of Henry and Augusta Brukardt, was born February 15, 1884 in Michigan. The Henry Brukardt family was living in Felch Township, Dickinson County, Michigan, according to the U.S. Federal Census for 1900. Henry and Augusta Brukardt, both born in Germany in about 1862, were the parents of Ernest, son, 15; Martha, daughter, 14; William, son, 13; Henry, son, 11; Herman, son, 9; Arthur, son, 5; Otto, son, 4; and Richard, son, 2. All of the children were born in Michigan. In the U.S. Federal Census for 1910 for Bark River, Delta County, Michigan, Ernest Burkardt [sic – Brukardt], 26, was living with his brother, William Burkardt [sic – Brukardt], 22. In the U.S. Federal Census for 1920 for Spalding, Menominee County, Michigan, Ernest R. Brukhart, 35, and his wife, Gertrude M. (Solberg) were listed with Charles H.E., son, 7; Hearold A., son, 4; and Gertrude E., daughter, 2. All three children were born in Michigan.]

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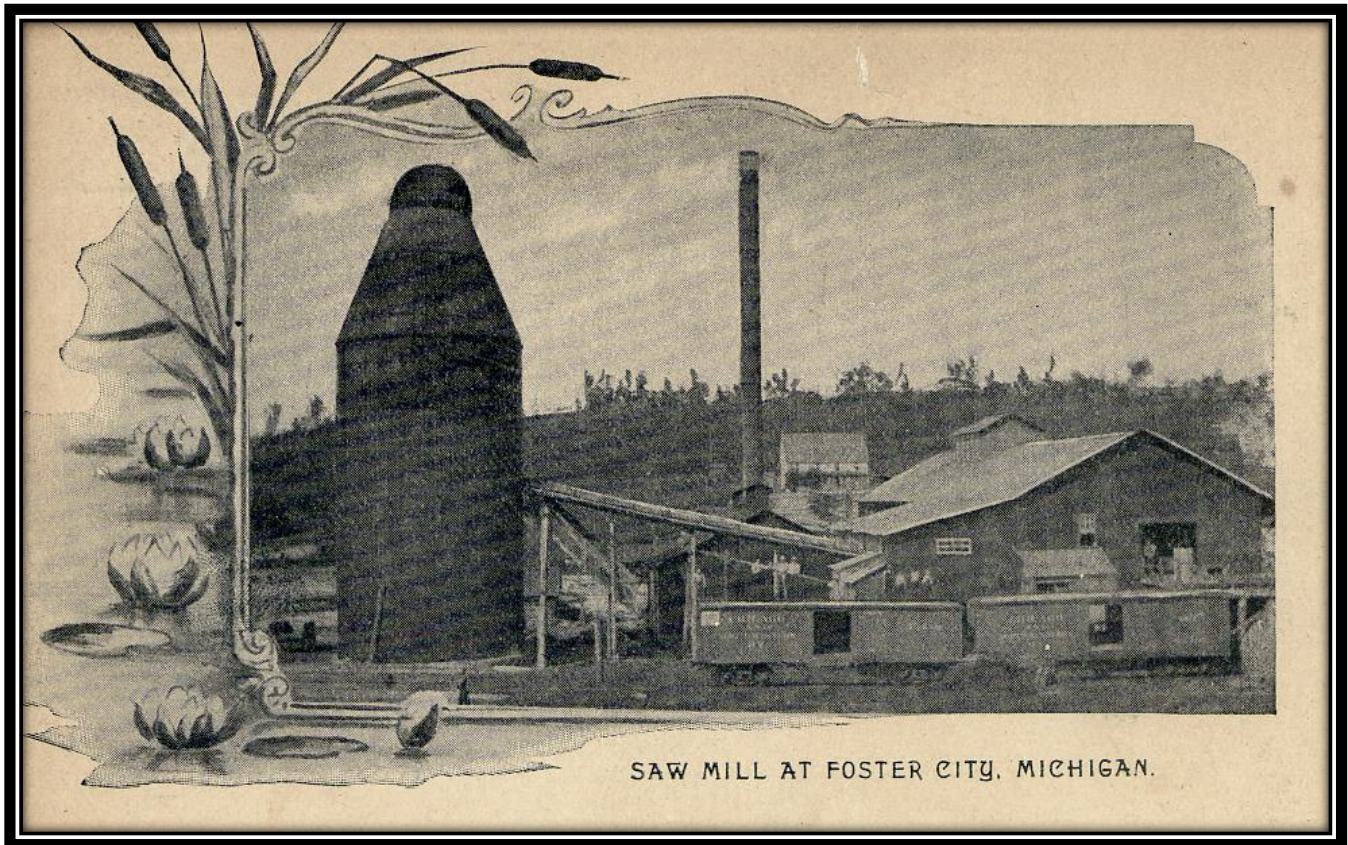
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Superintendent's Residence and Boarding House, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This real photo postcard view identified as "Residence and Hotel, Foster City, Mich." probably dates between 1910 and 1915. Both located on Boarding House Hill, the superintendent's residence is at the left and the boarding house is at the right. Note the stone wall in front of the superintendent's house. The boarding house looks as if it had been enlarged when compared with the two previous views. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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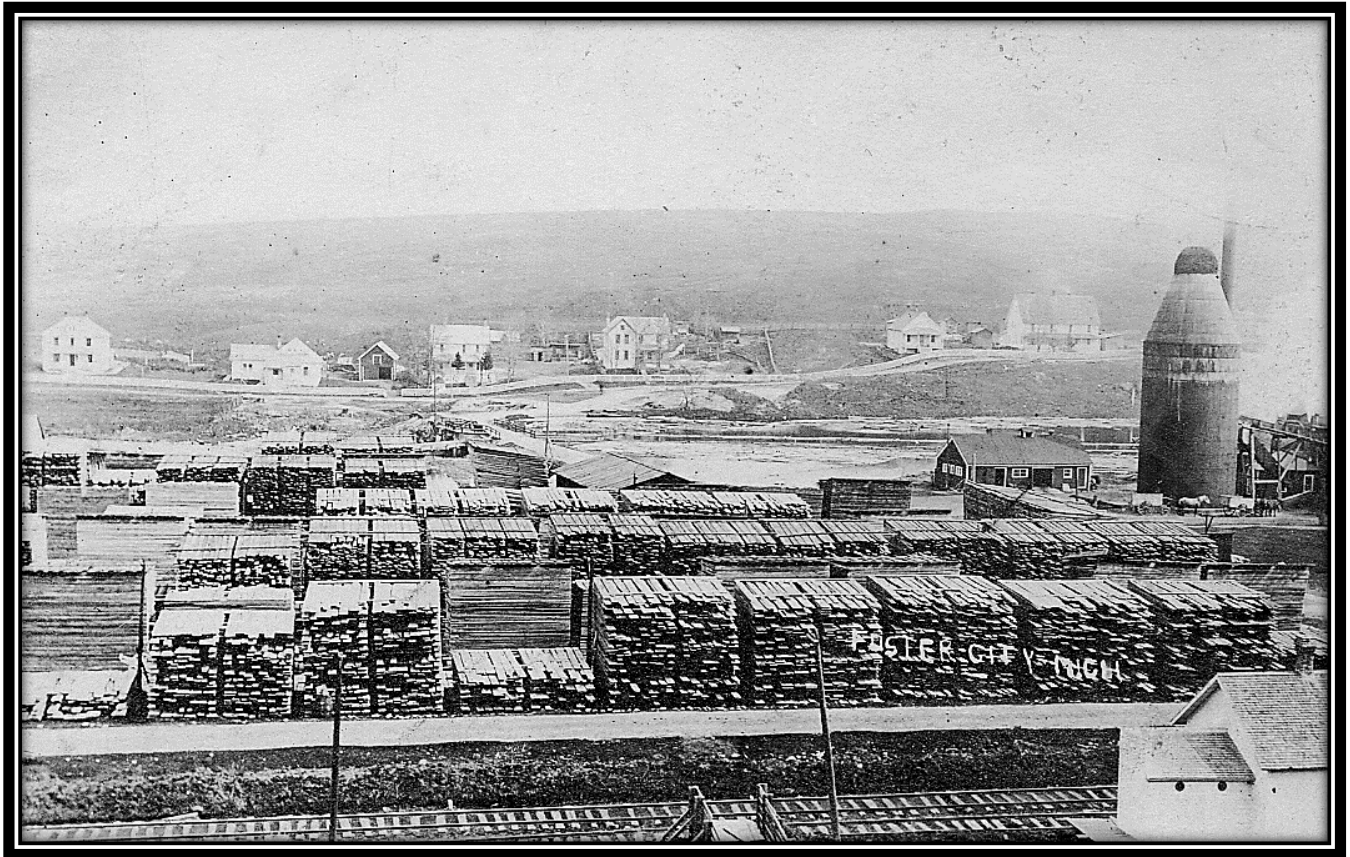
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Sawmill, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1906: Dating from about 1906, This unused black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Saw Mill at Foster City, Michigan" probably dates to about 1906, as it has an undivided back. Published by Albert J. Sandgren, of Escanaba, this close-up view shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's sawmill with the sawdust burner at the left. From 1884-1895 the A.M. Harmon Lumber Company ran Foster City's original lumber company. [William J. Cummings]

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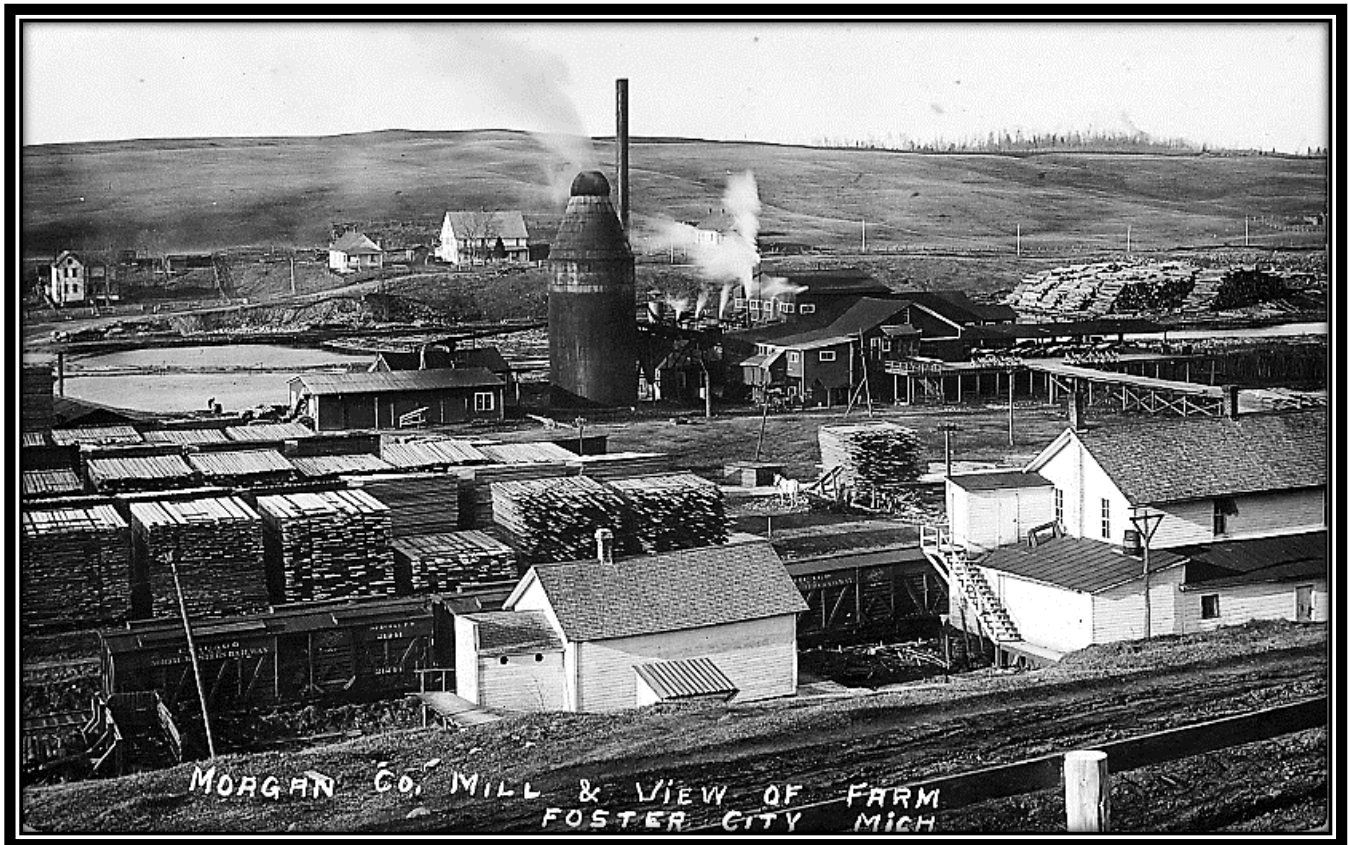
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View of Foster City Showing Stacks and Lumber and Homes Opposite Mill Pond, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910: This real photo postcard view identified as "Foster City, Mich." is postmarked Foster City, Michigan, June 6, 1910. The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Mill is shown in part at the extreme right of this view with the sawdust burner. Stacks of drying lumber appear between the mill and the railroad tracks in the foreground. A corner of the building next to the company store can be seen at the extreme lower right. Note the houses across the Sturgeon River on the other side of the mill pond. [William J. Cummings]

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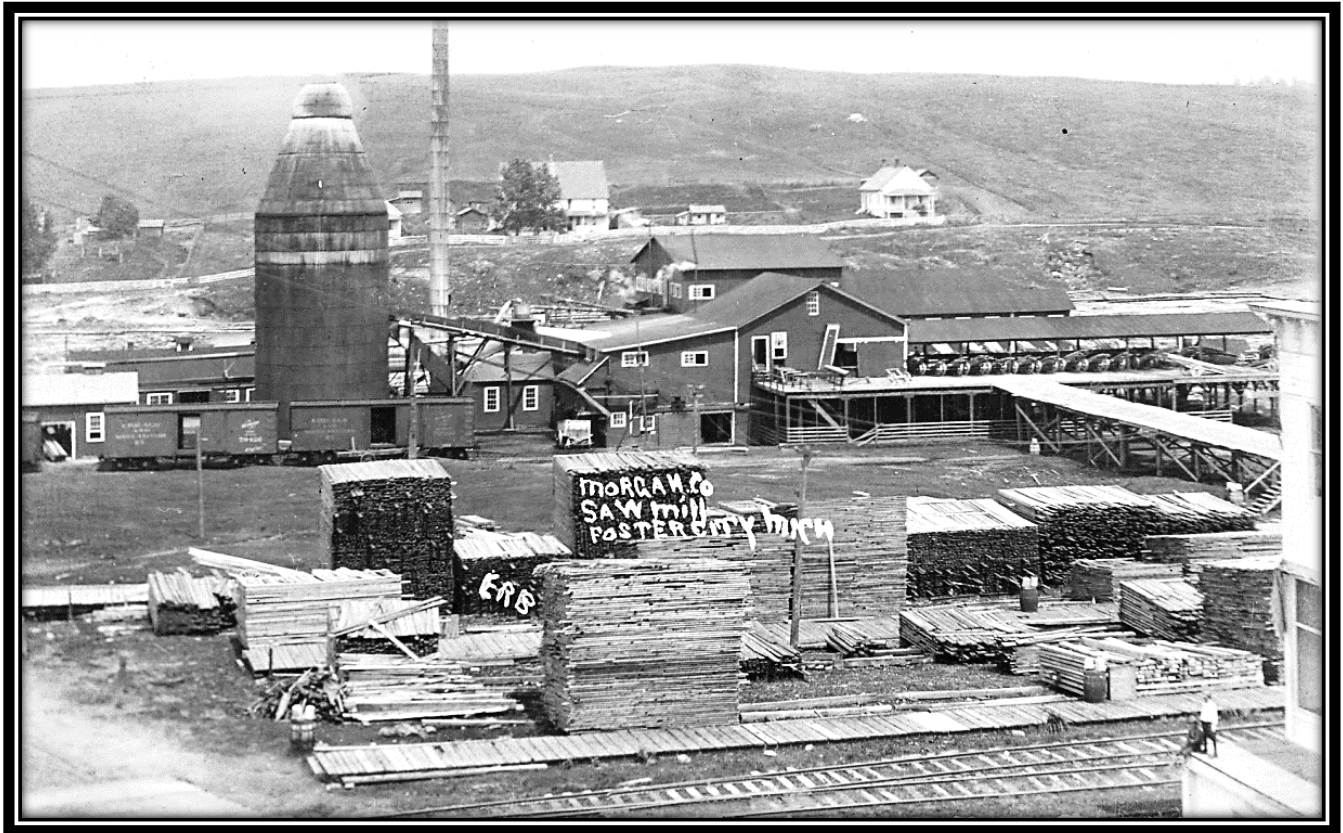
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Overview of Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Mill Taken from Boarding House Hill, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Morgan Co. Mill & View of Farm, Foster City, Mich.” probably dating between 1910 and 1915 shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company sawmill in the center. The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company was incorporated in 1900 by Tom Morgan, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, when he purchased the Harmon Lumber Company in Foster City. The Morgan Lumber and Cedar Company closed its mill in Foster City in 1923. Note the stacked logs at the far upper right and the rough-sawn boards at the lower left. An item in the March 2, 1905 edition of *The Iron Mountain Press* noted a 40' x 50' addition was built on the shingle mill, equipped with two double block machines and ten knot saws. The daily capacity of the shingle mill was 160,000 shingles. The main building was 50' x 120' and contained a bandsaw, resaw, edger, trimmer, tie machine and shingle bolt saw. The daily lumber capacity of the sawmill was about 45,000 feet. There was also a planing mill and electric light plant in connection with the mill. At that time the company employed about 250 men in its camps and at the mill. [William J. Cummings]

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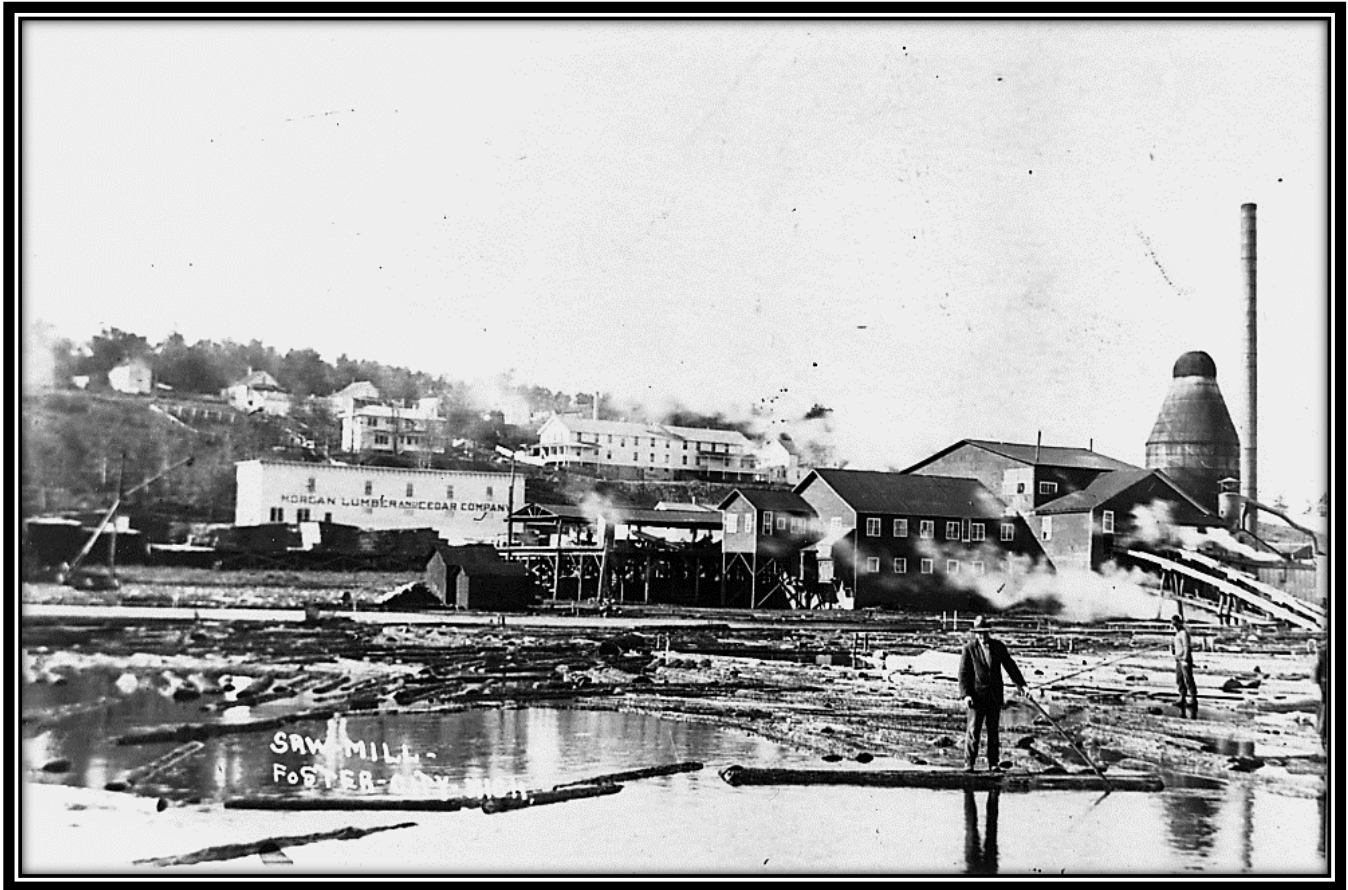
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Sawmill, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1911: This real photo postcard view identified as "Morgan Co. Sawmill, Foster City, Mich." is postmarked Foster City, Michigan, December 5, 1911 and was taken by ERB (Ernest Robert Brukaradt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch). The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company was incorporated in 1900 by Tom Morgan, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, when he purchased the Harmon Lumber Company in Foster City. The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company closed its mill in Foster City in 1923. This view was taken from Boarding House Hill and shows the corner of the company store at the far right next to the railroad tracks and an overview of the mill operations. An item in the March 2, 1905 edition of *The Iron Mountain Press* noted a 40' x 50' addition was built on the shingle mill, equipped with two double block machines and ten knot saws. The daily capacity of the shingle mill was 160,000 shingles. The main building was 50' x 120' and contained a bandsaw, resaw, edger, trimmer, tie machine and shingle bolt saw. The daily lumber capacity of the sawmill was about 45,000 feet. There was also a planing mill and electric light plant in connection with the mill. At that time the company employed about 250 men in its camps and at the mill. Note the ramp coming out of the upper section of the sawmill and the stacks of rough-sawn lumber in the foreground in front of the railroad tracks. [William J. Cummings]

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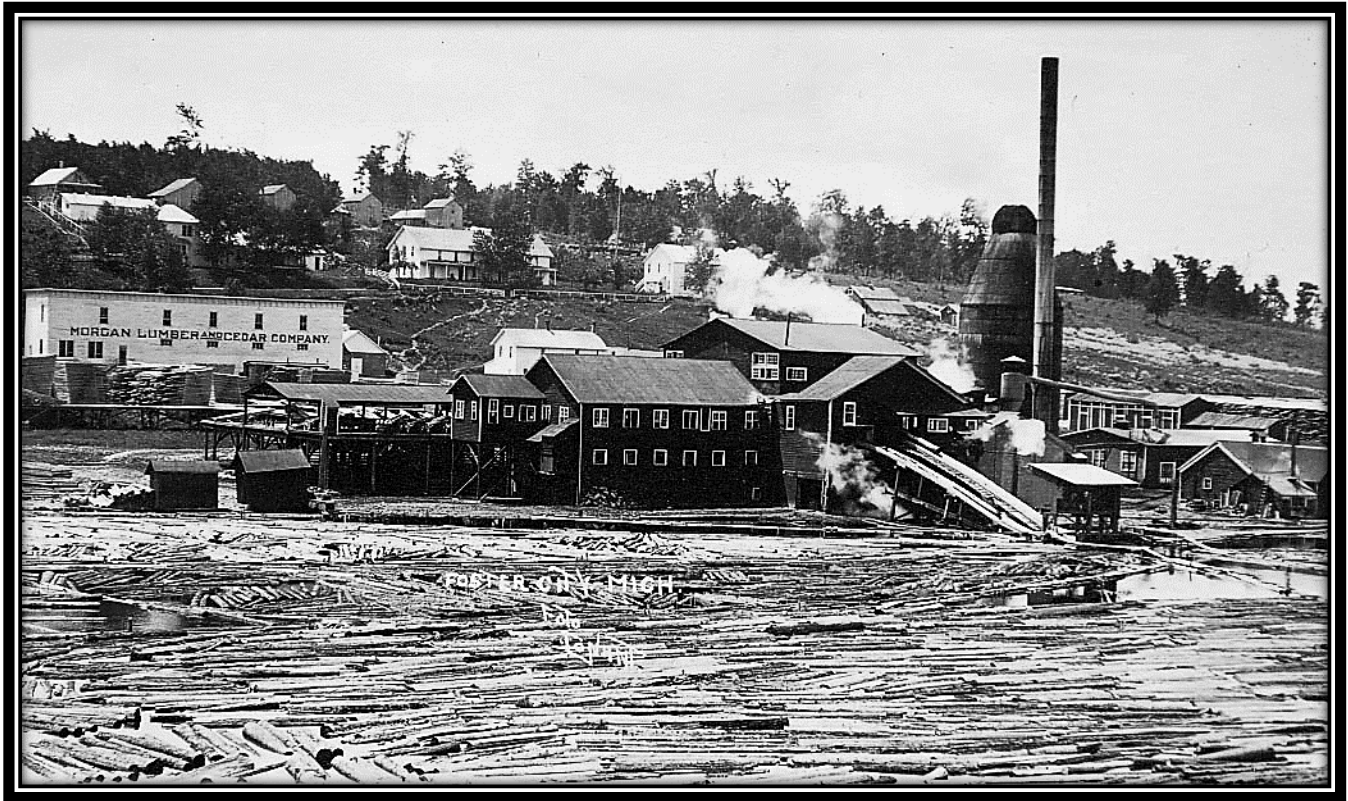
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Sawmill, Foster City, Mich.” probably dates to about 1910. Taken from across the millpond, this photograph gives an overall view of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company’s sawmill complex. The white building just to the left of center bearing the company name was the company store. The sawmill itself, complete with the silo-like sawdust burner, can be seen at the right. The large residence directly above the company store housed the superintendent, while the boardinghouse to the right sheltered many employees. [William J. Cummings]

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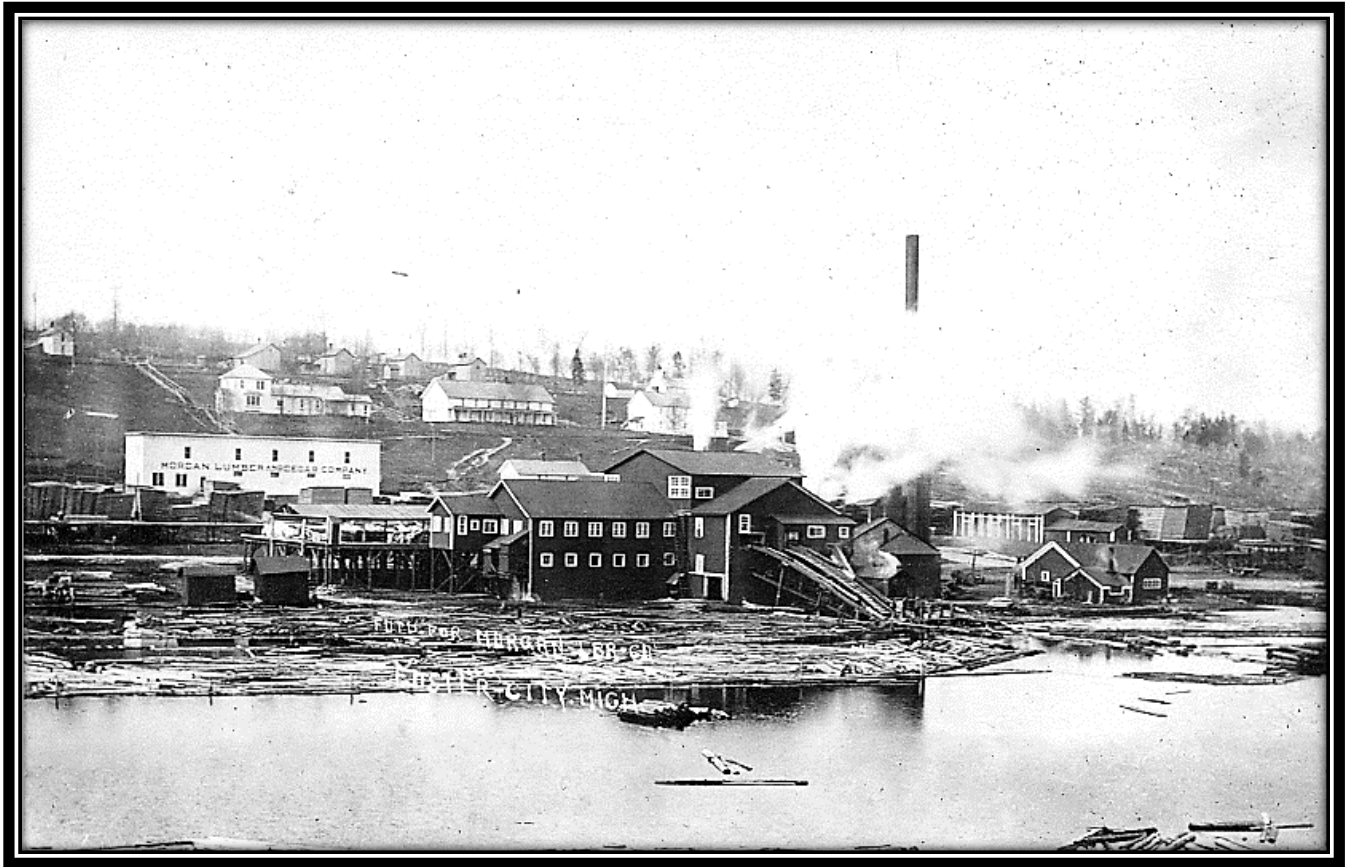


Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Saw Mill, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Foster City, Mich.” probably was taken between 1910 and 1915 by Conant, an Escanaba photographer. The millpond loaded with logs appears in the foreground with the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Sawmill at the opposite side of the millpond. The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store is visible at the far left on the other side of the railroad tracks and Boarding House Hill can be seen in the upper center of the photograph. [William J. Cummings]

[Arthur M. Conant, son of D.J. and Annie (Stury) Conant, was born in about 1883 in Michigan. D.J. Conant was born in New York and Annie Stury was born in Germany. Arthur M. Conant married Margaret J. Birmingham, daughter of William J. and Mary (Dennis) Birmingham, in Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, on July 3, 1907. Margaret was born in about 1886 in Michigan. In the 1910 U.S. Federal Census Arthur and Margaret Conant were living in Menominee (Ward 2), Menominee County, Michigan. In the 1930 U.S. Federal Census Arthur M. Conant was living in Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, and was divorced. Arthur M. Conant died February 4, 1960 in Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan and is buried in Riverside Cemetery.]

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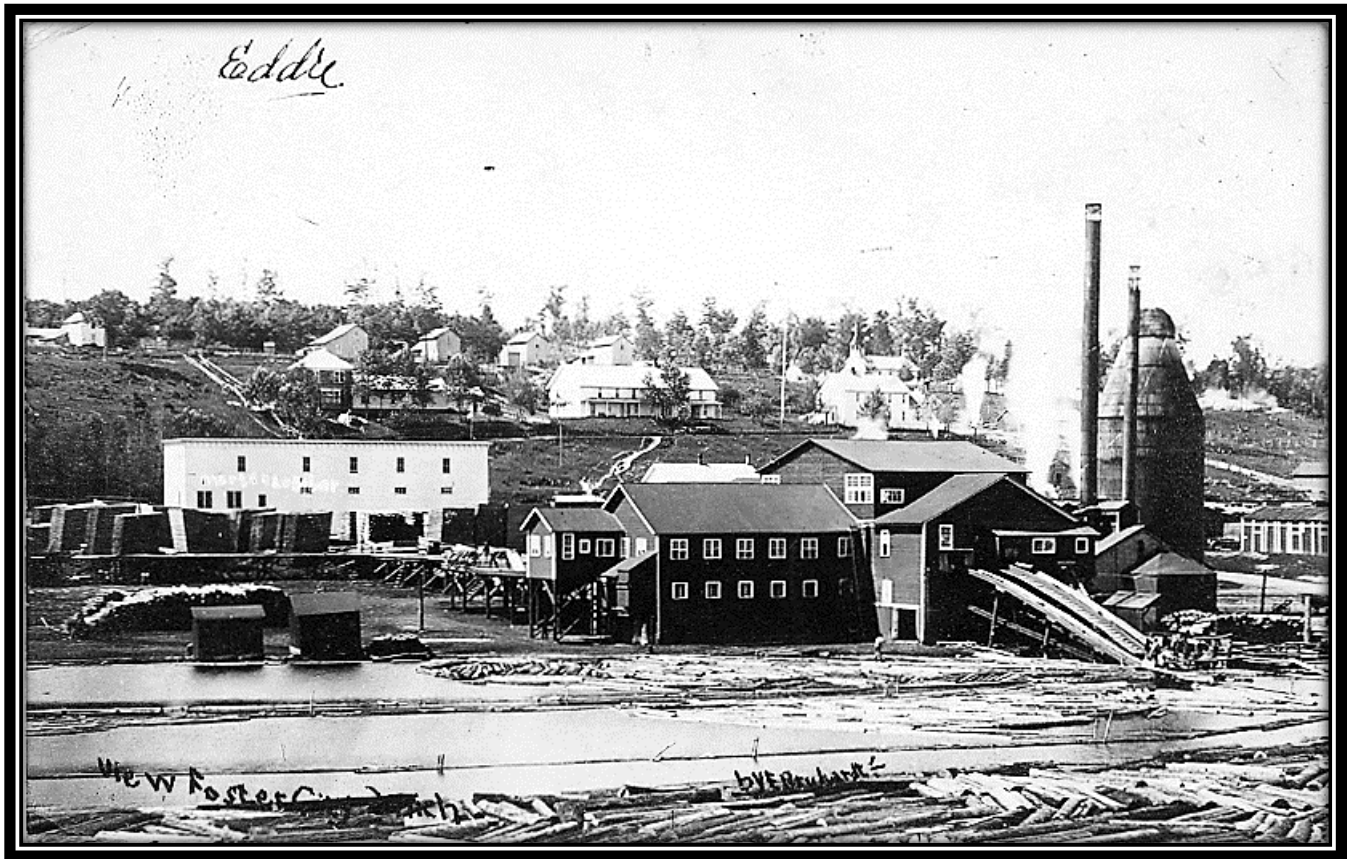
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Sawmill, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "For Morgan Lbr. Co., Foster City, Mich." probably was taken between 1910 and 1915. The millpond in the foreground has some logs which are being taken up the chute into the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company sawmill on the opposite side of the millpond. The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store is visible at the far left on the other side of the railroad tracks and Boarding House Hill can be seen in the upper center of the photograph. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Sawmill, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910: This real photo postcard view identified as "View Foster City, Mich." is postmarked Hancock, Michigan, February 9, 1910 and shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company sawmill and the millpond with the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store at the left on the opposite side of the millpond and Boarding House Hill in the background in the center. This view was taken by E. Bruhardt (Ernest Robert Bruhardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch). [William J. Cummings]

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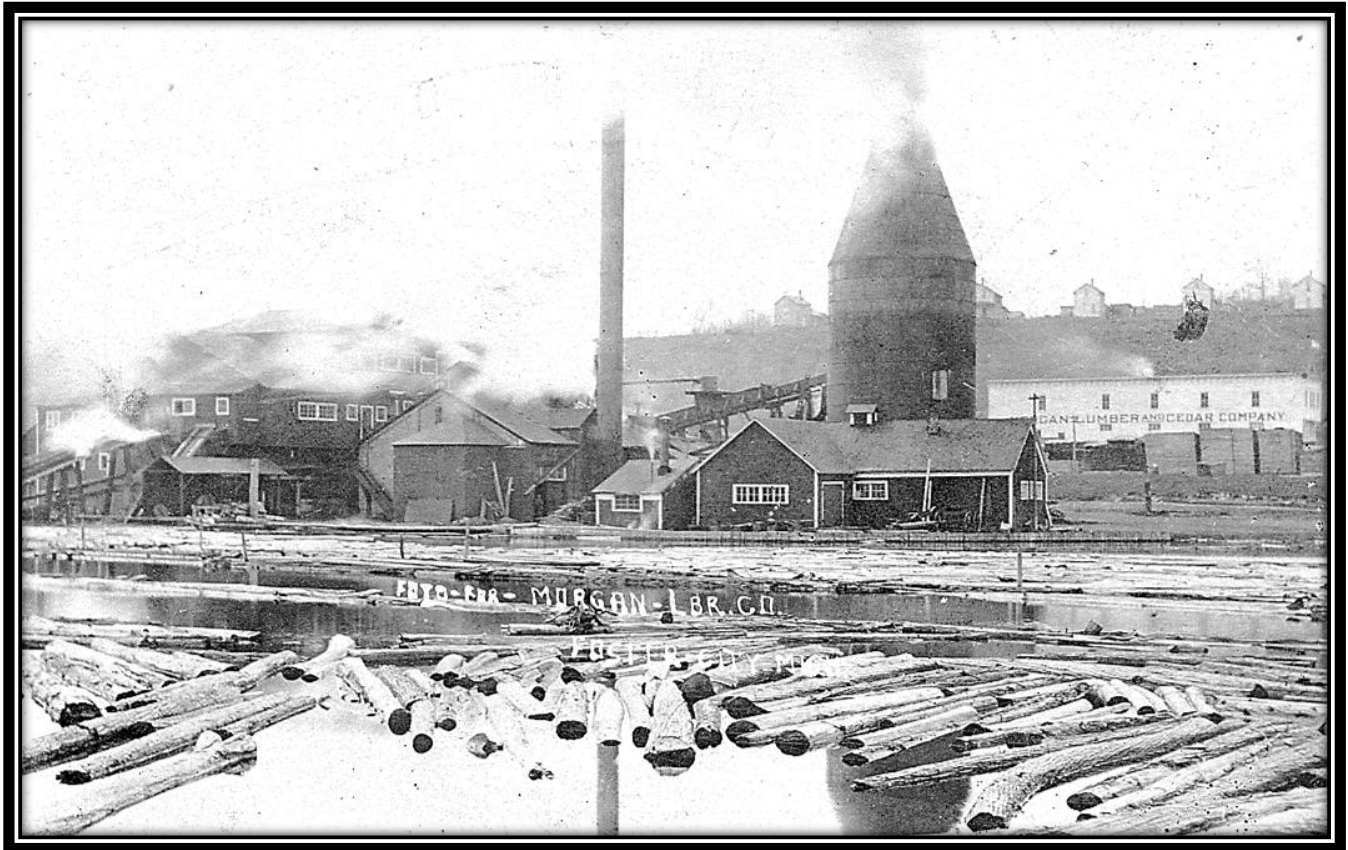
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Sawmill, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Foster City, Mich.” probably dates between 1910 and 1915 and shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company sawmill at the left with the sawdust burner, the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store near the center and a portion of Boarding House Hill in the background in the right. Note the bridge across the Sturgeon River in the left foreground in front of the sawmill. This view was taken by E. Brukardt (Ernest Robert Brukardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch). [William J. Cummings]

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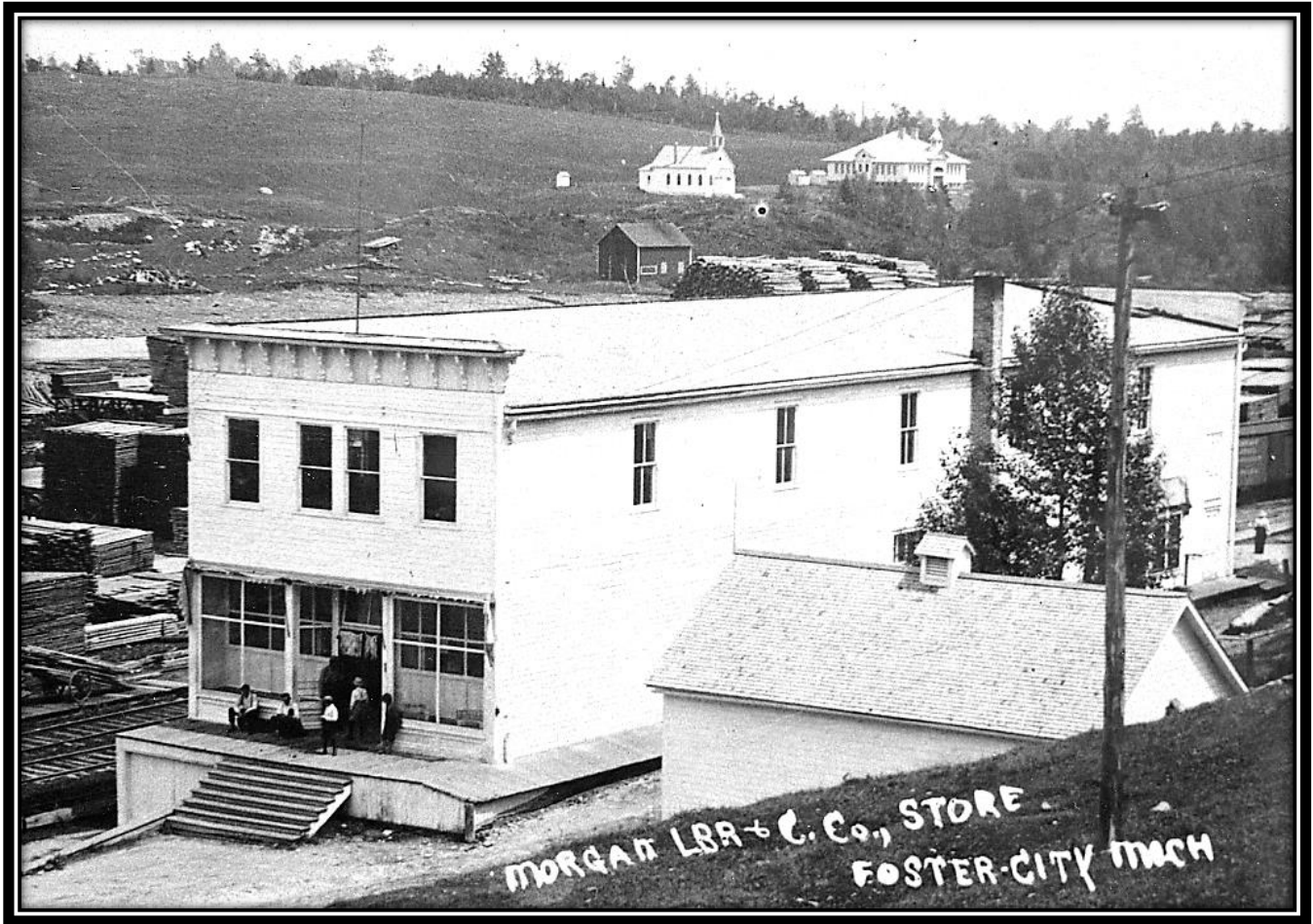


Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910:

This real photo postcard view identified as "Foto – ERB – Morgan Lbr. Co., Foster City, Mich." was not posted, but a message in Swedish in the back is dated September 19, 1910. This view was taken by ERB (Ernest Robert Brukardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch). contains a message in Swedish on the back and is dated September 19, 1910. The angle is a little different and may have been taken from the bridge crossing the Sturgeon River. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Store, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This real photo postcard view identified as “Morgan Lbr. & C. Co., Store, Foster City, Mich.” probably dates between 1910 and 1915. Taken from Boardinghouse Hill in Foster City, this postcard view shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store in the foreground. Doors to the left of the store steps led into the basement storage area. The Chicago & North-Western Railway tracks passed close to the store at the basement level and the company lumberyards were also located nearby. At the upper right St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, the settlement’s first Catholic church building which was built in 1906, stands to the left of the Longfellow School. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Store, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, 1910: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "6-1-10 Foster City, Mich. ERB" was taken on June 7, 1910 by ERB (Ernest Robert Brukardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch), shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway tracks passing close to the structure to facilitate loading and unloading. Note the double doors into the basement storage level to the left of the steps leading into the store building. [William J. Cummings]

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Interior View of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Store, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, April 1914: This real photo postcard view identified as an **"Interior View of Morgan Co. Store, Foster City, Mich."** was taken in April, 1914 according to the calendar on the wall in the meat market section in the next postcard view. The employees and customers posed for the camera in the general merchandise portion of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store. Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Joe Kelly, Joe Kelly, one of the Hansen men, Mrs. Preston and Julia Lesnick. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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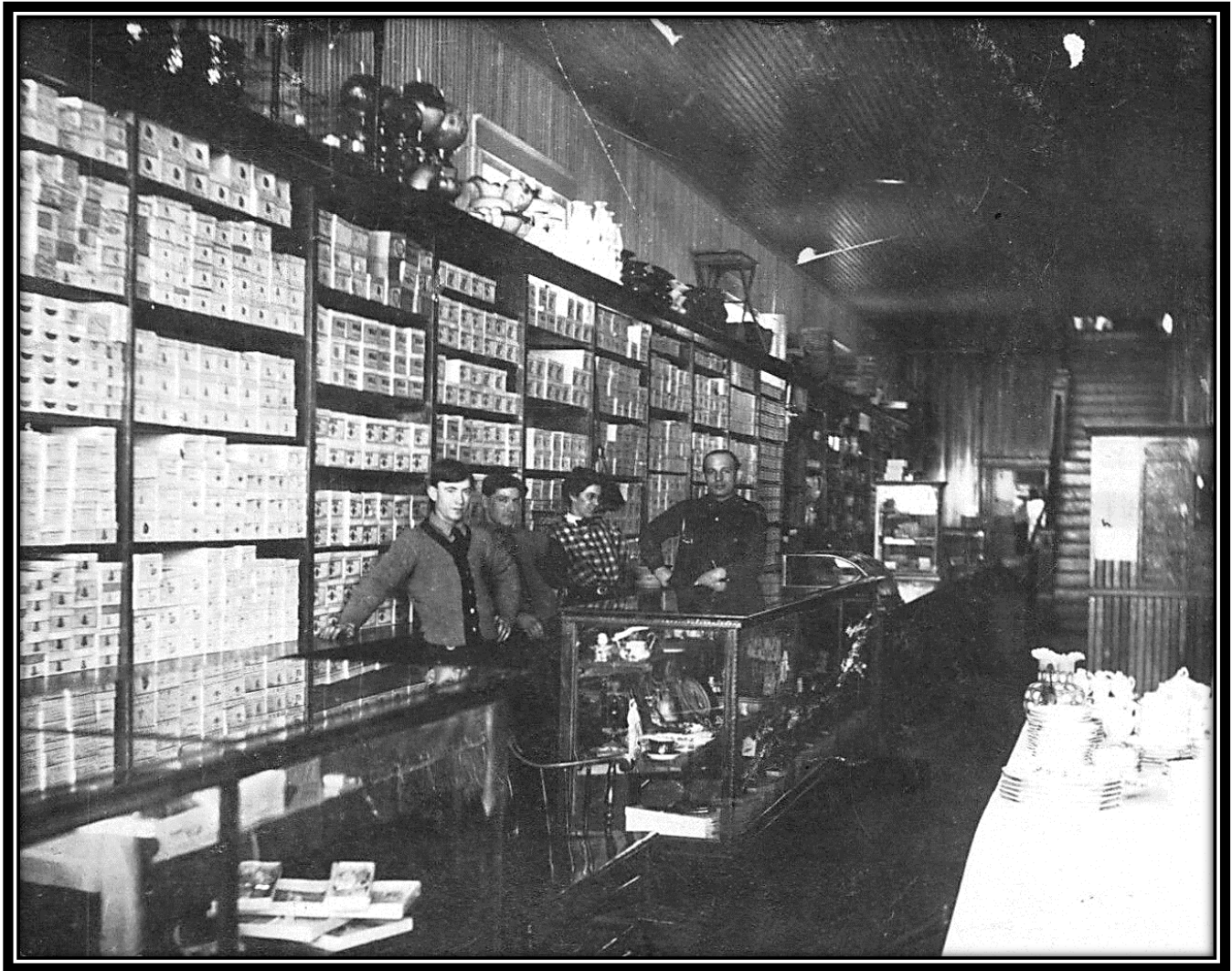
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Interior View of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Store, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, April 1914: This real photo postcard view unidentified on the image was taken in April 1914, according to the calendar on the back wall and shows the meat market of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store in Foster City. Joe Kelly, the butcher, stands behind the counter near the scale. Note the hams hanging at the left and the spool of string hanging above the counter ready to secure packages wrapped in butcher paper. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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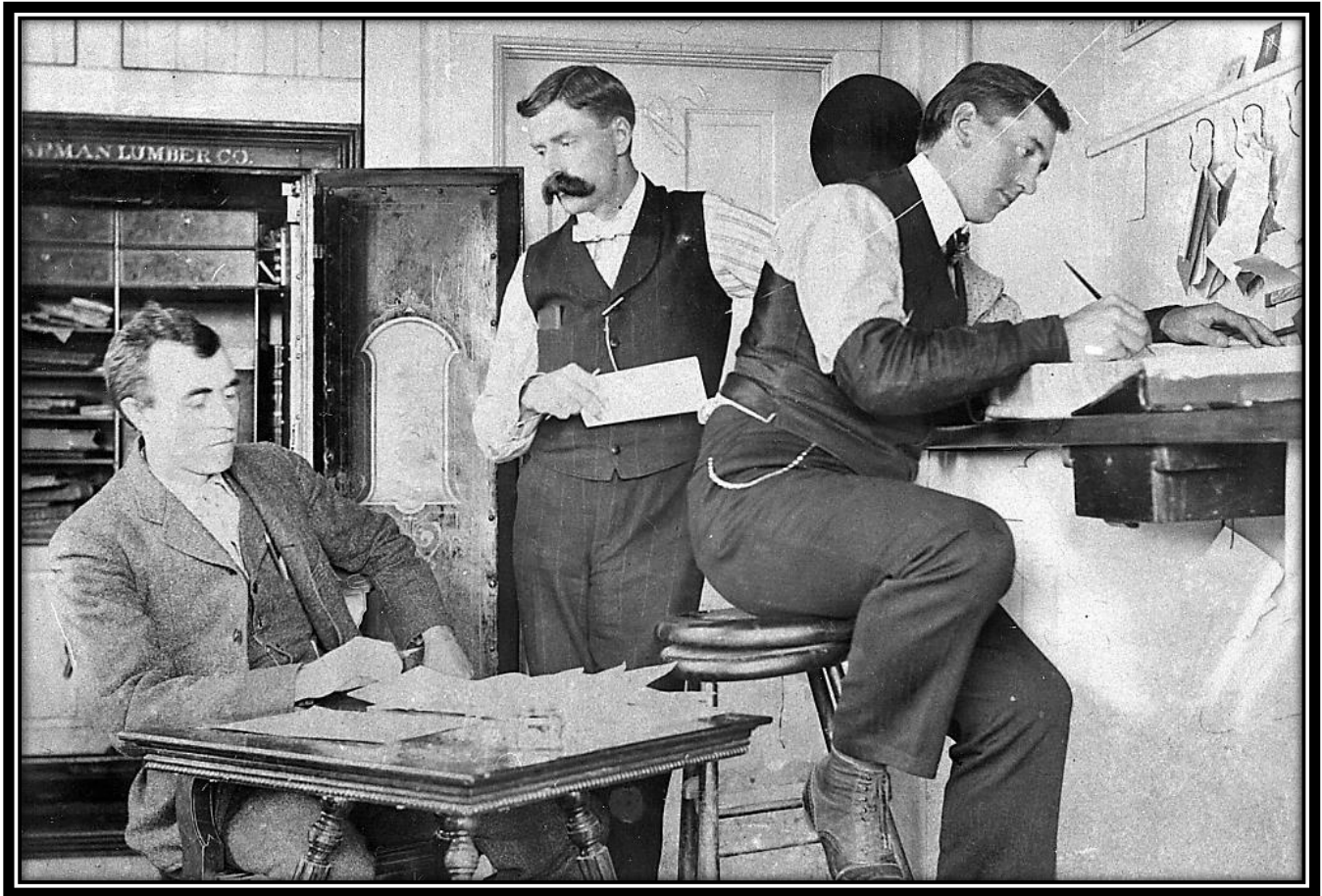
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Interior View of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Store, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, 1909: This real photo postcard view unidentified on the image is postmarked Foster City, Michigan, August 27, 1909 and shows four employees posing for the photographer in the general merchandise portion of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company store in Foster City. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Office Staff, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, 1900: Although the safe bears the name of the A.M. Harmon Lumber Company, dating back to the mid-1880's in Foster City's history, these three men worked for the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company in 1900 when this photograph was taken. Pictured from left to right are R.W. Pierce, superintendent; Arthur Preston, store manager; and Steve Allen. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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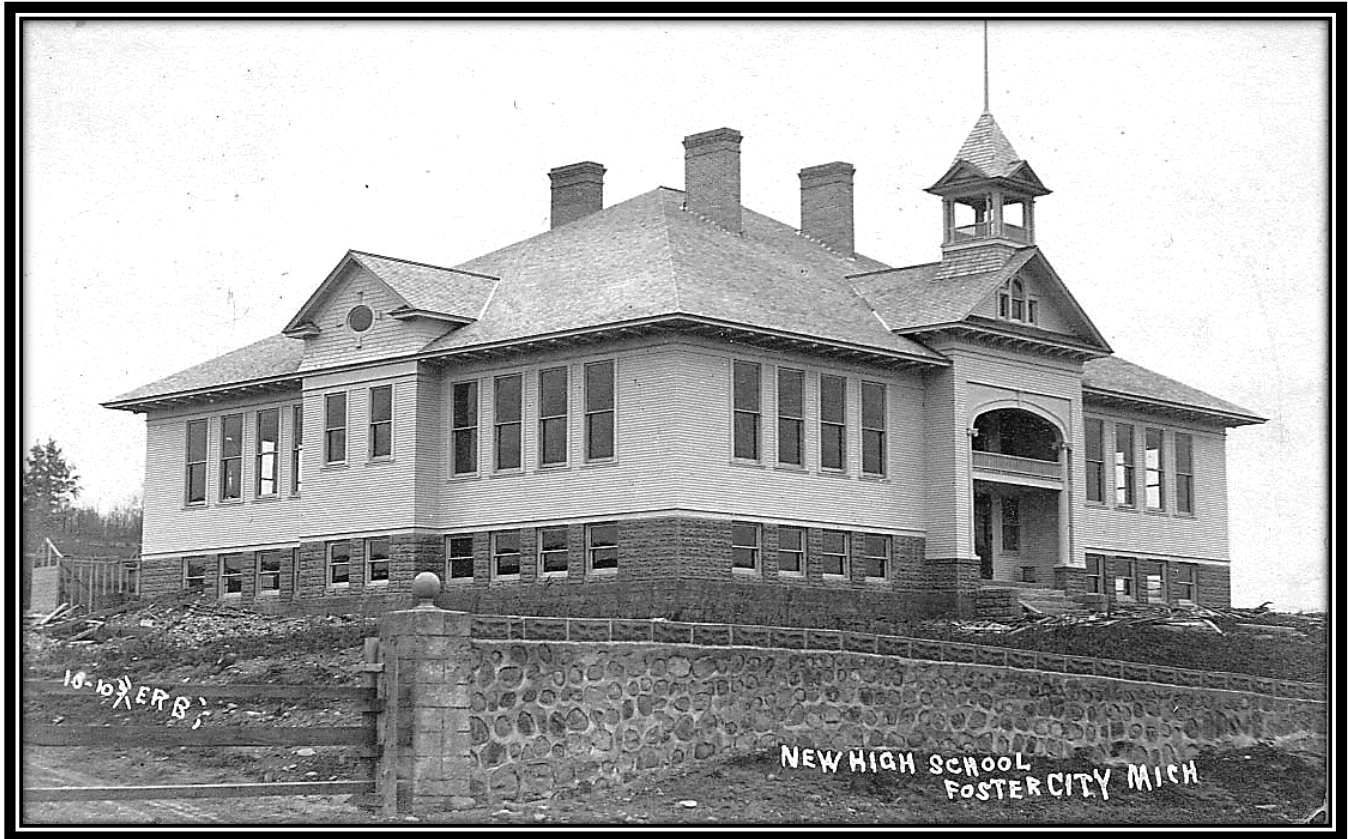
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St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Longfellow School, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "School & Church, Foster City, Mich." probably dates between 1910 and 1915 and shows St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the Longfellow School. St. Joseph's Catholic Church was constructed in 1906 in Foster City, Michigan. St. Joseph's Parish was founded in 1890 as St. Lawrence's Parish in Metropolitan, and a church was built there. When the Metropolitan Lumber Company ceased operations just prior to 1900, many of the people who had been employed in Metropolitan went to work at the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company sawmill in Foster City. The lumber company donated the property and the lumber to build St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Using the ideas of Father Robarge for a centrally-located church, Pat Milligan and Archie Farrell made the plans. The contractor, Art Wilson, with carpenters Fred and Nels White, residents of Foster City, built the church which was completed without indebtedness. The bells, statues and vestments from the old St. Lawrence Church were transferred and used in the new church and the St. Lawrence Church was boarded up. On February 20, 1907, Charles Arthur Oren Farrell was the first child baptized in the church. The Longfellow School, referred to in the *Iron Mountain Press* as the Breen Township School when under construction in June of 1910, is pictured at the right. John Lindsay, of Escanaba, had the contract for erecting this school. The cement basement was made by Mr. Sorby, of Escanaba. A stone wall was built along the south side of the school grounds. [William J. Cummings]

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Longfellow School, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, October 1910: This real photo postcard view identified as "10-10 by ERB New High School, Foster City, Mich." postmarked Hardwood, Michigan, June 17, 1911 was taken by ERB (Ernest Robert Bruhardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch) in October 1910 according to the notation next to his initials. The Longfellow School was called the Breen Township School in the *Iron Mountain Press* when the structure was under construction in June of 1910. John Lindsay, of Escanaba, had the contract for erecting this school. The cement basement was made by Mr. Sorby, of Escanaba. A stone wall was built along the south side of the school grounds. [William J. Cummings]

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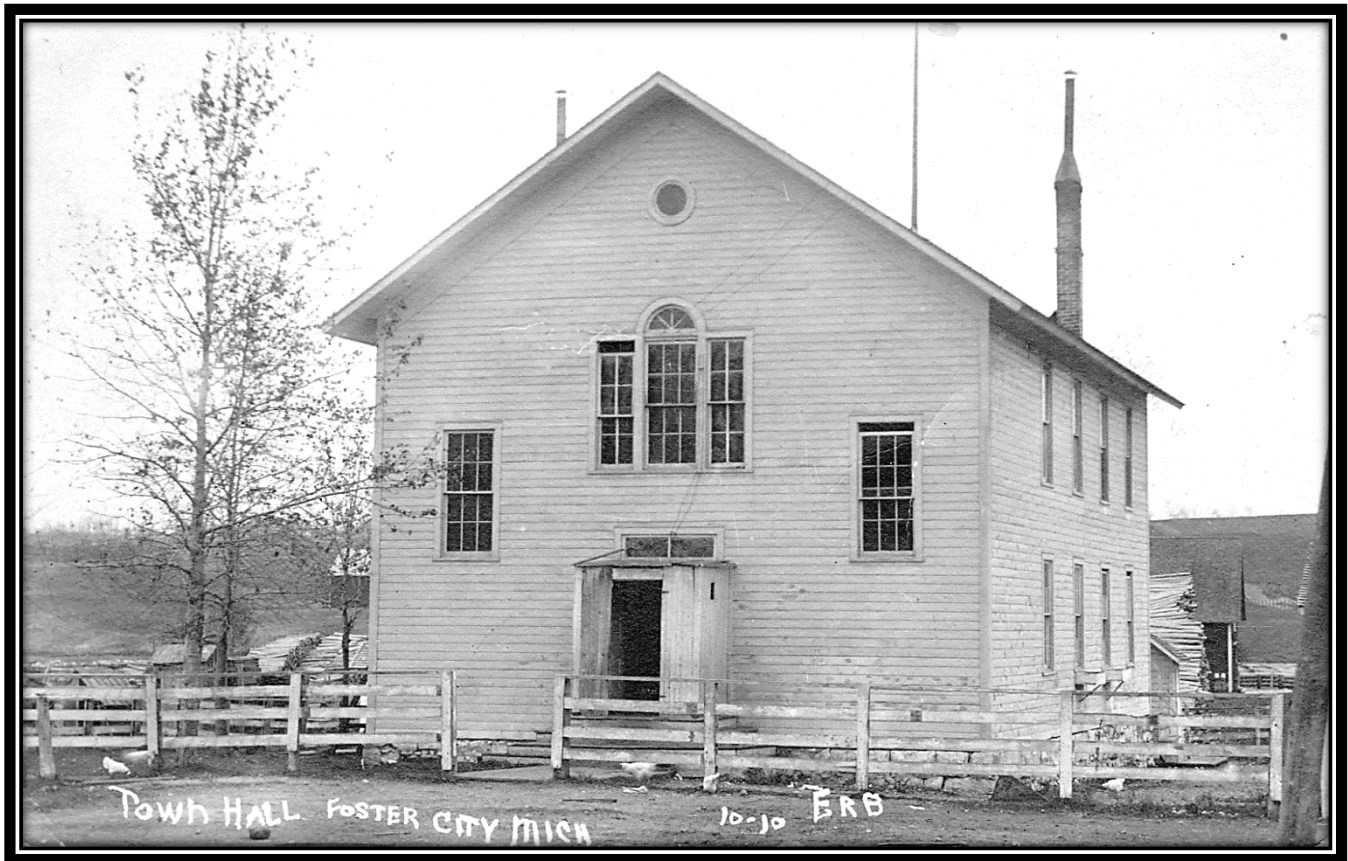
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White Sox School Baseball Team, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1916: This real photo postcard view identified as "Foster City School Team White Sox." is postmarked Foster City, Michigan, May 26, 1916 and shows the White Sox, a school baseball team comprised of fourteen members and their coach. [William J. Cummings]

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Breen Township Hall, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, October 1910: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Town Hall, Foster City, Mich. 10-10 ERB” was taken by ERB (Ernest Robert Brukaradt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch) in October 1910 according to the notation next to his initials. According to a caption for a different postcard view found on page 270 in *Michigan’s Breen Township, Dickinson County: The First Hundred Years 1878-1978* by Beatrice M. Blomquist, the Breen Township Hall at Foster City was used not only for caucuses, elections and other township business, but also for church services, social gatherings, dances, Christmas programs, movies and masquerades in the early days. Doctors had their offices in this structure. Many elementary students attended school for the first time in this building. An ice cream parlor and a pool room also occupied space here. In the same book a section entitled “History of Breen Township Schools from 1900-1923” by Esther Peterson Dawe (pages 238-244) stated: *On November 29, 1905, the board noted the crowded conditions at the Foster City School. It was decided to use a room in the Town Hall, provide seating and furnishings for the primary grades and engage a teacher at \$40.00 per month.* An item excerpted from Foster City Facts, a column appearing sporadically in the *Iron Mountain Press* at the turn of the century, published in the December 21, 1905 edition, provides further contemporary documentation: *After the holidays a school room will be established in the town hall with an extra teacher in charge to accommodate the increased number of pupils. The classes taught there will consist of the primary and first grade.* At this time documentation dating the construction of this building has not been found. [William J. Cummings]

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Duplex or “Double House,” Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1900: The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company owned this duplex or “double house” which stood on the hill in Foster City between the Walter Filback and the Olaf Olson homes. When this photograph was taken at the turn of the century the John Johnsons rented the left side and the John Olsons rented the right. Among those positively identified are Edith Johnson, John Johnson, Mina Johnson (holding Carl O.E. Johnson, who was born in 1899), Theodore Johnson, Jennie Olson, Nels Olson, Larson and Magnus Olson. Note the logs to the right and the ridge which has already been logged off. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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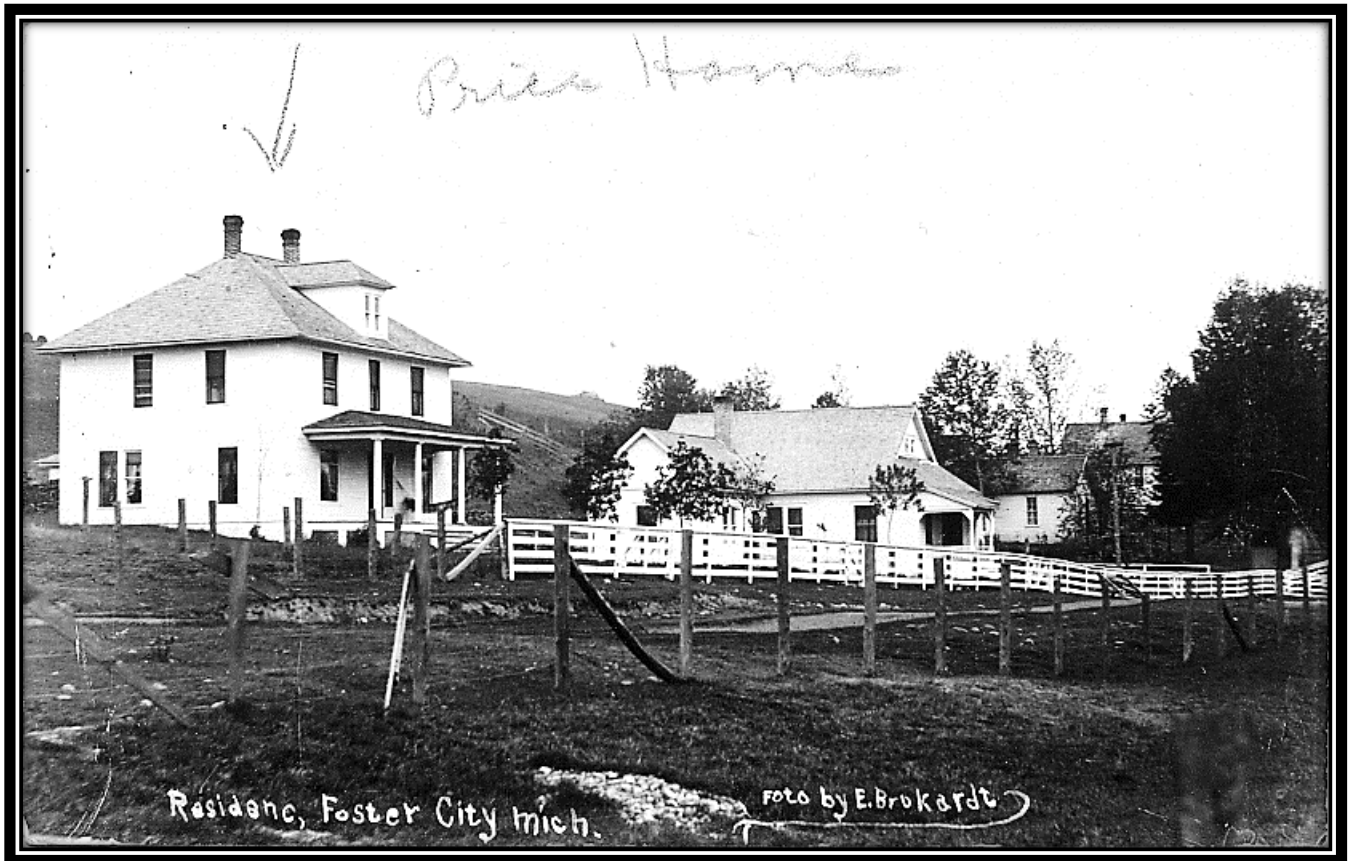
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Jake Johnson Homestead, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910: Probably taken around 1910, this photograph shows old and new modes of transportation in front of the homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Johnson, located one mile north of Foster City on the Northway Road (now Harry Peterson Road). Jake Johnson is seated in the automobile and his wife is standing next to it. Their son Emil is seated in the buggy and Olaf, another son, holds the bridle of the unhitched horse. Another son, Hjalmer, born in Felch on June 30, 1898, related that when a new house was built the house in the photograph was used for a barn for some time and then torn down. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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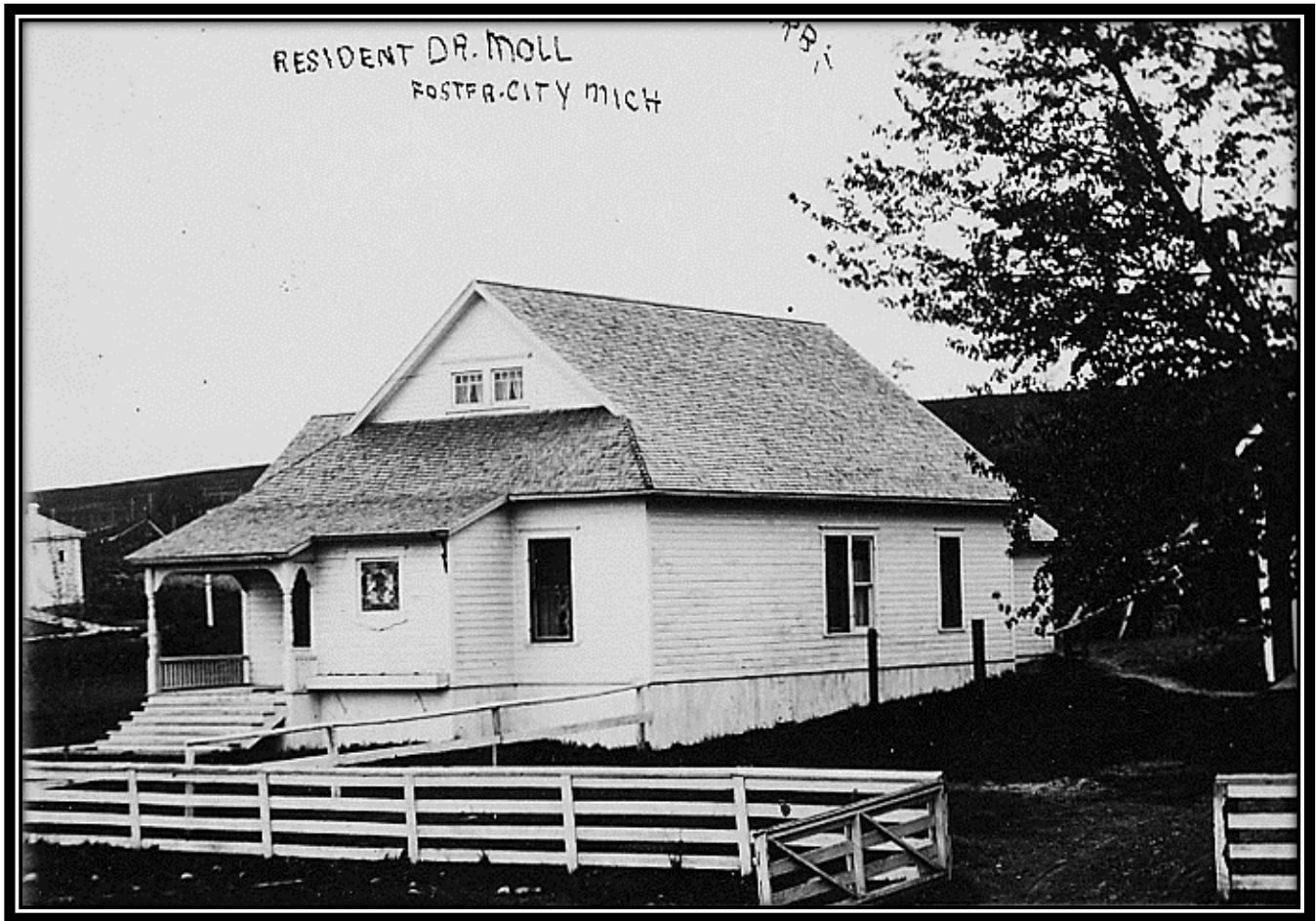
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Price Home, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Residenc [sic – Residence], Foster City, Mich. Foto by E. Brukardt" was taken by E. Brukardt (Ernest Robert Brukardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch) between 1910 and 1915. A row of four residences with a white board fence is visible. The two-story house on the left with the dormer and front porch is identified as the Price home. According to the seller of six Foster City postcard views, the Price family had a hardware store in Michigan before they moved to Baker, Montana. The house to the right of the Price home belonged to Dr. Gustav W. Moll. [William J. Cummings]

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Dr. Gustav W. Moll's Residence, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Resident [sic – Residence of] Dr. Moll, Foster City, Mich." probably dates between 1910 and 1915 and was taken by ERB (Ernest Robert Brukardt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch) whose initials are partially visible at the top right of the photograph. Dr. Gustav W. Moll practiced medicine in the Foster City area in the early 1900's. Note the simple, single-story house with a stained-glass window to the right of the covered porch and the white board fence enclosing the yard. Jennie (Dahlen) Olson worked for Dr. and Mrs. Moll at their home in Foster City before her marriage to Freden Olson. [William J. Cummings]

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Dr. Moll and Wife with Two Unidentified Women in Early Automobile, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view, dating between 1910 and 1915, shows Dr. Gustav W. Moll driving his automobile in Foster City with his wife seated to his left. Note that the steering column is on the right. The two women in the back seat are unidentified. Dr. Moll practiced in the Foster City area in the early 1900's. His brother, Dr. Theodore Moll, practiced in the Felch area. Dr. Gustav W. Moll later moved to Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan. Note the railroad bridge crossing the Sturgeon River in the upper right. [William J. Cummings]

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Dr. Gustav W. Moll and his two daughters, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: Dr. Gustav W. Moll posed with his two daughters for this unused real photo postcard portrait which dates between 1910 and 1915. *[William J. Cummings]*

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Interior View of Living Room of E.H. Mullen, Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, 1915: This unused real photo postcard view shows a daybed and wicker furniture in the living room of the E.H. Mullen family, dated 1915 on the reverse. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Steam Hauler, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “**Hauling Logs, Foster City, Mich.**” shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company’s steam hauler near Foster city and dates from between 1910 and 1915. Traveling on man-made ice roads which were sometimes sanded if conditions warranted it, a steam hauler hauled 15 to 20 loads at a time on day and night shifts, bringing logs and “short stuff” from the camps to the company’s mill in Foster City. This photograph was taken by Brulardt (Ernest Robert Brukaradt, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch) name appears just above the road at the lower left corner. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Steam Hauler, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, December, 1908: In December, 1908, Foster City's Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company began operating a steam hauling locomotive which could haul from eight to ten loads of hardwood logs each of which would require four teams of horses to pull. Patrick Milligan I stands at the extreme left. At the wheel is "Chicken" Wilson, while Homer Grondine is seated in the cab. R.W. Pierce, company superintendent, stands on the ground in front of the first load. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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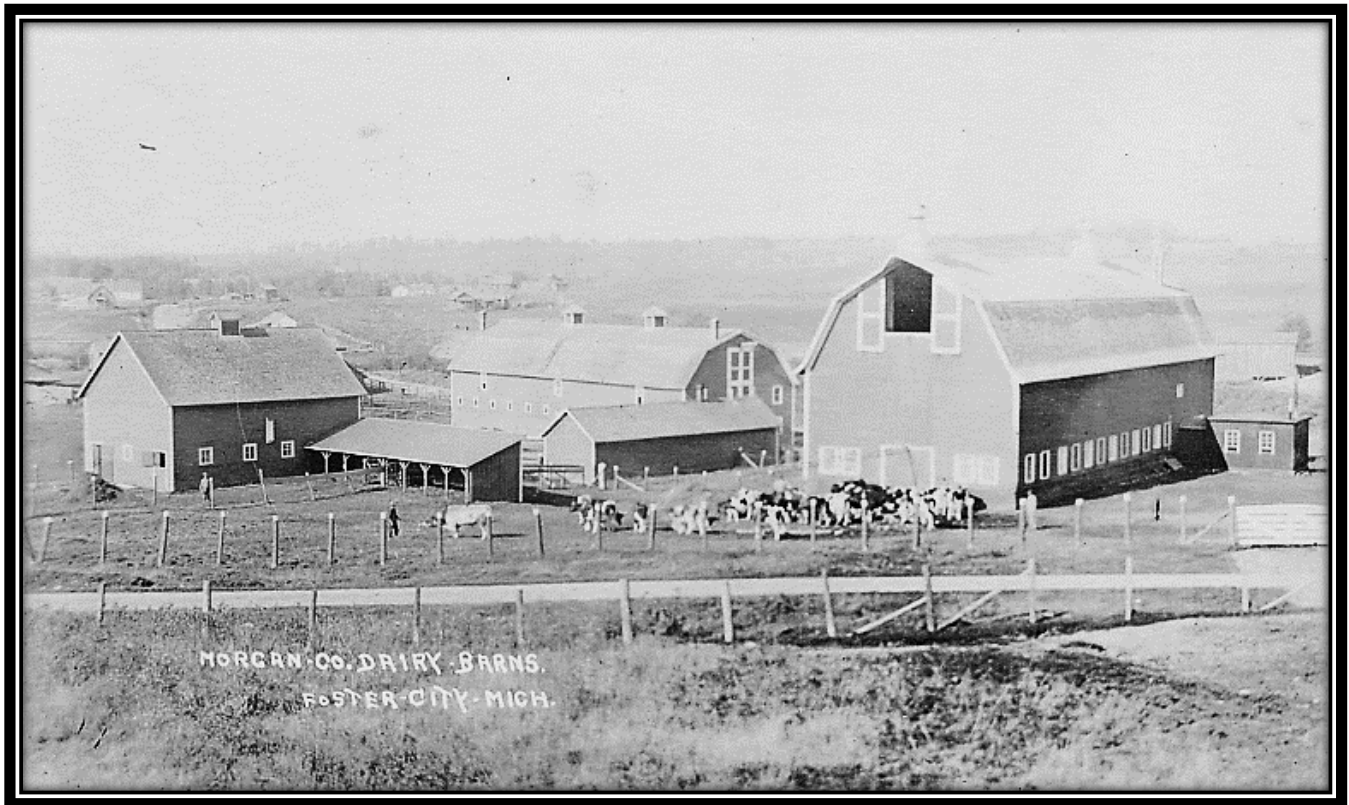
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Steam Hauler, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This real photo postcard view identified as the “Morgan Lub. Co., Log Hauler, Foster City, Mich.” probably dates between 1910 and 1915 and was taken by E. Bruckardt (Ernest Robert Bruкардт, amateur photographer who worked as a railroad station agent in Felch) whose name appears at the lower margin. Note the engineer at the wheel and another man standing on the front sled of the hauler. Another man is sitting on top of the load of logs behind the steam hauler. The message on the back reads in part: “My, what a big engine it is. They have ice roads and haul 18 or 20 loads a trip and three trips a day. You can see all the logs that is in one of those pictures. They have a lot on bank of river.” [William J. Cummings]

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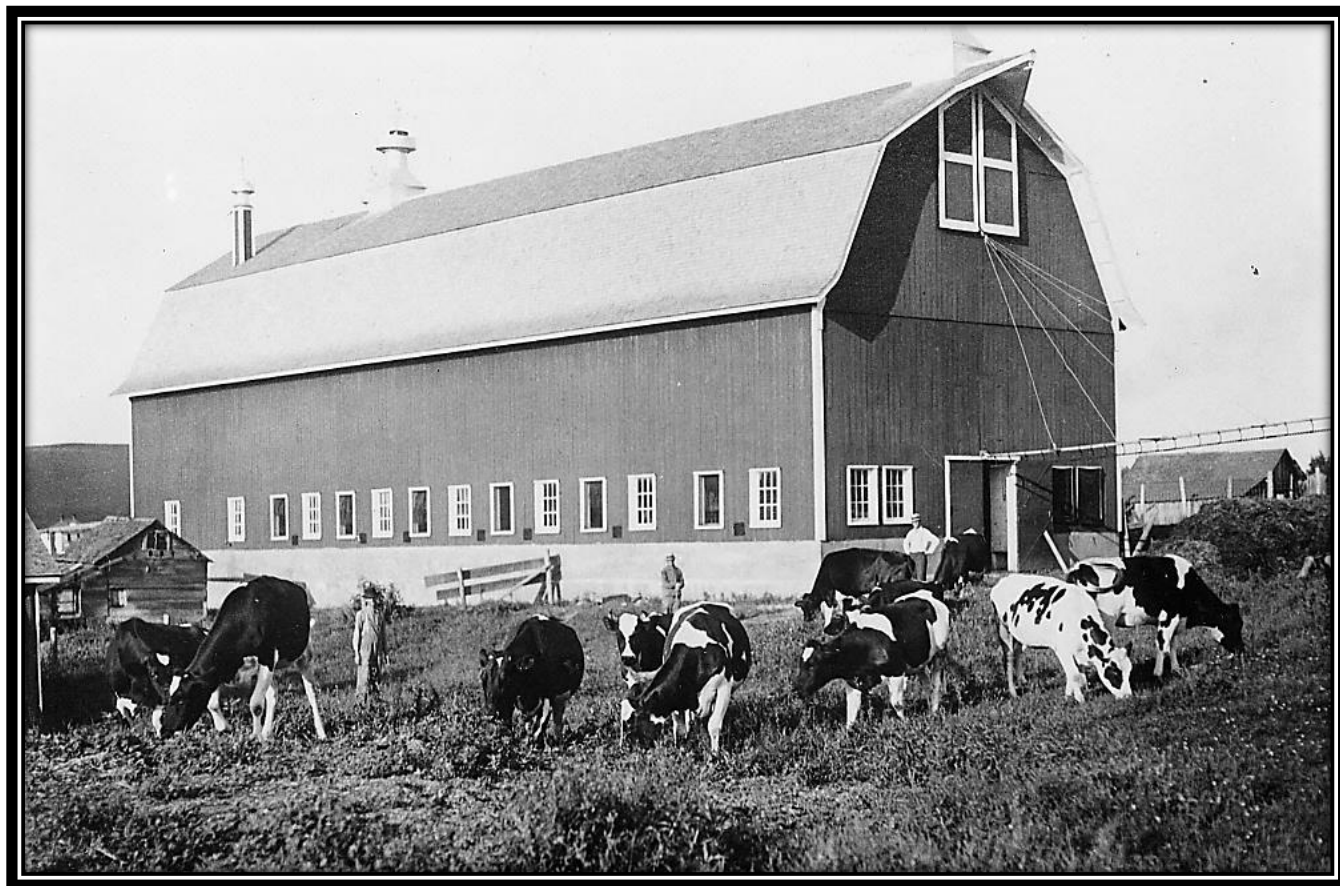
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Morgan Co. Dairy Barns, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1918-1924: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Morgan Co. Dairy Barns, Foster City, Mich.” dating between 1918 and 1924 shows three large barns which were used to house the prized herd of Holstein cows raised by the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company on their farm near Foster City. The mill closed in 1924. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Barn with Holstein Cows, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1918-1924: On Saturday evening, September 27, 1913, a barn-warming dance was held in the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's new cow barn in Foster City. The barn's interior was decorated with flags, ferns and autumn leaves, and the dance was considered the social event of the season. Costing an estimated \$5,000, the barn was considered to be the most up-to-date building of its kind in Dickinson County at the time. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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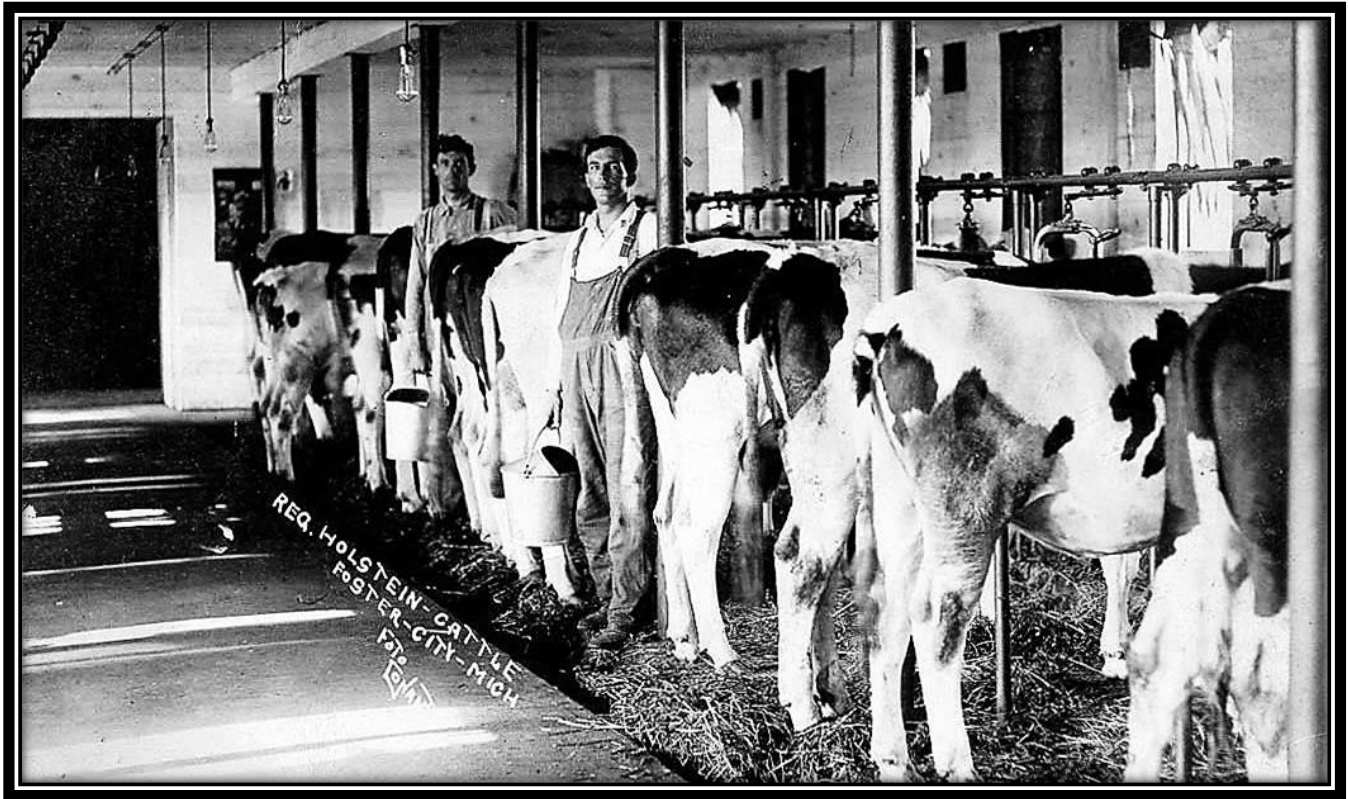
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Barn Interior with Holstein Cows, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1913-1918: This unused real photo postcard view identified as the "Morgan Lumber & Cedar, Foster City, Mich." probably dates between 1913 and 1918 and shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's cow barn interior with Holstein cows near Foster City, Michigan. On Saturday evening, September 27, 1913, a barn-warming dance was held in the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's new cow barn in Foster City. The barn's interior was decorated with flags, ferns and autumn leaves, and the dance was considered the social event of the season. Costing an estimated \$5,000, the barn was considered to be the most up-to-date building of its kind in Dickinson County at the time. Note the sophisticated feeding equipment and the stanchions. The two farm hands in the background are unidentified. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Barn Interior with Holstein Cows, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1918: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Reg. Holstein Cattle, Foster City, Mich., by Conant” probably dating between 1913 and 1918 shows the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company’s cow barn interior with Holstein cows near Foster City, Michigan. On Saturday evening, September 27, 1913, a barn-warming dance was held in the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company’s new cow barn in Foster City. The barn’s interior was decorated with flags, ferns and autumn leaves, and the dance was considered the social event of the season. Costing an estimated \$5,000, the barn was considered to be the most up-to-date building of its kind in Dickinson County at the time. Note the stanchions, the lightbulbs suspended from the ceiling and the hard surface of the barn floor at the left. The two farm hands are unidentified. This photograph was taken by Conant, an Escanaba photographer. [William J. Cummings]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Farm, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1915-1920: This unused real photo postcard view with an unidentified image probably dates between 1915 and 1920. An unidentified field hand drove a team pulling a grain binder through a Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company wheat field near Foster City, Michigan. An inscription on the back of the postcard noted 250 acres of land had been cleared on the company farm. Note the sheaf of wheat in the foreground and the fly nets on the horses. [William J. Cummings]

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Threshing, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1918-1924: This real photo postcard view identified as "Threshing, Foster City, Mich." probably dates between 1918 and 1924 and shows farm hands at the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's farm near Foster City, Michigan, preparing to thresh. Note the steam-powered tractor at the left with the wide belt attached to a threshing machine of some sort at the area where numerous men and two teams of horses are gathered. The wagon by the tractor is loaded with cordwood to power the tractor. [William J. Cummings]

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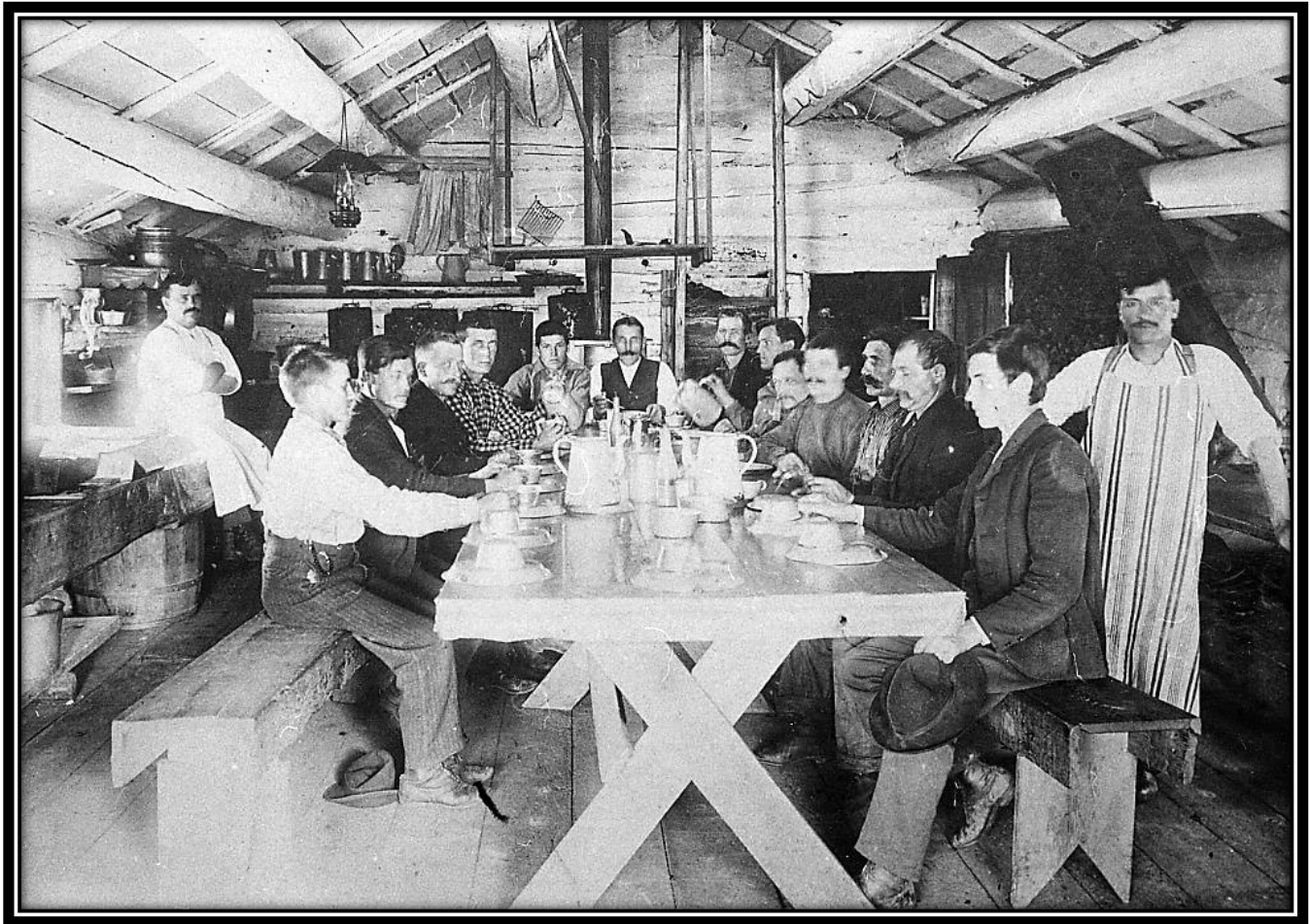
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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Camp 1, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1920: A greased pig contest enlivened the lives of these lumberjacks at the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's Camp One somewhere in Breen Township near Foster City between 1910 and 1920. The lumberjack at the far right who was attempting to capture the pig may have been named Dufresne. The four men in the background were standing on the broad backs of some of the camp's horses to get a better view of the fun. Note the log and tar paper bunkhouses, typical of accommodations in most lumber camps. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company Camp Three Cook Shanty, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1920: Substantial, well-cooked meals were essential to the lumberjacks, who worked long, hard hours outdoors in all kinds of weather. This logging crew paused before beginning their meal in the cook shanty of Camp Three in Breen Township sometime between 1910 and 1920. The cups placed upside down upon tin plates in the same position marked each setting at the sawbuck table. Lumber camp crews were required to observe silence throughout the meal except when asking for something to be passed. The cook at the left sat on the drainboard of a primitive sink which was needed to wash all the dirty tableware after each meal. Note the pole rafters above. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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Olaf Olson's Camp, Camp 3 of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, November 1919: This real photo postcard view was taken in November, 1919 and shows Olaf Olson's Camp, possibly Camp 3, in Breen Township, Dickinson County. The man playing the accordion or concertina seated at the far left was Ed (?) Kling, the older man seated between the men with rifles was "Old Battiste," and the man with the rifle seated to the right of Battiste was Erick Dorman. The camp cook stood in his apron in the back, while a lumberjack with his double-bitted axe sat at the far right. The short pants some of the men were wearing were indicative of clothing worn during the river drive. Note the size of the logs in the building which appears to have a dogtrot between two structures with a continuous cedar shake roof. [William J. Cummings]

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Olaf Olson's Camp, Camp 3 or Camp 7 of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company, Norway Lake, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, 1919: Lumberjacks and the kitchen crew posed outside of Olaf Olson's camp, the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's Camp 3 or Camp 7, at Norway Lake in 1919 – as the snow was melting from the rooftop – in this Breen Township scene. Logging and drive camps were often identified by number or the name of the foreman. Many camp numbers were interchanged and transposed with the passage of time. The roof appears to be of cedar shakes, covering two buildings and a "dogtrot" which connected them. Note that the snow hadn't melted over the dogtrot. Notice that the lumberjack seated second from the right was holding the camp's cat. [William J. Cummings]

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Rudy Peterson Hauling a Load of Logs, Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's Camp 3, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1918-1930: Probably taken near the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company's Camp 3 in Breen Township between 1918 and 1930, Rudy Peterson, a teamster, guided his team of horses. Teamsters jealously guarded and diligently cared for their teams, sometimes referred to as "hayburners" by lumberjacks, but probably when out of earshot of the teamster. Skilled blacksmiths were hired to keep the horses shod with high, sharp-calked shoes to enable them to maneuver over the ice roads and through the deep snow. A Swiss bell was sometimes hung from the bottom of the horses' collars to "warn other teamsters to "turn out" when a load of logs was coming down a hauling road. [William J. Cummings]

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Swan J. Peterson's Logging Camp, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1918-1930: Lumberjacks posed with visiting young boys and a woman, probably the children and a wife of the crew members, in an unused postcard view. Note the log camp behind the group. [William J. Cummings]

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Unidentified Logging Camp and Crew, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, Postmarked Foster City, 1914: This real photo postcard view with an unidentified image is postmarked Foster city, Michigan, March 5, 1914 and shows a crew of twelve men posing at an unidentified lumber camp. There appears to be two buildings with a dogtrot between them as evidenced by the unmelted snow on the roof. [William J. Cummings]

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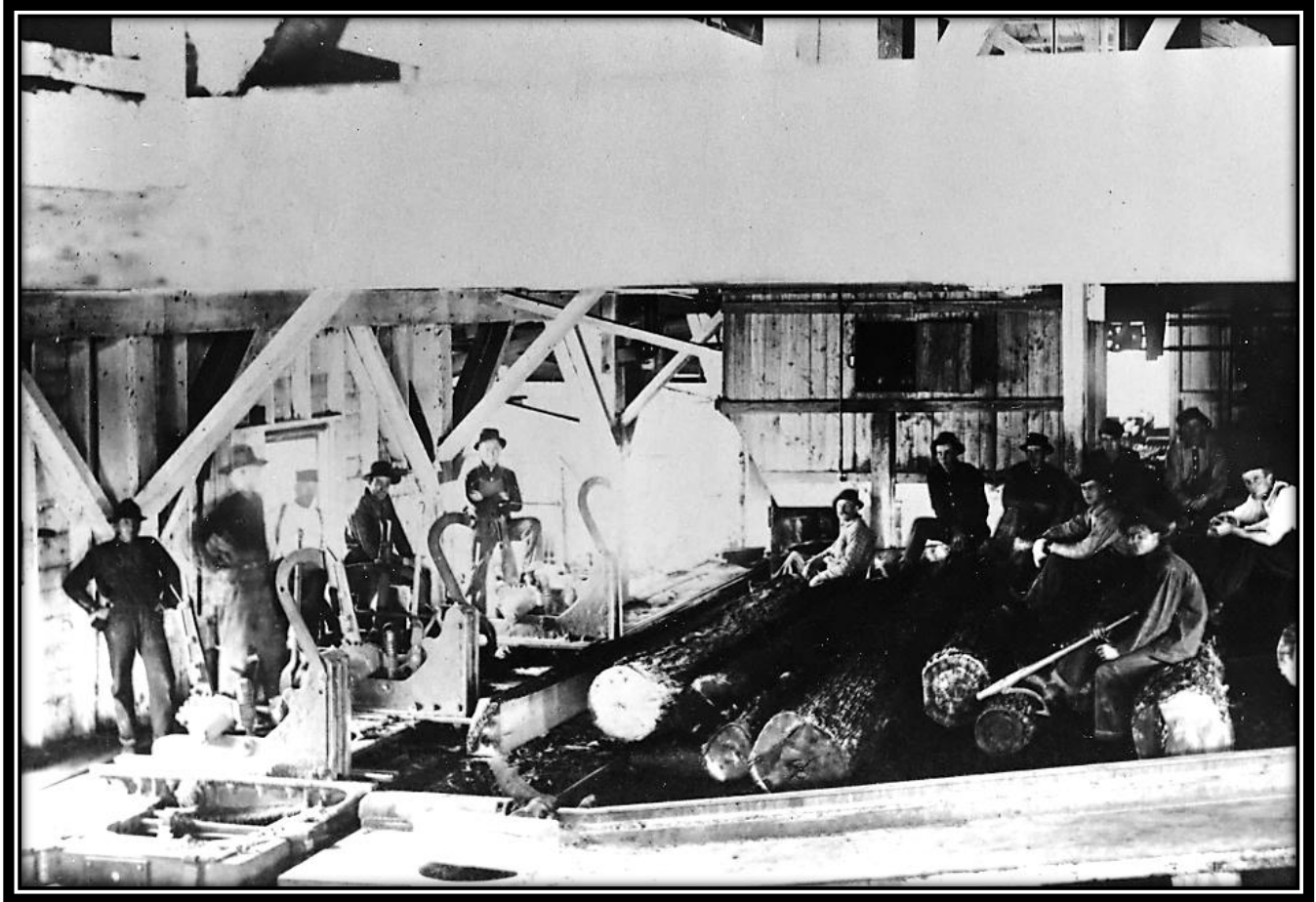


Decked Logs and Decking Crew, Near Foster City, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: This unused real photo postcard view with unidentified image probably dates between 1910 and 1915. A team of horses, held by their teamster, and a yoke of oxen provided power as logs were decked with this swing boom jammer. The man with the long prod was the driver in charge of the oxen. Unlike horses, oxen never became excited or panicked. Oxen required less care, lived on less feed and were seldom subject to illness or accident. Their equipment was simple and inexpensive. However, they moved at a provokingly slow gait. This postcard view was taken near Schaffer in Delta County, and La Branche in Menominee County, southeast of Foster City. [William J. Cummings]

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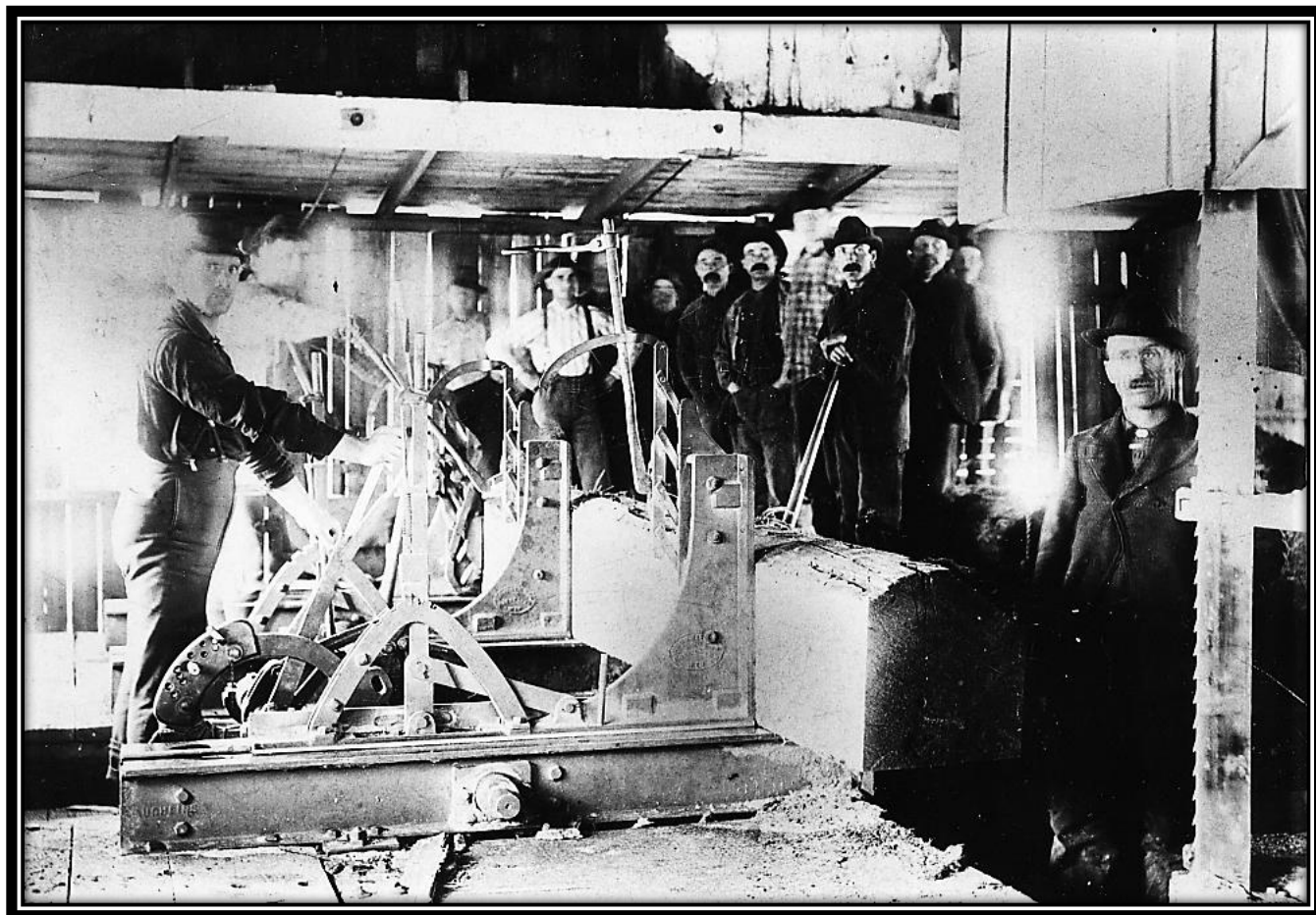
HARDWOOD: Established in 1884 by the Menominee Hardwood & Shingle Company; post office established July 23, 1891, with James H. Walton, postmaster.



Parkinson Lumber & Cedar Company Saw Mill, Hardwood, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1898-1910: The Parkinson Lumber & Cedar Company established its mill in Hardwood shortly before the turn of the century. This view probably shows the interior of this mill, and may have been taken as early as 1898 or shortly thereafter. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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Parkinson Lumber & Cedar Company Saw Mill, Hardwood, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1898-1910: The Parkinson Lumber & Cedar Company established its mill in Hardwood shortly before the turn of the century. This interior view shows the log in the carriage approaching the bandsaw at the right, and may have been taken as early as 1898 or shortly thereafter. Those identified include, from left to right, Olaf Olson, Louis Siegler, Sr., John LaLonde, unidentified and John Anderson, a brother of Andrew Filback who changed his surname. The others, including the sawyer standing in front, are unidentified. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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Hotel and Saloon, Hardwood, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1909: This real photo postcard view identified as “Hardwood, Mich.” dating to about 1909 shows the Hardwood saloon and hotel. Axel Pearson and John Anderson posed with the team and wagon stopped in front of the saloon. The other three men pictured were Jack McKaskel, bartender, Andrew Johnson and Emanuel Peronto. Martin Coonan ran a hotel in Hardwood in 1905 and Henry Charlebois had a saloon. By 1907 Joseph Felardeau was running a hotel and saloon, and Joseph Kelly also ran a saloon. In 1909 Fred La Duke ran a hotel and saloon, probably the one pictured, and Alex Beachthel [*sic*] had a saloon. Albert Reacek ran this hotel and saloon by 1911. The buildings were later destroyed in a fire. Archie P. Farrell also ran a hotel and saloon in Hardwood between 1907 and about 1919. [*Beatrice Blomquist*]

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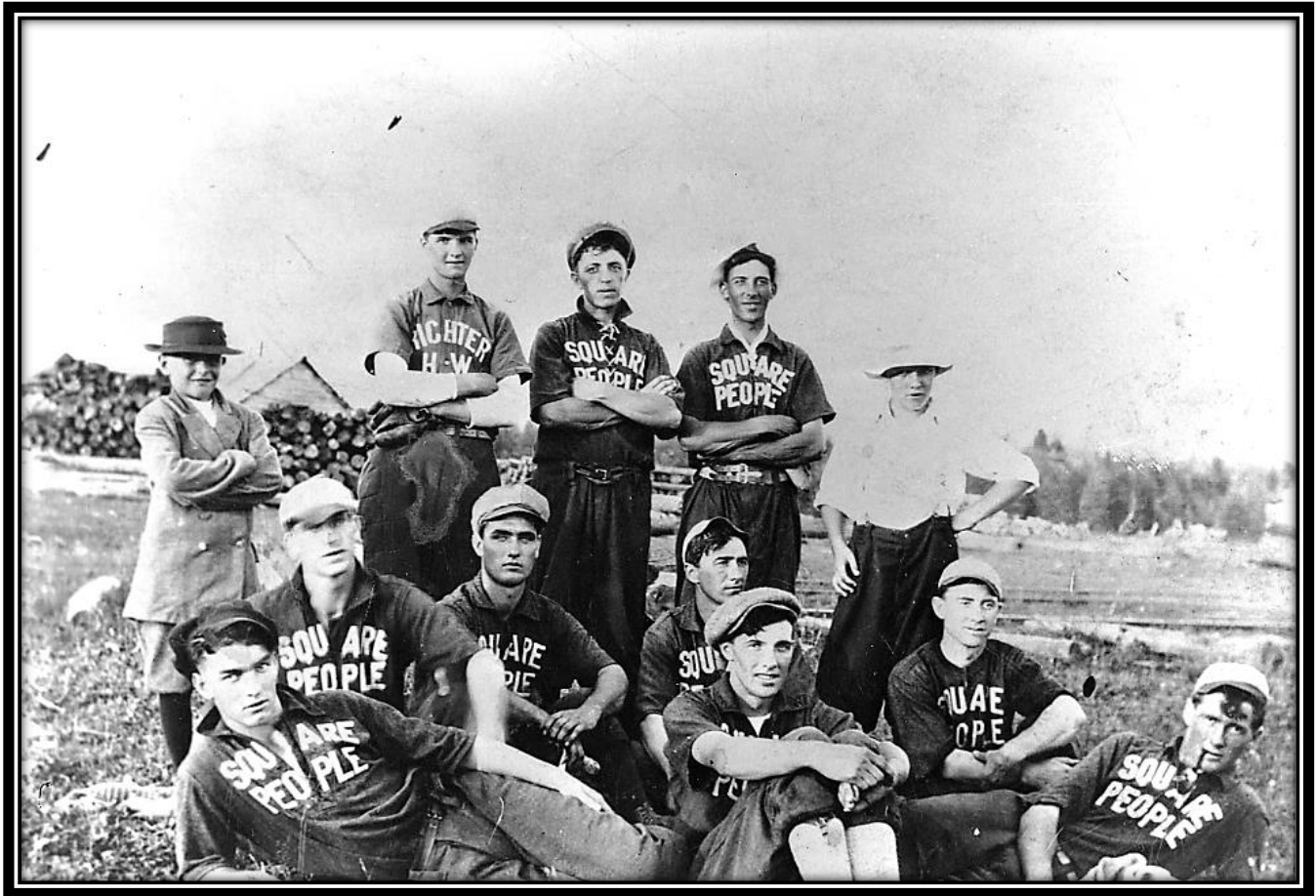
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Macaber Hall, Hardwood, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: Hardwood's Macaber Hall, pictured in the background of this photograph, was located next to the P.J. Anderson residence and was the site of many early Breen Township political caucuses and elections. P.J. Anderson posed to the right of his dog, "Jerry." Two of the remaining men are unidentified and the other three are George Teller, Mose Meyers and Joe Martell. *[Beatrice Blomquist]*

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Square People Baseball Team, Hardwood, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1915: This unused real photo postcard view probably dates to about 1915 and shows the Square People, Hardwood's baseball team which was composed of the following players: standing, left to right, Chester Reacek, Stuart Blackhall, John Anderson, Joe Robinette, Llewellyn Farrell; seated, left to right, Charles Farrell, Fred Nault, Anton Prue, Joe Burbe, Allan Blackhall, Frank Nault and Fritz Asp. [William J. Cummings]

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Jammer, Probably Near Hardwood, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1915-1920: The crane arrangement, called a “jammer,” was usually built of wood. Using the leverage principle, timber was loaded by the use of a team of horses on one end of the balancing beam and a chain with hooks on the other. Two men would set the hooks, one on each end of the log. Then the team would be maneuvered so the swinging timber was fairly well placed when decking or loading logs onto railroad cars. [William J. Cummings]

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HYLAS: Station on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in Breen Township named for the principal Greek victim of the water nymphs. Hylas was the son of Teodamus, the king of pre-Greek people settled on the island of Euboa. Heracles captured him because of his good looks. Although he became the hero's lover, and voyaged with him on the ship of the Argonauts, Hylas could not resist the endearments of the water nymphs. When sent to fetch water, he was pulled into the pool and, despite the cries of Heracles from the shore, was never seen again.



Michael Kenny Farm, Hylas, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1900-1915: Taken during the first decade of the twentieth century at the Michael Kenny farm at Hylas, Breen Township, this photograph documents the use of oxen in logging operations in Dickinson County. The pair of oxen hitched to the bobsled in the background pulled a load of straight logs while the horses behind pulled a sprinkler used in building ice roads to allow logging sleds to move along more easily. Note the dog in front of the driver of the sprinkler and the water barrel at the far right. Oxen were used as “horsepower” in many of the camps in the early days. Two oxen weighing from 1,200 pounds to a ton each, hitched in a yoke, were more powerful than a team of horses of the same weight. In deep snow they worked more easily and efficiently than horses. [Beatrice Blomquist]

SPRUCE: Station on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad three miles east of Metropolitan.