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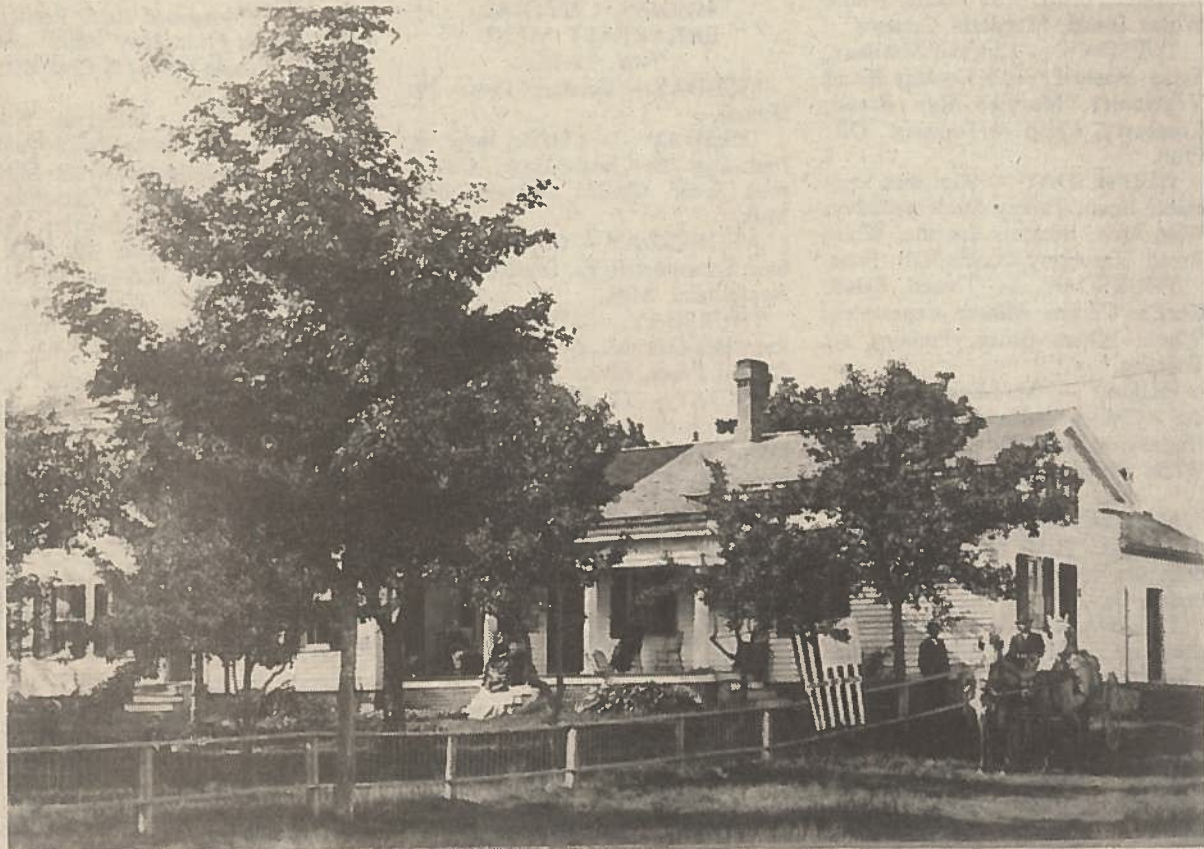
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## HARRISON AND MORTON



Dole and Kemp, Clinton and Gore, Bush and Quale, Carter and Mondale, Nixon and Agnew or Kennedy and Johnson are all duos we can readily recognize as Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. But dropping the names Harrison and Morton on most people won't get you much of a response except - Who?

In their case however, we'll have to turn the hands of time back to the Presidential election year of 1888 when Harrison and Morton were the GOP's ticket. Without much doubt our photo presented here was taken in the late summer or early fall of 1888. Let me focus your attention to the American flag suspended off a tree upon which is sewn a banner with the names "Harrison and Morton". It's indeed, fair to assume this was a good Republican household behind the fence.

The outcome of the 1888 Presidential election: Benjamin Harrison and Levi P. Morton were elected President and Vice-President respectively, thus unseating Pres. Grover Cleveland. However, in 1892 Cleveland and Stevenson were elected which gave Grover Cleveland his second term as President.

Now, back to the photo. The house in the picture at the time, was the farm residence of Charles J. Warren located on Rt. 279 about a half mile south of Rt. 104 in the Town of Gaines. The photographer did what was typical at the time, by taking an

over-all view including people, which are spread throughout the picture. Today we'd group the people together in preference to the background. There are seven people in this picture from left to right: a boy seated in a hammock, a woman seated on the porch, another woman and a girl on the porch steps, a third woman seated on the porch, a man standing near the flag by the fence and a man seated in a two-horse gig. For sure, hammocks and gigs aren't as popular as they used to be, any more than Harrison and Morton. The thing that hasn't changed is getting the names of your favorite candidates out in full view - a great American tradition, win, lose or draw.

In the early part of the century, the Warren residence became the summer home of Amos Alonzo Stagg who had married a local girl. Their daughter, Ruth Stagg Lauren, also lived in this stately residence. Mr. Stagg was a noted football coach for many years and is honored in the Football Hall of Fame. He is credited with developing the forward pass which was legalized in 1906; use of a "flanker", use of the "cross-block"; the "T" formation and the numbering of football jerseys.

The wing on the house has been razed and replaced with a newer addition. Note the cobblestone foundation under the porch. Today, this is the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Hanks.