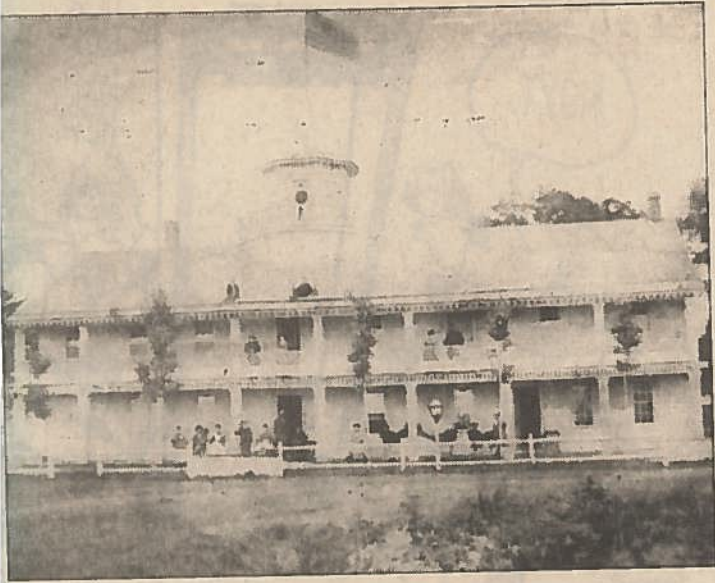


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## Orleans House has a lengthy history

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**T**his picture taken in the 1890s shows The Orleans House at Point Breeze. In the foreground, we see Oak Orchard Harbor and the old wooden pier.

The hotel was built in 1851 by Jonathan and H.C. Murray. These two brothers also were ship builders at that place. They operated the hotel for around 25 years when it was sold.

Several other owners carried on a business there until 1911, when it was destroyed by fire.

It's interesting to note that in 1882, this property sold for \$10,000. That indicates to me

that this was considered a choice location even back then.

Nothing, however, was done to the site immediately after the fire. It wasn't until 1916 when a new hotel called the Lakeland was built.

The Orleans House was a two-story building with a second-floor porch facing Oak Orchard Harbor. An eight-sided cupola surmounted the roof so visitors could get a prime view of the lake.

This was a popular place for individuals and groups to visit during the fair weather. Resorts like this from the mid-19th century pre-dated the cottage development, which commenced in the 1880s.