

# Historic home in Albion built in 1830s

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For the last forty years the residence pictured here has been the home of Gene and Judy Christopher located on East County House Road in the Town of Albion.

The photo was taken around 1880 when this was the home of Frances and Sarah Walker Harling. They are pictured here in seated positions while two of their daughters stand by. The older one is Ellen who married Will Wilson whose son Neil Wilson eventually inherited this family home before the Christopher's purchased it. The younger girl in the picture is Sophia who was to become my grandmother Lattin.

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the family is that he said: "I'm going to America where the light of God is free." This statement came about because at the time the English were taxed on the number of windows they had in their homes. Here, we not only notice a number of windows, but also several chimneys which indicate no central heat but rather stoves and fireplaces.

The porch furniture is actually inside chairs brought outside for temporary use. Victorians loved vines and here we see what appears to be a lavish grapevine along the stone wall and roof of this recessed porch.

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The main portion of the house constructed of Medina sandstone was built in the 1830s by my great-great-grandfather William Walker.

At the time he was an English immigrant and came to this country to make a better life for himself and his family.

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