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## Sawyer Residence - Maple Manor

Radio commentator Paul Harvey, recently said, "Not everything we call progress is progress." That is surely true and here is perhaps a case in point. This large three-story residence was the home of C. Royce Sawyer, an Albion banker, when this photo was taken in 1905. The house is lavishly bedecked with numerous vines and awnings typical of a nabob's taste in that era. The first two stories were built around 1870 while the third floor, in shingles, was added later. Eventually this residence became Maple Manor, a popular rooming house which was run by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dickenson for a number of years. But a little over a decade ago the property was sold to Carrolls Restaurant chain and this once beautiful structure was then demolished. It's ironic that Carrolls only lasted in Albion a very short while before being bought out by Burger King which in turn, altered the Carroll Restaurant to suit their own style and nomenclature. In comparing these two photos, let me leave you with the thought of an unknown bard who once said, "A picture is worth a thousand words."