



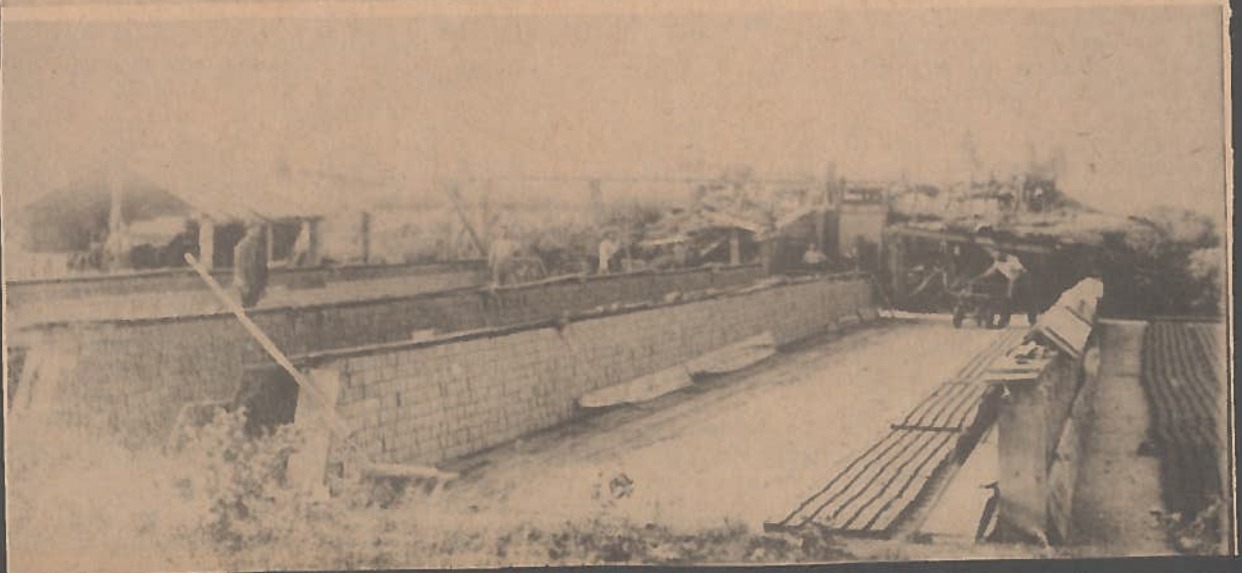
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LAFLER'S BRICKYARD

During the second quarter of the 19th Century a John Lafler started a brickyard located on Route 98 between Five Corners and Childs. Many bricks stamped with their maker's name "J.A. Lafler" may be seen on the terrace in front of the historic Cobblestone Church in Childs. In fact, Mr. Lafler had patented a brick machine, the model of which is shown. A plate on this device reads: "Lafler's now Iron-clad Brick machine Pat'd. 1863 and 1868". The model which is about twenty-two inches high was a salemen's sample. The actual machines which were around ten feet high were sold to various contractors and brick makers throughout the eastern part of the United States up through the 1880's.

J.A. Lafler's son Charles, continued to run the brickyard on Route 98 into the late 19th Century. The other two photos show the brickyard crew as it was in operation circa the 1890's. This site today, which is flooded, is commonly referred to as the brick pond by its neighbors.

