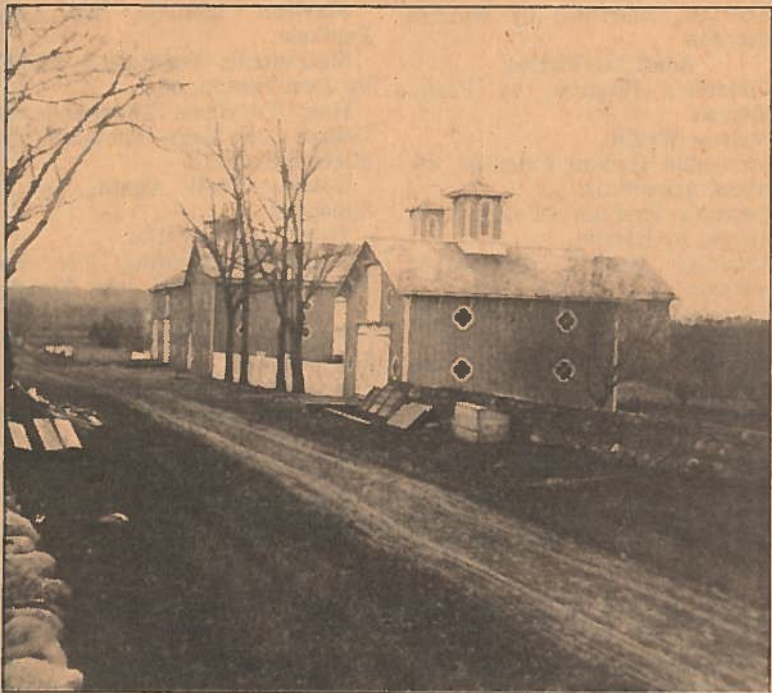


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## Familiar Site - Changed Scene

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The photo shown here, taken in 1880, is one side of a stereoptican view. If you were to stand at the same vantage point from which this photo was taken over one hundred years ago, what would you see today? Let me keep you guessing for awhile. At the time this picture was taken these elegant barns were on the Lewis Loss Farm just west of the Village of Albion. Later the farm was owned by Lewis E. Sands. The road in the foreground which ran north and south from Lattin's Bridge on the Albion-Eagle Harbor Road to Route 31 was once known as Denio Road. These beautiful barns were located on the west side of that road while a handsome dwelling house was located on the east side of the road. Interestingly enough, over three-quarters of the length of the road (northern end) no longer exists. After 1890 this road gave service to an entrance of the Western House of Refuge which was located on the east side of Denio Road. After the early 1930's most of the road was incorporated into the expanded grounds of the Albion State Training School.

The large handsome house which went with the barns was purchased by the State and turned into the Superintendent's residence for the State School. It was at this same time the barns were razed from the west side of the road. What would you see there today?

Well, first you'd see a lot of high wire fence but you would also see to the far left in this scene, the main gate of gate house to Albion Correctional Facility and to the right would be the Administration Building which was erected in the early 1930's. From the gate house south to Route 31, this road exists and is referred to as State School Road.