

# Caro Roadhouse Museum History



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## **Introduction:**

### **The Time Line**

In 1860, Melvin Gibbs lived in the Gibbs House a hotel he had built in 1858. The hotel was later called the American House. The Gibbs House was a large house with a chimney at each end of the building and had a large ballroom on the second floor. The dimensions of the building were much larger than that of the Caro Roadhouse Museum.

In 1860, there were two hotels in Caro, which was then known as Centerville, the Centerville House and the Gibbs House. William E. Sherman built the Centerville house in 1859 from a log building that existed in 1858, which was possibly built by Otis Leonard. The new Centerville House was 30 by 40 feet in size. Today's Caro Roadhouse Museum is, also, about 30 by 40 feet in size [25 by 40 feet and 30 by 40 feet with the porch], and it is possible that the Centerville House is today's Caro Roadhouse Museum.

The Gibbs House was located at the corner of today's Almer and Frank Streets. The Centerville House was located on State Street between Lincoln and Burnside Streets on the east side of State Street. Today, this is the site of the main office of Chemical Bank.

The Centerville House was "rebuilt" in 1864 by S. R. Cross. The name Centerville House was changed to the Caro House, when Centerville was renamed Caro in 1869.

By 1870, there were three hotels: The Caro House; the Gibbs House, and the Caro Exchange Hotel.

From the 1870 Census, the Gibbs House had ten (10) inhabitants with eight (8) boarders. The Gibbs House, again, was too large an establishment to have been today's Caro Roadhouse. During the 1870 Census, the Caro House had eight people—four (4) boarders. If it was today's Caro Roadhouse Museum, it was full.

F. H. Thomas in 1877 built the "frame portion" of the Caro House and kept the house. The "new" Caro House may have been a completely new building, and possibly the old Caro House was moved and made into a residence.

By 1880, the Caro House and the Caro Exchange Hotel were the large hotels in Caro along with the Medlar Hotel. The Gibbs House by then was considered a small establishment and in 1880 seems to have been a private home and millinery shop owned by Mrs. William N. West.

In 1880, Thomas built the brick part of the Caro House. He leased the hotel to L. D. Hoard in 1882.

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It emerges that the Caro Roadhouse Museum of today certainly was not the Gibbs or American House, which was a large two story building with fireplaces at each end of the building. The Gibbs House was torn down in 1916 according to the Cass City Chronicle, which is included later in this report.

**It seems possible that the Caro Roadhouse Museum was the original Centerville House built by William E. Sherman in 1859 from a log building constructed in 1858.**

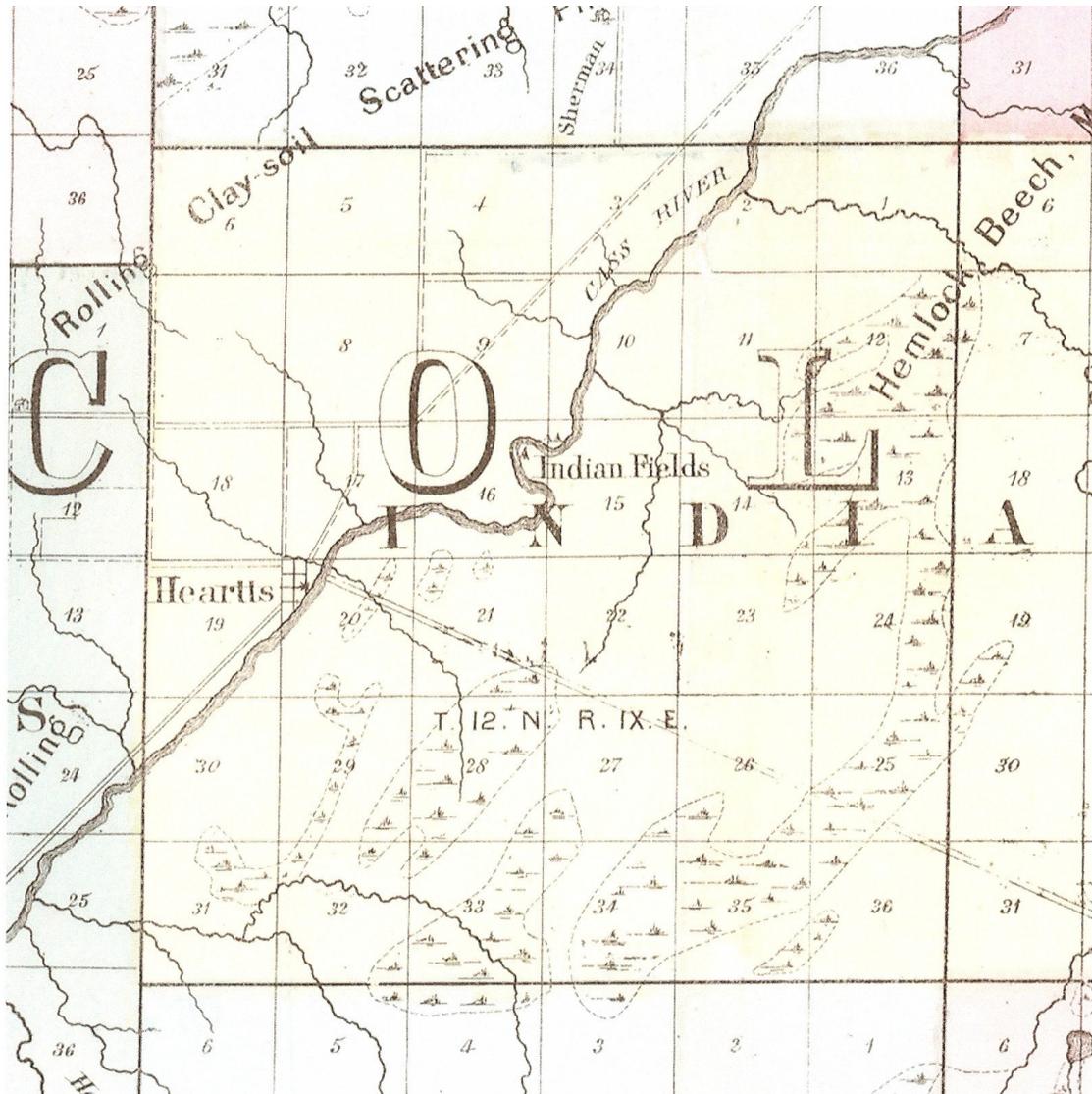
**Sherman's Centerville House was Caro's first store and post office. It was Caro's second frame hotel.**

**In *A Look in Your Own Backyard*, Dorr Wiltsey, Sr., said that the [Caro Roadhouse Museum] building was the "Caro Hotel" built in 1857 or '58.**

**It is possible that Sherman's original hotel, store, and post office was removed to make way for the new brick Caro House. It may have eventually found its way to Ellington Street in Caro and finally was relocated to the corner of Congress and Almer Streets where it became the Caro Roadhouse Museum.**

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## Indianfields Township—1850's: Sherman's House



[Picture is the courtesy of the Library of Michigan]

**The site of Caro, Michigan, is located in Section 3 of Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.**

**Note the house in Section 34 of Almer Township, which is just north of Indianfields. This was the house of Samuel P. Sherman who had not yet removed to Indianfields. This map was made from information that came from the 1850's and published in 1860. Note the Indian wigwams in Section 15 and 16.**

## Sherman's Centerville House: Is It the Caro Roadhouse Museum?

The original hotel and store that William E. Sherman built in 1859 from an existing log house that was erected in 1858 possibly by Otis Leonard may be today's Caro Roadhouse Museum. The hotel and store that Sherman built was 30 by 40 feet, which is the approximate size of the museum.

William E. Sherman constructed the Centerville House in 1859 on the State Road, now State Street, in what then was called Podunk. By 1860, the town was called Centerville, Michigan, and was named after the Centerville House. The name Centerville was later changed to Caro in 1869.

The property on which the Centerville House stood was by 1882 developed into a frame and brick Hotel, which inherited the name Caro House.

*The History of Tuscola County, Biographical Sketches and Illustrations, H. R. Page Co., Chicago, 1883, says the following about the Centerville House:*

In 1859, William E. Sherman, who had been living in Juniata removed to this point and built a hotel near where the post office building now stands. [This is the current site of the main office of Chemical Bank.] There was a small building on the ground, built the previous year, which he enlarged making a building 30 by 40 feet in size and two stories in height. He gave his hotel the name of Centerville House, and from that the locality took its name. Mr. Sherman reasoned that being near the center of the county this point was a good location for a town that would have more than an equal chance of securing the county seat.

At this time, S. P. Sherman, Melvin Gibbs, Charles Austin, Chester Briggs, William E. Sherman, Peter D. Bush, and N. G. Alvord were about all the residents of the neighborhood.

Mr. Sherman purchased a stock of groceries and calico amounting in value to about \$50 and kept them for sale in the barroom of the Centerville House, and thus started the first store in the place. He also used to handle the mail carrying it to and from Vassar and Watrousville until the Burnside post office was established . . .

In the spring of 1861, Mr. Sherman put up a small frame building about where the Wiltsey Block now stands and moved his stock of goods from the hotel into it. A man named Bates purchased the hotel, and it was kept for a time by a Mr. Foster, and in the spring of 1863 Alfred Weldon moved here from Saint Clair County and kept the hotel a year. He then moved to Richland in Almer and built a mill that had been begun by E. P. Randall and J. Blakely. In the spring of 1864, S. R. Cross took the hotel property and rebuilt the hotel and kept it for several years.

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This volume, again, says that the originally Centerville House, a house, was 30 by 40 feet in dimension. Today's Caro Roadhouse Museum, currently at the corner of Almer and Congress Streets in Caro, Michigan, is 25 by 40 feet with a 5 feet porch.

It seems possible that the Caro Roadhouse Museum was the original Centerville House—the first store and post office in Caro, Michigan, which was a renovation of an earlier log building erected in 1858.

The Centerville House was “rebuilt” by S. R. Cross in 1864 and later called the Caro House.

Between 1877 and 1880, F. H. Thomas built a frame and brick building on the same site, which inherited the Caro House name and which seems to have been a new building.



**The Caro Road House about 1970 on Ellington Street in Caro, Michigan.**



**The new frame and brick Caro House [about 1885 or later] on State Street.**

**The Centerville House:  
Account of Dorr Wiltse, Sr., 1983**

Dorr Wiltse, Sr., in his *A Look in Your Own Backyard* describes the Centerville House as follows:

**The Emergence**

. . . from the township of Indianfields, a settlement began to emerge. In 1852 and 1853 the very first settlers in the whole township were Samuel P. Sherman and his son, William, Elonza Bigelow, Isaac Crane, Daniel Dopking, William A. Heartt, Charles Stuck, David Gamble, Walter Holmes, Orville Williams, Oliver Dickinson, Franklin Fairman, Amos Andrews, Sr., and David Andrews. Of this number, the Sherman's were the only actual residents of the area that now comprises the village of Caro until about 1856. In that year the Legislature authorized the building of a state road from Bridgeport in Saginaw County to Forestville in Sanilac County. Men then came into the settlement to work on clearing and building the new *super highway*. Some remained as residents. There were E. P. Randall, J. Blakely, Alexander Belmer, Lewis Richards, and Horace Parsell.

**Melvin Gibbs came to open a hotel to board and house the workers. For a time, he used an old log house owned by Samuel P. Sherman. This was later removed and can still be viewed, in part, on Ellington Street.**

In 1858, Mr. Gibbs built a new hotel at the corner of Almer and Frank Streets, which he named the Gibbs House. It was our first built hotel.

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Late in the fall of 1857, the road was opened as far as our settlement. The first team to haul supplies over it was driven by C. R. Selden . . .

In 1859, William E. Sherman, who had been living in Juniata Township following his marriage to Pat McGlone's daughter Sarah, came back to town and built a hotel where the [main office of the Chemical Bank] now stands. He gave it the name *Centerville House*. So, you might say, among many first for this enterprising man, he started the first store in the village. He also handled the first mail—carrying it to and from Watrousville and Vassar. He would then distribute it from his counter at the Centerville House. I guess you have to give him credit for being the first postmaster as well as the first mail carrier. As one of the old timers told me many years ago—the mail then amounted to only a hat full if the hat was not too large.

This story is interesting in the fact that Mr. Wiltse says the log house used by Mr. Gibbs as a “log hotel” that was later removed to Ellington Street. The log hotel was rebuilt by Samuel's son William E. Sherman into a hotel, and it may have been today's Caro Roadhouse Museum.

### **The Centerville House: Account of Henry C. Briggs 1932**

Henry C. Briggs during the *Tuscola County Advertiser's* quest for the “Oldest Settler in Tuscola County” gave the following report, which the *Advertiser* published February 26, 1932:

#### **Two Old Settlers Give Names of Rugged Pioneers of County**

Residents of this community [the Caro area and southern Almer Township] when [Henry Briggs] came here were Samuel P. Sherman, [William] Eber Sherman, Melvin Gibbs, Doctor Dickinson, David June, Edward Belmer, John Court, Christian Shadley, Christian Raber, Horace Parsell, and Charles Austin. Mr. Briggs was brought up by his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Job Briggs and for a time lived also with [his] Uncle Otis Leonard whose farm is now Caro Golf Course.

. . . Mr. Briggs spoke of the early days in Caro: “Melvin Gibbs had a log house across from the Fitzgerald farm . . . Otis Leonard had the first house in that part of Caro now the downtown section standing on the lot now occupied by the Van Sickle Feed Store. This was sold to [William?] Eber Sherman who built to it an addition and used the old part for a saloon. The property was later sold to Thomas Foster [Note: William E. Sherman sold the Centerville House to a Mr. Foster].

As fast as the pine was cleared from the site of the present village of Caro, everyone panted corn, which formed the principle article of food. I have seen a cornfield stretch from Main Street to the cedar swamp, which is now the Shaver farm [near the Cass River] . . .

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[Mrs. Harriet Belmer also says in the same article:] . . . In the spring of 1854, my father purchased from the government for \$1.25 per acre, the farm now known as the Richards Farm . . . Samuel Sherman lived on the Atwood farm just over the town line from Podunk as Caro was called. Melvin Gibbs was at the time building the first hotel on the corner of Frank and Almer Streets . . .

Later [the name] Podunk was changed to Centerville and still later to Caro . . .

### Biography of Otis Leonard

*The History of Tuscola County, Biographical Sketches and Illustrations, H. R. Page Co., Chicago, 1883*, says the following about Otis Leonard and Caro's beginning. Leonard purchase  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, which would contain the northeast part of the Village of Caro. This property contained the lot that would become the site of the Centerville House:

When [Otis Leonard] arrived, he bought 120 acres of land on contract where the Caro Railway Depot and post office and numerous other buildings now stand [where the railroad crosses Main Street]. The price was \$300, and he paid \$14 down. He built the first frame house in Caro where the post office now is. It has been destroyed by fire. The first log house within the corporation was built by Mr. S. P. Sherman.

### The Cutting of the Pine at Caro, Michigan

In another article in the Tuscola County Advertise dated March 11, 1932, the cutting down of the white pine trees where Caro, Michigan, now stands was described:

As a young man, Mr. Spaulding worked in the lumber woods and with Tom Foster cut down the first tree in the village at the corner of Frank and Almer Streets.

**These stories seem to imply that Melvin Gibbs used a log house as a hotel previous to 1858 when he built the frame Gibbs House. This log house may have been the building that William E. Sherman expanded into the Centerville House, which today may be the Caro Roadhouse Museum. Perhaps, the original log house was built by Otis Leonard.**

## **The Gibbs House: Caro's First Frame Hotel**

**The building that today is called the Caro Road House Museum was not the Old Gibbs Hotel—Caro's first hotel, which was razed in 1916.**

*The History of Tuscola County, Biographical Sketches and Illustrations, H. R. Page Co., Chicago, 1883, says the following about the Gibbs House:*

In 1858, Melvin Gibbs, who had been keeping a hotel in the old log house built by Samuel P. Sherman, put up a frame building . . . at the corner of Almer and Frank Streets and used it as a hotel. It was known as the Gibbs House and was the first hotel built on the site of Caro.

### **The Gibbs House was Razed in 1916**

The *Cass City Chronicle* has the following to say about the Gibbs House on November 17, 1916, which indicates that the Gibbs House was torn down in that year:

#### **Old Gibbs Tavern at Caro is No More**

##### **First Hostelry in Centerville was Built Over a Half Century Age**

The tearing down of the old Gibbs hotel building, on the Montague ten-cent barn property, to make room for the special auction sales, removes one of the oldest landmarks in Caro, says the *Courier*. Melvin Biggs built the hotel in 1860, and it was Caro's (then called Centerville's) first hostelry. The Steve Cross hotel, larger and more imposing structure, was afterwards built on the site now occupied by the Van Tine Block.

R. M. Ross and Sol[omon] Utter were among the landlords who followed Melvin Gibbs. Then larger and larger hotels crowded out the old, it was turned into a residence and millinery shop and later, a musical studio where Mrs. William N. West instructed Caro young in the art of vocal and instrumental music. Finally, the old building was abandoned and turned into a storage shed for the livery barn.

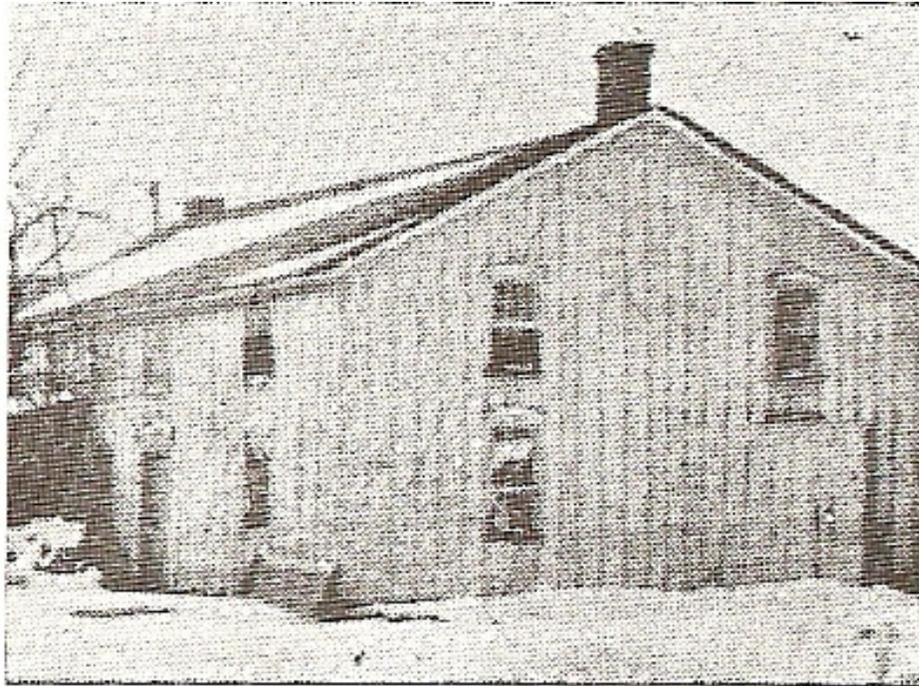
What a story of pioneer history that old tavern could have told. For fifty-six years, it had stood watching the transformation of a little hamlet among the pine stumps into one of the finest cities in Michigan. The winding shady road cutting diagonally across section three became a paved street with boulevard lights. The ox wagons that stopped at its doors for refreshment and entertainment are now automobiles that go whizzing by to the big stone Hotel Montague. The ball room on the second floor where the young people danced or where a puppet show was given by a traveling

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troupe has changed to Castle Hall and Temple Theatre awaiting the new Montague Opera House, which the year 1917 will see built on the foundation already prepared.

The traveler to nearly every city has pointed out the old landmarks, which are being carefully preserved and duly honored. Nobody thought of doing this for the Old Gibbs Tavern.

### **The Traditional Picture of the Gibbs House Or, the American House**



**The Gibbs House also called the American House.**

From the above information, the Caro Roadhouse was not the Gibbs House or American House as it was also called.

## The Location of the Gibbs House

*The History of Tuscola County, Biographical Sketches and Illustrations, H. R. Page Co., Chicago, 1883, gives the location of the Gibbs House [American House] as follows:*

### Years of Struggle

The years between 1861 and 1866, made an exhausting drain upon the energies of the people of Centerville. While the country was fighting battles for the preservation of the Union, Tuscola County was the battleground of numerous and exciting contests over the location of the county seat. In that struggle Centerville was enlisted without limit as to term of service, and its captains slept with their armor on. The history of this contest is to be found elsewhere in this work.

### The Hope of Centerville Realized

The final triumph of Centerville in the county seat controversy was the event that shaped the destiny of this aspiring village, and fulfilled the ardent expectations of such of its people as had labored long and unremittingly to accomplish that purpose. The board of supervisors, at the October session in 1865, voted to remove the county seat from Vassar to Centerville, and that action was subsequently ratified by the electors of the county. The population of the entire township of Indian Fields at that time could not have been over 400, as the year previous the census returns reported it at 249. Section 3, now the corporation of the village of Caro, contained the following inhabitants and buildings. Beginning at the lower end of State, at the southwest corner of the village, was a house occupied by Daniel Delling. A few rods to the northeast was the house of Lewis Miller, on the opposite side of the road; the next building was the district school-house, afterward sold and converted into a dwelling; next were the mills, and beyond, the house of William E. Sherman. **S. R. Cross kept a hotel** about where the post office now stands, and opposite was a small store kept by J. C. and Charles Montague, a portion of the building being occupied by them as a dwelling. **Melvin Gibbs kept a hotel called the American House** north of the Montague store, on what is known now as Almer Street, while opposite was the store of Joseph Gamble, who lived in the upper part of the building. North of that and near by, lived L. D. Welch, in a shanty. Not far away lived S. P. Sherman, and east, on what is now Frank Street, lived Charles Austin. Following northeast from S. P. Sherman's was the house of M. B. Gibbs, then X. O. Smith,

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and opposite, the house of Horace Montague. The next house was that of P. D. Bush, and with that the enumeration of Centerville in October 1865 ends.

In December 1865, P. D. Bush, S. P. Sherman, Melvin Gibbs, S. R. Cross and Charles Austin, made and platted the village, and soon commenced selling lots for building purposes. Theretofore the land had been worth about \$15 an acre, and the first lots were sold at \$15 and \$25 each.

In the spring of 1866 the frame of the Universalist Church was moved down from Almer, and preparations made for the reception of the capital as narrated on another page. That spring and summer witnessed quite an immigration and considerable building. So flattering were the prospects that early in the summer William E. Sherman platted about fifty acres as an addition to the village. Up to September 1866, no new streets had been opened, and building was confined to the State road and quarter-line roads. In September J. W. Spencer, broke ground for his dwelling-house, where he now lives, and in October, John Kelsey commenced building a house on Burnside Street

### Biography of Solomon Utter

*The History of Tuscola County, Biographical Sketches and Illustrations, H. R. Page Co., Chicago, 1883, gives a description of Solomon Utter one of the proprietors of the Gibbs or American House:*

**SOLOMON S. UTTER** was born in Delhi, Delaware County, N. Y. When he was but a mere boy his father moved with his family to Buffalo, where he (the son) remained about three years. From there he went to Lester, Livingston County, N. Y., and remained about twenty years. At first he worked on the Genesee Valley Canal, and during the last ten years of his residence in that county kept a hotel at Cuylerville. In 1867 he came to Centerville, Tuscola County and kept the Gibbs House for two years. He then bought the Exchange Hotel, and kept it two years. Selling out the hotel he went to farming, having a farm in Juniata and another in Fairgrove - living in the village of Caro, however, while carrying on his farms. He is now (1883) keeping a livery stable and running a stage line between Caro and Cass City. Previous to the building of the Caro branch of the Michigan Central railroad he ran a stage line to Vassar. Is the senior member of the firm of Utter & Hemerick. Married and has two children.

## Two Hotels in Caro in 1860: Three Hotels in 1870 and 1880

The following comes from *The History of Tuscola County, Biographical Sketches and Illustrations*, H. R. Page Co., Chicago, 1883:

### Hotels

Caro has three hotels, all of which are well kept and furnish accommodations for the traveling public. The early hotels were, as already stated, the **Gibbs House** and the "**Centerville House.**" The name of the latter was changed by S. R. Cross, its proprietor, to the **Caro House**.

During the summer of 1867 John Kelsey built the "**Exchange Hotel**" and after keeping it a short time rented it. In 1869 Solomon Utter, who had been keeping the **Gibbs House**, purchased the property and kept it about two years. He then rented it, and subsequently sold it to John Palmiter, who in 1875 sold the property to B. F. Nettleton, the present proprietor.

The frame portion of the present **Caro House** was built by F. H. Thomas in 1877 and kept by him. In 1880 he built the brick part, and continued to keep the house until the spring of 1882, when he leased it to the present proprietor, L. D. Hoard.

The **Medler House** was built by E. J. Medler in 1879 and 1880, and kept by him until his death in 1882. The present proprietor is Jacob Hobson.

## **The Michigan State Gazetteer**

**1873**

The Michigan State Gazetteer listed the following three hotels in Caro, Michigan, in 1873:

- Cross, S. R., proprietor Caro House.
- Mills, J. T., proprietor American House [also known as the Gibbs House].
- Utter, S. S. Exchange.

## **The Michigan State Gazetteer**

**1875**

The Michigan State Gazetteer listed the following hotels in Caro, Michigan, in 1875:

. . . Caro has 3 hotels . . .

- Cross, S. R., [Caro] House.
- Mills, J. T., American House [also known as the Gibbs House].
- Parmater, J. W., Exchange Hotel.

**Friday June 20, 1879**

### **News Article**

George V. Smythe, a former employee of the Grand Trunk, was found dead in bed at the American House on Sunday, the effects of an overdose of morphine.

## **Census Records**

The following pages are the census records for the years 1860 and 1870, which show the hotels in Caro, Michigan:

- **Page 1:**       **1860 Gibbs Hotel**
- **Page 2:**       **1860 Centerville House later called the Caro House**
- **Page 3:**       **1870 Gibbs House also called the American House.**
- **Page 4:**       **1870 Caro House**
- **Page 5:**       **1870 Caro Exchange House**

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**SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in** Indian Mills **in the County of** Yussele **State**  
**of** Michigan **enumerated by me, on the** fifteenth **day of** June **1860.** Otis W. Leonard Ass't Marshal  
**Post Office** Watrousville

1	2	3	Description.			7	Value of Estate Owned.		10	11	12	13	14
			Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
85	84	William Gibbs	47	M		Hotel Keeper	600	600	Vermont				
		Clarissa Gibbs	38	F					N.Y.				
		Elias	13	M					N.B.		1		
		Helen A.	6	F					N.B.				
		Clay J.	5	F					Michs				
86	85	S. H. Sherman	55	M		Farmer	6000	1000	Mass				
		Ruth W. Sherman	57	F					Maine				
		Ruth	17	F		Com. Sch. Teacher			Michs				
	86	James East	27	M		Farmer	300	50	N.B.				
		Caroline East	26	F					C. E.				
87	87	Charles Austin	36	M		Farmer	600	225	N.B.				
		Fanny D. Austin	31	F					N.B.				
		Wilmington	12	M					N.B.		1		
		Emily	11	F					N.B.		1		
		Miriam Austin	58	M		Farmer	250	250	N.B.				
		Hannah Austin	55	F					Vermont				
		Abraham B.	77	M		Farmer Laborer			N.B.				
88	88	Charles Briggs	41	M		Farmer	1200	200	N.B.				
		Samuel Briggs	34	F					Mass				
		Frank	5	M					Mass				
		Louis Maxwell	24	M		Farmer Laborer	300	150	N.B.		1		
89	89	Abner S. Alvord	42	M		Farmer	600	150	N.B.		1		
		Polly M. Alvord	28	F					Pa		1		
90	90	W. B. Gibbs	20	M		Farmer		150	N.B.				
		Margaret L. Gibbs	19	F					Michs				
		William M.	1	M					Michs				
91	91	Alanson Bigelow	47	M		Farmer	800	257	N.B.				
		Eliza A. Bigelow	43	F					N.B.				
		Labor	17	M		Farmer Laborer			Michs				
		Erac Holmes	79	M		Chapman M.D.		100	Conn				
92	92	Orville Williams	52	M		Farmer	600	200	N.B.				
		Annanda Williams	21	F					Michs				
		Charles H.	4	M					Michs				
93	93	A. Stearns	53	M		Farmer	400	50	N.B.				
		Ann W. Stearns	22	F					Belgium				
		Margaret Hull	11	F					N.B.		1		
		Hessert Shultz	9	F					Pruss		1		
94	94	Edo Groves	25	M		Farmer	800	125	N.B.				
		Sarah Groves	17	F					Ohio				

No. white males, 21. No. colored males, \_\_\_\_ No. foreign born, \_\_\_\_ No. blind, \_\_\_\_  
 No. white females, 18. No. colored females, \_\_\_\_ No. deaf and dumb, \_\_\_\_ No. insane, \_\_\_\_  
 No. paupers, \_\_\_\_ No. idiotic, \_\_\_\_ No. convicts, \_\_\_\_

The Gibbs House or American House—1860.

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SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in Indian Mills in the County of Carroll State 557  
of Michigan enumerated by me, on the fifteenth day of June 1860. Wm W Land Asst Marshal  
Post Office Watrouville

1	2	3	Description			Value of Estate Owned		10	11	12	13	14
			4	5	6	8	9					
Family numbered in the order of relation		The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family		Age	Sex	White, black, or color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year	Deaf and dumb, idiotic, pauper, or convict
95	95	Jason Dickinson	34	M		Farmer	1200	500	Mich			
		Sarah Dickinson	26	F					Mich			
		Edmund	5	M					Mich			
96	96	John N Bruch	58	M		Farmer	600	250	Nb			
		Mary E Bruch	25	F					Baden Germany			
		W. Coia	2	M					Mich			
		Abraham	3/4	M								
		Wm Caprud										
98	97	Erastus Mann	20	M		Farmer	1600	400	C. E.			
		Mary Mann	25	F					Mich			
		Elmer	5	M					Mich			
		Elliot	3	M					Mich			
		Benson	1	M					Mich			
		Jason Gray	18	M		Farm Laborer		50	Nb			
99	98	H. Allen	30	M		Farmer	2000	150	Ohio			
		Charity Allen	25	F					C. W.			
		Blayd	5	M					Mich			
		Artemis	2	M					Mich			
100	99	Wm E Sherman	31	M		Merchant & Hotel Keeper	5000	1500	Mich			
		Sarah E Sherman	21	F					Ohio			
		Orra	5	F					Mich			
		Benson Washburn	24	M		Carpenter & Farmer		150	C. W.			
		Cynthia Parker	14	F					Mich			
		J. B. Crane	44	M		Farmer	520	182	Nb			
		Emmett Crane	25	M					Nb			
		Or Whit	19	M		Farm Laborer			Mich		1	
		Philo E	14	M					Mich		1	
		Charles P	11	M					Mich			
		Mary E	6	F					Mich			
		Lewis Cap	4	M					Mich			
		Demaris	2	F					Mich			
102	101	O. Dickinson	39	M		Farmer	1000	440	Nb			
		Mary Dickinson	24	F					Whitcomb's Germany			
		Mary E	5	F					Mich			
		William A	1	M					Mich			
103	102	Samuel F. Dickinson	25	M		Farmer	1400	500	Mich			
		Elizabeth Dickinson	20	F					Nb			
		Smith Dickinson	22	M		Farmer	400	25	Mich			
		Clarissa Dickinson	17	F					Mich			
		Esther Crother	19	M		Farm Laborer			Ohio			

No. white males, 29 No. colored males, 0 No. foreign born, 0 No. blind, 0  
No. white females, 16 No. colored females, 0 No. deaf and dumb, 0 No. insane, 0  
No. idiots, 0 No. paupers, 0 No. convicts, 0

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Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 20 are to be answered merely by an affirmative mark, as /.



SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Indian Fields, in the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, enumerated by me on the 11th day of July, 1870.  
 Post Office: Valley William C. Cole Jr., Asst. Marshal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		10	11		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
							Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate		Value of Foreign Birth	Value of Foreign Birth								
Description			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.			Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.			Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.		Whether naturalized citizen.		Whether foreign born.		Whether colored.		Whether blind.		
115	116	Prof Richard M	38	M	4	Hotel Keeper	2000	1000	Pennsylvania										/
		— Mary J	20	F	4	Keeping House			Michigan										
		— Van Buren Mary	36	F	4	Seamstress			New York										
		— Hamilton Mary	10	F	4	At School			Michigan										
		— Sampson Lewis	25	M	4	Common Laborer			New York	/	/								/
		— Hanson Aaron	22	M	4	Carpenter			Canada	/	/								
		— Montague Alexander	19	M	4	Black and Dry Goods Store			"	/	/								
		— Black Duke	50	M	4	Common Laborer			Ohio										/
		— Wall Joseph	21	M	4	"			New York										/
		— Dyckman Alfred	23	M	4	"			Canada										
119	117	— Montague Joseph	38	M	4	Dry Goods Merchant	6000		Canada	/									/
		— — Emily J	22	F	4	Keeping House			Michigan										
		— — Julia	1	F	4	"			"										
		— — Jane	14	F	4	At School			Canada	/	/								
120	118	— Miller Thomas A	28	M	4	Black and Dry Goods Store	1000		"	/	/								/
		— — Hanson	24	F	4	Keeping House			Canada	/	/								
		— — Melvina	5	F	4	"			Canada	/	/								
		— — Nettie S	2	F	4	"			"	/	/								
		— — Emma J	4 1/2	F	4	"			Michigan	/	/								
121	119	— McLean George	34	M	4	Physician	800	1000	New York										/
		— — Julia	23	F	4	Keeping House			"										
122	120	— Sherman William	41	M	4	Dry Goods Merchant	15000	6000	Michigan										/
		— — Sarah E	37	F	4	Keeping House			Ohio										
		— — Ora F	14	F	4	At School			Michigan										
		— — William C	6	M	4	"			"										
		— — Jennie M	2	F	4	"			"										
		— — Corley Anna	25	F	4	Domestic Servant			Canada	/	/								
123	121	— Ho Alty W	31	M	4	Manufacturer	1750	2150	Pennsylvania										/
		— — Betty	20	F	4	Keeping House			Michigan										
		— — Howell James	18	M	4	Cabinet Maker			Pennsylvania										
		— — Harnell Henry D	28	M	4	Manufacturer	1250	1250	"										/
		— — Matrona Sarah	17	M	4	Carpenter	6000		Michigan										
124	122	— Henderson Simon	26	M	4	House Painter	700	100	New York										/
		— — Corwin	21	F	4	Keeping House			"										
		— — Josephine	2	F	4	"			Michigan										
		— — Frederick	19 1/2	M	4	"			"										
125	123	— Rogers William S	36	M	4	Carpenter	350	150	New York										/
		— — Harriet B	29	F	4	Keeping House			Michigan										
		— — Edwin E	9	M	4	"			"										

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SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Indian Fields, in the County of Caro, State of Michigan, enumerated by me on the 8th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Nassau William Locke Jr. Asst Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11			14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12	13							
		Zipporah Gettler	17	F	W	Keeping House			Ohio										
132	131	Charles David	23	M	W	Butcher	2000	500	Canada										
		Sarah	24	F	W	Keeping House					1	1							
		Willie Green	21	M	W	Common Laborer			Massachusetts										
		Reuben Jones	30	F	W	Milliner	125	200	Canada		1	1							
134	132	Stephen Elijah	24	M	W	Carpenter	1200	250	Michigan										
		Mahalah	24	F	W	Keeping House			New York										
		Settles	8	M	W				Michigan										
135																			
136	133	Riley John	40	M	W	Hardware Merchant	2500	3000	England		1	1							
		Anna	26	F	W	Keeping House			New York		1	1							
		Frank	16	M	W	At School			Michigan		1								
		Charles	13	M	W	"			"		1								
		Jonny	11	M	W	"			"		1								
		Willie	8	M	W	"			"		1								
		Lavinia Rosemond	40	F	W	Teacher			England		1	1							
137	134	Geoff Stephen R.	42	M	W	Butcher	5000	2155	New York										
		Julia	41	F	W	Keeping House			"		1	1							
		Charles E.	20	M	W	At School			Michigan										
		Frank	17	M	W	"			"										
		Harrison Annis	17	F	W	Book			Canada		1	1							
		Reel Sarah	15	F	W	"			Canada		1	1							
		George James W.	25	M	W	Physician	500		Canada										
		Orinabe Henry	22	M	W	Knitter			New York										
138	135	Wentzen Charles	22	M	W	Dry Goods Merchant	5200	11000	Canada										
		Mary J.	20	F	W	Keeping House			"										
		Mahala E.	13	F	W	At School			"										
		Harriet	16	M	W	Seaman			"										
139	136	Cooper Alvan	35	M	W	Seaman	8000	2500	New York										
		James A.	30	F	W	Keeping House			Michigan										
		George	20	M	W	"			"										
		Swallow	7	F	W	"			"										
		Adelbert	1	M	W	"			"										
		Anger Sophia	20	F	W	Domestic Servant			Prussia		1	1							
		Henrich David	22	M	W	Common Laborer			New York		1	1							
		Freeman Byron	24	M	W	Farmer Laborer			"										
140	137	Johnson Gilbert	42	M	W	House Painter	1600	500	"										
		Alvin J.	37	F	W	Keeping House			"										
		Stephen	20	M	W	At Home			"										
		Reuben Amanda	59	F	W	Domestic Servant			"										
7		No. of dwellings, 18	No. of white females, 16	No. of males, foreign born, 15	26,675	22,105	No. of males, 14	No. of females, 10	6	11									
		" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "															
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The Rebuilt Centerville House now the called The Caro House—1870.

