

# Gilbert House

25. Gilbert House, southeast corner of Fifth and Fairview Streets



Sylvester Hammond Gilbert moved from Manistee to Onkama in 1882 and built this frame house in 1884. He was a partner in the lumber mill of the Gilbert brothers. The addition of a more impressive porch was a typical undertaking to update many residences around the turn of the last century. This porch, unusual in that it includes several floating angles in its canopy, and the central entrance replaced smaller porches with separate entrances that had originally been built with the residence. Typical as well was the raising of a house onto a foundation, such as this stone one that was not evident in an earlier picture. The dwelling was also occupied by Elsie Anderson and later the Stanley Finan, Jr., family.



The Later Porch, Central Entrance, and Stone Foundation