

Telford-Farr Residence

13. Telford-Farr Residence, northwest corner of Mill and Spring Streets



1883 Photograph Showing Mrs. A. W. Farr; George Farr; Ethel Farr; A. L. Telford; Miss VanDeman, Teacher; Mrs. A. L. Telford; and Jessie Farr in Front of Farr-Telford Residence

The round-arch attic window; long windows and double doors on the lower floor; and massive, hooded lintels capping these openings all give a deep sense of the history connected with this 1880 frame dwelling. The Adam L. Telfords lived in this house before it was occupied by the A. W. Farris. Farr, who was a State senator in 1901-1902, had married the Telfords' daughter, Jessie. The rear wing of the residence was a single story



before the roof was raised and extra rooms were added. The Lester Chaney also lived here for several years. Elsket Barstow Chaney was a daughter of George A. Barstow, who was secretary of the Onkama Lumber Company and ran the Company store, which later became the Barstow Store. This residence was a very appropriate one for her interest in Onkama history, which has left a wealth of information in *The Story of Portage* and her voluminous files, which are now in the Manistee County Historical Museum.



A. W. Farr