

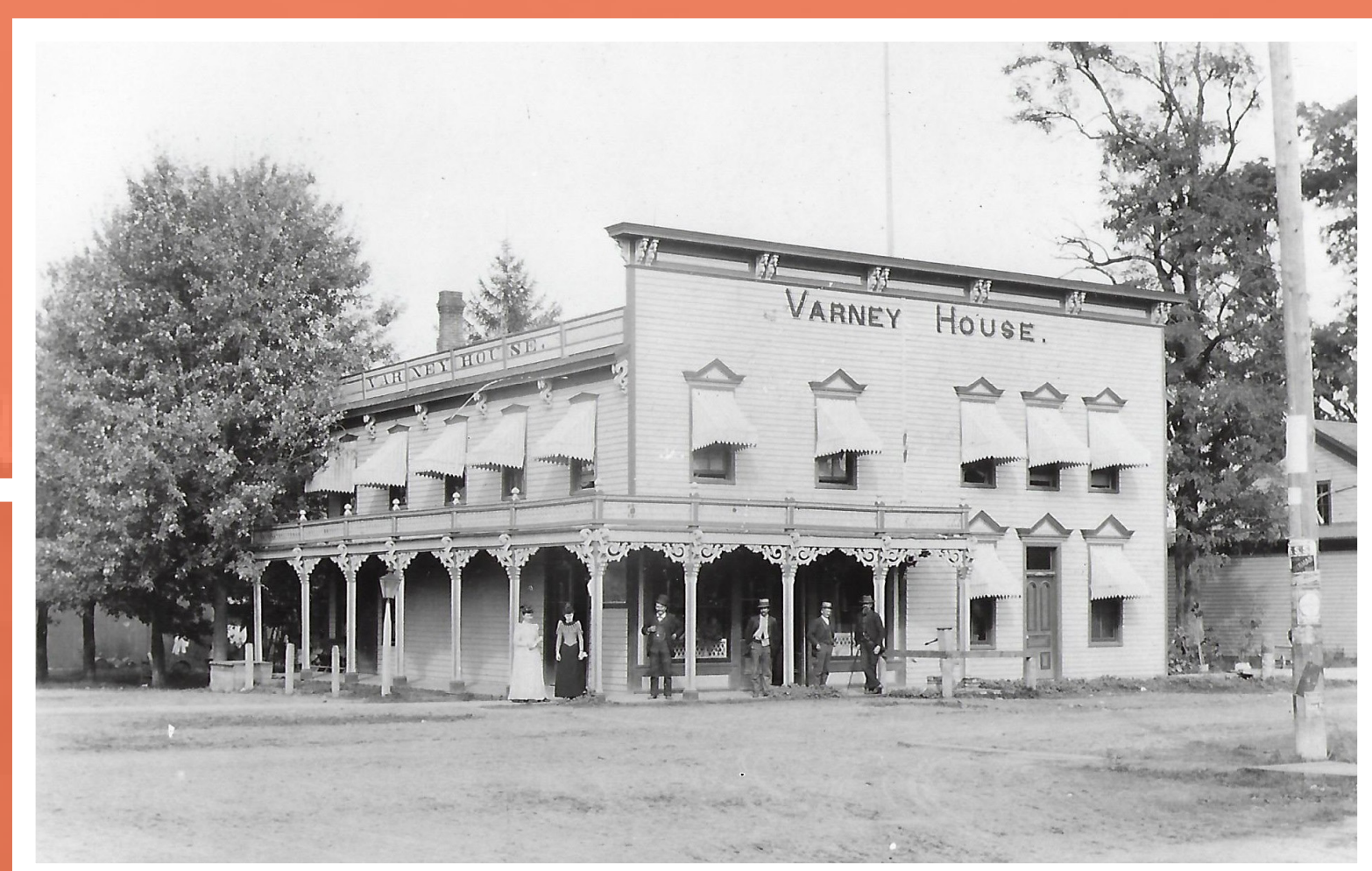
# Hotels



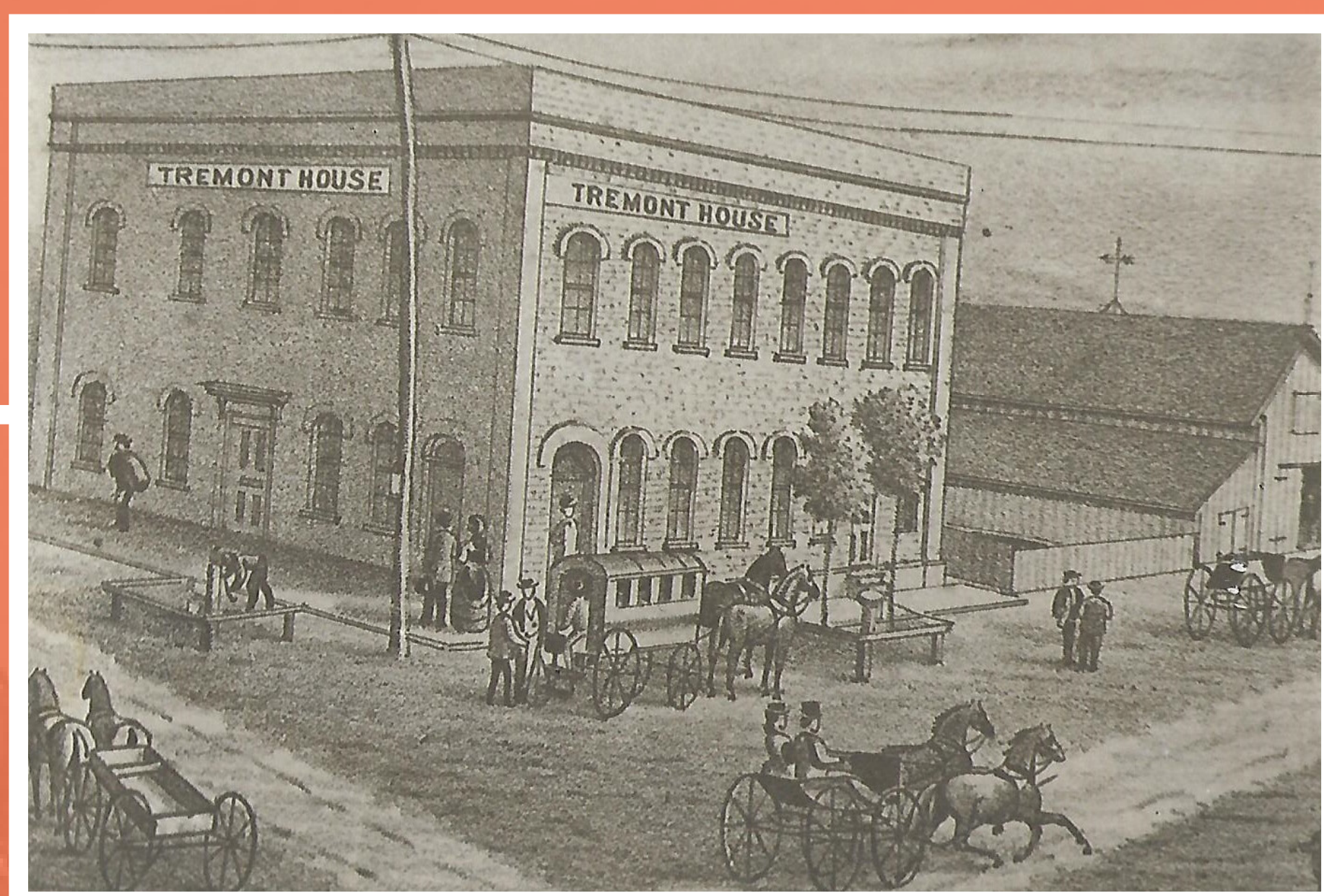
The first hotel in Wayne was Johnson's Tavern, a two-room log house built in 1824. This building served as a stagecoach stop along the Chicago Trail until its removal in the 1860s.



The Union Hotel was a two-story hotel and saloon that opened sometime in the 1850s. It was located on Wayne Road (then called Monroe Street), just south of the railroad tracks. It housed guest rooms, billiard room, bowling alley, and a ballroom. This hotel was destroyed by a fire in 1885.



Varney House Hotel opened in 1866 on the NE corner of Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road. The 15-room hotel housed a saloon and restaurant and was well respected in town. In 1903, the name was changed to the Zehfuss House before closing and becoming storefronts in the 1930s. The building was torn down in 1941.



In 1868, construction began on the hotel that would become the Tremont. It is located on the NW corner of Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road. This would be the largest hotel in Wayne and one of its earliest brick buildings. In 1899, the hotel was renamed Commercial Hotel and run by William A. Moore until it closed in 1926. The building was converted to storefronts and was restored in the 1980s.



The St. Cloud House was built in 1873 near the railroad junction west of town on the Stellwagen Farm. It was outside of town and had many owners before it closed in the 1890s.



In 1928, the Wayne Hotel opened on the second floor of the Wayne Theater building. The hotel had 21 rooms, each had their own bath, and operated until 1945.



The REO hotel opened in 1939, just west of the theater building. It housed stores on the first floor and the hotel on the second floor. The building survived until the 1990s.

In memory of Edwin and Helena Blankertz. They were married September 14, 1916 and had their wedding reception at Moore's Hotel, where Helena worked.