

RYAN CORNER'S ONCE A POPULAR "STOP\*OVER".

Jeremiah Ryan purchased land in Section 6, Croton Twp. from the U.S. government in 1849. Later the board of supervisors in cooperation with the state, authorized the construction of a road north from Ryan's Corners to Norwich town line, then it angled N.E. to terminate at Leonard, now known as Big Rapids.

Ryan built a store and Power built a tavern across the road, followed by Tripp's store in Sec 1, Brooks. Two hotels were built later along the stage road. The Corner's became popular with the teamsters and the travelling public as a 'stop-over'.

In 1855 Walter Sterling arrived in Newaygo and later moved to Ryan's Corner's and followed his trade as a shoemaker.

In 1856 G.G. Wonch bought the Ryan place which he operated a short time before moving to Oak Grove.

Ryan's place is now owned by the Peacock Farm and the only evidence of the early settlement are a few holes in the sand.

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