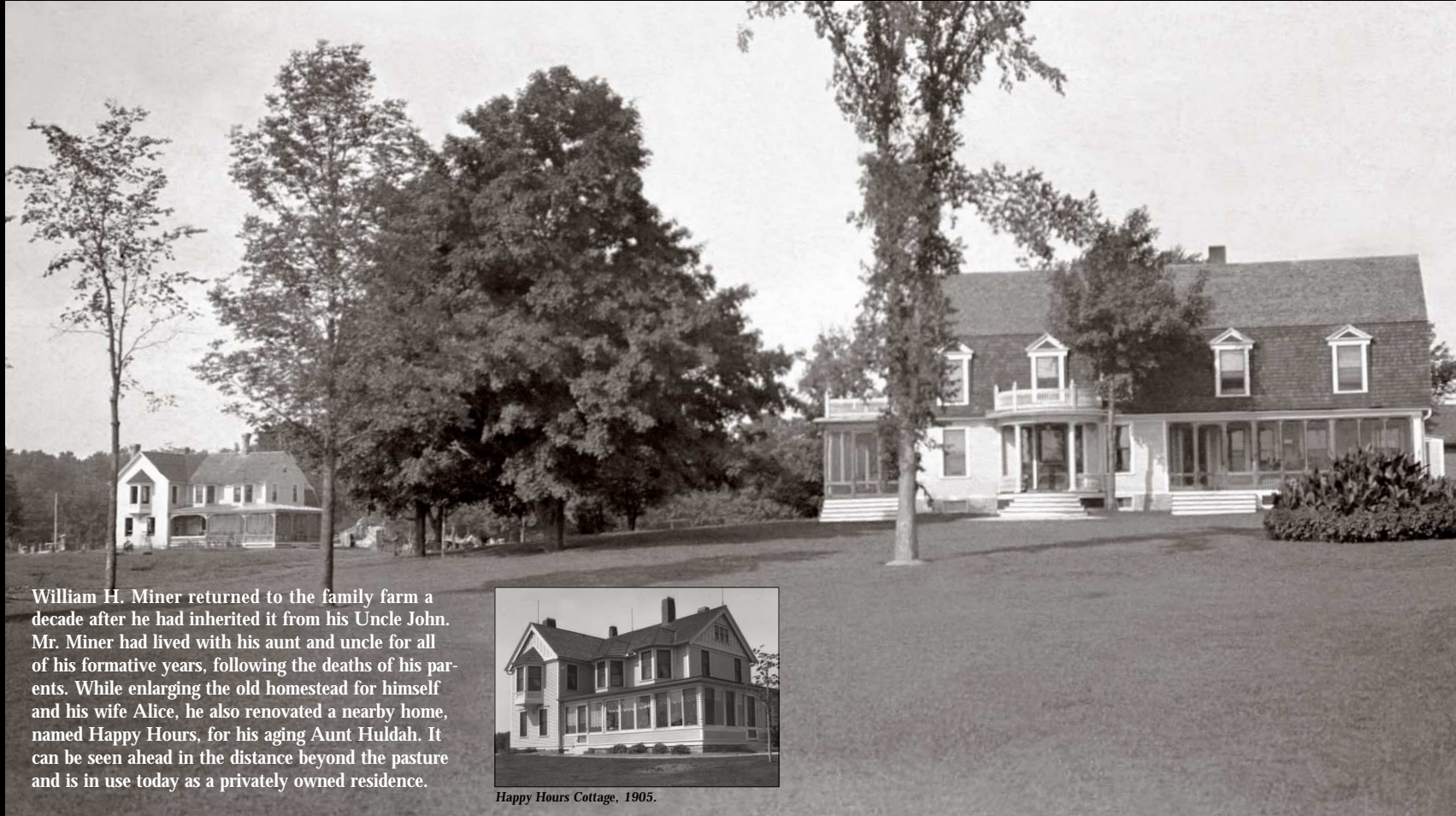


Happy Hours Cottage



William H. Miner returned to the family farm a decade after he had inherited it from his Uncle John. Mr. Miner had lived with his aunt and uncle for all of his formative years, following the deaths of his parents. While enlarging the old homestead for himself and his wife Alice, he also renovated a nearby home, named Happy Hours, for his aging Aunt Huldah. It can be seen ahead in the distance beyond the pasture and is in use today as a privately owned residence.



Happy Hours Cottage, 1905.

Happy Hours also bordered on the 1,000,000 gallon reservoir built as a water storage facility for the farm. Storm drains throughout the farm collected rainwater from roofs and sent it to the reservoir via underground piping. Freshwater springs were tapped if the water level became too low. This was all part of a fire protection system connected to hydrants and pumping stations. In winter, the ice that formed on the reservoir's surface was cut and stored in the Ice House to keep perishables from spoiling in the warmer weather.



Happy Hours bordering on the farm reservoir, 1908.



Cutting ice on the reservoir, 1905.