

## The Brew Moon

The Brew Moon, built in 1883, was the first home to the James Adams family. Adams was born in Canada in 1836 and moved to Caseville to be a bookkeeper for Francis Crawford. He married Katherine Notter, whose father ran a sawmill and was part of the Ora Labora movement.

James saw the need for a mercantile store and built one next to his house calling it the Adams and Bailey General Store. The first customer of this store was Christopher Heideworth. He "bought" a new suit to wear to the Dakota Territory, promising to pay for it when he returned. He never came back. Customers had a running charge, meaning they paid one bill at the end of the year. While most paid in cash, the Adams considered other forms of payment, one being land. One family offered a mile of land along Crescent Beach Road to pay their annual bill. The offer was declined.

James hired Alice Lloid to create hats popular with the current fashion-ladies in the village likes having the latest millenary creations. The store was eventually sold in 1929 and moved becoming the left half of LeBlanc store.

Back in their home the Adams family continued to live and engage in the community. James was the Caseville Township Supervisor from 1876-1882 and Robert Adams was the Justice of the Peace for 20 years. He held court in the dining room during the Depression.

The house has been occupied by several businesses since it was next to the Adams and Bailey General Store. Dr. Jeffery Crowley operated his Chiropractic office on the first floor and the family living quarters were upstairs. He now practices in Pigeon, Michigan.

The house is now The Brew Moon, owned and operated by Michael and Cristina Klaiber. They offer a variety of specialty drinks, delicious desserts and general merchandise.

Resident artist Nicki Hogan adorned the side of the home with a hand painted moon and coffee cup- a historic representation of how a

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landmark can be transformed into a modern place to gather and a vibrant component to the Caseville community.