

## Sawmills

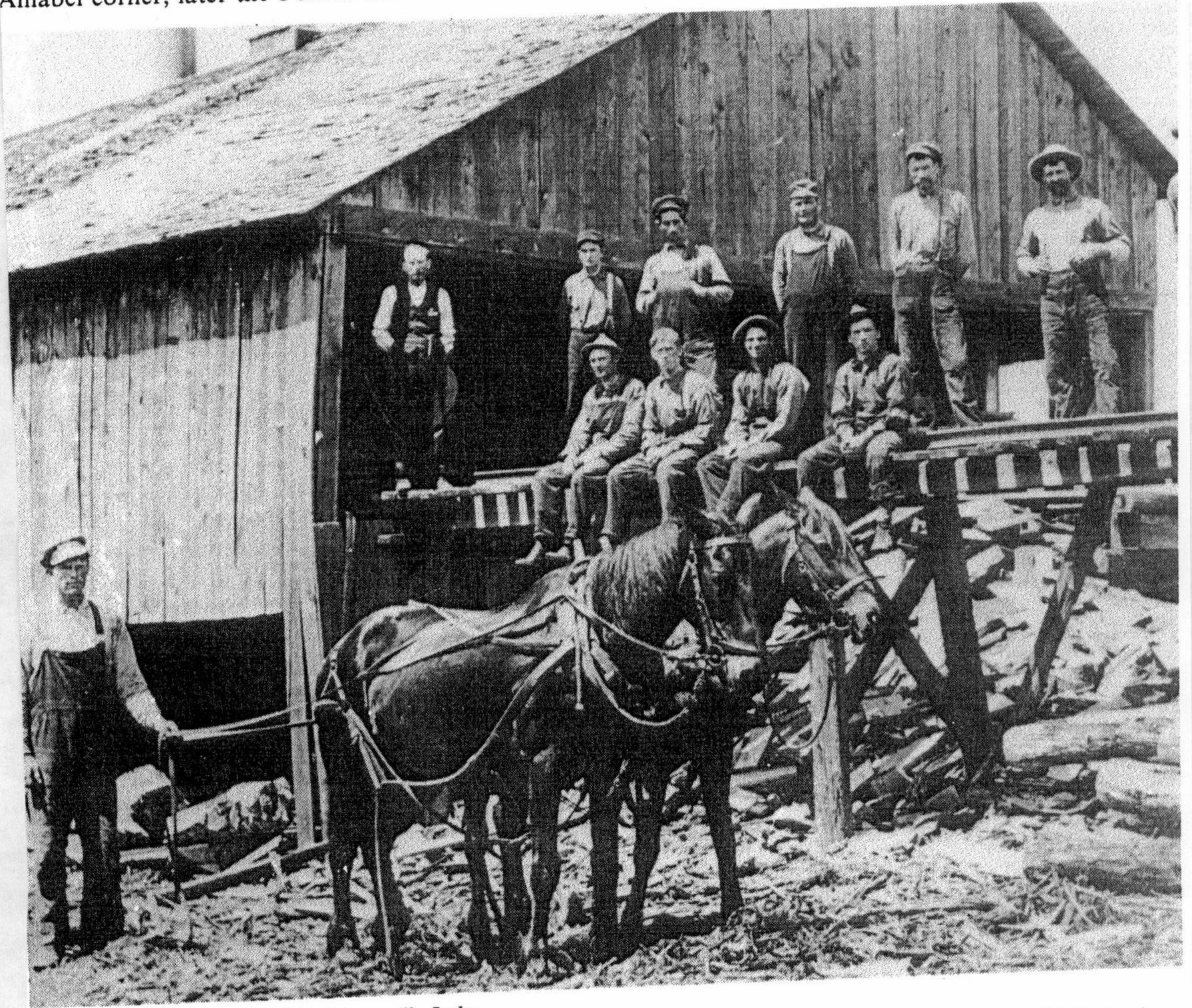
Skipness has been noted for its sawmills. David Porter built the first sawmill on the farm now owned by John Reid in 1872. It was run by water power for fifteen years from a stream at Mud Lake, later called Maryville Lake. Mr. Porter bought the farm, now owned by Graham Chambers, in 1888. He died in 1890.

Joseph Chambers, brother-in-law of David Porter, ran the mill until 1900 when it was sold to the Reid brothers who owned and operated a sawmill at Zion Amabel corner, later the Forbes farm.

The Reids ran the sawmill until 1913 when it was sold to Jack and Lowry Davidson. They moved to their farm on Lot 15 Concession 3.

The Davidson brothers ran the mill for seven years then sold it to Mr. Tyson and Mr. Geddes of whom they ran it for five years.

In 1925 Robert Walker of Allenford bought the mill and continued to run it until 1950 when it was taken over by his son, Gerald, who ran it for several years.



*Porter's Mill, Marysville Lake  
 Back: John Reid, Alex Reid, Mr. Clifford, Tom Reid, John Matheson, Tom Woods, Tom McFarland  
 Front: Alf Reid, Wes Buckton, Saul Woods, Jack Buckton and Sam Currie with the team*