

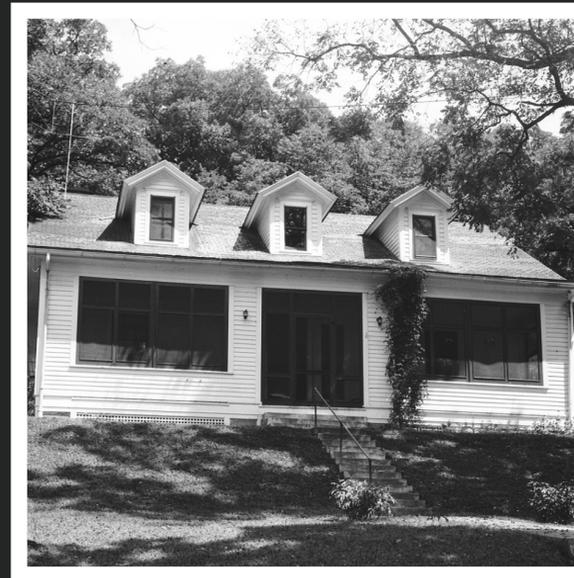
#5. Director's Cottage

The Director's Cottage was a 2-story, 8-room, wood-frame house with a concrete foundation and a one-half basement. The bungalow had wood clapboard siding, a side-gable roof with shingles and three dormers. In 1960 the cottage was moved to its current location in Fairport. The first occupant of the director's cottage was Dr. Robert E. Coker, who served as the station director from 1909–1915, before becoming the Chief of the Division of Scientific Inquiry for the Bureau of Fisheries (later renamed the US Fish and Wildlife Service).

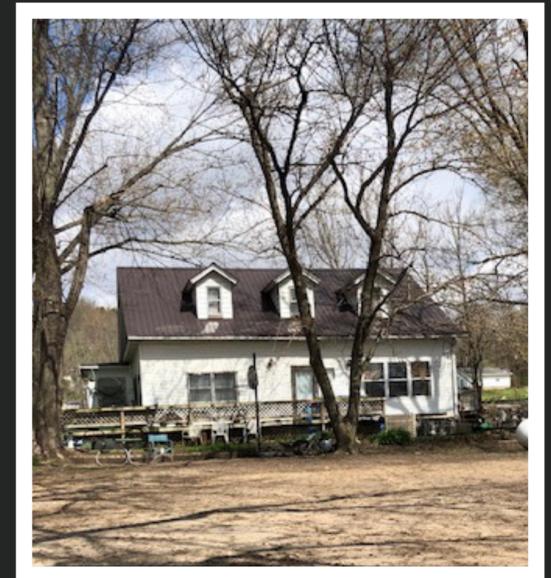
Archaeological studies in 2020-2021 failed to reveal any indications of the former building and sidewalk/steps that led from the Lower Road to the front door. Today, an artificially level ground surface supports domestic vegetation (some type of lily), suggesting this may be the location of the former cottage. Located on the north side of the upper road is a concrete culvert over a shallow drainage ditch, a short sidewalk, and six concrete steps leading up the hill, presumably to the High Pressure cistern. The 1941 building inventory indicates a single-car garage, which was assigned to the Director's Cottage, was located near the intersection of the Upper and Lower Roads. The garage was constructed from corrugated metal with a metal roof and a floor with 2-inch-thick wooden planks. The garage was demolished in 1960 when the Director's Cottage was moved to Fairport. The last director during the period of mussel propagation was Dr. M.M. Ellis (1930-1933), the pre-eminent researcher in mussel propagation during the 1920s and 1930s.



Overview of Director's Cottage in 1941, facing northeast.



Overview of Director's Cottage, circa 1950, facing north.



Overview of Director's Cottage in 2020, the cottage was moved to Fairport in 1960. The same family lived in the house for over 60 years.



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