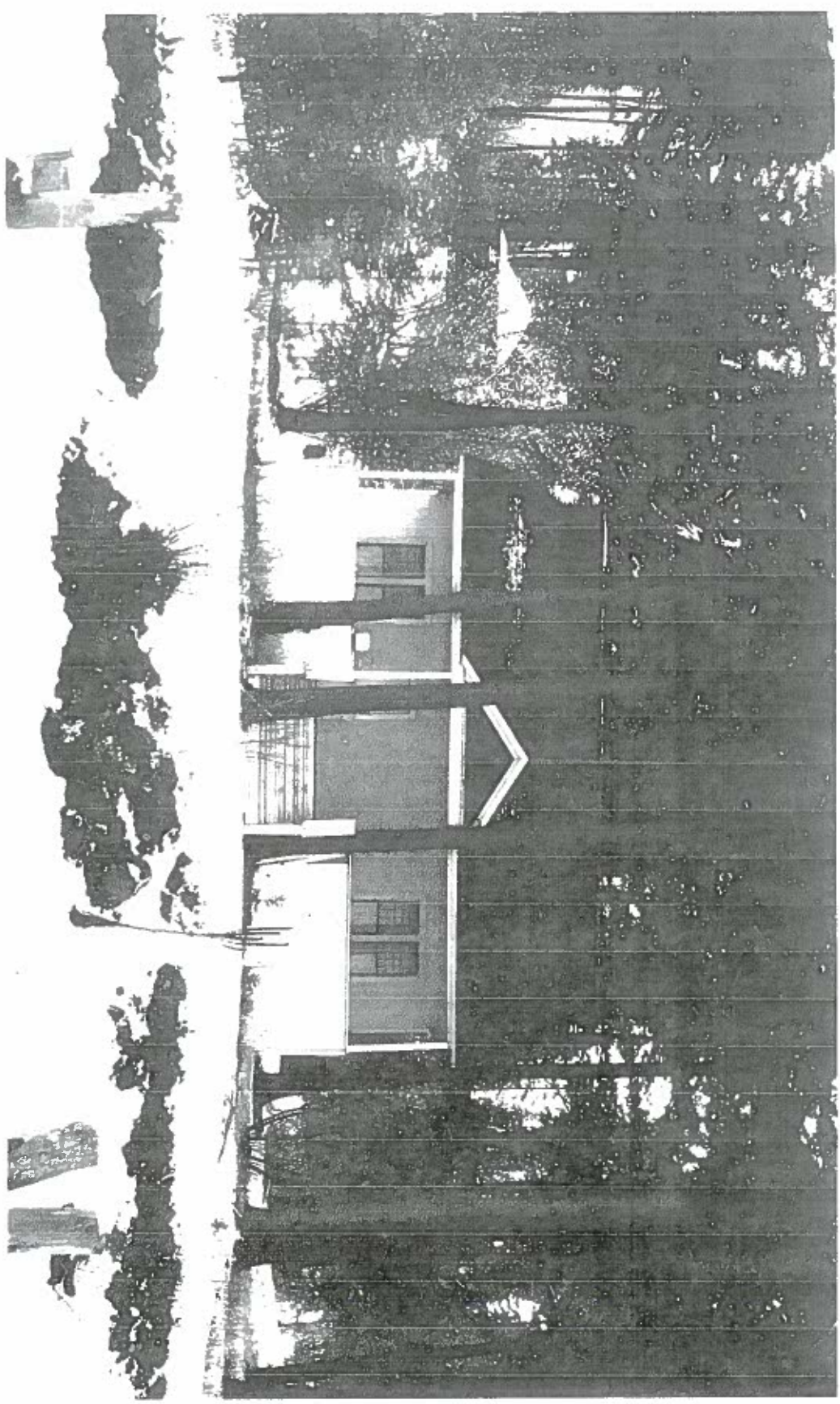


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From the Olive E. Spencer Collection

This picture, of what is now the Spencer lake-house at Spirit Lake, Idaho was taken during the middle twenties. It is not known whether the picture was taken before or after my mother, Olive Hansel, bought the property in 1926 for the inflated price of \$975.00. This house was built sometime between 1901 and 1905 (before the Village of Spirit Lake was platted) and was modernized during the 1910-1915 time period. It is likely the oldest frame house on the East Side of the Lake. Through the years it has been constantly upgraded and the place is now a pretty modern home.

My mother arrived in Spirit Lake in 1923, after accepting a 3rd grade teaching position in the Spirit Lake Public Schools. She had previously graduated from Valley City Normal School (Now Valley City State University) and then taught in North Dakota. For several years she lived in Spirit Lake, rooming with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Peterson. However, she quickly fell in love with the Lake and soon bought the house that we all have grown to love.

Note the tree stumps sitting well out in the Lake and quite a few feet from the shoreline. This proves to me that the Panhandle Lumber Company did, indeed, raise the level of the Lake when they built the mill. KS