



City of Sturgeon Bay
Interpretive Sign
Sawyer Park pavilion



The freighter *George F. Rand* unloads coal at the Bushman Dock in this 1950's photo. The dock dates back to the 1800's and was an international shipping terminal for lumber, grain, coal and other commodities. By the 1970's the site was no longer used as a cargo terminal though ships still moored here. Eventually, the old wooden dock wall deteriorated to the point that even docking was not feasible. The modern steel sheet wall was completed in 2005 and the dock (now called the Sawyer Dock) was reborn as mooring facility.

The modern dock known as Sawyer Dock was gradually lengthened by filling in the bay. Depending upon the era, the fill material may have been sawdust, garbage, or dredged material. This photo shows the dock being extended around 1940 when it was known as the Bushman Dock. Dredged material is being pumped from the shipping channel into the area behind a newly established shoreline. The photo looks northerly with the Michigan Street Bridge in the background.

