

Unit #3 of the Monarch Development was a 60-foot x 116-foot three-story frame condo moved from Toledo to Marblehead, Ohio by barge on the Maumee River in October 1994.

## Ohio's AA House Movers Founder Known as Entrepreneur and Visionary

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Once, Joseph purchased the entire contents of a bowling alley that was going out of business in downtown Cleveland with a vision of owning his own bowling alley as the entire family was avid bowlers.

With a background in mechanics, Joseph owned a small trucking company at the time. In 1954, he had a house relocated for a state highway route in Cleveland. He was so impressed with how and what was involved in the move that he decided to look into starting his own house moving business.

In 1956, he located a moving company that was for sale in the Mansfield, Ohio. He purchased it and established AA House Movers in Cleveland, Ohio.



Marion Kazak and Jim Kazak with daughter Jeanette Mullen.

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This Stafford Log Cabin in Gates Mills, OH was 80-feet x 40-feet with stone walls and was moved on the same site in 2006. Rain and muddy conditions made the move almost impossible. The owner eventually was required to excavate one-foot of soil at the new location and add one-foot of limestone fill. The structure was moved due to severe erosion.



A 500-ton brick and stone train station with a concrete floor in LaFayette, Indiana was moved five blocks to a new site in 1994.

A 320-foot long utility tressel entrance way to the Steel Yard Commons Shopping Center was placed in 2005.