



This is the 40 acre farm in Michigan where your dad and his sister Jean spent part of their lives. The house was red brick and had no front overhang or pillars. The shutters were white and the trees were very small when we were there. It did have a screened in front porch and on many hot summer nights we slept on it.



The back porch has been rebuilt and a large sliding door was added. Aunt Edit~~it~~ and Ruth had a washing machine on the porch it was hand powered until the electricity was installed.



This is the side of the barn where uncle Earl was unloading hay when his finger got caught in the pulley and pulled it off. The hay door is above you can see the hinges.

The back yard and barn, it don't look like much now but we were proud of it. The lean-to on the barn was added for the horses and the beam we used to pull the hay up and into the barn is still sticking out of the barn roof. The white building is the garage that housed our electric generator.



This is the front of the second farm house, where Mr & Mrs Cook lived and the rest of the 400 acre farm was used to grow crops for the milk cows.



The back door of the house and the summer kitchen, a building where the cooking was done in the summer. Also it was where the hired hand lived..

We stopped the tractor at this door when uncle Earl got stung by a bee, we plowed two furrows across the front yard, around the house to this door. He ran in to put some baking soda on the sting on his rear-end, after he got his pants off he found his mother had her lady friends over for tea.



The barn looked much better when we were there. We spent much time fixing it up with a cement floor and better cow stalls. It took all summer and it was a hot summer. But after work we went swimming in Indiana lake which was near by.



This was a dense wooded area where we fell trees for firewood, the lake named Baldwin was 30 feet deep and dropped off five feet from shore. It was here we would take a cool swim after cutting and splitting wood on hot days.

Now it is subdivided into lots for summer homes.

