

Sisters on trikes, final resting place of the old house.

The cute little tricyclers are Teri, Judy, and Pat.

In the picture we stacked weathered hay on the left side of the old house and corn stalk bedding on the right.

I remember hauling and stacking the corn stalk bales.

The bales were easy to handle, and the weather was cool.

John and I stacked them especially high, just for joy.

We are seeing the original north side of the old house.



Until the house was pulled to the center of the yard, I do not remember that north door ever being opened.

If you look closely, you can see that an original window was boarded over, just right of the doorway.

That may have been done when the kitchen was added.

The room to the right of the door was then converted into a master bedroom.

That change put the stairway to the two upstairs bedrooms in the master bedroom.

After this final move the stairway was now against the east wall, south corner.

The chamber pot was in our parent's bedroom.

It was only for nighttime emergencies or illnesses.

Before the house was moved the upstairs was divided into two bedrooms.

Ann had the room on the left and John and I had the room on the right.

Ann's room was over the old burner which was, of course, on the first floor. Her room had the heat register.

On winter mornings we would take turns warming our clothes and dressing over the register.

Ann also a big closet that corresponded with space taken up by the stairway.

It was not used for hanging clothes. Mom used it for strong boxes of things.

In the final position I used it to raise pigeons and brood hens.

When the old house was put in this spot in 1953, we took the single dividing wall out of both floors.

The made one room on each floor.

We kept laying hens on the first floor for a couple years.

I raised rabbits, bantam chickens, and pigeons on the second floor.

At the time of the photo, we were farrowing Landrace sows on the first floor.

The corn stock straw was for the sows.