

Melanie Fay Johnson Remembers:

- + Gene Burt and I used to dress biddies in "Ginny Doll" clothes and play with them on the big front porch.
- + There was an extra long hammock that could be hung downstairs in the front part of the great hall from one side to the other.
- + Charlie Mac's dogs swimming in the horse trough.
- + The gigantic white rose bush growing all across the back porch
- + The big white bath tub with feet.
- + The metal shower upstairs.
- + The side porch full of glass jars and clear vases
- + The pretty sconces in the front bedroom that had a coal burning heater
- + Seeing Aunt Gene's wedding dress spread across the bed upstairs, the bed with the high headboard (she was airing the dress).
- + Playing dress up in clothes we found in trunks upstairs in the hall
- + Playing in the hen house.
- + Playing in the big barn.
- + Horseback riding with Uncle Mac.
- + Having to reach up so high to push the button to turn on the lights.
- + How high the door knobs were.
- + The colorful glass sidelights by the front door
- + The sound of the back door slamming.
- + Sitting in the big dining room with a fire.
- + I actually do remember Mama Johnson sitting at Papa's desk.
- + Being so afraid of Mr. Fling Down and having to go upstairs by myself - day or night!
- + Aunt Gene's coca colas stacked by the refrigerator.
- + The drawing of ancestors in the big hall upstairs.
- + Riding bicycles down to the mailbox and pushing them back up the long road.
- + The attic opening in the back bedroom from which Mr. Fling Down has access to the house...I know, someone told me!!!!!!
- + Being afraid to climb up the stairs by myself day or night....three guesses why.
- + Playing in the old parked junk cars and trucks.
- + Sitting on the front porch and watching the drive-in picture show and not hearing a sound but crickets and katydids.
- + A black oscillating fan.
- + Playing rock school on the front steps.
- + Playing Mama Johnson's piano.
- + Clothes hanging in the room off the dark hall.
- + The stove in front of the fireplace in the kitchen.
- + How high and tall the kitchen cabinets were.
- + Getting broken pieces of stained glass with Gene Burt after the house was torn down.
- + The massive armories full of linens upstairs.

- + Satin eiderdown comforters.
- + Several beds in one room.
- + The iron baby bed.
- + A life-size baby doll.
- + A plaque with a steer head on it.
- + The trash pile.
- + All the big trees.
- + Gray painted floors.
- + Oval room-size rugs.
- + The light fixtures hanging from the ceilings with pretty glass shades.
- + The mirror above the kitchen sink.
- + Shutters that actually opened and closed on the outside of the

house.

- + Zinnias.
- + How good the water tasted and how cold it was from the tap.
- + A good feeling of expectation that something wonderful was going to

happen.

- + Laughter and lots of people.
- + Honeysuckle.
- + The sound of cows mooing.
- + The clucking of chickens and sounds from the hen yard. ☺