

# The House On Mountain Avenue As I Remember It

This is my story about the house that I was born in and how I remember it with a few highlights on different things. It describes the inside and then the outside.

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There were the kitchen, dining room, living room and two separate rooms off the living room facing the front of the house, one room larger than the other.

### Kitchen

The kitchen had brownish/beige tile on the walls, a large gray-and-black cast-iron stove, and in the eating area, a table and eight chairs.

In the back of the kitchen was an open-framed door leading into the pantry where the sink and cabinets for Mom's beautiful china dishes and glassware were seen through the glass panels. There was a small wooden table (the pasta table), and two wooden rolling pins, one larger than the other, which hung from two nails along the wall near the table. Pop made the two rolling pins for Mom to roll out her homemade dough. The "Guitar," Mom's spaghetti machine, which Pop also made, was of wood, oblong shaped. Nails were hammered all along the top and bottom, close together, outside the frame; thin wire was pulled taut around each nail from top to bottom. The dough was placed on the wires and the rolling pin used to cut the spaghetti. The spaghetti, now flat on the table, was then spread over the table to dry before cooking.

To the left of the pantry was a kitchen door leading into a small room with a window, and another door leading outside to the driveway area and to the back yard. Clothes could be hung through the window rather than to go outside in cold weathr. In this small room was the beautiful oak ice box which kept the food cold during the year. In the winter months the room was extremely cold, and there was no danger of food spoiling.

Several years later the kitchen was remodeled. The pantry and the ice-box room were demolished along with the door leading to the outside. The whole back wall was remodeled--new cabinets, stove, flooring. The old side-drain sink, all the wood-framed glass cabinets, and the big cast-iron wood/coal stove were put in the cellar.