Sun Room

Another door from the living room led to the small sun room. The front door led to the outside porch which had a black iron railing in three sections. On top of each section sat round brass ball. Larger than golf balls and always brightly polished, They were from a bed.

The sun room was where Mom and Pop grew their prize lemon tree along with a few flowers. The lemon tree started from a twig. Slowly the twig got bigger and bigger and finally buds started to sprout and sweet-scented white flowers bloomed. Slowly small green balls appeared and, quess what? Lemons. There were six or eight lemons but two grew as big as grapefruits. Mom and Pop were thrilled. They always put the tree near the front window facing the street so everyone could see. It was the talk of the neighborhood. How proud Mom and Pop were, and believe me, no one touched those lemons except them.

Later the piano was moved out of the living room to the sun room. My sister Mary and I played the piano and accordion for a while but then gave it up. I believe the piano was later given to the church but do not know where it finally found a new home.

Upstairs

There were four bedrooms. The largest room was Mom and Pop's room. All the rooms had solid oak floors, two windows, and a closet, except the small front room.

The larger bedroom in the front was my brothers' room and the two smaller rooms were mine and my sisters'. After Mary married and my brothers left, my sisters and I had our own rooms. I had the small front room.

I will always remember the wood dressing table my father made for the room. I made an organdy skirt for the dressing table and put different colored linings underneath to match the decor of the room and the organdy curtains.

Attic

Behind a door in the front bedroom were stairs leading up to the attic. At first, the attic was one big room but later Pop divided it into two rooms. One room had a chest of drawers and poles that a lot our clothes were hung on for different seasons. Large sheets were wrapped around a lot of the wool clothes and moth balls were placed inside.

The attic was a storage place for many things.