

## **The Outside of the House**

The house, a solid-made concrete/stucco structure was gray with white wood-frame windows and doors. It faced Mountain Avenue. Beyond the hedges and in front of the porch and den was the front lawn with bushes and evergreen trees. Directly in front of the den was a huge cherry tree that was grafted and produced red and pinkish cherries.

In back of the house was a grass area (sitting area) with a large Red Delicious apple tree in the center and flowers beds along the fence. Beyond the grass area was a garden where Pop had hot beds to grow all the vegetables for the garden. The hot beds were made of wood with panes of glass over the top for sunlight. A path started from the corner of the garage and went all the way back to the end of the property on Prospect Street. In back of the garage was an attached shed, and a bit to the right of the shed was a chicken coop. The path continued from the back of the shed and an arch trellis that had grapevines growing on the sides and top went halfway down the property. Many white and dark grapes hung on the vines. On both sides of the path were gardens, each having a pear tree or apple tree in the middle. The gardens were near the neighbors' gardens--a natural place to gather, chat and show each other their crops. Later, the chicken coop was taken down to provide more garden space.