

M47, Rush Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan

Grandpa purchased the [Goss farm](#) in 1917 and it included property on both sides of the road.

[The two pictures are of the house where I was raised.](#)

I was born in a house across the road, but grandpa sold it shortly after I was born, and the house was converted into a two family dwelling. A toilet was installed in the closet off the upstairs bedroom [Katherine, Viola & Marjory] [today, a full bath with shower] [The sketch is as I remember it to be.](#)

I don't remember when the porch was remolded. I believe it was after I married in December, 1944. Also, the woodshed and chicken house are gone, as well as some of the trees.

When dad purchased the house in August, 1944, "our kitchen" became the laundry room and the door behind the cabinet in the dinning room was opened. The door into the living room was widened into an archway about 8' wide. [a deck has been added off the dinning room]

A full bath was installed in the pantry area. Mother & Dad slept downstairs, and later, brothers, Jim November 1944 & Ken August, 1946 used Grandpa & Grandma's living room for a bedroom. We girls slept up stairs until the time we married.

Most of the rooms are 15x15 the smallest being "our kitchen". As a child, I thought the back room was a ballroom until Grandma burst "my bubble" by telling me that harvest crews slept there. This room covers the kitchen, laundry, pantry/bath, and dinning rooms, so it must be at least 30x25. Today, it is a very full storage room.

My nephew, Rodney Spitler owns the property at this time.

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