

Near the garden was a kiln for drying fruit. It was somewhat like a large barbecue pit, made of rock slabs for the sides and top. It seems to me it was several feet square, with at least one slab support in addition to the sides, and long pieces of wood were used for the fire. It was covered with a roof, so fruit could be dried in rainy weather. In the equipment that came into our hands was a fruit parer, which you clamped on the edge of a table. You stuck the fruit on some prongs and turned the handle to peel it. There was also a cider mill and press, which was a free standing hand powered machine for chipping and pressing apples for making cider and vinegar. (Fermentation of cider makes vinegar).

In the back yard was a well with two buckets, one on each end of the rope, with one bucket going down while the other came up. Near by at the back edge of the yard was the wash house. The front side was open, there was a bench for the wash tubs along the back, and a long hinged section of the back wall which could be opened for pouring out the wash water, or for ventilation in warm weather.

I believe there was another well on the back porch, but I'm not sure. Of course in those days we didn't have electricity in the country, so all the water had to be drawn one bucket at a time, except a few people (Uncle Henry was one) had a water pump driven by a gasoline engine, which pumped the water into a storage tank.

There were many other things we enjoyed at this home place. Besides the nice yard with some trees on part of it, there were several buildings or structures scattered around the yard and beyond.

On the east side of the yard there was a smokehouse, a garage (that had held the Willys-Knight touring car), a mule barn with hay loft and a wide dirt "hall" through the middle, with stalls and a corn crib on the sides. There was a small log house used for farm tools etc. There was a large log "carriage house" open on the front, and back of the vegetable garden next to the woods was a blacksmith shop. We used it some for working with iron, but I think our most important use for it was sharpening scooters for plows. This was a strong iron flat slightly curved piece about 3 inches wide to be bolted on a plow at an angle to make it dig a trench into the ground when pulled by the mule. It was sharpened by removing it from the plow, heating it in the fire at the shop until red hot, then flattening the end by hammering with a heavy hammer while <sup>WITH TONGS,</sup> holding the scooter on the anvil. Other attachments were also bolted onto the plow along with the scooter, depending on the type of cultivation being done.

Back of the house and vegetable garden was a large square section of several acres of woods, which adjoined the road for probably several hundred feet to the west. In this woods were several varieties of hardwood, some pines, and and other trees and bushes, such as honeysuckles (native azaleas) sweet shrubs, a few buckeyes and one section of a sort of bog, with standing water. We used this woods for hunting, but more for cutting wood, both done mostly in winter.

For wood cutting we used axes and cross-cut saws (long saws used by a person at each end pulling it back and forth).