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Subject: **Fwd: Brandon farm Versailles**
Date: 24 May 2007 01:14:20 GMT+00:00
To: Sam Minter <abulsme@abulsme.com>



thought you'd like to know we picked out the right farmhouse as the old DC Brandon farm! Unsure if his father had it before him.

Hope your day has been good. Love,mo ther

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul&Gail Brandon <nodnrb@sover.net>
Date: May 23, 2007 12:37:55 PM EDT
To: RUTH BRANDON <aremb@mac.com>
Subject: **Re: Brandon farm Versailles**

Hi - That is the house - some renovations, but basically the same. The porch side was where the road to the garage & barn was located and it was on the Versailles side, so that was the side of the house that I most often saw. The other side was most often seen only when we played croquet on Sunday afternoon.

Renovations look to be---1. The outbuildings appear to be all removed. 2. The roof seems to have been raised and installed at a steeper pitch to increase the space in the attic which was only crawl space before. 3. An ell has been built across the back of the building which increases the width of the house at that point. Formerly it was a "frame" addition the same width as the house & it had screens only on the windows which left it largely un-useable in the winter, but was where the back door was located so all foot traffic had to tramp through, bringing mud and barnyard goo to the kitchen, much to my grandmother's disgust. 4. The larger tree on the front, right at the center of the foundation, was just a sprout 65 years ago. 5. Next to the driveway on the other side was the large garden where most of their annual food was grown each summer, canned and stored down cellar until time to open the canning jars and use it. Potatoes and corn were usually grown elsewhere as Grandpa grew these commercially for resale to neighbors and downtown stores, especially the "A & P Tea Company", (formally The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company) Versailles only chain store and largest grocery in town at that time. The garden was surrounded by about a 10 foot chain link fence to keep out deer and loose cattle & pigs which had escaped from their own facilities nearby. 6. The brick siding seems to have been refreshed by cleaning--replacement--or re-facing. It is all nice and even now but formerly it was made from the hand made bricks made there in Versailles which showed many color variations and lots of rough places. There also were several spots where former windows and doors had been removed and filled in with bricks.

On 5/17/07 10:23 PM, "Ruth M. Brandon" <aremb@mac.com> wrote:

> Hi Paul - is this the farmhouse you remember?
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