



Bird-Martin House

1884 Miller Road

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Washtenaw County

The house is still there today. Was built in 1869 by John C. Bird, Julia C Bird-Martin's grandfather. My dad William Richard Martin grew up in this house and after the WWII (he was an airplane machanic in CA) came back to the house and lived in one of the apartment up stairs with his family until I was about 1 year old. Then we moved to the far west side of Ann Arbor (Scio town-ship) Tude and Grandpa lived on the 1st floor, and there were 2 apartments on the 2nd.

In the early days of this house, it was a farm. Earl came to Ann Arbor from Addison to go to the UofM and worked on the Bird family farm while going to school (I think that is what happend). John C died in 1887 but the wife Jane C. Slatford-Bird lived until 1907. I am thinking that Julia's dad John Milton Bird worked the farm. Tude lived in this house her entire life. She lived with her grandmother Jane and her aunts Jennie and Corinne. I think that Tude inharited the house from Jane. Earl and Tude were married in 1910. My husband and I were married in this house in May of 1970. Grandpa died in 1972 and the house was told.

In the early 1950's the land was split up and 200+ houses were built all around this one.