



My Home in Indianapolis

by Katherine Faulkner Hunt

Katherine Amelia (Faulkner) (Todd) Hunt, 1909-2005, lived all but three years of her life in the home her grandfather, **Joseph Faulkner**, built in 1890 at 1938 Wilcox Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Her mother, **Janetta May (Blaisdell) Faulkner**, married Joseph's son, **Claude Holt Faulkner**, and told stories of the neighborhood, like how the postman would ride horseback and hand the mail to her mother through the open kitchen window.

Katherine wrote these memoirs in 2001:

“When I was little, the world was a very different place than it is today. I had an older brother, **Harold E. Faulkner**, an older sister, **Mary Elizabeth Faulkner**, and a younger brother, **Ralph Joseph Faulkner**.

Walking to School Twice a Day

“In those days, there were no school buses for children to ride to school. However, children on the large farms around Indianapolis had a bus they could take, or they could ride a horse or a wagon pulled by a horse.

“My brothers, my sister and I all walked to school daily. We walked together in the morning to school, returned home for lunch, then walked back to school for the afternoon 1-3 p.m. session. It was about one mile to and from school. Maybe all that walking was good for me and made me healthy, as I have lived to a ripe old age.

Dresses — No Blue Jeans

“At that time girls always wore dresses. No one wore blue jeans then, not even the boys. Only farmers wore overalls made of denim. Blue jeans were considered attire for farmers and some workers. I wore black stockings and black shoes during the week, but on Sundays I wore white

stockings and black patent leather shoes with white tops. I always loved Sundays for that reason.

A Bugle Boy in Spanish American War

“My father was a bugle boy in the Spanish American War. He was honorably discharged when the government appointed him to the United States Postal Service. He worked in the main Post Office in Indianapolis for 38 years, working the night shift from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. He earned a good salary and helped several of my cousins to buy their school