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Birthplace Cottage



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Northwest corner of main room from front entrance

Shown are the cupboard, a drop-leaf table with a coffee set, chairs, and a high chair. Also shown is a bookshelf with a clock, bell, and books. On the floor are a horse pull toy, building blocks, and a basket of rags.



Northeast corner of main room

Shown are the lounge, a dry sink with a kerosene lamp, and a rocking chair with a basket of rag balls at its foot. The lounge or settee may have been used as a bed by the family or guests.



South side of bedroom

The bedroom is the smaller of the two rooms and is on the south side of the house. Shown are the bed and trundle with a chamber pot near the foot of the bed.



Southwest corner of main room

The door leads to the back porch. In its winter configuration, the room includes the wood-burning stove which heated the house in cold weather. In the summer, the stove is displayed in the summer kitchen on the back porch. Between the door and stove is a pie safe.



East side of bedroom

The east half of the bedroom includes a bureau, a sewing machine, a night table with a pitcher and a wash basin, and a cradle. The Hoovers had no closets and likely hung their clothes on the wall.



Northeast corner of the summer kitchen

The summer kitchen is a room on the back porch where the Hoovers cooked during the warm seasons. Also shown are a flour barrel, cabbage shredder, pots, and pans.



Northwest corner of the summer kitchen

Though the Hoovers cooked in this room on the back porch only in summer, they probably stored many of their kitchen items here all year. Displayed are a variety of ceramic containers, plus pots, pans, a trivet, sausage maker, rug beater, and candle molds.

