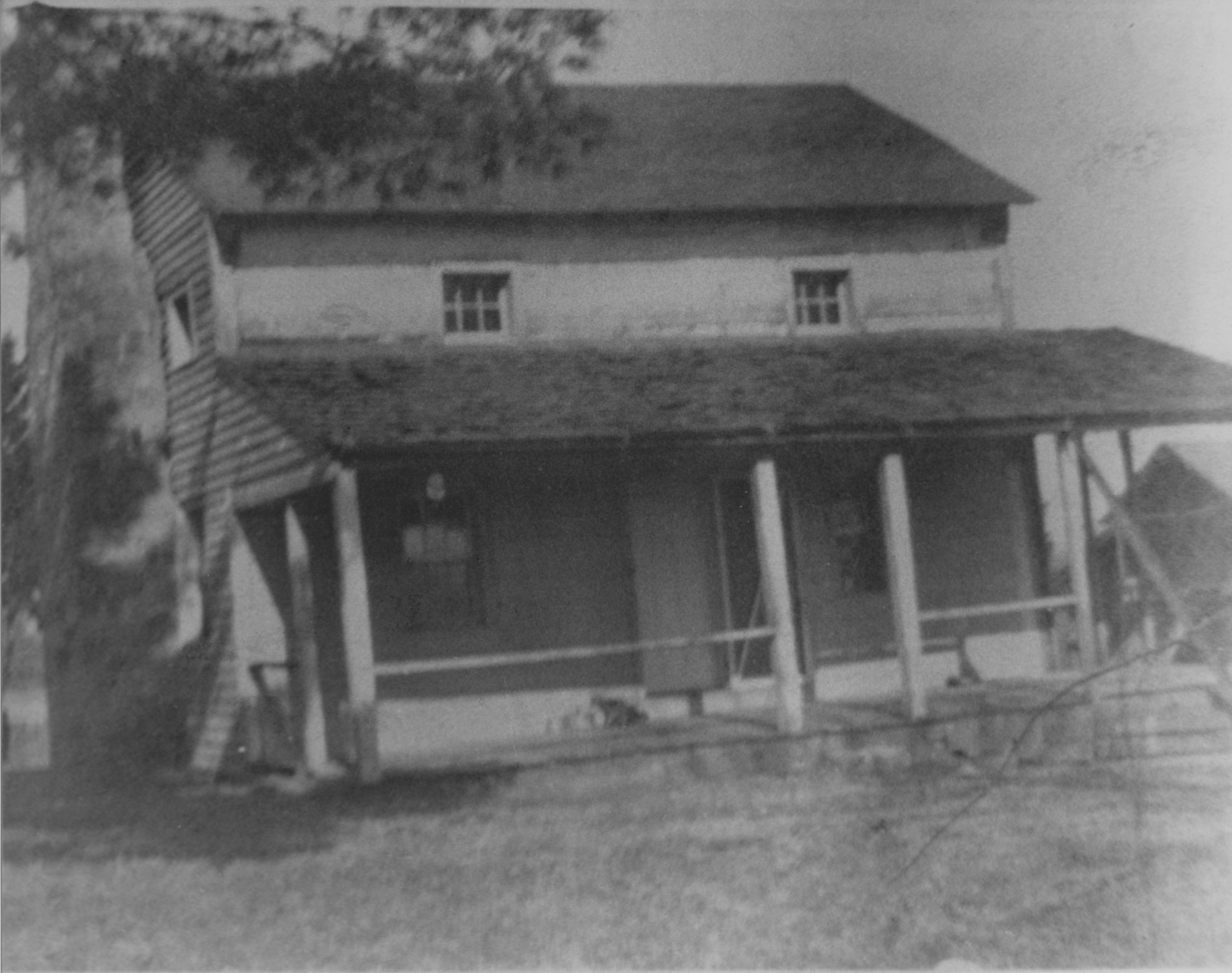




DAD TOOK THE PICTURE in 1913.

The old log house was built by Bob McFarland finished in 1826. When he moved to Illinois in 1838, Alexander K. Sterenson, Bob McFarland's Nephew, bought the place. He raised his family there. My Dad, H.R. Sterenson, bought the place from his uncle Amos Sterenson in 1908. He raised his family and lived there until the Spring of 1926. No one lived in the house until 1931.

Mr. Harding, an old woodsman that had lived up and down the Mississippi River from Minnesota to Mobil Bay for 80 years, wanted to live in the front room. He said he would work for his board. His work was worth more than his board. He really knew his trees. He could use an ax. One of Dad's hired hands lived in the house in 1936, after Mr. Harding went to the County Farm. Dad sold the farm in 1949. ^{he} House was torn down by 1955. There is nothing there now. The old well is filled in. I'm writing this in 1986.

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