

CHAPTER – 5

Home Place of the Laux & Michaels Family



This was the home place of Joseph and Maude Laux in Lincoln, Nebraska. In the yard playing, are the children of Joseph and Maude Laux. Notice, the short people in his picture are Uncle Ed and Kate Young. Ed was Maude's brother. At that time, they were called short or small people. Uncle Ed and Aunt Kate were very nice people. Not sure what they did for a living but it was not in the circus. The address of this house was 5612 Morrill Ave. in Lincoln, Nebraska. It was also called Havelock as well before it was annexed into Lincoln, Nebraska. The Picture on the left may have been taken before the picture, above. This is one of the earliest pictures of the house, as other pictures have scrubs and trees grown up.



This house where Grandma and Grandpa Laux lived (Joseph/Maude Laux) was moved off the property when Goodyear expanded their plant over 50 years ago. I think it was moved to somewhere on 56th street, but we don't have the exact address.

Havelock/Lincoln Nebraska, what is the difference? A question that keeps coming up is what is the difference between Havelock and Lincoln Nebraska? I hear so much on this as Josephine “Laux” Michaels and all the Laux Family talked about Havelock as they were from that part of town. It seems that Havelock was founded in 1890 along the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad and named after General John Havelock. It’s located 4 miles from the heart of Lincoln and when Lincoln was annexing other suburbs, Havelock refused until there was a strike by the Burlington shop workers in 1930, so the citizens were forced to vote for annexation. It’s always been known as the home of the Burlington Railroad shops, which is where grandpa (Joseph Laux) worked until his first heart attack.

The Home Place for Louis and Mary Frances “Matthews” Michaels. The farm house was located on County Road 750 East, about a mile north of the junction of Co. Rd. 200 north in Daviess County. The Farm & House was sold after Louis Michaels passed away in 1963. The place is now owned by an Amish family that has added on to the house and put up more buildings. The place looks to be well taken care of. The individual sitting on the front porch is Hope “Bryant” who married John Michaels who was born and raised in this farm house.





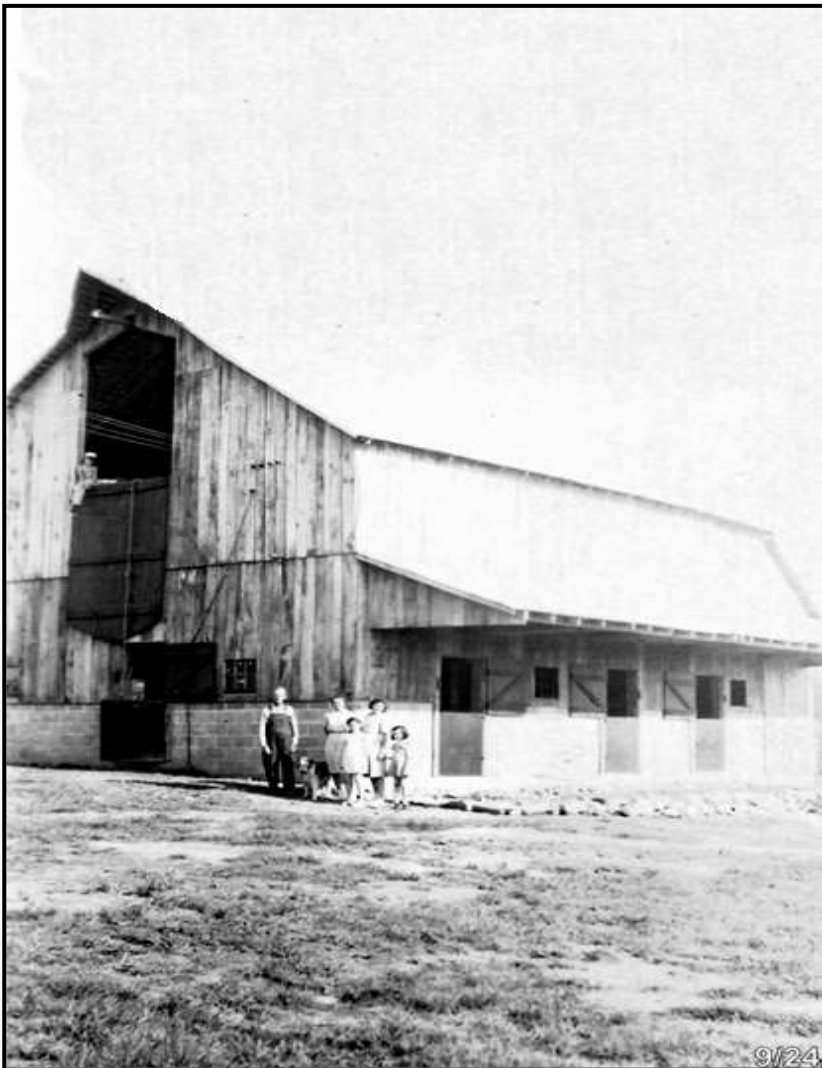
This is a picture of the back of Louis & Mary Frances Michaels Home North of Montgomery. This was just a two-bedroom home but they made due. Louis and Mary had 11 children, but five of them died at birth or lived just a few years. The three children in the high weeds are probably Grandchildren and it just may be Jonnie Jo and his sister Madonna Michaels, children of John and Hope Michaels. The third child may be Jim Michaels, son of Gus and Jo Michaels. The picture may have been taken around the 1935-36 time frame.



This was the home where Gus and Josephine Michaels moved to when they moved from Nebraska back to Indiana. They lived here from 1940 till they moved to their new home they built in Montgomery in Nov. of 1956. On the other side of this barbed wire fence, was County Road 650 East that was just a rock road when they moved there. The driveway was on the left side of the house.



Pictured here, is the **old barn that stood just east of the house**. As you can tell, this picture was taken several years after they moved from the farm as the barn is in need of repair. When Gus and Josephine lived there the coal company owned the farm but they rented it from the coal company and in the 1970's the coal company came in and stripped coal from the property. Gus and Jo moved from the farm in the fall of 1956 to the new home they built in Montgomery.



This is a picture of Louis Michaels Barn at his Farm North of Montgomery. I know you will have trouble making them out but in this picture is Lou Michaels, Rose Michaels (His 2nd Wife), Helen Michaels and two of Helen's daughters, Ann and Jane. This picture was probably taken in the early 1940s.



Michael & Barbara “Soeder” Matthews Family: Shown here, is what we believe is the Matthews Family Home Place North of Montgomery. It is the only picture we could find with a frontal view of the home coming up the lane. We believe that on the left, is Michael and Barbara Matthews and the only other one to be identified is their son, John Matthews, who is the third one from the right. (Frank Matthews, his son, picked him out in this picture.) The person standing on the right, could be Joseph Smith, who lived with the Matthews family. It is very possible that the others in this picture are children of Michael and Barbara Matthews.



Picture of Gus & Josephine Michaels Home along Highway 50 just east of Montgomery. Pictured here, are the four children of Gus and Josephine standing in front of the house. I know it is hard to make them out but from L-R, is Mary Jo, Liz, Tom and Jim. The date on the picture was Aug. 29 of 1999. Jim and his wife must have been here on a visit from Arizona. Josephine, their mother, passed away in 1996 and Gus passed away in 2001.

Picture of the front of Gus and Josephine's home along Hwy. 50 East of Montgomery. This picture was taken in the fall of 1956, not long after they moved into their new home. On the porch you can see Gus holding his granddaughter, Kathy Michaels along with Josephine and in back are Mary Jo and Sister in-law, Frances Michaels.



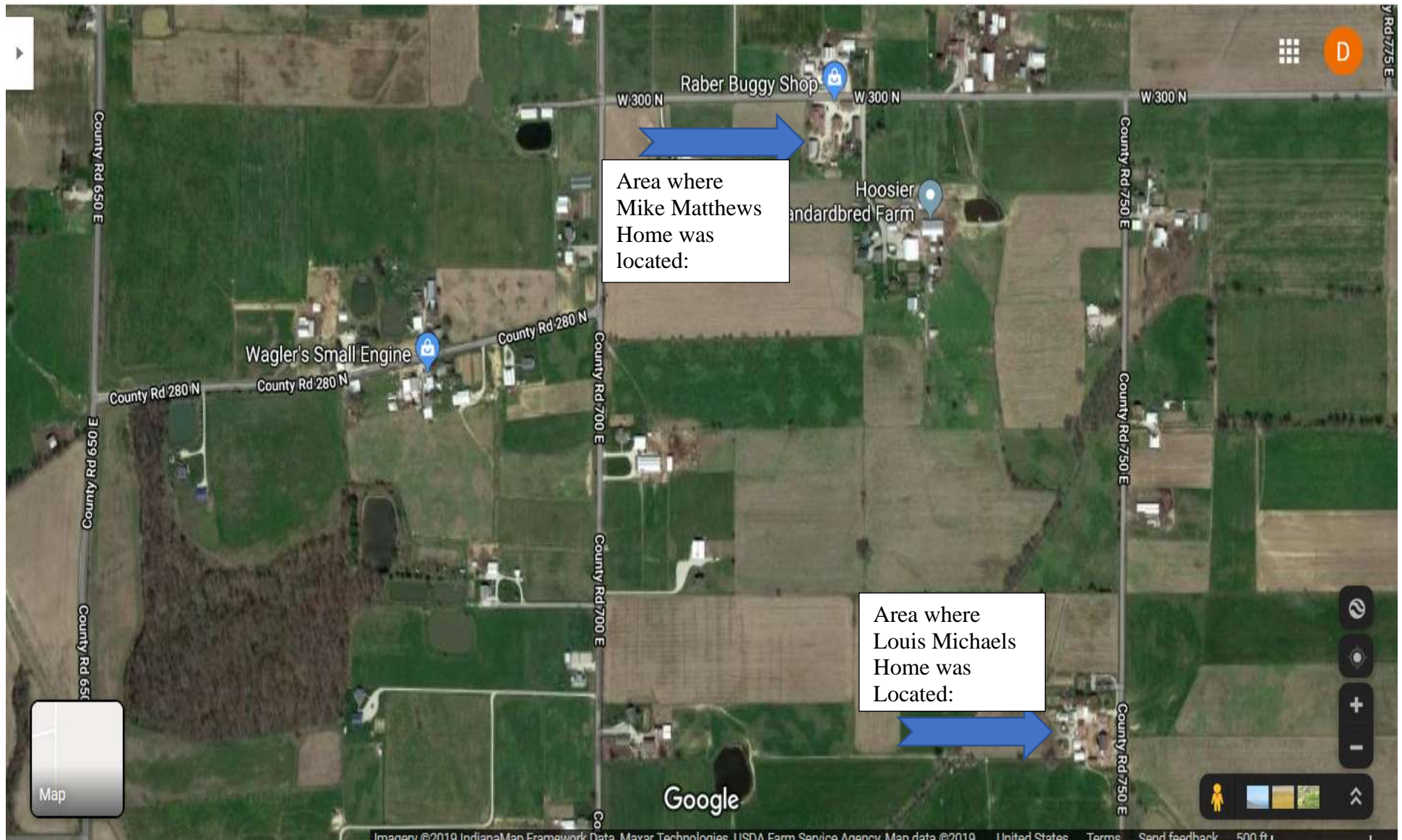
This is a picture of the back of Gus/Josephine's home, looking west, you can see the patio.



Picture here, is the home of **Gus & Josephine Michaels** along Hwy. 50 east of **Montgomery**. This picture is looking Northwest from South of the highway.

This picture is **looking northeast from south of the highway**. These two pictures were taken in the early 1960's. The home was built in 1956 and Gus and Jo lived there till Gus passed away in 2001 and the home was sold.





Area Map from Google, North of Montgomery where Louis-Mary Frances Michaels lived and where Mary Frances “Matthews” Parents (Mike-Barbara Matthews) lived just across the field from where they lived. See Blue arrow in picture above. Amish Families/Amish Businesses now are in those homesteads where the Michaels/Matthews families lived and grew up.