

~~CHARLESTON~~Charleston

~~House-hunting-realtor~~ always interesting

I knew when I walked into one of the bedrooms at 1753 Markham Road, Pierpont, that this brick house ~~was-would be~~ our ~~house~~home. Casually entering the front door, ~~of this brick house~~ I saw a plain, living room with basic windows facing the front yard. Turning left from the living room, ~~I walked walking~~ down the hall, ~~first you and~~ passed a hall bathroom on ~~your-my~~ left. ~~Next, also~~Also on ~~your-my~~ left, was the bedroom that sold the house for me. It had two windows. One ~~opened, opening~~ onto the side yard, ~~and~~ was ~~regular~~normal height and distance from the floor. The other window was normal size, ~~too~~, but lower and closer to the floor. In fact, it was the perfect distance from the floor ~~allowing to~~allow a precious little toddler to stand at, rest her little elbows on the sill, and peer outside to look at the trees, flowers, grass, squirrels. Oh, yes, ~~this bedroom was~~ perfect; ~~it, this~~ would be Audrey's bedroom; ~~I knew~~ she would love it.

Directly across the hall ~~from what would be Audrey's bedroom~~ was the master bedroom; ~~so~~ I would be close enough to hear her during the night. This was 1968, before baby monitors, ~~that which now~~allow parents, ~~to hear in a bedroom in another area of the house, to hear noise and movement~~ inside their baby's room and to be alerted if ~~their sleeping baby's~~ movement was not detected on the baby's mattress, ~~in the designated allowable time~~.

There were other rooms in this house: - a dining room, den, and ~~a~~ large kitchen facing the front of the house. The kitchen was so large that ~~it had in it was where the~~hookups ~~and space were~~for a washer and dryer. At first I thought ~~the kitchen was it to be~~an odd location ~~for them~~, but ~~I~~ came to see it as quite clever and handy. Since I spent so much time in the kitchen, I didn't have to run back and forth to another location to do the laundry. ~~I also had enough space to do my ironing. The kitchen was so big, that was also where I did my ironing.~~ Everything Audrey and I wore was cotton, and I grew up believing everything

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Commented [Ee2]: Include state, even though you've mentioned it elsewhere.

Commented [Ee3]: What did the outside of the house look like? Were there trees and shrubs in the yard? Were you close to neighbors? Sidewalk?

Commented [Ee4]: What is a basic window? Was it a jalousie window? Standard one with panes? You probably lived in a typical 1968 Charleston house, but your readers will want to know a bit more about what the outside was like for that era. Not a lot, but it's good historical information, especially from your perspective.

Commented [Ee5]: What color was the tile in the bathroom?

Commented [Ee6]: And what was normal height and distance? You don't need to give measurement, but a reference would help. For example, you could contrast it to the window you describe as the right height for a toddler to peer outside.

Commented [Ee7]: Today's monitors pick up baby noises as well as movement. Some attach to the mattress; others do not. Several kinds to choose from to give new moms and dads peace.