

**VIOLET & VICTOR CLARK  
HOUSE FIRE  
623 School Street  
Carrollton, Illinois  
NOVEMBER 1950**

In November 1950 power went out on School Street and as the weather was cold Victor Clark started a fire in a newly constructed fireplace located along the east wall of the living room. Victor and Violet had remodeled and had the fire place installed in the home.

Unknown to Victor a brick was left out of the burn chamber or brick chimney when constructed. When the fire was started in the fire place, fire quickly burned through the plaster or mortared spot in the fire place and spread up the inside wall between the living room and a guest bedroom east of the living room.

Fire extended up the wall and burned through the attic subfloor and burned out the center section of the roof. The Carrollton Fire Department responded to the fire. Fire did extensive damage to the attic and roof of the Clark residence.

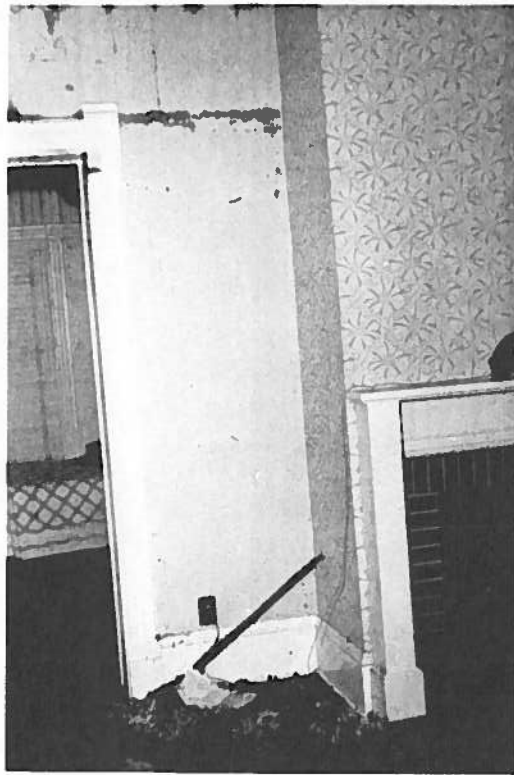
The following photographs show the damage and the beginning of the home repair.

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**South (front) side of the house. Fire broke through  
the roof in the center of the house**

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Into a bedroom east of the living room.**

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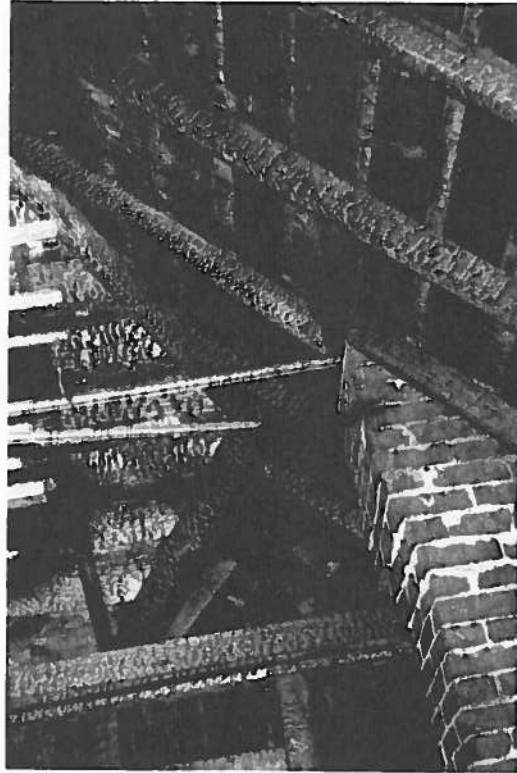


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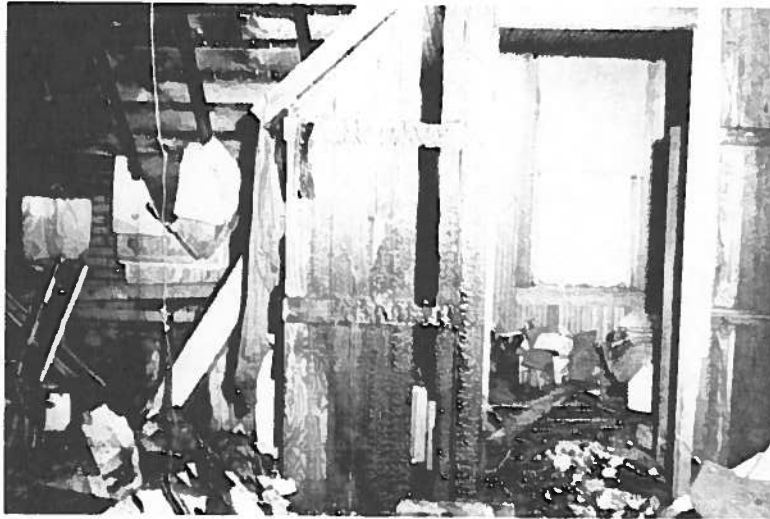


**West wall of the bedroom behind the fire place.  
Fire traveled up the inside of the wall into the attic.**



**Chimney at the roof line in the attic.  
Note the heavy charring of the roof rafters.**

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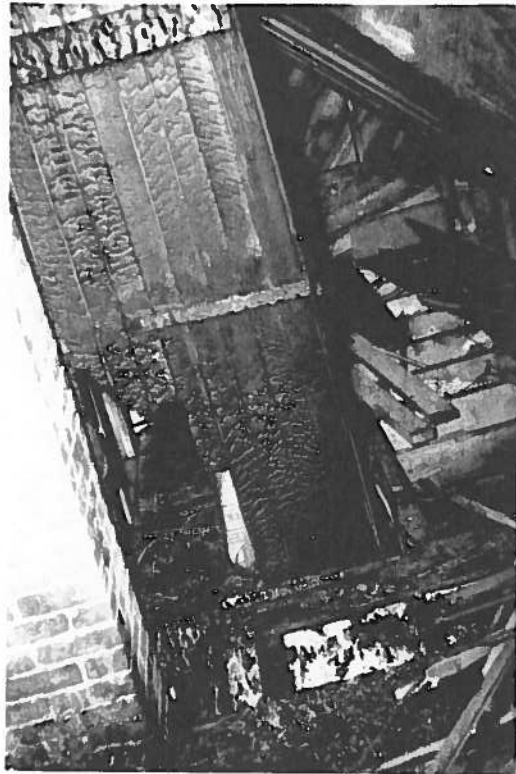
**Attic area above the living room and fire place.**

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**Fire place chimney at floor level in  
The center of the attic**





**Backside of the fire place chimney at floor level in the attic.  
Note the heavy burning where fire traveled up the inside  
Of the wall and burned through the attic subfloor.**

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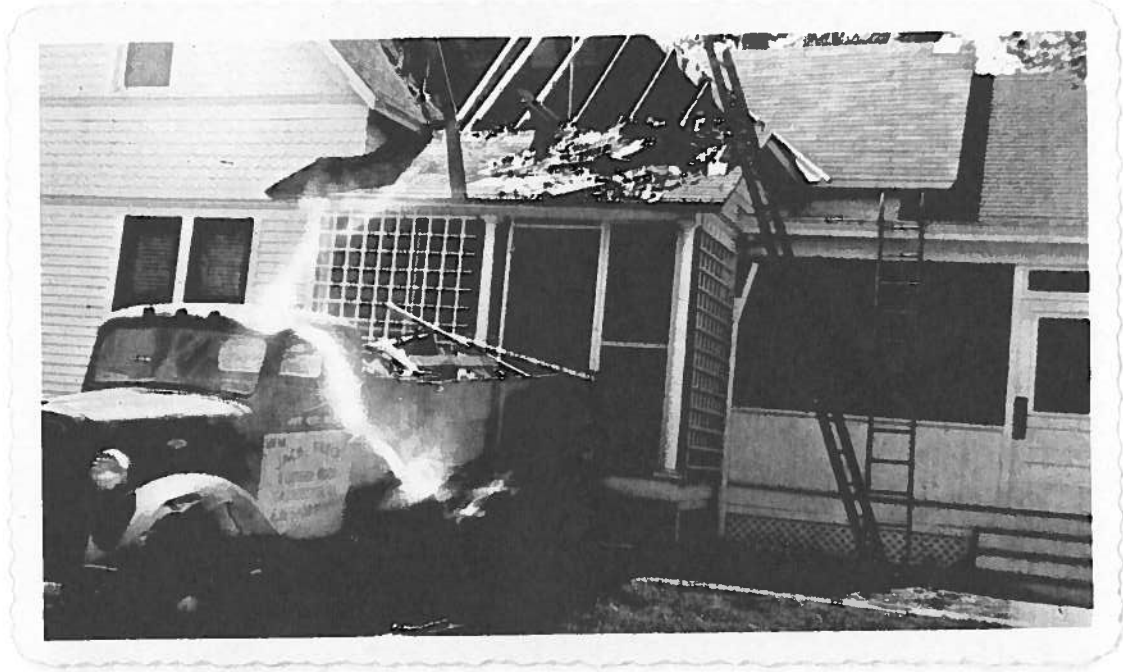
**West side of the house during the repair process after the fire.**

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**South side of the house during the repair process after the fire.  
New bricks stacked in the front yard for the new fire place  
In the living room of the home.**

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**East side of the house during the repair process after the fire.  
Shows fire debris from the attic being load from above  
the screened in porch south of the rear door of the home.**

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Truck belongs to Wm. Jack Frech Lumber-Wood,  
Carrollton, Illinois**



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