The old people in a new world, the new people made out of the old, that is the story I mean to tell, for that is what really is and what I really know.

Gertrude Stein

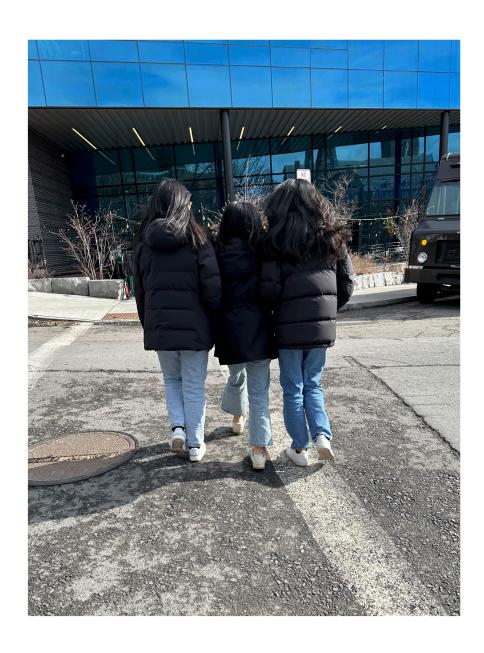






## Kansas Ave.

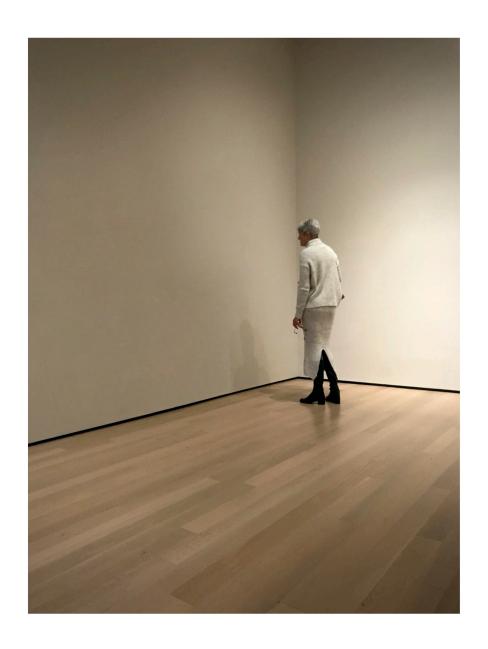
Razed lots the years flattened by tornadoes and urban flight except for that McDonald's at the corner or this building where she still lives now alone with a phone book opened at her side dialing strangers she hopes she may know.





"In an unidentified hand: Susan and Peggy Grandpa and the goat in July 1943 and in Grace Brown's hand: John Brown's girls and the goat's name was Bill.
About this time Barbara named three goats on the Burton farm: Rock Creek Ohio, Ashtabula County
and Jefferson Ohio. There was also a goose called Hannibal. Barbara was strange. She carried on in the back seat of the car. And Dorothy was a communist in a big way."
(Barbara and Dorothy Brown were Sue and Peg's cousins)



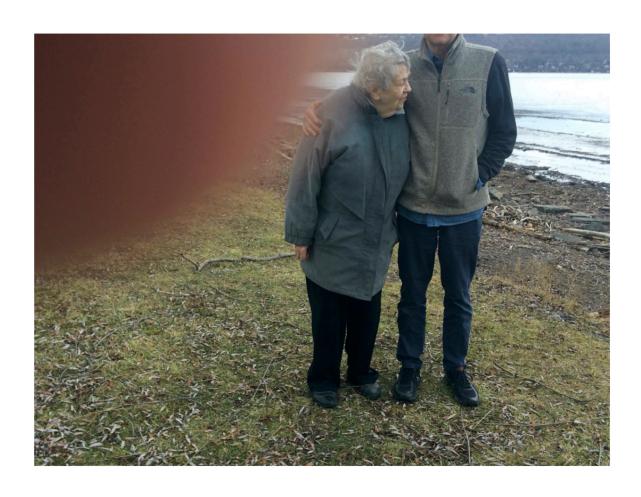




## John's Thumb

That's John's thumb in the corner above Anita and me standing by the lake a few days before she departed. John loved Anita even though she called him Tom, the name of her previous boyfriend.

He left kind notes on her bed, like: "Hon, I'm down to my room looking for some socks" or "I'm down at Mess Hall, a place you eat."





## **Crescent Place**

It will be measured as a smallish lot for a small ranch home But now it is still a meadow open at the edge of the frontier; The frontier I was learning about from the much older kids. Someone had bought Smarties and shared them as little pills. We encircled our red wagons then started digging for gold But Billy (or maybe Bobby) found a German medal instead; It had been buried by a neighbor, his souvenir from the War.



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