

*Earning the Right to do Fancywork: An Informal Biography of Ida Eisenhower, 1957*

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“She [Ida Stover Eisenhower] was retrospective, mostly, though, upon that visit, relating her red-letter days; especially the move [1898] to this nine-room house and acreage, from a house and yard too cramped for a family of boys. Her David’s father had built this house after the style in Pennsylvania, where he’d been raised: “Square, with a front, side, and back door, and a front, side, and back porch.” She led me over it. The stairway from the front hall leads to three upstairs sleeping rooms. Downstairs, two bedrooms open off from the front hall to the east; and the front and back parlors, to the west; and the dining-room, to the north. Beyond this, the kitchen. “Not as spacious as Virginia houses,” she said, “but plenty of room to work and play in.”