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A strange dog story

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This picture taken circa 1899 shows the door yard of my great aunts home on West Park Street in Albion. The aunts are: Anna B. Lattin Clift to the far left, although she was not yet married at the time, and Laura Lattin to the right on the step ladder. Cousin Mollie Lattin is standing by the dog in the center. The other two women I can't identify. Perhaps they are friends. "The girls" appear to be picking cherries. The

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scene includes a wood pile to the left which was fuel for a cook stove. One of the women probably rode the bicycle to this gathering. To the far right we see a carriage block or horse block next to the driveway for stepping out of or into carriages.

Aunt Anna told a story about the dog shown

here. It seems during one summer about this time he would bring home an egg almost every day. The unbroken egg was carefully put on the porch floor near the doorway to the house. At the time people in the villages often had a hen house and chickens, like the dog, they were allowed to roam around. My aunt said she was concerned that who had the chickens might find out her dog was fetching eggs. No one ever complained and my aunt could never figure out where the dog was getting them.