

History of William Yancy.

The first thing I can remember is going out back of the ~~the~~ grainery by the bank of the ~~Savannah~~ ^{Danthon} riverside canal which had a foot board ^{wide} crossing. I remember seeing some geese on the other side of the canal. I crawled out on the middle of the foot bridge and promptly fell in. I remember falling into the water and going down! down! down! I don't remember any more except they tell me that Sylvia ^(she is now dead) heard something in the canal and jumped in and pulled me out. I don't remember just how old I was but its about the first thing I remember.

I was the last boy of a family of 14- 12 living two having died while young. The child next to me died so I was several years younger than my older sister Sara, so was somewhat in the position of an only child with some larger brothers, and sister who were almost strangers.

I remember an adopted boy who came to live with us. ^{weekly} The larger brothers and sisters were quite intolerant of him and jealous, so Mother had to send him away.

I had loved the boy as he was my only companion and when he left I really think it broke my heart. I shall never forget the suffering I felt from the loss of ~~the boy~~ my companion in childhood.

As a child I was very self conscious and timid and still am for that matter but I have learned from experience that if one will humble themselves and trust in the Lord one can overcome fear.

I remember Mother bringing Ruth home when she was adopted a small bundle wrapped up in a white coat & cap she was quite a bit younger than I so she wasn't much help as a companion and being quite reluctant and retiring as a child was quite lonely.

While a child I had a play-mate in one of the ~~Neighbors~~ girls Helen Barnes we were quite close as children but when we grew up grew apart. ~~I~~

I had high blood pressure while a child and missed a quite a lot of school and was always behind. I did not know until I was about forty years old that the cause of my stupidity was poor eyesight. I went to have my eyes examined for a railroad job and found that I was

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orchard Cherry trees
Daniel Chose

School
Base Ball
Rough Land
Swimming
Church

In my early years in school I was very self-conscious and the larger boys ~~can~~ teased me we joined to sing a song. (I believe Land) which had my name in it and they would always

point to me and I felt like going right down through the floor. I was naturally sensitive anyway but never figured out why I was so bad until later years when I saw my own children in action. My brothers and sister were a lot older than me and they were continually worrying about teasing me about my actions and as a result I developed a colossal inferiority complex so were worse than them. I don't remember who they were but now that was what resulted.

I had considerable freedom on the old home place in my youth, but did not get much practical training which was probably my own fault. I remember being sick in school and being sent home with a pain in my stomach. I couldn't make it home so had to lay down in the road several times. I didn't realize what it was then but had 'guts' regularly after that about once a year a terrible stomach ache until I had my appendix out when I was about forty. I realize then that what I had been having were annual appendix attacks which impaired my health because I began to feel a lot better after my appendix operation. I had always had that tired and run down feeling until then. I remember being in bed a lot a week from the first attack and they fed me cod liver oil.

and they had shut the water out of the river. we could catch a lot of Bullhead which we fished with and then all we had to do was to ball throw out the line out and haul in a fish. We fished until midnight and caught all our ear would hold, and left.

We went fishing early in the spring up on the Blackfoot River, on what was called Brush Creek. There our family and the Barrus boys went the fish wouldn't bite but were so thick that all one had to do was throw your line in and give it a yank and you had a fish usually about a five pound trout we had to use a wagon to carry our fish home those two years.

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She was very lazy and wouldn't lift up her front feet and would fall flat on her face sometimes, and I would sail obligingly over her head and land usually on my head on the ground. I sometimes wondered if she didn't do it deliberately to get me off. at least she accomplished it. Another trait she had was shying violently over to one side at almost anything or nothing. I used to take some pretty bad spills that way yet she was a very

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gentle animals a baby could have
walked under her and not got hurt.

She was quite intelligent and used
to untie the rope that held the gate shut
by pulling ~~at~~ the knot with her teeth
until she got it untied. She and I
had a lot of pleasant memories riden
together which were very pleasant in
spite of the fact that I often wonder
how I ever escaped from having
my neck broke.

I remember another taking an old man
who was a couple to make ends meet he was
there for some time. he was the one who
bought the horse from of 30th I think that
as I grew out of my horse riding days that
old man's son sold back to him. I thought
don't remember then what became of him.

As a youth I was a fisherman
especially Billy, Cyrus, Daniel, James took
me along with them on their fishing trips so
I got in on some of the catches. I remember
which kind of reported me for the best of
fishing we now have to do. I remember
going to Lost River with Billy, Daniel, James
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Remember coming down with the German Measles I got over the Measles and caught PNeumonia and was real Sick. Mother put me on the Couch in the dining room but could hardly Move For about a week.

Remember Cyrus and Daniel going off to the first world war. And how Mother Cried when she got word that Cyrus had got wounded. During the first world war there was a bad flue epidemic a lot of the people around where we lived Died from it we didn't catch it. Remember Mother being gone a lot Taking Care of the Sick.

Don't Remember father hardly at all Can Remember him having his first Stroke He lived for about a year after that. Buried in the Groveland Cemetery.

After father died mother Took in Reaters To make ends meet. Orley and Daniel helped on the farm.

Graduated from the 8th Grade. Then stayed out of School one year then when they had a 9th Grade went back and Took That Grade. Then the next year Tried to go to High School at Blackfoot, they didnt have busses then.

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Really enjoyed the Three Month I stayed in Los Angeles with Alice and Mother. If I had had good sense would have stayed down there. They didn't have the smog & the cars & people they have there now.

When Mother went away for the winter I stayed at Berthas & ^{Jensen} Joe's one winter. Had the chicken pox that fall. Remember driving Maud to school and back with a sleigh. Would stable her at home and take her back to Berthas. at night Daniel my older brother stayed at home I was always quite home sick. Seems like I was alone a lot of the time when I was quite young. It made me kind of a loner the rest of my life. I was always happiest when I was off by myself.

Mother had diabetes and suffered with her legs swelling a lot. I guess she was a lot sicker than we now.