

and he sed that he didnt care if he didnt for he had been watching him the evening. before, and could see that he did but very little work, when we went to dinner at noon. he wasent there, and I asked the cook where he was, and he sed that he told him that he was goeing Home to fix his Soes, we didnt have eny. cloths with us except what we had on, but I had something else with me that I couldnt carry with me workeing. but I had left it under my Pillow, and when I got up from the table. I took off for my Bunk and when I got to it I raised the pillow up. and it was gawn. so I knew where it, had went too. a good. Smith. & Western. Gun. Blue Steel, but there wasent eny thing. that I could do about it then. so I went back to the cook shack and never sed eny thing about it to eny body we worked that evening but it began to Snow real hard long about quitting time. and the next Morneing. the snow was . about Two feet deep. so the Boss sed that we would have to. stay in till the snow stoped. so I told him that I would go back to Hopkinsville. and get my cloths. and when the snow went Off. I would be back. but the weather still staid bad for Two weeks and more snow. fell, so I staid around my Dads. over in the old hollow. and would go over over to my Girls House to see her. and in a few days my Dad moved out of. the hollow, to a place over on the cross Roads. to a BigHouse with a big yard and Fruit Trees around in the yard. and a School House just across the Road from the House, it was just a little. village, the man that owned the place. had big nice Buildeings. and wanted my Dad to work there with him by the day. he had plenty of work there for him and me Boyh,

they were Building the Home Telephone.  
 Lines up and down them Roads then in Four  
 Different ways from our House.  
 and all over the Country through the  
 fields on the Roads, and every where.  
 he put me to work at once after I got  
 Home, cutting Telephone Poles, in the Woods.  
 he had plenty of fine timber for them  
 then they began to haul them out of the  
 woods and scatter them up and down the  
 Road, and the Company brought out.  
 the cross arms, and he put me to frame  
 ing them, and getting the bark off of  
 them, redy to put in the ground.  
 so I didnt go back too Daniel Boon K.Y.  
 Eny more, and he and I got to be  
 real pals, he had a big Bay Mair there.  
 on the place, that he never did use eny  
 hardely at all, and he would let me have  
 her to ride over to see my Girl, on week  
 ends, when I wanted her,  
 it was only about Six Miles from where I  
 lived, my Girls Stept M<sup>r</sup>ther, Taught that  
 School there across the Road from us that  
 year, Boyds School House, ~~School~~.  
 she drove her Horse to her Bugy every day  
 over there, my Sister went to School.  
 too her, my half Sister died there that  
 year, 1905, she had just lingered on and on  
 for years with the old time Comsunption.  
 I had to pick her up off her bed to get  
 it out of the room that we had there  
 for her to stay in, and I dont think,  
 that she would have weigaed Fifty pounds.  
 she was Twenty Nine years old,  
 well it taken me, about Three Months to get  
 my Gun back from that Boy, after I got.  
 back Home from Daniel Boon, but I finely  
 ran him down, in Hopkinsville, one day,  
 and did I beat his But for him.  
 well I didnt have eny more work there  
 on the place, after the Telephone Company  
 got the lines Through, so I just hung  
 around there, there for a while.

eny way, there was a Girl. there on the  
 place had her eye on me plenty, I didnt  
 fancy to her much much Tho. she was very  
 nice looking. and stacked up pretty Good.  
 and Sixteen years old. but I never did,  
 put my self in the way. to get to be  
 with her, for my only Girl was just Six  
 Miles from there, and all the time that I  
 had to be spent with a Girl. I wanted to  
 be with her, But on a Sunday, Evening.  
 my Sister and I. walked down the Road Too  
 the Spring just in front of their House  
 and her and her Brother, came out to where  
 we were. and the Four of us went over to  
 the Spring. to sit down in the shade.  
 and long about sun down. my Sister sed  
 that she had to go to the House. to help  
 her Mother. fix supper, so this Brother of  
 the Girl that I was with. walked off with  
 my Sister, that left her and I still siting  
 at the spring. and it began to get dark.  
 and her Mother. called her too come to the  
 House. that it was getting dark.  
 so I sed that I would go on home and,  
 eat my supper. and she sed that I wasent  
 goeing home then. and when we got to the  
 gate that led to her House. she pulled.  
 me through it and led me to her Front  
 Room. and lit an old oil lamp.  
 but it didnt have but a table spoon full  
 of oil in it, and it soon went out.  
 and I sed to her that I would have to go  
 Home, that we didnt have eny light. and she  
 sed that we looked better in the dark,  
 eny way, so I guess that she thought we  
 did, for she never did put eny more oil  
 in it. and above all that. there wasent but  
 one chair in the room. wee I would have  
 gawn on home. but she didnt seem to want  
 me to go, so when the Old Clock in the.  
 other room struck Elever Oclock, I sed that  
 I had better be goeing home. and just  
 about that time the Old man. called her.  
 name. May, and sed that it was bed time.

I pushed her off my lap, and went to the back side Door. and she came up and opened it and then closed it again right quick. and sed that he would think that I had gawn out the back way, and that he would soon go back to sleep. and she pulled me back in the chair. so I guess he did, for when that Old Clock struck. Three in the Morneing. I sed that I sed. that I just had to go, so I went to the same Door. for it went out the back way. and it just had began to sprinkle rain a little, and it was dark as a pile of black cats. I had on a white Panama Hat. and she taken it off my head. and was holdeing it in her hand. and they had a little cook room built there to the left of that door that she was standeing in and I was standeing on the ground. and that old man of hers. came to that door and pulled it open about Two inches. and splatered my feet real good for me. I sed now. give me my hat will you. but it was so dark he never seen me. she toled me the next day, well. I didnt stay around there all of the next week. for my Uncle was real bad. Off just a mile from where my real Girl lived. where they had a big Store, and he had got so bad that she couldnt look after the Store and do every thing that to be done, around there. and wanted me to come over there and help her out in the Store, so I went over there and staid there with her for a while, my Dad was goeing to move back to Town eny way right soon, for he had got a job driveing a ~~Deliveing~~ Wagon, for a Grocrieman. and then I went back to Town, in a very short time my self. and got me a good job my self. with the same Company. that I had worked for in 1903.

I got a stedy job,that was on up about the last of April,1905,and made good from then on till the first of the year, hire a Horse and Bugy on Sunday and drive out to see my Girl friend.every Sunday if I wanted too,but I worked on up till the first of the year,of 1906.for me and my Girl Friend decided that we had been , fooling around with other long enough.we just get married.and get it over with. but we never was engaged,untill one day I met her Dad there in Town,and I walked up to him and told him that me and his Daughter was thinking of getting married, right soon,and wanted to hear what he had to say about it,and he looked at me so fony.and lafed and sed that he thought it was about time that we had thought of it. it' was all O.K.with him.that we had been School Day Sweehearts and should know each other well enough.that he was redy and . willing to help us as he did his other. Daughter.Two years before,so on the 19th. day of March.we got Married, and we both were very happy. we moved on the farm with her Uncle.and I got to work. and she kept House with no quarles and , fights.and never was.we never had quarles never,while we called our selves corteing. her Dad sent us a nice little young Cow. with first Calf,and believe me she was a good One,and we made a perfect pet out of. Her,then the next year,he gave us a Three. year old Black Mule,we started in both of us,Two pull too gather.and if they dont. there will never be much happiness with. them,her Brother,and Sisters,would come to see us oftom.and enjoied comeing to se us and so did every body else that come ot see us I never will forget what our Grocrie Bill was the first year that we were married, for the whold year too.Twenty Six Dollars and Fifty Four Cents.

back a little. when I pulled the trigger of that gun. and that old Mair, liked to have went wilde when that gun fired. I couldnt hold her at all. I didnt get her stoped untill I got her up there where my Aunt was. standeing on the out side of her yard by Mail box. and she sed to me. did you kill that Negro. I sed I hope so. I had got out of the bugy then so I could see back that way. and she sed is that him. goeing out across the field out there. and sure enough it was him, he had fell in that ditch of old, muddy watter. and he look a mess, he was runeing down through a Dogwood thicket with them muddy cloths just a floping. this one lived there in about Two miles of my Aunts Store. and while I got a good look at him. there on that Sunday evening. I was most sure that he was the one that long before that, while I was liveing there just across the field from where my Girl lived. I had been over there one night and when I was goeing home that night, I had just got over the fence. from where she lived, when I seen some one step behind a big oak Tree. that I had to go right by, it was just an old farm road. between the place that I was liveing on and the one next to it. but I was sure that I had seen some one step behind that Tree. about Twenty Feet away, so I couldnt go around it in no way very handy, on account of bryers and such like, so I stood there for a minut or Two. and called to who ever it was. to come out. from behind the Tree. but no one made me no answer. but I knew that he was behind there. well. I was standeing in some sand and gravel. that had washed in there out of the field and I stooped down and picked up a little rock about as big as my thum. and pitched it, out to the right of the Tree, to make him think that I was comeing on by.

and I seen his coat tale come father around the Tree, so I had another one in my hand. and I did it the same way. a little closter to the Tree. and his coat and his coat showed a little more out away from the Tree, but I never sed eny thing. I took dead aim at that coat tail. and pulled the triger. and I seen that coat pull out some away from the Tree, and the bark fly off the Tree, and I knew that there was a hole in that coat. then he couldnt stand, behind that Tree eny longer, he took to the Woods, and I fell to one side and took another shot at him and let him go, Well I didnt have meny more trips down there to make down there that year, my Uncle had died. and my Aunt was liveing there with her Five little Childrien, and looking after her Store, I made a few trips down there after the first of the year, January, Febuary. and that was when we desided to get Married. some time around the middle of March. the Weather was bad allonge Through the First Two Months in the year, and I didnt get to work but very little. and my Girl friend Uncle. came in to Town and wanted us to Hurrah it up. and get on out to his place so we could get started in on getting my ground redy for my crop. so about the Tenth. of March. it went to Raining. and rained every day and night and was. Raineing when we got Married. on the. Nineteenth. of March. that was 1906. Well. we had our Honeymoon. the first Two nights at my wifes home. and the Third night. we spent it at our own home, it was on Sunday Morneing when her Brother and her Sister and myself. loaded her Belongings. that she had and drove the eight miles to where we were going too. start our

I would like to drop back just a short time before the wedding day, as I have got it a little in front of this part of my story. as I sed that I had gawn back to Town, after my Dad had moved back there, in the latter part of 1905, and I had went back to work for the same Company, that I was workeing for, in 1903. I would get me a Horse and Bugy. from the Livery Stable, and drive out to see my Girl friend, on Sundays, long in the Fall. I was goeing out there to see her and I could see way on ahead of me around where my Aunts Store was. I could see that they were haveing a regular cloud burst, of a rain. it was about Two Oclock in the after noon and I slowed my Horse down some to keep from runeing into the Storm. but when I got along in about a hundred yards of my Aunts Store, the watter was runeing down both sides, of the Road, and was runing over in the road in places, but had just about stoped raning. and mud aglorry. old red clay mud and watter, at that, and my Aunt had came out of her House and had seen me comeing on down the road, and she had walked on out to the yard gate, weighting for me to stop for a minut or so. but comeing meeting me to my left, and along side that deep ditch on my left, I was meeting one of these half breeds Negros, that I had bec haveing some trouble with for over Two years, so when he got up to my Mairs head, he caught hold of the line on that side and pulled her head way around towards that ditch that was full of that old muddy watter, he kept hold of the line and catching on down the Bugy shaft. I sed turn that line loose, and eh didnt do it. I put my right hand under the rug, that I had over my lap, and when it came out he was looking right in too the buisnes end of a 32. S&W.

and he turned that line loos and just fell,



first House keepings, my things were all redy there, her Uncle even had our Groceries. in the House for us. we were just as happy as Two dead Pigs in the sunshine. the Lord was with us I know. it quit raining on Saturday night. before we moved her things on Sunday, and the weather was fine for some time to come. her Dad sent us a fine Young Cow. that week end. that is where I got a little ahead of my self a little father back in my story, I thought about my Brother, haveing to be so unhappy why his. wife couldnt be like my wife was. of corse I had talked to my wife about how unhappy she made him in their first year or so after their Marage,

for I lived there on the farm with them. and her Mother and Three. Sisters. in 1903. he left. her for two or Three Months or so, he went down to Silvy Tennessee, with some of our Relation. but he came back and went and had a talk with her. and they went back togheter. and rented them a little House there in Town. and got him a good job. and she did lots better than she did at the start.

they raised a big Family got along very well but he got killed there on the L.N. Rail Road. there in Hopkinsville.

One night about Six years afterwards, Well. I would get up in the Morneing, before day light and go milk our little Cow. and when I got back in the house. my wife had my breakfast on the table for me, then I was in the field by sun up. at work. we had Electric lights then. but she didnt ever have them at her old Home. place. and we were so happy to be there all alone. that we didnt want to go. eny place, I never went to Town but once that year, and shs went down to her old home place,

once late in the Summer. and staid a week  
 with her Sisters, her Brother and Sisters,  
 came up there one week end. that I rember.  
 and on the Sunday Morneing. me and her.  
 Brother, and their Cousin. he was about Forteen  
 years old, were out there in the Road.  
 in front of the house. and it was Woods all out  
 there. and the School House was just above  
 our house, on the main Road.  
 and his Dog ran a Rabbit out from under.  
 the School house. and it took off down.  
 through the Woods. and me and the Dog took  
 out after it. and the Dog stoped and went  
 back. but I kept on after it. and caught it about  
 a mile from the School House. and I brought  
 it back to the House too show them that I  
 did catch it. and when I got back there  
 where the Two boys and the Dog were.  
 they had found a big old Opposom. there  
 just across the Road. in front of the House  
 in the Hollow. of a big old Oak Tree,  
 we had fried rabbit that day for dinner.  
 but no Oposom. that old rabbit made a,  
 mistake by takeing off through that clean  
 field. and a little down grade Too, I picked  
 him up quick. I remember that we had a  
 neighbor there joineing Farms to us, that had  
 a little piece of wood land there clost  
 by us that had plenty of gray Squirrels in it  
 and he would go to Town every Saturday,  
 and I would slip off over there and kill.  
 me Two or Three of them. but he didnt allow  
 eny hunteing in there. but I got in there,  
 about the Third time. before some one told  
 him about it, and he stade home one Saturday  
 just to catch me, and did, I had Two on the  
 ground. when he came down through the woods.  
 like a big old Bear. cane on up to me and sed oh  
 it is you. that has been killing my Squirrels.  
 is it, I sed that I had killed Three out of there

but I didnt know that he cared about it  
 I seen them comeing out of his woods on to  
 my corn alonge up and down the fence. but if  
 he didnt want them killed. I wouldnt kill  
 eny more of them. so he let me off. that time,  
 but I didnt go back in there eny more.  
 in August. that year. I was called out on  
 Guard Duty. but I didnt have to stay out but  
 Two days and one night. we had to meet a Troop  
 Train at Prinston K.Y. comeing from Louisville  
 K.Y. with a Negro on it. with about Fifty of  
 the Louisville. Company A. they came through.  
 Nortensville K.Y. and picked up some of  
 Company E, there from Madinsonville. K.Y. yhey  
 they came on through Daniel Boon K.Y.  
 over the I.C. Rail Roade. and picked us up at  
 Prinston. K.Y. and when they got there, they  
 taken the Negro out of the Louisville Coach.  
 and turned him over to the Hopkinsville Co.  
 D, there was Forty Three of us All Company D  
 and Seventy Four. in sll of the other Two .  
 Companies. I just happoned to be in Town that  
 day, when the Company got the call from Lous  
 ville. to round up what Guards they could.  
 and have them at Prinston to meet that.  
 Louisville Train at Three Oclock P.M,  
 a Switch Engin pushed us the Twenty Eight.  
 Miles from Hopkinsville. over the Tennessee.  
 Central. Rail Road there.  
 Well. I was a Corpal in the First Squad,  
 So I was the One. that had to be hand  
 Cuffed to that Negro, and sit beside him.  
 on the seat, the Sheriff and his Deputy.  
 feom Mayfiéld K.Y. where we were takeing  
 the Negro back too. was siting on the seat.  
 in front of me. and my Caption. Clark. and his  
 First Lutenant. was sitting behind me.  
 when we got to Peducah K.Y. there was about  
 a Thousand people there at the Depot to  
 get a peep at him. I had the blind pulled.  
 down, to keep him from being seen.

we were told there, that there were at least Twenty Five Thousand People there at. Mayfield Weighting there for him, and when we got in about Tenn Miles of the Depot. I sed to the Sheriff. dont you think that you should take the Hand Cuffs off of me before we get in there, if they take him. they might just take me along with him too. Caption Clark. sed yes sure thing. so the Sheriff. taken them off of me. when our Train pulled in there at the Station. you couldnt see nothing but People. when I was takeing. that Negro off the Train, I thought that he would tair my Uniforme Off of me, we just had fixed Baynets. there wasent, a shell in a Rifel in the whold outfit. we had orders before we got there not to use our Baynets or eny thing else, if they took him. let them have him, the Sheriff sed that it was death with him eny way, so why ~~is~~ gure good people. for a Rat like that. but when I turned him loose to the Sheriff there in the Cort House. my Uniform was just about off of me, he sure did hang on to me. he thought that Mob was. goeing to get him eny way, they had the Judge Jury, and every. thing sitting right there weighting and redy to try him when we got there with him. and dident take but Eleven minuts trying him. till he was kicking outthere behind the Court House. on the end of a New rope, and every body seen it done, that wanted to see it done, for that mob tore that fence down clear around that Court House back yard and there was an old outsider asked the. Sheriff. to let him drop him through, and that old Giser. pulled him up and droped him Three times, the Sheriff had to stop him, the Negro. had just got out of Robinsons Show. there that week that he caught a Girl there in a dark place on the Street one Night and Raped. Her,

and would have killed her if it hadent been for another Negro Boy.he Happedoned along when it was takeing place.and herd her off on the side in some bushes and he ran of , and left her, and this Negro Boy picked her up and carried her Two the Poliece Station she was a Widow womens Daughter aCheif Teliphone Opproater.and was on her way home about Nine Oclock at Night.we had to go to a big Cafa,to get something to eat, after the Negro was hung.l was so hungry.l hadent had eny thing to eat since Breakfast that Morneing.at home,when we got back to Prinston K.Y.that Night.they unhooked our Car from the Louisville Cars,and the Engin that brought us there from Hopkinsville,was there Weighting for us,when l got back to the Army Hall that Night.and got out of my Uniform, it was a little after One Oclock in the. Morneing.on Saturday Morning.and l was Eight Miles from Home.and no way to get there, but walk,but believe me l walked it in. about an Hour and a half, after what l had been through with since the Morneing before that was my wifes first Night by her self, but when l got home she had the lights on. and was awake,but believe me was she glad to see me,and me her too,well in the next Two.Weeks l went to cutting my Tobacco, and getting it in the Tobacco Barn, my first Cousin came to see us.that week end to stay the week with me,and was l glad to see him.for he was a good worker,and he jumped in and helped me get my Tobacco crop all in the Barn,but l was glad when he desided to go home.for he would teaze my wife all the time.and alwayes would,we were all raised up tpgather.his to Sisters was where my wife and me would meet on week ends to get too, be together on week ends,l had to cure my, Tobacco up by fire,for air cured Tobacco.

wasent worth eny thing.along them times I had to sit in the Barn all night for Two or Three nights and she would come and stay, with me some times.a little while each night untill she would get sleepy.and then she would go to the house and go to bed, after that.I had to get my corn crop gathered. for we had us a Cow to feed then.that done I didnt have eny thing to do but play around late one Friday evening,my wife and me. and her First Cousin.that lived there on the place where we did,was sitting out there. in the yard and a neighbor Boy came, rideing up to the yard gate.and wanted me Boy to go Coon and Opposom hunting with him that night,so we told him that we would go with him.so he came back a little after dark on his Horse,and we got started,but the woods that we was to go to were about Four Miles from where we lived and he sed that we would, ride and tye,Two ride and then let one get. Off,and let the one that was walking get on,and ride a while and so on,we had the Ax.and lantern. and Shot gun. so when one of them got redy for me to ride a while I didnt want to ride.I told them to go on and ride that I wasent tired. so I walked all the way to the woods,and when we struck the woods.they got off the Horse, and tied him to a swinging limb.so he couldent rub the bridle off,and get away from us, so we sit around,for a few minits.and the old Dog had done hit the woods.but we didnt get to sit there but a few minuts.till that old Dog began to bark.we knew that he had, something up a Tree,and when we got to him he had treed up an old dead snag.of an old, Tree,with a lot of grape vines runing up on it and I went up the grape vine with my hands, and right on top of that old snag,lay the, biggest Opposam,I believe that I ever saw,

Four Miles right streight back the way that, we have come. I sed how much would want to bet on it. I was afraid that Horse would Nicker. I didnt know what to do. but he didnt. I sed see that big Oak Tree with that big top. and they sed yes. I sed that Horse is tied. under that Tree, they sed your sure. I sed you Two are sure turned around. I sed well you too sit here and I will go get him for you. and I got up and walked off down there about Three hundreds yards and untied him. and got on him and came rideing on up to where they were sitting. and sed is this your Horse, they were so beat out that they couldnt say eny thing to me for some time. they got up and sed you win. we will never argue with you again about eny thing, well I walked all the way over their, and I walked all the way back for we had such a load I made one of them ride and carry the Load. we got home about Two Oclock in the Morneing. and that was my last Coon and Opposom Hunting.

well. I guess if things would have turned out better. there where we put in our first year of our marage, we probly wood have lived on there the next year, but as long as they had lived together. they, Seperated. that year and got a Devorse, just looked like the old man just got a a mean spell on him all at once. and gave his wife a good beating. of corse it was my wifes uncle and Aunt. and we thought jots of both of them. her and her little Tenn year old Daughter came down there on the side of the road. by the School House, and she sent her down Two. my House after me to come up there where she was. and I went up there where she was. to see her. and she had a black. eye, and all brused over the face. we sit on the road there for a while. and I told her and her little Girl to go on down to

My. House, and I would go up there and have  
 a talk with him, and while I was walking  
 up between the yard gate and the Front Door,  
 I seen he was tearing a shirt in strings  
 with his fingers, I couldnt amagin what he  
 was tairing that good shirt up for.  
 so he didnt that I had been standeing.  
 watching him, tairing it too pieces, after he  
 threw it down I steped in to the hall.  
 and he looked around at me and picked  
 the shirt up just look what she done to  
 that shirt with them shears, I sed gosh.  
 how come she didnt scratch your body  
 all up, he sed that he was holdeing her Off.  
 he didnt know that I was standeing.  
 there, tairing it up with his fingers.  
 but I didnt tell him that I seen him  
 tairing the shirt up, with his fingers.  
 well, she was goeing to Town the next day  
 too, see her Lawyer to get a Devorse.  
 Started, and let the lawer see what a shape  
 that he had left her in.  
 well she asked me to go and take, and he  
 for me to go on and drive her on in  
 too Town, and I did, but I told them to  
 keep me out of it, that I liked both of them  
 and didnt want to have eny thing to do  
 with it, and she told me that she wouldnt  
 have me sumoned as a witness for her,  
 and she didnt, but he did, and I most.  
 begd him not too, but he would eny how.  
 he sed that I could Testifi in his behalf  
 he had Three other witnesses, and when, X  
 they got them on the witness stand they  
 didnt do eny thing but lie, even his own  
 Son, when they called me to the stand,  
 them Lawers started to asking me questions  
 I had the right answer for it, when they  
 brought that shirt out, presented it,  
 his Lawer asked if I had ever seen it  
 before, and I sed that I had, and he held it



up for every body to see. I had toled her  
 that I had seen him tairing it up. in string  
 that evening when I went up there  
 then when her Lawer. got to me. he asked  
 me what was he doeing with that shirt  
 when you were comeing up the walk from  
 the yard gate, too the Door. I sed what  
 was he doeing he was standeing there in  
 the middle of the hall. tareing that shirt  
 just like it is. with his fingers. he and  
 old Frank Reeves, his Lawer both hit the  
 Floor about the same time. he sed its a lie  
 its a lie. and of corse the Balef sit them  
 down. and then her Lawer asked me how long  
 did you stand there on the Front Porch  
 and watch him. well it must have been Five  
 Minuts. or more. for I couldent amagin what  
 he was doeing it for. untill I went on in  
 and that she did it with the shears.  
 did you see eny tears in the shirt when  
 he had it on, nosir, he began tearing it  
 up with his fingers when he pulled it Off,  
 her Lawer sed that will be all for now.  
 you can step aside. then his Lawer. sed.  
 didnt I understand you to say so and so  
 when you was on the stand yesterday.  
 when you were called to the stand First  
 and then dasided to call you for the last  
 One. I sed I am not responsible. for what  
 you think. I have told what I saw.  
 and all I know and no more. he sed to his  
 Plaintf. lets take him off the stand. so I  
 was excused from the stand,  
 the Judges Daughter. was the short Hand.  
 Stenographer. she sed to my wifes Aunt.  
 when I left the witness stand. them Lawers.  
 didnt tangle that Boy. up. like they did  
 the others. for he told the truth all the way  
 Through. she told me what she sed on our,  
 way home. that evening.

he got sufely mad at me but he couldent.

blame eny one but his self, for I asked him not to have me in it, but he sed. that I could tell it in his behalf. just as well have me lie for him, like the rest of them did, but she got every thing that she brought suit for, then some and told me that I was partely the cause for it, I lived on there untill I got my tobacco striped out, and on the market, there was a man, and his family, that lived on across the Country, about Four Miles, from where we lived with my wifes Uncle that man and his family knew me and my Wife, and thought lots of us, and wanted us to move over on their Farm, with them, but he didnt have eny House for us to live in on his place, but there was one right there joining him that there wasent eny body liveing in, it was just a small farm with a good House and out buildeings on it, and the man that I was liveing with then, was my Wifes Uncle, he had bought it just the year before, at a tax sale, so this man and his family, were the best of friends, and my Wifes Uncle rented it to them for us to live in that year, it was a pretty place green grassy yard big shade Trees, and all kinds of good Fruit, good well watter, so they came after us just before Christmus, and moved us over there with them, they brought a big frame on the Wagon to load our things on, and also, brought a Horse and Buggy with them for me and my wife to ride back in, she was about Four Months Pregant then, well, we didnt get to do very much that winter, and Spring, for it Snowed all the Winter, and then it went to raineing, and stade so wet that we couldnt get eny land broke for our crop but we sure did have us a good time, there, them old Boys much care weather they got a crop out or not,

they didnt like to work no way,there , was One Girl.and Five Boys,all of them Grown.they were all Red Heads. even their Parents was Red Headed.their Mother and that Girl wouldnt let my Wife stay at Home Hardely a day.they would come over there after her,or send some one of the ~~Bois~~ after her,in the Bugy,it was only about Five. Hundried yards.right out the lane.but ofcourse it was always muddy.~~than~~ old Boys would use my Streight Raisor.all the time,for I kept it in good shape all the time.and their beard was just like Hog Brissels,they told my Wife to bring the razor there when she came over there the next morneing.that one of them had to go to Town it was on Saturday. and she took off over there with it.the Razor in her hand,and goeing on out the lane. one of her garters wastoo loose,so she taken the razor. and cut it so she could tie it so it would keep her Stockings up.and when the old Boy got to shaveing.the Razor just pulled something aufel.and the old Boy cursed it for being so dull.and wanted to know why I didnt fix it.he finely got them off. and took off to Town,and when he had left. she toled his Mother.what she done comeing on over there so of corse shw told her Son when he came home.from then on.when they told her to bring them the razor.they didnt forget to tell her to not cut her garters with it,Oh.we all had fun, there was a big Creek at the back of their farm.and me and Two of the Boys,made us a Coffee sack ~~seighn~~. and went back there late one evening.to seighn us out some fish,and we got severl nice ones but in the lot.was a big old short Trout. it was as big as Three of the others,and we were goeing to lay them out in Three piles,and they were goeing to blind fold my Wife,and I was to lay my hand on a pile either one of them.

and she was to call out whose pile that one was, but I had caught her eye, and I stuck out my finger, and of course she knew that it would be Pile No One, and they had them all piled up as near equal as they could, and then they were ready for me to touch a pile, no matter which one that I touched, first so I touched and my Wife said that is mine, the old Man said I had rather had that pile of Fish than had all the rest of them, before I could touch another Pile, the other Two piles did not matter. No way for they both belong to the family, but they all said that it was fair, well it did not look like that we were going to get out any crop at all, but luck was with me, looked like for just a half Mile from where we had lived the year before, with my Wifes Uncle, that Man lived right out the lane from where we lived the year before in a big fine White House, and a good Farm, and the corn done planted,

and was up, and Six inches High, but had been so wet that it never had been plowed. the first time, he got a Job at the Edyville K.Y. Prison, and came over there to see if I would move back over there and take over his Farm for him that year, and of course I told him that I would, and he went right back and sent a Negro back with his team, and got my things, right there across the fence from where we lived the year before, it was on the Ninth Day of May, when we moved there, and I had my tobacco land to break and fix, before I could get it out, but I done that very thing, and got my Tobacco out in May, and had the corn worked out and in good shape, and that old man that got so mad at me, my Wifes Uncle, came over on the last day of May and, Brought his help and helped me set it out that day, I had put out one Acor that day.

before that little Wife of mine came out  
 there there in the fiele that Morneing  
 and sed that she was goeing to drop plants  
 for me, that day, and she did too, I didnt  
 want her to do it. but she would do it.  
 eny way, she was Six Month Pregant then.  
 that was where our first baby was born.  
 on the Twentieth. Day of August. 1907.  
 we hated to leave the Short family.  
 but it had staid so wet and rainy. all the  
 Winter, and early Spring. we all couldnt  
 get out a crop for all. so I was Lucky to  
 strike up with something like that, one of  
 the Bois, even hitched his Harse up too  
 his Buggy. and drove us over to our new home  
 they all sure did hate to see us leave  
 them, and both of us did too, well I made a  
 good crop of corn and Tobacco both that  
 year. got my corn all gathered. that Fall.  
 my Wifes Dad sent us a big Three year,  
 Old Black Mule that Fall Black as a crow.  
 I rode him to Hopkinsville K.Y. On the  
 Eight of November. the next day after the  
 Night Riders blowed up Hopkinsville. on  
 the Seventh. and believe me it was some.  
 site, Tobacco Factories. Blown in to the  
 Streets. and Tobacco burneing you could,  
 smell Tobacco Smoke all over the Country.  
 and the Poliece. Headquarters. shot all to  
 pieces. and the Marers Office Shots To.  
 pieces and a number of other places, I got  
 my Tobacco striped out. and got it on the  
 Market. before Christmas, my Wifes Dad wanted  
 us to move down there. on his place then  
 for he had Two Hundred and Fifty Two  
 acers of land. and too big nice Homes, so  
 He sent for us News Years day, we moved  
 right back where my Wife was Boen and  
 Reard, we were goeing to build me and her  
 a House there on the place that year.  
 her Dad and her Brother, and I worked all  
 the Winter, cutting Timber. for Saw logs,  
 To saw up for the Lumber to build our  
 House with.

we had lots of saw logs cut, and lots of  
 fence Post split out, and long about the  
 last of March, my Wifes Dad, and her Brother,  
 both taken down with the Measels, just,  
 about the same time, and they taken the  
 Phenomia, and he died on the Sixth of April,  
 and her Brother died on the Nineth. of  
 April, so there I was there by my self.  
 with both places to look after, and the stock  
 at both places to look after, and time to  
 start a crop. Well he had his sccond wife.  
 and she sed that she would sell out,  
 and take what the Law would Allow her,  
 and let the Four Girls have the Two places  
 and do what ever they wanted to with them  
 so that was what was done, gave her she,  
 clamed was hers, and she went back to her  
 old Home place, well there wasent but one  
 thing there for me to do, and that was go  
 see my old time Bud, then too he was Brother  
 inlaw, he married my Wifes Sister, had been  
 Married about Four years then, but he was  
 liveing near by us, and he hadent done,  
 very much in the way of starteing his crop  
 and I got him to get the man that he  
 had rented land from, to let him off, so he  
 could move in and take the other place.  
 we both had our own Team. we moved him over  
 over there, and he and I worked together.  
 that year, we bought out the other Two,  
 Sisters, and one of them, lived with him and  
 his Wife, and the other one lived with me and  
 my Wife, but we didnt devide the place up.  
 for about Three years, we just went on as  
 we wanted too, worked eny way that we wanted  
 Too, we helped each other all the time when  
 Kneed to be, tho. our crops were seprate.  
 after the first year, we were just as dear  
 Two each other, as if we were Blood Brothers,  
 and had been all of our lives, and stade,  
 that way, untill he died in 1957, after about  
 Three and a half` years, we desided to devide

It.up. so we could go ahead and errange.  
 our Hay fields.where ever we wanted them,<sup>↑</sup>  
 and buildeing up our land.as we seen fit  
 to do so,we dident have eny fights.or Law  
 suits.about the Divison line either.we both  
 went out on the place.and pointed out  
 where we thought that would be the best  
 way to devide it so each of us would get  
 about the same amount of Timber,and the  
 Creek would through both places.and we.  
 staked it out. so there would a streight  
 line both ways.North and South East and  
 West.there was Two Hundred and Fifty Two  
 Acers,in all the place.that gave each of  
 us.a 126.Acres apiece.then we got a ~~Saver,~~  
 and Servaded it Through,as we had it staked  
 out.just by guess,we only missed it.one  
 quater of Acor.he had just that much more  
 on his side than I had on my side,  
 So. we just moved the end stake at the fence  
 between us and our neighbor.Two post.  
 and that made it perfect,we never,  
 Consulted the Women folks or the neighbors  
 or eny body about it either,then we.  
 went to work on the Fence as we could,  
 but we soon had the Post all set.l  
 happoned to have the Poste very near all  
 out eny way,then we went to Town,and got  
 our wire and put our fence Through,we made  
 a good crop that year .of every thing.  
 our Father inlaw.left us a very good hay  
 field.and we cut and got it in.and devided it  
 between us,the 19o8. Crop of Tobacco. jumped  
 up in price.&.3.00.Per Hundred pounds,  
 after the Night Riders rode in to.  
 Hopkinsville.K.Y, and Blowed up Five of the  
 biggest Tobaccoes Factories.there,on the,  
 Seventh Night of November.1907.and shot up  
 the Town.they got up a Farmers Assoataion  
 and cut out that little middle man.  
 they began to pool their Tobacco.

and cut that little man out. and they, had every thing Sewed up there tight and Fast in less than in a years time. it kept goeing up every year from them on. then the Goverment steped in. cut the, acrage down too. Two. Acers and Nine Tenths for what they called a One Horse Farm. they called it. like a Two Horse Farm. that would give you might say Five Acres to a Two Horse Farm. where they had been. haveing around as much as Twenty or Twenty Five Acors Before. I think that it is One and Nine Tenths Now. too the Horse. Well I traded the young Mule. that my. Wifes Father gave us. the year before Too my Brother inlaw. for a young Horse, that that he had gave his Wife the year they Married. he was wild as a Jack Rabbit, and had done tore up one Bugy for him. me and my Wife wanted a good Hrse and Bugy, and I went to Town, and bought me a new Bugy. Ruber tire. and a set of Harness, that would swing him, and hitched him too it right there in Town, he was scard of. Cars, more than eny thing else. but of corse there wasent as meny then as there is. Now. but I soon had him broke good enough so my Wife could drive him eny where that she wanted to go to, well I had too much Land. and not eny help at all. So. I had to build me a Tenent House. there on my place. for one to live in. I had plenty of Timber there on the place to cut. for the Lumber to Build it. and a sawmill right there clost by to have it sawed like I wanted it. so my Brother inlaw. helped me cut the logs. and I halled them too the Sawmill. my self, I had made a trade with a man and his Wife. to work with me that year, and they lived close by, and he could go on and be getting his land redy for his crop. while I was Buildeing his, House. I



I had the Trees there on the place to cut and make the boards to cover it with. and some small yellow Poplar Trees to cut and make the sideing out off. and had them dress it there at the Mill for me, and my Cosun had a little place there, Joining me. that had an old House plaec on it. where the old Chimney had fell down and he gave me the old Chimney Rocks to Build my Chimney with. they were already cut redy for use, all the Money that I had too pay out. was for the sawing of the lumber, and Three Dollars. to a Negro. to build the Chimney. and buy Three Doors. and Three. Windoes. and the Door locks and hinges, and the nails to build it with. and that Fifty. Five Dollars. and Fifty Five Cts, Two 16 by 16, Ft. Rooms, that little old Negro and his Wife made me a good crop. that year but the little Black Deval. would steel. every thing that he could get his hands on, he had an old Mair and Buggy, and when he would come in at night. he would get. corn out of my Crib. to feed her on. I. got fixing things around the crib Door. so that I could tell that, he was getting my corn, too feed her on. when he came in at night. so one night. when he was out. I told my Wife that I was goeing to catch him. and when I herd him comeing down the hill about Five Hundred yards above my House. I. sliped out the Door. my Wife. sed dont you hurt that Negro. I climbed up over the crib Door, and when he drove into the Lot. and unhitched the Mair from the Buggy, he came came on into the Stable hall, and put the old Mair in her stall, he came on up to the crib Door, and raised the latch up right easy. and I had the feed basket pushed back so he couldent reach it, without getting in the crib. he lent way over in the crib. and my legs were nearly around his neck then

so this Negro. and his Wife were fireing Tobacco there one Night, that he was gawn, I asked his Wife, if I would get some Chickens. for her to cook. there on the fire, would she clean and cook them for us, and she get them and see if I will. so I knew that this young man, had Five real nice young Pullets. that roosted in a Oak Tree there in his yard. and he had braged about how wild they were. that no body, could take them out of that Tree. that they were so wild. that you could lay your hand on the roots of that Tree. and they would all fly out. so I got me a sack and a pole about Eight Feet long. and took off down there, when I walked up under, The Tree, there they were sitting up there. I had, nailed a little stick across the top. of my pole and I put my hands over the stick and got it warm. and eased it up under one of them. and it stept right back on the stick. and I eased it right on down and droped it in the sack. and it never hardely moved. and so on till I got Two more of them, then I took off Two the Tobacco Barn. and she had them Chickens Cooking. in no time flat. and they had just got Done, when we heard him comeing up the Road Home. when he came in I sed well you just got in. in time for some good Chicken, that, this woman has goy for us. and he sat there and help eat his own Chickens, but he had a Dog. there that he thought had killed them, for I pulled a few feathers out and threw out there on the ground. he never did know the difrent, well when the Negro moved out of the House, this same young man moved in the House. where the Negro lived. he was a good worker. and had only one Child, and he thought as much of me as I had been his own Father, he told me that his Brother inlaw. wanted a place where he could make a crop. so I told him to tell him to come to see me, and in a few days he came over to see me, and I traded with him to come.

I called down and sed look out here he comes  
I cought him by the tail and threw him off.  
on the ground.that was No,One.but in about  
Two Hours.we had Seven of them in our sack.  
all big ones.well we thought that we would  
start for the Horse and go home.we started.  
off through the woods.and we herd that old Dog  
barkeing again.away off from us.but we knew  
that the Dog would stay with that Tree till  
Day light if we didnt go to him.so we took  
off.and when we got to him.he had Treed up a  
Acorn Tree,we knew most that it was a Coon.in it  
I.taken the lantern and sit it on my sholder,  
and looked up in the Tree,and counted Four big  
Coons up there.and we only had Three shot gun  
shells,with us.so I sed give me the gun.  
I will get Three of them.and leave the other one  
for seede.so one of the boys.held the lantern  
on the top of my head.and every time I shot.  
a Coon would fall out.well we did have us a load  
then,so them too boys.started for the Horse.or  
they thought that they had.they had got turned  
around.some way,and had started right in the,  
Opsit Direction.I told them that they wasent  
goeing to find no Horse in that direction.  
and they sed oyes we will.we have been in these  
woods before.they had cut a pole and tied the sack  
with the Opposoms,in it too the pole.and hung  
the Coons on the pole.and had the pole on their  
sholder.and I had the Ax the gun and lantern.  
so they started off their way,and I started mine  
but I had the lantern.and it sure was dark.  
they sed to me come on Let get to the Horse.  
I am goeing to get to him.but you are not goeing  
that way,here take the lantern.and go on I am  
goeing this way,well they put their load down  
for a minut to argue with me.finely they gave  
up to me.and we got started on down through the  
woods and we just kept goeing.on and on finely  
they went down again.to sit it out till day,  
light.mad at me,I sed how far are we from the  
Horse now.do you sopose we are,they sed about,

if he would live in the House that his, Brother inlaw, lived in the year before. and he sed that he would, so I sent his Brother inlaw, with the wagon and team, and moved he and his Wife over there, Well he did very well for a while of corse. I hsd to go to feedeing them as soon as they moved. in it came a little dry spell, long in June and the First of July, and it look like that there would be eny thing, made that year, so he went back over there some where he came from, and didnt come back, so I hsd to go in and work his Tobacco crop out, and he hadent still come back, and didnt come back till the last of July and then, that was when he came after his things, but that was the best crop of Tobacco, I ever made there, he hadent got in with me but Thirty Dollars then, well I had done quite a lot of work there, on the place built a House, and a New Tobacco Barn, and covered the House that I lived in, and bought a lot of Fence wire, and cleaned up some fresh land, set out a lot of Fruit, Trees and dug a pond, Painted the House, and then, I had the prietest House on that Road. eny where on it, the next year, I got a man there with me, that had a Wife and Eight Childrien, I didnt Kneed but one shar, croper that year, and he made me a good crop There Too, but he left some Parish Green where one of my Cows got hold of it and killed her. I couldnt have out much crop my self, for I had so much work there on the place, that I couldnt put out much crop, I raised my Wheat, and corn and my meat, the next year was so dry, no body made eny thing hardely at all, I lost a good Horse with Blind, Stagers, and the Hog Colery, hit the Country and killed all of my Hogs, and very near, every body elses, so I got disgusted, and went to Town, and went to work in the Flower Mill.

I didnt have but one shair croper. rented  
 out a lot of my land. that year so the next  
 year. my Mother. and Father, moved down there.  
 and he and I. put out a little crop. but I  
 kept on workeing at the Flower Mill.  
 when it was runeing. then in October, I taken,  
 down with the Typhoid Fever, and was down, Five  
 Weeks, and got up for a few days. and was  
 down then for Six more Weeks, and that liked  
 Two have been the last, of me. I wasnt able  
 to get about for nearly a year without a  
 Cane, so I just got Disgusted with the Farm.  
 and rented it out to a neighbor. and moved to  
 To. Town, and got me a good job, and sold my Farm,  
 and bought me a House there in Town, I knew,  
 that I couldnt live down there, on the Farm  
 No way, for I didnt have eny help for all of  
 my Boys. Happed to be Girls, and Girls didnt  
 like too work on the Farm, then they had to  
 some where they could have a good School.  
 to go to. I had some good jobs there in Town, but  
 Wafes were Cheap. Fifty Cts Per Hour. Tenn Hours  
 a Day, my Wife went to work in a Dry Goods Store  
 we made very well her Sister kept House and  
 looked after the Kids for us, I got a job in the  
 Imperial Tobacco Company. Cooper Shop. as Foreman,  
 I had Five Men there under me, I had to leave the  
 Cooper Shop. Eleven Oclock. on Saturday. and go,  
 Home and get my lunch. for I also hsd to stay in  
 the Office, on Saturday evenings, Two hand out.  
 pay. Envlopes. when some of them Negroes didnt  
 come to get it that Morneing, and to stay there  
 till the Night Watchman came on at Six Oclock  
 that Evening. I had to be back there at the next  
 Morneing. on Sunday Morneing. to stay there,  
 untill Six Oclock Sunday evening. I did that  
 as long as the Tobacco season lasted.  
 the Factory. closed around the First of April.  
 I. went to work then on a big School Buildeing  
 and worked on it for a long time, after I left

The School Building. I was very lucky to get a Job right there at Home for my self Building a big Front Porch for a Doctor. there in Two blocks of my Home, it taken me about Two Months too complete it work was scarce around there then. when I got the Job through with, I got a job fixing about Three Hundred Cue sticks, for a Pool Room Man. and from that from then on untill the Ninteenth of November, that was a bout a Month later, I didnt do eny thing but play Pool. but I made Money enough to pay my Grocric Bill. and have enough monet Two. buy my ticket too Piedmont South. Carlina, too a real job. One that lasted me fir years to come. I left Hopkinsville, on the Twenty Ninth. of Febuary. 1919. the weather was bad when I left Hopkinsville K.Y, but whan I got down there, it looked just like Spring of the year. I knew a man there in Hopkinsville. that was a Plaster Contractor. that got a letter from the Supentent down there on that Job, at Piedmont South Carlina. Two see if he could send him Brick Layers, Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricans, and Plasters. and as meny as he could get to come down there, he showed me the letter. and I Written him a letter. and he written me right back, and told me to get some, Men and bring them right along with me, but I couldent get eny body to go with me so I took off by my self, Three days adter I Left Hopkinsville, K.Y, I was there on the. Job Working. and had a good Boardeing place with a pretty Widow Woman. and Four more days I Had a Foremans Place, with Forty Five Men under my care, and went on and on for years too come that way, I hadent been there but a few Months. Tho, untill I got a Telegram. Two come Home that we had a real sick Baby, and I had to take Off at once, but thank the LORD that it,