

Notes by Jen Carothers

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I was born Dec 9, 1883. Adamsville, Tenn, 2 miles north of Adamsville at the old Patton Place.

Dr Maye Sanders present.

In 1884, moved to a Home Dad built in town. Effie was born there in 1885. Nov 16. In Fall 1886 we moved to the Old Big Manning Place near Jim Williams. In 1888 Harrison was Born Aug 9. Fall of 88 Dad bought the Uncle Phon's (*Rufus Alfonzo, Jake's older brother*) place near Grandmothers and Uncle Billy Mills. Here Vernon and I set the sage grass on fire. I was only 5½ yrs. Vernon 2 yrs older. Stayed about a year here and moved back to Big Manning Place in fall of 89. Made one crop 1890 and right after Christmas we moved to Texas 1891 Jan.

1891-

Went from Tenn to Anson Tex Jan 1891. (I was 6 years old then). Stayed in the house with Uncle John and Aunt Lee Ann (*John Monroe Littlefield and Jake's younger sister Lee Ann*) a few weeks and moved into a 2 room house about a fourth mile away. 4 miles from Anson mi. Made 2 crops 91-92 and [Aunt Linnie (*Linnie Baucum, Nettie's ½ sister and an orphan at this point, age 16; she married Leslie Trevey two years later*) came to us early 1892]. Moved to Anson Potts Home in Nov 1892 where I (over) (*reverse side illegible*) started to school my first time [nearly 9 years old].

Left Anson March 1893. Went to Pine Valley to Uncle Dan Hill's. V. B. had pneumonia here.

Then moved about 4 miles ___ of Huntsville on Eastham Farm. In 1893. Then in to town 1893. Next to Riverside Tex. Aug or Sept 1893. Lived in room house of D W McGuires. Cooked in yard. Built a 3 room house on our land ½ mile from town Riverside. (*two words unreadable*) moved into the new home in Nov 1893. At Christmas time 1893, Uncle Ky + Aunt Susan + Cora came to live with us. We all went to school Miss Rella Sea 93-94. Eff started too. In first gr nearly eight years old. Aunt Linnie left us in summer 1894. Uncle Ky and Aunt Susan went back to Tenn in Aug 1894. Harrison went to school 1894. Past 6 yrs. Aunt Linnie married Oct 1894. Harrison died April 1895. Edd was born Sept 1895. Elmah born 1897 Mch 13. (Miss Ella McKibbin). Jess Born 1898, Sept 3. (Dad bought store in June 1897). Nov 1898 Uncle Bill and (spent Christmas in Pine Valley) family came to Riverside 1898-. Made one crop and left fall of 1899. Had great fun playing hide and go seek etc. Vernon went to R.R. 1898, Phelps. Learned to sing by note too. My first beau. 16 yrs old. Henry Wimberly.

1899

Summer Jess was 2 years old mother had slow fever. In bed about 5 weeks. I did all work and cared for 2 babies. Weened Jess too. Elmah had membranous croup when 18 mon old. Came near dying too.

1900

My teachers at Riverside were:

Rella Sea. 1yr

Ella McKibbin 1yr

Bennie Hyatt 1yr

Ella Hill 2 or 3 years

Charlie Bennick (2 yrs)

Carrie Warsham

4 months school.

1901.....

1902

Vernon + Lucy married on Dec 9, 1902. Palestine. Went to Whitesboro 1903. I went to them to go to a school Sept 1903. Stayed until Christmas. Vernon went to Bryan + on to Houston. We went home for Christmas 1903. I weighed 114 then.

Spring 1904 Malcolm Murray. 1904 Boots born at Cleburne. July 17. In December 1904 Vernon + Lucy came home. Boots 5 mon old. Fall of 1904 I went to Dodge to go to school. Stayed with Alma Murray. Just stayed 3 weeks. Had to come home because I went with Malcolm. Summer of 1905 we went Dodge to church. Ice cream suppers, etc.

1906 we built a house in town and moved in Summer. Went to Galveston. That winter.

1907-

1908-Vernon B Born in Aug.

1909-Rc'd 1st Co Certif. Dec 4, 1909. W R Timmons. Georgetown 1909.

1910-

1911-Mut born; Kent County. Oct 1 1911-1912.

Attended Spr term at Sumner Normal at Georgetown Tex 1909 rooming with Velma Colwell.

She met Frank Hoog whom she later married. Flunked in Civil Government. County Certif Issued Dec 4, 1909. Fisher Co Supt. W R Timmons. Roby. Average of 81 percent. W. R. Timmons Co Supt. Recorded 12-4-09. Took County Exams 1909 in Sept at Roby Tx. Flunked in Civil Government by ½ point. Met Empress Beauchamp of Rotan at this time who later married Jim Day of Rotan.

1910 Did not get a school. Worked for Miss Laura. Substituted 2 weeks for Velma Colwell Spring at Center Tex. (4 mi west of Roby). Fall of 1910. Substituted a week for Mr. Nimrod at Pledger (Thanksgiving). Boarded with Mrs Hitt (Henry). Taught at Newman 9 mi South of Town 4 months at \$50 per month. 1, 2, 3 grades. Boarded with Mrs Mathis. Mrs. Walker was Supt at Newman.

1911

2nd grade State Certificate. Summer Normal Certif Issued Aug 3, 1911. Abilene. Expires Aug 31, 1915. State Supt Pub Inst F. M. Bralley.

Met Curtis Martin of Hamlin, Tx.

Bro Hardesty was Sylvester Pastor at that time. I visited in their home often Evelyn Webb was in school with me (a pupil at Newman).

Boarded with G. W. Underwood. 6 mon school at \$50 per mo. Had 6 children in school. Oldest Boy affair. Institute at Jayton. Kent Co. Cedar Bayou 1911-1912. Co Supt B L. Gleason. (horseback riding). (Drunk men). Round up.

Sylvester. Home. Jan 1913. Co Supt W C Martin. [4 months at \$60]. W. A. Lewis Supt. Summer Normal. Canyon. 1913. [Elmah with me.]

Sylvester. Home. 1913-1914.

Supt. Mr. Ellington. 7 mo. at \$65 per month. Baby Keith born + died 1914 Jan.

1914. Visited Della Summer. Met J D Patterson. Ranch people. Got school there for 1914-1915. Boarded with Della. W A Trammel Supt. Miss Winnie Yeager came after Xmas. Still there all these years. She went to California World Fair Spring of 1915. (I attended Normal at Abilene 1915.) We were living there on Grape St.

1915. Went back to Peacock 1915-16. Boarded with Mrs. J. D. Patterson on ranch. Went to school 5 miles in Ford. Did not go home for Christmas. Mother had pneumonia that winter. Lived on Hickory Street that year. I paid house rent that E + J (*Elmah and Jess*) might remain in school. W A Trammel still Supt.

1916 We moved back to Sylvester. I went to Cloudcroft N. Mex. for over a month with Fannie Lu Winnie + Lillian Yeager. Visited in El Paso. Worked for Henry Cabaness 1916 + 1917 until Nov. He sold out + I went to Peacock to visit. Found a vacancy at Salt Creek. 1, 2, 3 grades 1917-18. Miss Wood, Supt. Boarded with Mrs. Green + Dennis.

1918. Went to Abilene Normal. Elmah with me. Did light house keeping at Rev. Barbs. (Swim) 1st Gr Certif. Issued. July 25, 1918. Abilene Normal. Expires. Aug 31, 1922. St Supt W. F. Daughy. Went back to Salt Creek Fall 1918. Dennis (Taught 2 months and a week.) War ended Nov 11, 1918. I came home Xmas. Lucy had Flu. Was Teaching at home 1918. I went back to S. Creek after Xmas taught one week. Vernon wired me to come home. Had place here for 6 months at _____. Went to Angelo to visit ??????? summer 1919.

1919-20. 1919. Rotan. C J Dalton \$70 per mo. Board Miss Estell. 1 mo Weathersbee (saw

maps.). Elmah married 1920 Feb ___? Jess operated 1920. Eff operated 192_. Rotan 1920-21. Board 6 weeks with E G Campbells. rest Mrs W's. Rotan 21-22. First Gr Cert Issued 2/3-1923. By Co. Exams. Expires Aug 1-1927. S. M. N. Marrs. St Supt. of Pub Instr. Recorded in Fisher Co Tex. 1/10-1925. J. W. Hale. Co. Supt.

1923? Jess+ I bought Piano from Brooks Mays Co. Dallas. \$210 not including Bench that cost \$10.

At Home Ill. [Taught 1 month. Boarded at Mrs W's. Home Rest.] 1926-1927. 1st Certifs made permanent. 1/7-1927. State Supt S. M. N. Marrs.