

OLD FASHION REMEDY

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Gertie Fowler:

My name is Gertie Fowler and it's November 18, 2008 and I'm here with mom. My mothers name is Irene Ryland, and Irene is going to explain to me today about one of the remedies that they use to use when they use to have an accident, if they cut their selves. Okay mom.

Irene Ryland:

Yes my dear. I can remember when ...

Gertie Fowler:

Your brother

Irene Ryland:

My brother and I, Josiah and I were a twin and he...when... I had other brothers besides that but Joe was eight years old and he went out one morning and his other brother Leslie was out ...on about... out down by the flake and he was cutting grass. And what he was cutting grass with was what you would call a rake hook. And that is a thing like the shape of a C ...

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Irene Ryland:

with a handle on it. And you cuts grass with it. And he was cutting grass, I don't know... cutting grass for the cow, I guess. Cause we had a cow than.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay, you had cow than?

Irene Ryland:

Anyway, and so Joe went down where Les was too and ran right into the rake hook. And what did he do but cut the top right of his nose..

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Irene Ryland:

All except ... just like a sewing cotton...just like a string of sewing cotton

Gertie Fowler:

A thread

Irene Ryland:

That's all was hanging.

Gertie Fowler:

Just left like a thread.

Irene Ryland:

Yeah, just left like a thread. So now at that time when anyone cut themselves or break the leg anything like that, there was a lady here called Aunt Keziah Ryland, a old lady, she was a mid wife.

And if anyone cut there finger or anything like that they had to go fer her. Be sure you was going to get her because she'd come. So anyway, dad and them went down and brought him up the house. He was bleeding a lot, so he laid back and they washed that and by that time... a few minutes. They was here with her, so she came down and now they washed it and they was there and "now" she said, "go and get some turpentine." At that time that's what people use to go and get turpentine and do it up with... put the turpentine on it and put it... put the turpentine on it hey?

So they went and it wasn't very long before they was back with the turpentine, and they put the turpentine on it, washed it and put it back and it was put back and then he had to rest for three or four ... so many hours then he had to rest and didn't have to move. And a perfect job. They made a perfect job of it. And you look at him now and all these years and just see just like a thread, you never notice it if someone didn't tell you. But all the time there at our home. Not so much at home but his friends out around and school, they always use to call him giant nose, when they get mad with him, you know ... playing around with him. They'd always call him giant nose but they never use to get mad.

Gertie Fowler:

No

Irene Ryland:

And he had a first cousin and just he's own age and one time we remember... we went over through the store... shop... and it was a cold day and Marion Linstead, Marion Barney that's her name.

Gertie Fowler:

That was his cousin?

Irene Ryland:

Our first cousin.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Irene Ryland:

And it was a big... that was in Christmas time and it was a big crowd there in the store, and he came over where Marion was too, Marion came in. He said "Marion" and she never said a word she knowed what he was gonna say, he said "my dear, you got some long nose". And well she laughed, she went over long side of him, she said "Joe, all you told me I got a long nose" he was only joking with her.

Gertie Fowler:

Yup

Irene Ryland:

"How long would your nose be" she said, "if you never had a piece cut of , of 'em"

Gertie Fowler:

(laughs)

Irene Ryland:

Well, well what a laugh we had

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, Yeah.

Irene Ryland:

He enjoyed that.

Gertie Fowler:

So mom, who was your parents, now?

Irene Ryland:

My parents – my mothers name was Eliza Jane Belbin and my fathers name was John Charles Belbin.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay

Irene Ryland:

And they were married here, they lived here all their life.

Gertie Fowler:

So how many brothers and sisters did you have? You said that you and Joe was one of a twin.

Irene Ryland:

Josiah was his name. They use to call him Joe but Josiah was his name. And he lived to be 86.

Gertie Fowler:

76 wasn't it.

Irene Ryland:

76 yeah. And me brothers and sisters – First one was Alfred and the next one was Jane and the next one was Isabella, and the next one was Mahala and the next one was Henry and the next one was Heather Pearl and the next one was Leslie. And than it was Josiah and Irene, we were a twin and then it was Kenneth. Kenneth was the last of the family.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh, Okay. Yeah well, thank you very much for your story than.