

Transcript of story that follows:

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Grandpa was a gentle man well loved. Laura Ann was a big woman, bossy, hard working, black hair, a good manager, worked hard expected everyone else too, This is best I remember Rebecca Annie Worley my own grandmother telling the tale. John Worley died November 1904. Laura Anne died 1906.

They were separated many years. John Worley lived with the Steve Anderson family. He always said he wanted to die at home. He got a letter from Laura Anne asking him to come home. He went sick and only lived about a month.

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