

some wood and made enough money to buy a barrel of salt. The family said of me that I earned the salt in my food anyway.

The next summer at the age of fourteen, I worked for a man by the name of Fraly, my wages being ten dollars per month. In the agreement I was to be given the days off to meet up for the classes in preparation for confirmation. I studied the lessons in odd moments. I would stop in at Mother's and she would help me with the lessons and also check up on my studying. Marie was confirmed at the same time though she was only thirteen years old, but the minister told mother that he feared the teachings of the minister in Iowa, where we were about to move. The churches were then divided on the slave question.

Before leaving for Iowa, it became my duty and Marie's to drive our two white hogs to Blackearth, a distance of about eight miles. For these hogs we received what we thought was a lot of money, and it probably was, as the prices were good. The hogs had been fattened on acorns found in the woods. As nearly as I can remember, the money received was forty dollars.

Since we were leaving by train, we sold most of our belongings.