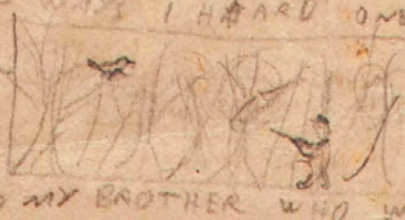


BLACKBIRDS

THERE WAS A LAKE NEAR OUR HOUSE AND TO DAY I THOUGHT I WOULD GO OUT ON IT FOR A ROW IN MY BOAT I THOUGHT I WOULD GO UP TO THE UPPER END WHERE I KNEW BLACK BIRDS WERE PLENTY I TOOK MY GUN AND ROWED UP THERE WHILE I WAS GOING I CAUGHT SIGHT OF A MINK UNDER A LOG BESIDE OF THE LAKE I FIRED AT IT BUT MISSED IT WHEN I LANDED I WENT INTO THE WOODS ON THE LEFT SIDE AFTER I HAD GONE IN A LITTLE WAY I HEARD ONE SINGING IN A TREE I WENT A FEW A BIG FAT BLACK TREE I PUT MY AND FIRED THE THE GROUND THEN SHOUTED TO MY BROTHER WHO WAS IN THE WOODS SOME WHERE HE ANSWERED I WENT TO HIM JUST BEFORE I GOT TO HIM I HEARD HIS BOWGUN GO OF I AND HE WENT TO A BIG CHERRY TREE WHERE THERE WAS USUALLY A LOT OF BLACK BIRDS IN IT WHEN WE GOT TO IT WE SAW A LOT OF THEM I FIRED AT ONE BUT DIDNT HIT IT I FIRED AGAIN AND BROUGHT DOWN ONE THEN WE WENT DOWN TO OUR HOUSE BY E H NELSON



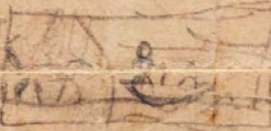
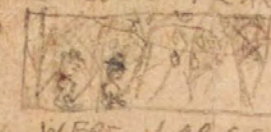
RODS FARTHER AND SAID BIRD SETTING IN A CHERRY GUN TO MY SHOULDER BLACK BIRD FELL TO I PICKED IT UP AND

IN THE FOREST

I AND MY MOTHER AND MY TWO BROTHERS LIVED IN A LOG HOUSE IN THE FOREST WE HAD HEARD SEVERAL A BEAR FOR THE LAST TWO NIGHTS SOME PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO LIVE IN THE FOREST WE WAS NOT AFRAID THOUGH BUT DAY I AND MY BROTHER NEAREST MY AGE WENT OUT TO SEE IF WE COULD SEE AND SHOOT A BEAR OR TWO BEFORE WE WENT HOME AFTER WE HAD GONE IN A LITTLE WAY GEORGE HE SAID DONT YOU HEAR A CRACKLING OF LIMBS OF AT OUR ARMS I LISTENED AND HEAR IT WHY YES I SAID LETS GO AND SEE WHAT IT IS WE WENT AND SAW A BROWN BEAR I FIRED AND HIT IT AND ONLY HURT IT A LITTLE BUT NOT VERY MUCH IT STARTED TO RUN AFTER US BUT BUT GEORGE SHOT AND KILLED IT THEN WE WENT HOME AND SHOWED IT TO MAMA BY E H NELSON

FELL IN

THERE WAS I AND MY BROTHER HAD FOUND A POND SO WE MADE A BOAT ~~READY~~ WE GOT READY AND JUMPED IN AND STARTED TO ROW OVER TO THE ISLAND AND SEE WHAT THERE IS AN IT SAID I ALL RIGHT SAID JACK HE WAS MY BROTHER SO I ROWED OUT A LITTLE WAY THEN WE STOPED AND FISHED A LITTLE WHILE THEN WE WENT ON TILL WE GOT TO ISLAND THIS WAS IN THE FALL WE FOUND SEVERAL SOVA PEAR TREES THERE WAS MOSTLY SPRUCE TREES WE DID NOT WANT TO LET ANY BODY KNOW THAT WE HAD FOUND A POND THE TWO OTHERS BESIDES THE ONE WE WERE ON WERE LARGER THAN THE ONE WE WERE ON THE PEARS WERE QUITE RIPE SO WE LET THEM BE THEN WE JUM ED INTO OUR BOAT AND ROWED TO THE ISLAND WE FOUND THAT IT WAS COVERED WITH CHERRY TREES THERE WAS ONCE IN A WHILE A PEAR TREE BUT IT WAS NOT WORTH VERY MUCH THEN WE WENT TO THE NEXT ISLAND AND LOOKED AND THERE WAS A WOLF I JUMPED BACK INTO THE BOAT AND TOOK UP MY GUN I AIMED AND FIRED THE WOLF ROLLED OVER I STEPED ON SHORE AND LAND MY BROTHER PULLET IT IN TO THE BOAT WE SAW THAT IT WAS KIND OF HEAVY THEN WE JUMPED IN AND ROWED OUT A PIECE WHEN SUDDENLY THE BOAT TIPPED AND WE WENT IN AND SO DID I GRABBED HOLD OF THE WOLF AND BROTHER AND THE BOAT AND SET IT RIGH SIDE UP JUMPED IN AND STARTED FOR THE PLACE WE STARTED FROM IN THE BEGINING BY E H NELSON





LOST IN THE WOODS

THERE WAS SOME BOYS THEY WENT