

I began to ask questions about Napoleon and Josephine. I acquired the knowledge that he was a great hero and all through my life in my great love for history, Napoleon has been one of the great men whom I have enjoyed studying.

My mother had few pictures in our home for many years. She lost what she had when she was ship-wrecked. So the first picture which I loved was Napoleon and Josephine. My grandfather was a great warrior himself and that is why he hung these pictures in the great dining room. As we grandchildren gathered around the big table which seated fifteen or twenty of us, the beautiful white Haviland china which was conspicuous for its whiteness was set before us and then Dora served the sugar and poured the cream. How we wish we had a piece of that old china. For many years a few pieces were in the family but one disaster and then another and I think it has entirely disappeared. The linen tablecloths which were made of the flax which grew on the place was kept in the family oh so long. When there was a great wedding or a great Christmas dinner in the neighborhood these long tablecloths were loaned out. They were carefully laundered and put away awaiting the next request for a loan.

The great Winn family has disappeared, breaking up into smaller families. The big dining table was removed from the dining room, when grandmother went to live with her son John across the road, no need for it any longer. The children had married and gone away. The guest room was silent. The Negro butler had disappeared. The housemaids were no longer to be had. Silence echoed from room to room when grandmother turned and walked away just for a little while. She knew that some day she would come to sleep with the rest of her dead by the side of the yard.

The old home passed into the hands of the Ireland family. Willie and Daisy Ireland fell heirs to it. It still stands today. As far as the title goes it is out of the family, but the memory of it lingers with us still.



Nannie Waller Tidd, visiting in  
Plover Texas 1922, visiting from a Springs  
she had her first bath from the  
same Springs 1865.

Waller 1827  
1913