

# John Harris Wily

John Harris Wily was twelve years old when the war between the sections started. He was the only son and helped the negroes with the farm work. He helped a negro man bury money and jewels to keep it safe from the Yankees. When he was sixteen he entered the war, this was the last year of the war. He helped carry supplies to the Confederate soldiers as they come through town. The Yankees came a few miles of his home but never came there. They were warned and hid every thing from them but they did not come and try to get them. He was young but anxious to do his part in the war. He taught the slaves the mark and how to shoot, salute, and other things when he came home on a visit. He did not had any food or blankets some times. He wanted to be a spy or in <sup>some</sup> dangerous place. He loved to ride horses and shot guns. He stayed in the mountains in the northern part of South Carolina and guarded the soldiers. He had a pretty horse that was fat, and fine but when he came home he was skinny and sick. He had the Captain to spend the night at his house when they were near by. He

the finest meals to give the soldiers. The soldiers  
loved to hear the slow dancing old time songs. They  
all liked him. He always got along with all the  
soldiers some were older and a few younger than  
he was. He helped to carry the wounded  
soldiers from the battle field but he was never wounded  
himself. When he came home the streets all came  
out to meet him and the old negro mammy that  
nursed him when he was a baby put her arm a-  
round him and kissed him. They had new clothes  
a good dinner and all the girls were proud of him.  
Then he helped go hunt the money and jewels they  
had hidden from the Yankees. He all ways would  
invite some of the soldiers that were in the war to  
spend the week end. He afterwards was the mayor,  
mail rider and a merchant.

George Landdale  
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