

A QUICK  
RECOVERY

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I had just entered society at the age of nineteen when my father died insolvent and from affluence we were reduced to poverty.

I found a position as governess in the family of a Mrs. Woodward, a widow with several children. Lucy, a girl nearly my age, was the oldest daughter and, of course, I had nothing to do with her education. Then there was a son, Harry, absent attending lectures. He came home during vacations, but paid me no attention whatever during these visits. He was interested in young ladies occupying the social world in which I had just made my debut and disappeared. He used to talk a great deal about them, and I thought that had it not been for my misfortune had he met me in the gay world he would have spoken of me in the same way.

My duties were to take care of the little children who had only begun to learn. I was something, but not much better than a nurse.

Mrs. Woodward was taken down with typhoid fever. The doctor ordered a trained nurse, but when she came the invalid directed that I be with her constantly while the nurse should only attend her when necessary. This threw upon me the brunt of the nursing, the trained nurse only carrying out such work as the doctor's assistant. And just when she was most needed she took herself off to accept a permanent position.

The night the nurse left the patient had had a hemorrhage, and the doctor dreaded her having another. He told me to keep her in the utmost quiet, for she was in a dangerous condition. Her life depended on this.

In the middle of the night my mistress asked me feebly for some gruel. I stepped into the hall and was surprised to find the lights that had been left burning below were out and all was in darkness. I returned for matches and went down the staircase. At the bottom a light was flashed in my face and a man's voice called gruffly:

"I want the valuables!"

I was always a timid girl, but in this case my mistress' condition conquered fear. I told the man that there was an invalid upstairs and if he knew he was in the house it would kill her. He evidently did not believe me, for he spoke very harshly to me, holding a revolver right in front of my face and ordering me to tell him where the valuables were kept.

Now, there was not a bit of silver plate or jewelry in the house that was not in the sickroom. My mistress had always kept them there in health and insisted on the silver being carried there every evening after dinner. They were nothing to me beside her life. I begged the man so hard to believe me, at the same time telling him that I would bring him everything of value, that he permitted me to go for them.

But how was I to excuse myself to my mistress for carrying the things out? If I told her nothing of what had occurred would she not believe that I was robbing her when she was too ill to stop me? Her son and daughter were both in the house, but to awaken either one of them would be death to their mother. I must think quickly. What put the plan I adopted into my head I know not. It came like a flash.

Going back into my mistress' room, I began to turn the gas up and down, finally turning it out as if by mistake. "Oh, dear," I said, "how unlucky! And I don't know where there are matches."

While I pretended to be hunting for the matches I was gathering some valuable jewels that I knew were kept in a drawer of the bureau. Taking them and picking up the box in which the silver was kept, I went downstairs. The burglar was waiting for me. He turned his light on what I brought him and remarked that there was a good lot of swag. Then he ordered me into the kitchen and, taking a clothesline hanging against the wall, tied me to a heavy table. In vain I begged him to let me go to my mistress. "Oh, no!" he said. "You'd call the police."

He went away, and I began at once trying to free myself. My joints were very supple, and I soon slipped my hands out of the rope, after which it was no great work to free myself. Taking up the gruel that was on the range, I went back to my mistress and, relighting the gas, gave her what she would take of it. Then, telling her to try to get some sleep, I went downstairs to the telephone and reported the robbery to the police. Fortunately the burglar had not had time to get to a place of safety with his swag, and by communicating quickly with all the policemen within range he was captured.

The next morning when I told Harry and Lucy what had occurred they were beside themselves with terror till I reached the end, when Lucy sank down into a chair and Harry—well, I shall never forget the look Harry gave me. Just then there was a ring at the telephone, and the police reported that the robber had been taken with jewels and silverware.

Mrs. Woodward recovered, and the doctor said that I had certainly saved her life. Harry Woodward had nothing more to say about the girls he met in society. When he entered upon his profession he married me, and I was once more in the circle to which I belonged and from that day to this have lived a happy life.

## Delinquent Tax List For 1910

Report of Land and Town Lots Assessed on the Tax Rolls of Scurry County, for the year 1910, which are delinquent for Taxes for 1910 only. Returned by W. M. Curry, Tax Collector.

Yr.	Owner	Abst No.	Original Grantee	Cert. No.	Survey No.	No Acres Assessed	No Acres Sold or Delinquent	Ad Val	Sch'l	Poll	Pen	Ad Val	Spe'l	Poll	S'h'l	Dt	No	Dt	Pen	G To'l
1910	Unknown	1	H. & G. N. Ry Co.	9-1736	1	240	80	16	66	08		60	92						15	2 57
1910	Unknown	21	H. & G. N. Ry. Co	9-1756	41	380	380	1 40	5 83	72		5 25	8 05			7 00	24		2 03	30 28
1910	Kidd and Wescott	58	H. & G. N. Ry. Co.	9-1802	133		1/4	20	83	10		75	1 15		2 00	D		39	5 42	
1910	Unknown	62	H. & G. N. Ry Co.	9-6806	141	160	160	32	1 33	17		1 20	1 84					30	5 16	
1910	Unknown	73	H. & G. N. Ry. Co	9-1826	181	50	42 1/2	54	2 24	28		2 02	3 10		6 75	S	1 19	16 12		
1910	Wimberley, H. T.	73	H. & G. N. Ry. Co	9-1826	181		1	31	1 29	16		1 17	1 78		3 88	S		48	9 07	
1910	Unknown	78	H. & G. N. Ry. Co	9-1831	191	20	20	06	25	03		23	35		60	D		12	1 64	
1910	Unknown	124	H. & T. C. Ry. Co	25-1355	227	12	12	04	17	02		15	23					04	65	
1910	H. A. Murray	133	H. & T. C. Ry. Co.	27-1738	95		314	89	3 69	46		3 32	5 09					84	14 29	
1910	Unknown	359	H. and T. C. Ry Co	44-5859	259	7	7	01	03	01		03	05					01	14	
1910	Unknown	373	H. and T. C. Ry Co	44-5912	23	10	10	04	17	02		15	23					04	65	
1910	A. J. McDowell	387	H. and T. C. Ry Co	44-5949	97		100	30	1 54	15		1 40	2 14		2 35	H		51	7 99	
1910	Unknown	428	Lavaca Nav. Co	33-60	59	640	640	1 28	5 33	66		4 80	7 36		4 80	33	1 70	25 93		
1910	Unknown	436	Lavaca Nav. Co	37-64	67	640	640	1 28	5 33	66		4 80	7 36		4 80	33	1 70	25 93		
1910	Unknown	437	Lavaca Nav. Co	34-61	61	640	640	1 28	5 33	66		4 80	7 36		4 80	33	1 70	25 93		
1910	Unknown	441	Lavaca Nav. Co	39-66	71	640	NE160	32	1 33	17		1 20	1 84		1 20	33	42	6 48		
1910	Seaton, K. R. Agent	447	T and P. Ry Co. 2	1509-1499	39		150	1 34	5 56	69		5 01	7 68		1 31	21	48	22 07		
1910	Seaton, K. R. Agent	448	T. and P. Ry Co 2	1500-1501	41		227	1 34	5 57	69		5 01	7 68		1 32	21	49	22 09		
1910	Unknown	451	T. and P. Ry Co	2-1305	1	644	640	1 52	6 33	79		5 70	8 74				1 44	24 52		
1910	Seaton, K. R. Agent	453	J. B. Scarborough	2-1499	33		320	1 33	5 56	69		5 01	7 68		1 31	21	47	22 05		
1910	Unknown	461	J. P. Smith		6	160	160	40	1 67	21		1 50	2 30		1 50	26	53	8 11		
1910	Unknown	469	J. P. Smith		14	10 1/2	10 1/2	08	33	04		30	46		1 00	S	18	2 39		
1910	W. L. Cates	469	J. P. Smith		14		5	21	86	1 50		26	77		1 18	25 2 58	S	48	8 09	
1910	Seaton, K. R. Agent	514	J. B. Scarborough		2		635	1 33	5 57	69		5 01	7 67		1 32	21	48	22 07		
1910	Seaton, K. R. Agent	515	J. B. Scarborough		2		636	1 33	5 56	69		5 01	7 68		1 32	21	48	22 07		
1910	Seaton, K. R. Agent	516	J. B. Scarborough		3		640	1 34	5 56	69		5 01	7 68		1 32	21	48	22 08		
1910	Seaton, K. R. Agent	517	W. H. Cowan		2		167	1 34	5 57	69		5 00	7 68		1 32	21	48	22 08		
1910	Unknown	614	H and T. C. Ry Co	44-5968	135	196	196	39	1 63	20		1 47	2 25		1 20	33	37	6 31		
1910	Unknown	628	Byrd, Millar	9-1811	152		40	24	1 00	12		90	1 38				23	3 87		
1910	Unknown	681	M. C. Glass,	44-5820	240	80	80	04	17	02		15	23		15	31	05	81		
1910	Unknown	696	H. and T. C. Ry. Co	45-6103	701	60	60	12	50	06		45	69				11	1 93		
1910	Unknown	700	H. and T. C. Ry Co.	6-6095	665	640	640	90	1 34	17		3 36	5 15		7 84	13	1 61	23 05		
1910	Unknown	740	Lavaca Nav. Co	42-69	75	320	NE160	32	3 73	46		1 20	1 84		1 20	33	37	6 44		
1910	Unknown	1552	W. L. Sturdivant	44-5955	90	160	160	40	1 67	21		1 50	2 30				38	6 46		
1910	W. J. Tomlinson	1573	B. H. Cade	43-5573	142		1	14	58	1 50		52	79		25	52	33	21	4 73	
1910	Unknown	1576	J. H. Carpenter	43-5546	88	NE160	NE160	26	1 07	13		96	1 47		96	9	34	5 19		
1910	Unknown	1578	J. H. Carpenter	43-5544	84	180	180	40	1 67	21		1 50	2 30		1 50	16	53	8 11		
1910	Unknown	1579	J. H. Carpenter	43-5546	86	80	80	24	1 00	12		90	1 38		90	9	32	4 86		
1910	Lee, J. L.	1594	R. C. Faulkner	43-5555	106		SW160	40	1 66	1 50		2 19	2 29		25 149	9	54	9 90		
1910	Unknown	1625	Chas. H. Lee	9-1803	136	226 3-10	226 3-10	40	1 67	21		1 50	2 30		4 00	D	78	10 86		
1910	Unknown	1628	Chas. H. Lee	9-1831	192	170	20	08	33	04		30	46		80	D	6	2 17		
1910	Unknown	1643	L. H. Pruitt	43-6049	574	96	96	14	58	07		53	81		53	34	15	2 85		
1910	Unknown	1649	Wm. R. Sharp	9-1798	126	67 1-3	67 1-3	54	2 25	28		2 03	3 11		6 75	S	1 18	16 14		
1910	Unknown	1656	Lavaca Nav. Co	40-67	74	160	160	32	1 33	17		1 20	1 84		1 20	33	52	6 58		
1910	Mrs. F. B. Rhodes	1724	W. G. Garrard	43-5562	120		12	05	20	03		18	28		54	I	11	1 39		
1910	Unknown	1750	K. W. Jones	43-5593	182	24	24	03	12	02		11	16		07	7	06	54		
1910	Unknown	1751	Jones K. W.	43-5592	180	44	44	05	22	03		20	30		13	7	06	99		
1910	Wood, Eugene	1757	J. C. R. Lockhart	44-5948	96		240	57	2 40	30		2 16	3 31		2 68	H	84	12 46		
1910	Unknown	1757	J. C. Lockhart	44-5948	96	86 2-3	86 2-3	24	1 00	12		90	1 38		1 20	H	35	5 19		
1910	Wood, Eugene	1759	J. C. R. Lockhart	44-5948	96		SW160	58	2 40	30		2 16	3 31		2 86	H	84	12 47		
1910	Unknown	1821	Seymour, W. K.	2-1497	28	107	107	30	1 25	16		1 13	1 73				29	4 86		
1910	Unknown	1842	M. E. Thevey		126	640	640	67	2 80	35		2 52	3 86		1 68	7	81	12 69		
1910	Unknown	1888	Ball, G. R.	43-5760	515	11	3 1/2	02	08	01		9	73		17	13	04	54		
1910	Unknown	1892	Bridges, J. R.	43-5744	483	10	10	04	17	02		15	23		35	13	07	1 03		
1910	Unknown	1908	Cary, Francis,	43-5549	93	80	80	32	1 33	17		1 20	1 84		1 20	9	42	6 48		
1910	Cary, R. L.	1909	Cary, R. L.	43-5549	93		160	51	2 14	27		1 93	2 96		1 93	9	68	10 42		
1910	CurryDuke	2002	I. L. Hicks	43-5562	119		NE160	81	3 36	1 50		3 02	4 63		25 9 07	I	1 70	24 91		
1910	Unknown	2029	D. A. Jones	43-5745	485	5 1/2	3 1/2	04	17	02		15	23		35	13	07	1 03		
1910	E. P. Ainsworth	2041	Johnson, O. S.	43-5632	260		N320	64	2 67	33		2 40	3 68				61	10 33		
1910	Leslie, N. M.	2062	N. M. Leslie	44-5976	152	1	5	02	08	01		08	12		10	H	03	44		
1910	McCulloch Heirs	2102	J. G. McCullough	44-1854	270		200	50	2 08	26		1 88	2 88				48	8 08		
1910	Unknown	2114	W. A. Pitts	27-1748	86	68	68	08	33	04		30	46				08	1 29		
1910	Unknown	2150	John A. Stavely	43-5737	479	12	12	04	17	02		15	23		35	13	07	1 03		
1910	Unknown	2152	John A. Stavely	43-5734	463	640	320	64	2 67	33		2 40	3 68		5 60	13	1 18	16 50		
1910	Unknown	2178	R. W. Scott	43-5594	183	160	160	32	1 33	17		1 20	1 84		80	7	34	6 00		
1910	Unknown	2182	Mrs. M. E. Trevey	43-5574	143	142	142	32	1 33	17		1 20	1 84		1 20	33	42	6 48		