

and interested in all family history and events than others of the family, therefore these old scenes made a lasting impression upon me.

My earliest clear recollections date from about my fifth and sixth year, although I recall Christmas scenes of an earlier date. At that period I had scarlet fever, and was critically ill for a long time, and Dr Mc blellan - (who lived in the old Wain house just above) attended me. I was sick in the big bed in the second story front room of the South second street house. All the objects of that old room and its appointments are indelibly imprinted upon my memory, with much that transpired at that time, and immediately afterwards, concerning my long sickness and the home life; together with the great and unfailling devotion to me in my illness of my precious loving mother.

The sketch of the "Boat on Canton River", is here preserved and inserted as originally painted by me in 1842!, to show my early