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LITTLE JOURNEY TO THE BOYHOOD HOME

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Sept. 23, 1919.

Excerpts.

OF JOHN MUIR.

By H.E.Cole.

Mr. Cole made journey with Attorney and Mrs. ~~E.S. Cole~~ Baker of Portage. Mr. Baker was the first white child born in town of Fort Winnebago and in early manhood operated a horse-power threshing machine. The last two seasons ~~the~~ Muirs lived on farm, he threshed their grain, and attended the sale when they left the farm, purchasing some of the tools used by John Muir. Mrs. Baker attended a rural school taught by Joanna Muir. It was School #3, the Spicer school, in the town of Winnebago.

Ate lunch at Ennis Lake. Blue jays screaming in the trees. Woodpeckers, king-birds all about us.

Daniel Muir helped organize Presbyterian Church (where cemetery is). ??

When Muir left first farm, he bought five '80's and a 40. Sold to John C. Mahaffy. Disposed of farm two years later to Thomas Kearns.

Mr. Kearns says Muir visited the farm about 1898. Told Mr. Kearns the orchard looked more familiar than any other spot.

At the auction Merrill Smith cried the sale. After selling one of the old-fashioned hand corn anters, the autioneer shouted that there was another better than the first. To this Daniel Muir cried out with all his Scotch honesty, "No, it isn't."

The father conducted religious services, but received meager compensation. One day the question of small pay was mentioned to one of the members of the church to which he replied, "Oh, well, he likes to preach."