

Time went on. Skinny Adams would come spend part of the summer with us. We would finish working in tobacco [either] gathering or taking off the sticks. Daddy would tell us if we finished by a certain time he would take us to the creek, back of what is our place, to go swimming. We all had home-made bathing suits and went in with our clothes on. All liked to play in the water. One day, Skinny decided he would baptize us and put our head under the water. I was very frightened. He caught me one day but I never did let him catch me again. I was afraid I would drown. From that day to this I have been afraid of water. All the others really enjoyed a trip to the creek. I decided that wasn't for me so I would stay at the house with Mama & do anything to keep me from the creek.

Skinny was Mama's sister Ola's son. He later married Maydee Kirkland. Skinny worked with the railroad & they lived in Virginia. He always seemed closer to the family than any of Aunt Ola's other children.

Maydee died & is buried at Empire. Skinny retired before Maydee died and they moved to Waycross, Ga. Skinny still lives in Waycross. He has had several strokes. Their son & his wife moved in the house with Skinny to take care of him. When their son retired he bought a house by his parents.