

Little Seeds

What Happened?

The text begins with a young Patrick retelling his childhood experiences. He describes the workers in the mines and his fascination with bugs and moths. He describes his home town as “a region which did not appear on a map until 1910.”

He also retells a story of him and his father working with cattle and horses. He also tells the reader about his father, and his work in dynamiting.

He also describes the logs flying up out of the creek and him and his father at the square dances.

Who is Involved?

- Patrick Lewis
- Hazen Lewis
- The mine workers

Time/Place:

- Prior to 1918
- Depot creek
- Napanee River
- Rathbun Timber Company
- Yarker & Tamworth Hotels

Significance:

The significance of the title ‘Little Seeds’ is in reference to the little seeds of dynamite that remain stuck in Hazen Lewis’ clothes.

The demonstration by Hazen Lewis about the danger of having little seeds of dynamite in his clothes is one lesson Patrick remembers.

The ‘Little Seeds’ chapter gives a background context to Patrick’s life and shows the relationship between his childhood and his future career.