

BOOK REVIEW

NANNY YADER TANT

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Pioneer preacher J.D. Tant was born during the Civil War, June 28, 1861. This book is about his second wife, Nanny Yader Tant and the trials they both faced.

Places they lived—

Hamilton, TX	Hope, NM	Greenville, MS	DeQueen, AR
San Marcos, TX	Cleburne, TX	West Point, MS	Los Fresno, TX
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Tragic events—

They witnessed the drowning death of a young man in the Canadian River while they waited for the ferry to cross the same river.

They survived a sand storm with an asthmatic child in a house with a burning barn near by.

Stayed a week in a dugout house with strangers when floods blocked the roads.

Slept on the open range where the Indian murderer, Geronimo was being sought after his escape.

Ira, brother Tant's son, died from pericarditis at age 14 after suffering for 3 months. They iced his body to try and wait about burying him so brother Tant could see him before he was buried but finally had to bury him without his father's presence.

A cyclone hit their farm and Nannie escaped its devastation with her small children in a storm shelter.

Nannie almost died because of lack of care delivering one of her children.

Brother Tant narrowly escaped the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Nannie didn't know if he was dead or alive for nearly a week.

Their child, J.D. Jr., had to have surgery twice on his leg. The doctor wanted to amputate.

Brother Tant fell down a cistern while cleaning it and injured his shoulder and hip.

Someone broke in their home at night and attempted to kidnap their daughter, Zoreta.

Their daughter, Davis, died about a year after marrying. It was suspected her alcoholic husband murdered her by drowning her in the bathtub yet he was never charged.

Brother Tant was terribly injured while drilling a well when a bucket of rocks were dropped down the well onto his head.

Their daughter, Zoreta almost died in surgery for appendicitis.

Nannie miscarried because of the trials of a move they made in a wagon over mountains in the snow and rain.

They had to trade the piano brother Tant had given to Nannie as a wedding present for a horse which stepped in a gopher hole and died before they could get him home.

Brother Tant fell while chasing a yearling at night and lay unconscious over an hour before he was found.

Nannie drove her children and possessions in a horse drawn hack all night across the prairie with a pack of wolves threatening her.

They were cheated out of \$1,000 by an elder of the church.

They got involved with 2 lawsuits over real estate.

They were entangled in a feud with neighbors that threatened to become physical. Hundreds of Nannie's eggs were stolen in the feud.

Their farm flooded.

Rain destroyed their alfalfa crop because their son fell ill with 106 temperature and they were prevented from gathering it.

They lived through the 1933 Great Gulf Storm. Nannie went many hours thinking brother Tant was dead.

Brother Tant had a stroke 4 or 5 years before he died and it crippled his left leg. He lost most of his hearing.

Summary of these tragic events—

Cyclone, hurricane (1933 Corpus Cristi), earthquake (1906 San Francisco), sand storm, freezing Texas Northerner, floods, mountain blizzard, brother Tant was knocked unconscious 3 times, death of 3 children (one presumed murdered), three children had life threatening surgery, horrible suffering because of lack of funds for a doctors care, and two real estate lawsuits.

These tragic events were just the physical burdens. They had the burden of apostasy among the brethren and rejection of their family as they struggled to take the gospel to the world and live righteous lives. Consider also reading the biography J.D. Tant Texas Preacher which is about Nanny Yader Tant's husband. It tells the same story but from his perspective.