

My Dad and Roosevelt

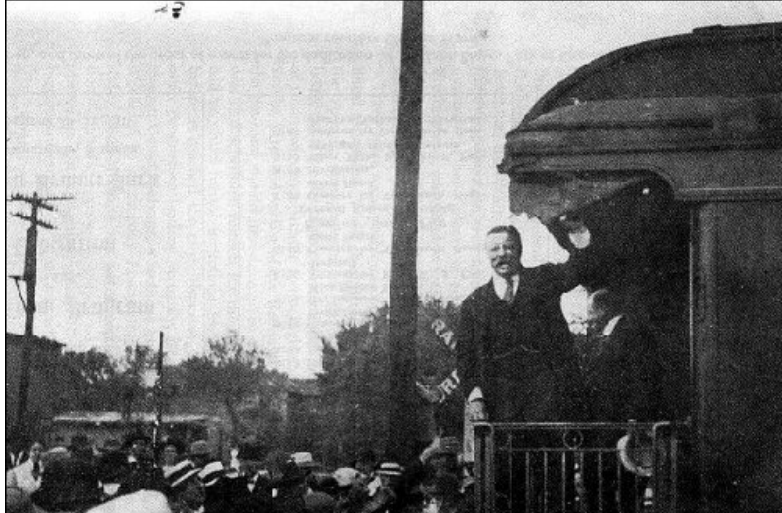
story he told us
now faded as clippings from
the local paper:

*on a rainy day
at John Brown's memorial
I met Roosevelt*

*as a party man
I welcomed the President
to my Kansas town*

hanging by a shred
this bit of family lore
would have turned to dust

but it's now preserved
for one more generation
in today's haiku



Theodore Roosevelt arriving in Osawatomie, Kansas, to deliver his “New Nationalism” speech on 31 August 1910 at a memorial for abolitionist John Brown. J.W. Dana was a local Republican Party official at that time. (Photo: Kansas Historical Society)

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