

Finney had never owned and never heard of. Where they belonged was more than any man was ever able to tell."

New Standard Dictionary of the English Language. New York: Funk & Wagnalls.

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