

The Life of Helen Keller.

This is a story of a life in which gigantic difficulties were overcome. A life was begun then nearly stopped abruptly and begun again, without some of the very vital fundamental characteristics that every other person to live his life with.

Helen Keller was born June 27, 1880 in a small town in northern Alabama by the name of Tuscumbia. The home of Helen Keller was called "Ivy Green". Helen Keller was a normal child for nearly nineteen months. This is the time in the life of an individual that he or she begins to grasp subconsciously the facts of his or her existence. Helen Keller walked at the age of one year, as do many children.

Acute congestion of the stomach and brain caused the loss of her sight slowly and also her hearing.

Upon recovery to mobile state once more this girl in a world of her own began to function again slowly. Before she was able to understand or speak, she was plunged into a bleak dark world in which there was not the normal reactions that everyone else has. Everything was different for her. She lived and learned of nature with her hands in the early years, but not until later did she realize that within herself she had learned. She used her hands from the beginning of her dark life. Her sense of touch, smell, pressure, and all others were made more acute by the loss of the sense of sight and hearing. At the age of five she was able to do minor jobs in the household of her mother.

Miss Ann Mansfield Sullivan arrived in March 1887, three months before Helen Keller was seven years old, to teach her.

This day, Miss Keller describes as being the most important day of her life.

The patience, love, and care that Miss Sullivan exerted with Helen Keller is something to be marveled.