

# **Quicksand by the Jordan River Pump Houses**

## **By Charley Nelson**

In the middle of Summer when Charley was just a boy, his father Ashley took him fishing on the Jordan River down by the Jordan River Pump Houses. Ashley Nelson loved to fish. Charley said they were very poor and they would eat the fish most days. But Ashley loved to fish.

This particular day, Ashley and Charley had waders on and were in the middle of the River. As they were walking down the river, they hit a patch of sand in the middle of the river. Almost instantly it started to eat Ashley and Charley up. Yes, they had come upon Quicksand. It was going to be the demise of them.

Charley did not know what was happened. His father, panicking pulled and tugged Charley from the grip of the sand and literally threw Charley to the shore to safely. Charley did not know what had hit them. He didn't understand why his father threw him.

It was bringing Ashley down. It was now about over his boots. He struggled and fell into the water. He struggled to get out of the boots. It was touch and go and Ashley saw his life go before him. He finally managed to get out of the boots and swim out of the sand to the shore.

Ashley grabbed his boy and hugged him and walked barefoot back to the car. There would be no fish tonight. For all Charley knows, the waders are still there.