

Dan Fleetham, in his own words – spoken to Ann Wadsworth, 2012.

When asked how long he has lived in Canaan, Dan replied: “I was born here”. “ I was born the day before the Titanic sunk. So that puts me just past a hundred. And back on that day, they had a tremendous snowstorm and my grandmother was running the hotel [The Cobb House on Canaan Street], and she called Dr. Bogardis . “You better get up here, he’s on his way.””

“So he gets out, hitches up his horse and sleigh, gets up to the old Pinnacle House and the horse can’t get through the drift. So he ties the horse up there at the Pinnacle House, puts his snow shoes on and hikes up Canaan Street. When he gets there, I’m sitting there waiting for him. He [the doctor] always said, “Here comes that impatient man.” “The date was February 5, 1912.”