



DAVID TENDING THE SHEEP

Walnut

I Kings 16:19

*Thereupon a message went out
from Saul to Jesse,
There is a son of thine, David,
that looks after the sheep;
send him to me.*

Not having a small lamb to hold in my arms as a model, I would pick up our little beagle, Ticker, and look in the mirror. I had to be careful not to make the ears too droopy.

The picture may not show it, but the bag David is carrying on his hip is for stones. I imagined that he always carried them for his sling shot, to ward off any wolves or other threatening predators.

This piece of wood was a part of a much larger one that was presented to me by some of my co-workers as a gift on my 35th working anniversary. They knew of my hobby and, over the years, had seen some of my carvings. I heard after the presentation that a couple of the fellows went to a lumber yard that served the boating community and asked to see their best piece of walnut. They wanted to be sure it had no flaws, so they asked to have one side planed to get a good look at it, because it was a rough hewn piece. Not satisfied with seeing just one side, they had the other three sides planed and then said they would take a three foot piece right out of the middle. Well, when they got the bill, they realized they must have bought the whole tree!