

Effie Mae (Williams) Sowers

1902

Lowesville, Fremont Co. Idaho.

Thursday June 24 - 1902.

Break camp about 8 o'clock the wind

blows hard, we pass through Lowesville.

over the Snake River where they have a fine

bridge the road is good.

We pass over Market Lake on a bridge across

the railroad track and go to the office for

mail but are disappointed again.

Camp for dinner by the Canal

After lunch we start over the desert and

it is very disagreeable for the wind and

dust is bad.

Camp for night about 15 miles out on

the desert. They drive the four. put in

Bird, she is a good horse

Brannons leave us for the long way around, so as to have water. we take the shorter route. we fall

The Desert. Fremont Co. Idaho

Wednesday June 25 - 1902.

Set up early and start about 5-30. the

morning is lovely & we travel west for hour.

John kills 11 rabbits, they are very plentiful as he kills them from the wagon.

We meet a wagon load of people and a

man on horse back. They tell us it is 17 miles

to water yet. Market Lake is about 50 miles

from Lowe the nearest watering place.

We stop for lunch at 12. and feed. The

horses they have not had water since

yesterday about 3 o'clock. we cross a lava

bed and the banks of the Lost River.

We have a hard days drive, the horses were

very thirsty! the sand is blowing thin

after noon, we reach Howe about 5 o'clock

have to pay 25 cents a head for hay for the day

Arco, Thursday,
June 26-1902 -
Broke camp about 9 o'clock this morning
and left our water barrel and start
for another 30 mile drive over the desert
to Arco. The wind blows some, but not so
bad as yesterday.
We reach Arco about 5 o'clock and
camp for night on the Big Lost River.
Here we have to pay the same price for
hay as in Stow.
We crossed into Blaine Co, yesterday forenoon.
They have beautiful horses up here.
The lava beds are a real
sight. Rattle snakes are along the
road side. The horses shy as they
pass a rattling snake -

Arco, Blaine Co, Idaho.
Friday June 27-1902
We lay over here expecting mail but
get nothing but some papers. Clarence
goes up to New Arco twice today.
Emigrants from Oregon pull in here and
camp and also people from Pueblo
Colorado.
The day is very warm the wind blows
this afternoon and it looks a little
like rain but it doesn't rain.
Haven't seen Brennons since Monday.
I have the tooth ache, awful.

Arco. Blaine Co. Idaho.

Saturday June 28 - 1902

Had a little rain in the night and the morning is cloudy and chilly. The road is good and we go along at a good rate. Pass Martin and eat lunch. My tooth aches. Had all day. We pass over a lava bed that is a great curiosity to us. It looks as though the melted mass has been thrown up against the mountains and again like it had come from the mountain tops. The rock all looks like sponge in some places it has been piled up on all sides and a big hole in the center. We travel on good camp for night by the telephone ^{construction} camp, we have a nice place to camp. Had a good day.

Near Hailey County Seat
Sun Valley
Telephone Camp. Blaine Co Idaho

Sunday June 29 - 1902 -

Break camp and start about 8 o'clock and "jugg" along. Pass Cotton-Wood Creek traveling through a lava bed all day. In some places when one walks over it, it sounds hollow like a drum. There is a hole in Cinder Mountain that the Government spent over \$5,000 exploring and they have gone down 700 feet and found bottom, but by throwing a rock down it strikes water.

We camp for lunch at Iron Springs. After lunch we go on ^{and} pass a ranch where we get butter and eggs.

John kills a rattlesnake. Camp for night on Copper Creek Lake. where there are many wild ducks but the water is too deep for them to get them if they killed any.