

John's Journey - Day 18

April 18, 2009

Stuttgart, AR to Altheimer, AR

Got up the regular time & as I was feeding the mules, I noticed that Jack had lost three shoes during his little escapade yesterday afternoon when they got loose. So I pulled the other shoe. Mules hooves are very tough so I wasn't worried about not having any shoes on.

I left Stuttgart this morning about the same time. It was a pretty nice morning. We drove about 15 miles or so to a small town called Wabbaseka & talked with several people while we took a short rest there.

We continued on down the road and as we approached Altheimer, it began to rain. My sister Cheryl called to see how I was doing & to tell me a storm was blowing in. I laughed & told her it was already there.

Ed Bowlin called me to ask how we were doing & I told him about Jack. I told him I checked his hooves & they were just fine and would get him taken care of when we reach Pine Bluff. We're about 10 miles from there. We talked for a few minutes & he agreed that Jack would be fine.

I pulled into the Police / Fire Department for a few minutes, but no one was around. I continued down the road a short way & pulled into the Cotton Gin just south of town & decided to spend the night there.

Well the roof of the wagon got a leak in it - not too bad though, I just have to remember to park the wagon with the leak on the down-hill side, so I don't get wet.

We drove 21 miles today. Tomorrow we head into Pine Bluff. The plan is to cross the Arkansas River & stay on the other side of it. Hopefully the rain will stop by morning.