

John's Journey - Day 19

April 19, 2009

Altheimer, AR to Pine Bluff, AR

We pulled out this morning about 7:20 to drive to Pine Bluff. The weather looked threatening, but we needed to get to Pine Bluff to get Jack taken care of, so we moved on out.



Along the side of the road was some red clover growing.



As we continue on the weather continues to grow ever ominous & I'm hoping we reach Pine Bluff before the clouds open up once more.



Up ahead is the Arkansas River and I'm glad to see it.



As we cross the river, there is a boat lock.



We parked at Mike Wolley's place.

Joe Richmond came by to talk for a while. He's a teamster too & we enjoyed swapping stories for a while.

Although I adjusted the harness & now Mack is pulling his fair share, the britching strap continues to rub. Joe offered to sew some sheep skin on that strap. That should alleviate the problem in a few days. He also brought me some mule shoes.

It was a 12 mile drive in here today and it's time to rest and get shoes on Jack. His hooves look great even after 33 miles. The best thing about this is that his hooves are worn the way he walks. Tomorrow I'll be spending the day here resting & he'll get new shoes on. When I get to Texarkana, TX I'll be looking for size 3H mules shoes. I'm going through shoes a lot faster than I anticipated.

This afternoon, Brit touched the electric fence. Did she ever yelp! She's okay. I'm certain that she will be more watchful in the future.