

John's Journey - Day 30

April 30, 2009

Hooks, TX to DeKalb, TX

It rained throughout the night, but it had stopped by early morning. I went out to feed the mules & it looked like it was going to be a fairly nice day. Sam's husband came by & checked on me to see if I needed anything early this morning. I sure appreciate their thoughtfulness.

I pulled out by 7:40. I drove to the west side of Boston & guess who showed up - Frank & Bennie Waggoner. They brought me some sheep skin for the harness. We talked a while & then they left. A few miles down the road, Mike Smith and his wife pulled me over. He saw the article in the Texarkana Gazette this morning. He gave me some sheep skin as well. I thanked him knowing that I'll probably need more of it before this trip concludes. We talked for a while and he told me about driving his team from Texarkana to Tombstone, AZ and some of his experiences.

I stopped for a few minutes at Pickle Feeds in DeKalb - they told me I could camp at the Animal Hospital. I drove for a little bit more when Herb Stanthill pulled me over. We talked for a few minutes and he gave me directions to the DeKalb Animal Hospital.



Shortly after that I arrived at the DeKalb Animal Hospital. It is located on the SW corner of 259 & 82. Michael Blaird DVM, David Murphy DVM & Stacey Hendershott DVM are the vets & they specialize in both large & small animals. They allowed me to put the mules up in their pens. They are happily eating hay & are enjoying not being tied up.

Also two horseback riders showed up and asked if it would be okay to ride with me tomorrow & I said of course. That should be fun. Also I think Marilyn & Sam are also are going to ride with me in the wagon tomorrow.

Dr. Blaird just left a few minutes ago to deliver a calf & said he'd bring me back a burger. There sure are a lot of nice people in Texas.

We drove 21 miles today. Tomorrow we will continue on toward Clarksville and should be in Paris by Sunday.