

John's Journey - Day 37

May 7, 2009

Windom, TX to Ector, TX

Drove 19 miles today

I got up early this morning to feed and noticed the mules were just covered in this thick black mud. I cleaned them up the best I could. I took extra care to be sure their necks & shoulders were free of mud before I harnessed them up. Thank goodness they are dark brown as the rest of the mud is just going to have to wear off.

We pulled out this morning at 7:45. The weather was cool and I hit a few sprinkles here and there. The sun came out eventually & it turned out to be a nice day. People seem to be extra friendly today. They are taking pictures and waving hello to me as we go down the road.

We passed an interesting fort along the road not far from Bonham. It was the Sam Rayburn Center for American History.



When we arrived in Ector, I stopped at the Quick Mart and chatted for a while. The manager gave me some fries and a hamburger. Some people also gave me some money toward my trip. I sure to appreciate all they have done.

Joe & Lynn were also waiting for me at the Quick Mart & asked me to go by the school. The Assistant Principal's name is Roger Morris. The school was for Kindergarten through 8th grade.



There was between 250 to 300 students and I talked with them for about 30 minutes. I'm doing a lot better talking about my trip, my mules & my wagon. In the beginning this was the hardest part of my day. I am not a public speaker, but I'm getting better at it, I think. Any way the kids enjoyed my talk & they asked a lot of questions. It was a good time.



Joe & Lynn's two girls Taylor & Ashland, rode in the wagon home from school with me. They sure enjoyed it. I think they would like to ride as far as I have come.

Tonight I am staying on the west side of Ector at the Red River Horse Sale located at 6483 W Highway 56 Savory, TX 75459. I met the owner Melvin Pinson and Beverly Miller. We talked a while & they let me put the mules in two large pens for the night.

Casey Reynolds at the Sale barn helped me with water & miscellaneous stuff and so did Joe.



Joe & Lynn invited me to their home tonight. I just got out of the shower a few minutes ago. Let me tell you it felt great - it had plenty of room. Yes I have a shower in my wagon & it works pretty well, but it is a two by three.

They are grilling pork chops for supper. This was the first home cooked meal since Paragould AR at Dawn's place. Sure was good to sit & eat at the table & talk with folks. It was a great meal & I had a good time with them. I sure do appreciate what they have one for me - I could not thank them enough.