

## John's Journey - Day 43

May 13, 2009

Nocona, TX to Henrietta, TX

It was really windy all night. When I got up to feed, it looked like it might rain, so I checked the weather & saw that there was no rain in the area. The day started cool & windy, but by afternoon it warmed up and was an absolutely beautiful day.

I thought that I better stop in Ringgold to fill up the water barrels. I'm still not certain where I'll be stopping this afternoon so I need to be prepared. Each mule drinks about 15 gallons of water every day. This is the first time the mules had to pull the maximum weight in the wagon. They did a great job.



We passed the Lone Star Hereford Ranch just outside of Ringgold. They have bulls for sale. This one is quite an impressive looking bull.



I drove about 22 miles today. I'm camping tonight at a roadside park about 5 miles east of Henrietta. A group of teamsters came by and we talked about my trip & the trips they have taken as well. It was a good time. Around the table from right to left are: Joe Howard, Pat Pullin, Maxine Howard, Bobbie & Lynn Savnderivas and me. If I've mis-spelled your names, I apologize.

Pat brought me a rubber sleeve for my wagon tongue. He also went & got supper for me & checked on a spot for me to camp tomorrow night.

The rub spot on Mack's neck is looking much better now thanks to the sheepskin pad that I have been using with the salve. I'm going to keep the pad on him for a few more days to be sure. Jack's neck is healed really well so I'm going to remove the pads tomorrow. I'm

glad that I switched to the stiff tongue on the wagon.  
This seems to have helped the rub on their necks and is  
working out really well.

I'm going to head to the west side of Jolly tomorrow &  
by Friday I'll be driving through Wichita Falls to  
Holiday, TX.