

when you strike the first high ground 90 or 100 miles above Fort Karney. Passed many teams to day. Traveled alone all day. Well.

June 4th. Tuesday. Traveled 20 miles and Forded Platte River by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ock A.M. This River is here all in one channel and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide, about 18 inches deep. Lower banks are vary sandy bottom - water vary muddy and not a stick of timber in sight. Grazed my horse on north side. Took up South fork 10 miles. Grass. Crossed ridge to North fork 2 miles & camped on Bottom. Good grass for 5 miles. Stay this night with Col. Lee of Indiana & his train of outfit of 40. He treated me well with tent and Sup'r & Broakfast. Distance said from Fort to Crossing, 123 miles. No wood in days travel of 32 miles.

June 5th. Wednesday. From Col. Lee camp on 5 mile Bottom took ridge between rivers & kept it for 15 miles before come to N. Fork. No grass, timber or water. Decended bluff and struck river. Poor grass for 6 miles, no wood; do to camp. Pass Johnson of Lewis Co. Mo, and conversed with him. No grass to camp for 4 miles; 4 miles good. First 4 miles R(oad) runs near River, heavy & sandy; 2 miles poor grass; 4 miles to point. Sand Hill good (place) to camp. Camp't in here

with Baldwin & Co, Clinton Co, Mo. Traveled this day 35 miles. No wood. Plenty from here to Castle Bluff for Emigrants (for) a few years.

June 6th. Thursday. 2 miles to point hill 1 mile heavy sand; 2 miles bottom at Lower end; Ceder grove in center high on bluff. Good spring on side road & ceder trees. Leave River and take steep bluff 2 miles to deep sandy hollow. Down hollow - Ash Hollow this - to River 2 miles. Timber & springs. Mouth of hollow to Castle Tower 8 miles. Narrow dry bottom and sandy. Quick-sand, alkili bottom 2 miles long & wide. Indians camp'd here as I paused at 12 Ock. Camped on dry sandy creek - some water. Indians plenty. Traveled 35 miles. Some heavy roads & Alkili swamps. Road runs near River. No wood for 80 miles - grass in places ever(y) 4 or 5 miles.

June 7th. Friday. Made Chimney Rock. Distance from Castle Rock 64 miles. Good roads generally this day. Plenty water & generally grass never more than 4 or 5 miles apart. Court House Rock & creek of good running water 30 ft wide, 10 in deep, 13 miles before you reach Chimney Rock. Passed Jacob Righter & R. Meyers, Jo Potter & Co, at 12 Ock this day. Camp'd with Mr. S. Staloup & Wm Dor of Shelby Co, Mo. Vary good camping