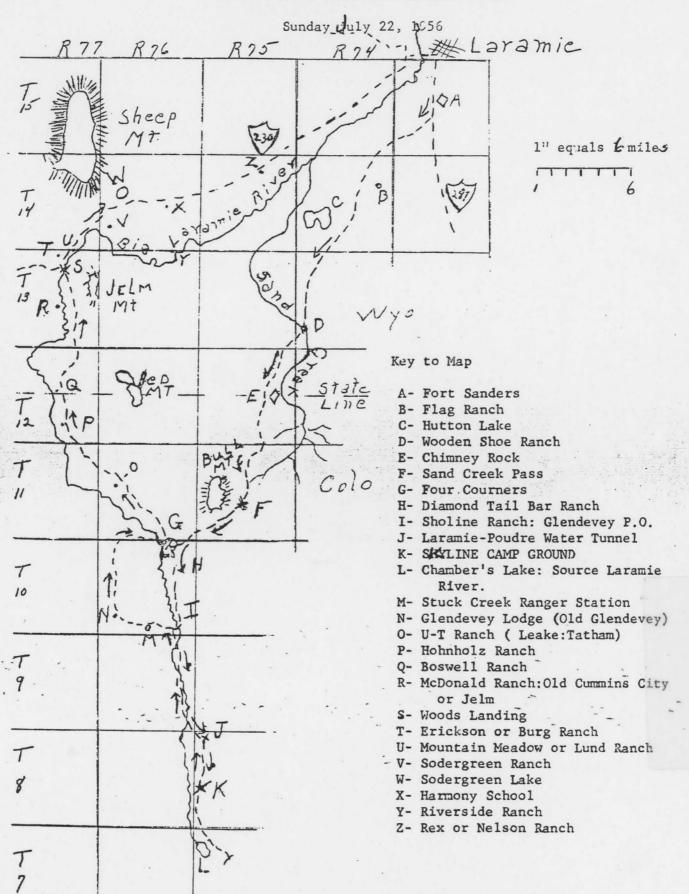
SAND CREEK & UPPER BIG LARAMIE APEAS



SIXTH ANNUAL OLD TIME RANCH TOUR SAND CREEK AND UPPER BIG LARAMIE

Sunday, July 22, 1956

This Tour is sponsored by the Albany County Historical Society, the University of Wyoming Summer School, the Kiwanis Club and the Wyoming Westerners. The Tour has been arranged by Bob Burns with the help of Edith and Will Wurl, Phoebe McDougal Charles Steetle and Jim Hardman.

Bring your CAR, your FAMILY, FRIENDS, LUNCH, some water or other liquid and be at the COURT HOUSE SQUARE IN LARAMIE at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, July 22, 1956.

Today we will be visiting some of the earliest ranching areas in the Sand Creek and upper Big Laramie Areas. Touring Speed of Caravan 30-50 mph. depending on surface and curves of road.

PLACE	ELEVATION	TIME	MILAGES	
		Approx.	Local	Trip
LARAMIE (Courthouse Square)	7200	9:00	0.0	0.0
Fort Sanders on left	7240	9:07	3.0	0.0
(See Page 11 'Wyoming's Pioneer Ranc	hes)	2.07	3.0	3.0
TURN RIGHT: Monolith Cement Plant	7240	9:08	0.4	2 /
FLAG RANCH sign, on left	7300	9:12	3.8	3.4
(See Pp. 151-187 'Wyoming's Pione Ranches)	eer	7.12	3.0	7.2
Cross Cattle Guard	7300	9:16	. 2.3	0 -
Aluminum Plant Road turns left		7.10	2.3	9.5
We keep straight ahead.	7300	9:17	0.5	10.0
Lake in Section 22, on left		2.17	0.5	10.0
Cross Cattle Guard	7300	9.19	0.9	10.9
Hutton Lake: Wildlife Refuge on right	7320	9:20		11.1
Cross Cattle Guard	7360	0.22	1.2	12.3
Rocky Ridge, on right	7360	9:24	0.6 1.7	12.9
Cross Cattle Guard	7340	9:25		14.6
Jct.: Wooden Shoe Ranch Sign: Turn left	7360	9:26	0.8	15.4
Cattle Corral on left, and Cattle Gua	rd7400	9:29	0.5	15.9
Goetz Mailbox, on right	7360	9:30	2.0	17.9
(See Goetz Ranch Pp. 193 & 201 "Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	9.30	1.5	19.4
Cross Cattle Guard into lane	7400	9.31	0.6	20.0
ooden Shoe Ranch & Sand Creek			0.2	20.2
(Lundquist or Wooden Shoe Ranch: See P 188, 191, 192 'Wyoming's Pioneer Ranche Jct. Turn LEFT	p. s)		0.2	20.2
Cross Cattle Guard		9.32	0.2	20.4
	7460	9:34	0.7	21.1
Cross Cattle Guard	7460	9:35	1.0	22.1
AY PILE & OVER HILL: FRED COLLINS RANCH Cross Cattle Guard	7520	9:37	0.6	22.7
Cross Cattle Guard	7540	9:38	0.5	23.2
Cross Cattle Guard	7600	9:40	0.7	23.9
	7640		0.5	24.4
Cross Cattle Guard			0.9	25.3

Wurl Homestead (Edith and Will Wurl)	7620	9:42	0.1	25.4
Cross Cattle Guard			0.1	25.5
State Line: Wyo Colo. Chimney Ro	7640	9:44-	0.2	05.0
(Chimney Rock See Pp. 13,80,84,		10:04	0.3	25.8
187, 192 'Wyoming's Pioneer Ray		10.04		
Wurl Ranch. STOP	7980	10:08-	1.7	27.5
(Wurl Ranch: See Pp. 186, 188,		10:28	/	21.3
"Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches")		20,20		
Cross Cattle Guard	8320	10:31	0.4	27.9
Harry Karn Place, on right	8440	10:34	1.9	29.8
Road from Tie Siding over Boulder	Ridge,			
on left	8500	10:36	1.0	30.8
Cattle Guard: Boundry Roosevelt 1		10:39	1.0	31.8
Road to Otto Lumber Co. Timber	Camp,			
on left	8715	10:42	0.6	32.4
SUMMIT SAND CREEK PASS	8900	10:47	1.3	33.7
Cattle Guard, on left side Henry Tro	llope			
Place	8485	10:53	1.9	35.6
Cross Jimmy Creek	8300	10:55	1.0	36.6
Cross Cattle Guard	8260	10:57	0.4	37.0
Four Corners Jct.:Turn LEFT	8280	11:00	1.6	38.6
Sign: Diamond Tail Bar Ranch: Turn RIGHT		11:03	0.8	39.4
DIAMOND TAIL BAR RANCH: STOP	7985	11:07-	0.9	40.3
(Diamond Tail Bar Ranch: See Pp. 132,	135	11:27		
"Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches")				
Return to Ranch Sign: Main Road, Tu				
RIGHT	8115	11:31	0.9	41.2
Cross Cattle Guard	8140	11:34	1.0	42.2
Cattle Guard: Pete Creek	8120	11:37	1.6	43.8
Sign: Entering Roosevelt National Fores Cross Brown Creek		11:39	0.9	44.7
Sholine Ranch: Glendevey Post Offic	8220	11:40	0.3	45.0
Bridge over Laramie River	e 8140 8140	11:42	0.7	45.7
Jct.:Stub Creek:Turn LEFT *	8160	11:43 11:44	0.1	45.8
Lazy W Cross Ranch: Upper Wangnild Ranc	h	11:44	0.3	46.1
on Right	8240	11:51	2.0	48.8
Rawah Ranch: Jordon Resort, on Right	8280	11:54	1.4	50.2
Red's Place: (Resort), on Right	8340	11:56	1.0	51.2
Cross Brinker Creek	8360	11:57	0.3	51.5
Laramie-Poudre Water Tunnel, o	n	22.57	0.5	31.3
Left	8480	12:06	3.7	55.2
Bridge over Laramie River	8500	12.08	0.8	56.0
SKYLINE CAMP GROUND U.S.F.S. STOP:L		12:14-	1.3	57.3
		1:15		3
Return to Stub Creek: Turn LEFT	8160	1:45	11.2	68.5
Stub Creek Ranger Station: U.S.F.	S.			
on Left	8300	1:47	1.3	69.8
Brown Park Camp Ground: U.S.F.S	. on			
Left	8360	1:51	1.3	71.1
Glendevey Lodge: Turn RIGHT	8220	1:54	0.7	71.8
Sign: Leaving Roosevelt National Fore	st 8140	1:57	1.8	73.6
Cross Cattle Guard	8160		0.3	73.9
Cross Cattle Guard	8120	1:59	0.7	74.6
McIntyre Glen: on Left	8200	2:00	0.3	74.9
*Bridge over Laramie River	8180	11.46	0.7	46.8

Turnoff to Dean Hunton Ranch: on Left	8000			
Cross Cattle Guard	8040	2:04	2.0	76.9
Cross Cattle Guard		2:05	0.4	77.3
Bridge over Laramie River	7970	2:07	1.1	78.4
Four Corners Jct.:Turn Left	7975	2:08	0.4	78.8
Cross Cattle Guard	8280	2:09	0.3	79.1
Cross Cattle Guard	8040	****	0.3	79.4
Cross Cattle Guard	8000	2:13	1.2	80.6
Sign: Lazy W Cross Ranch: Wangneld,			0.5	81.1
on Left				
Cross Cattle Guard	7930	2:14	0.9	82.0
Cross Cattle Guard	7930	2:16	0.5	82.5
	7920		0.3	82.8
Sign: U T Bar Ranch: Turn LEFT			0.9	83.7
U T Bar Ranch: Leake: Tatham STOP	7840	2:18-	0.2	83.9
(Tatham Ranch: Old Hutton Forse Ranch	h:	2:38		03.7
See Pp. 135, 136, 149 "Wyoming's Pic Ranches")	oneer	*		
Sign: U T Bar Ranch: Turn LEFT				
Cross Cattle Guard			0.2	84.1
Cross Cattle Guard	8000	2:39	0.7	84.8
Hohnholz Ranch: Grace Creek STOP	7900	2:43	2.2	87.0
(Hohnholz Ranch-Crace Creek STOP	7740	2:47-	1.6	88.6
(Hohnholz Ranch: Grace Creek. See Pp. 1	.32-	3:00		
134 'Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches") Cross Cattle Guard				
	7750	3:03	0.6	89.2
Wyoming State Line	7720	3:06	1.7	90.9
Boswell Ranch: Shattuck STOP	7680	3:07-	0.5	91.4
(Boswell Ranch: See Pp. 129-132		3:27		72.7
"Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches") Cross Cattle Guard				
	8020	3:29	2.4	93.8
Frank Smith Ranch: on Left	7570	3:33	2.4	96.2
(Frank Smith Ranch: See Pp. 123, 126-12	9			70.2
"Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches")				
McDonald Mail Box: Turn LEFT through				
Pole Gate	7640	3:35	0.6	96.8
Bridge over Laramie River	7545	3:37	0.3	
McDonald Ranch: CUMMINS CITY OR	7580	3:41-	0.3	97.1
JELM: STOP		4:30-	0.2	97.3
(Cummins City of Jelm: See Pp. 127	7-	4.50-		
129 "Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches")				

The following is copied from a booklet "The Inter-Ocean Water Power and Mining Company".

"The Jelm Mining District.

The Jelm mining district, at the foot of Jelm Mountain, is an old one, it having first been prospected and located in 1872, and, since that time, many thousands, even hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested by people from all over the United States in projects that have had some connection with the district and which have generally been promoted by unscrupulous schemers who have taken advantage of the rich mineral deposits known to exist in this district to fleece the Eastern investor. Although the district is an old one, there has probably been less money spent in actual development than in any other mining district in the state, and for this reason some of the best and oldest prospects in the state are undeveloped.

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"In the early days the ground was worked for gold only, the same as was done in the Great Rambler. Ferris Haggerty, Doane and other districts along this same range and only a few miles away, which have, in recent years produced some of the greatest copper mines in the world.

"The Water Power.

"The company is justifiably proud of its fine water power site, situated as it is right at the mouth of the canyon, just above the town of Jelm, where Nature, herself, has construed an almost perfect site for a dam, having supplied a solid rock formation or bed with a steep mountain rising abruptly on each side. Here, according to the official state gauge, we have an average flow of 117 cubic feet per second, for the year of '96, and the year of '98, 100 cubic feet per second. The lowest is usually in August and September and is 50 cubic feet per second, thus giving us easily a 40 h.p. for every 10 foot fall. The company has about a thousand logs cut and ready for hauling, which will be ample material for the construction of the dam which will be built just as soon as low water will permit, the river being greatly swollen at this season of the year, by reason of the snow melting on the mountains.

"Mills and Milling.

"Our first mill will be built at the dam site, just below the dam, and will not have less than twenty stamps. The New England mine is not over 500 feet from this dam site, the Freeport is about two miles distant, and all the other properties within easy reach over good roads. We feel certain that the mills operated by this water po ar will pay a good per cent on money invested, regardless even, of the mining profits. Heretofore, there has been no mills nor machinery in the district save those operated by steam, which, of course is always an expensive process. The expense of operating mills and machinery by water power, as is well known, is not more than half that of steam, so that with the great advantage of our splendid water power, latest improved machinery and facilities, we shall be in a position to handle thousands of tons of \$2 and \$3 ore lying idle all through the district, with profit to both owner and mills.

"The Company's Principal Mines.

"The most important mines of the company are the Freeport, the Detroit, the Rosehill, the Springfield and the New England. These properties are located in different parts of the district, in fact the company owns properties through out the entire district. The Freeport is a gold proposition, the formation being what is known micaceous schist formation, and is situated about three miles from Jelm and about three-quarters of a mile from the Big Laramie river. The Detroit is a gold and copper mine, situated one-half mile from the Big Laramie river, west and three-quarters of a mile from Jelm. The Rosehill, right alongside the Jelm townsite has two leads, one of gold and copper and one of asbestos, there is also rich placer ground on this claim. The Springfield is a silver proposition, pure and simple, it created quite a furore about the time silver was demonetized, and was then dropped; The Inter-Ocean Water Power and Mining company have lately taken it up and have found it good property. The New England, last but not least among the best mines, is situated just a little above the town of Jelm, very close to the company's water power site and is one of the best paying propositions of the company.

"Assays from all of these properties fun from \$4.20 per ton up, and all the gold in these properties is free milling. This brings the expense of treating the ore

down to a low figure, and with the magnificent waterpower the company has just secured, this low figure will be reduced one-half."

The Jelm Post Office was first located at Cummins City. Later it was moved to Pollock Ranch and then in 1920 to Mrs. Hansen's at Woods Landing. Recently it has been moved to the old schoolhouse a mile below Woods Landing.

The Tour ends here at the McDonald Ranch (Old Cummins City or Jelm) but here are some interesting landmarks on your return to Laramie.

Return to McDonald mailbox	7640	4:35	0.5	97.8
Cross Cattle Guard		NO 400 CO 440	0.3	98.1
State Land & Fishing Cabins:on left Bridge over Laramie River at Woods	7620	4:38	1.0	99.1
Landing (Woods Landing: Sam Woods see P. 136 "Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches".)	7500	4:43	2.2	101.3
Jelm Post Office:on Left		4.46	0.9	101.2
Erickson Ranch: Old Gus Burg Place: on left (Burg Place: See P. 135 "Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches".)			0.1	102.3
Mountain Meadow Ranch: Old Lund Place: on right (Lund Place: See Pp. 137-139 "Wyoming's	7480	4:49	0.9	103.2
Pioneer Ranches".)				
Sodergreen Ranch: on Right (Sodergreen Ranch: See Pp. 138-140 "Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches".)	7420	4:52	3.0	106.2
Sodergreen Lake: Source Laramie Water Supply: on Left	r7380	4:55	1.2	107.4
Harmony School and road to Rivers: Ranch: on Right (Riverside Ranch: See Pp. 139-144	ide 7340	4:57	2.4	109.8
"Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches".) Rex Ranch: Old Nelson Road Ranch: on Right (Nelson Ranch: See Page 405 'Wyoming's	7280	5:01	4.8	114.6
Pioneer Ranches".)				
LARAMIEGEM CITY OF THE PLAINS	7200	5:16	14.0	128.6