

ELEVENTH ANNUAL OLD TIME RANCH TOUR.

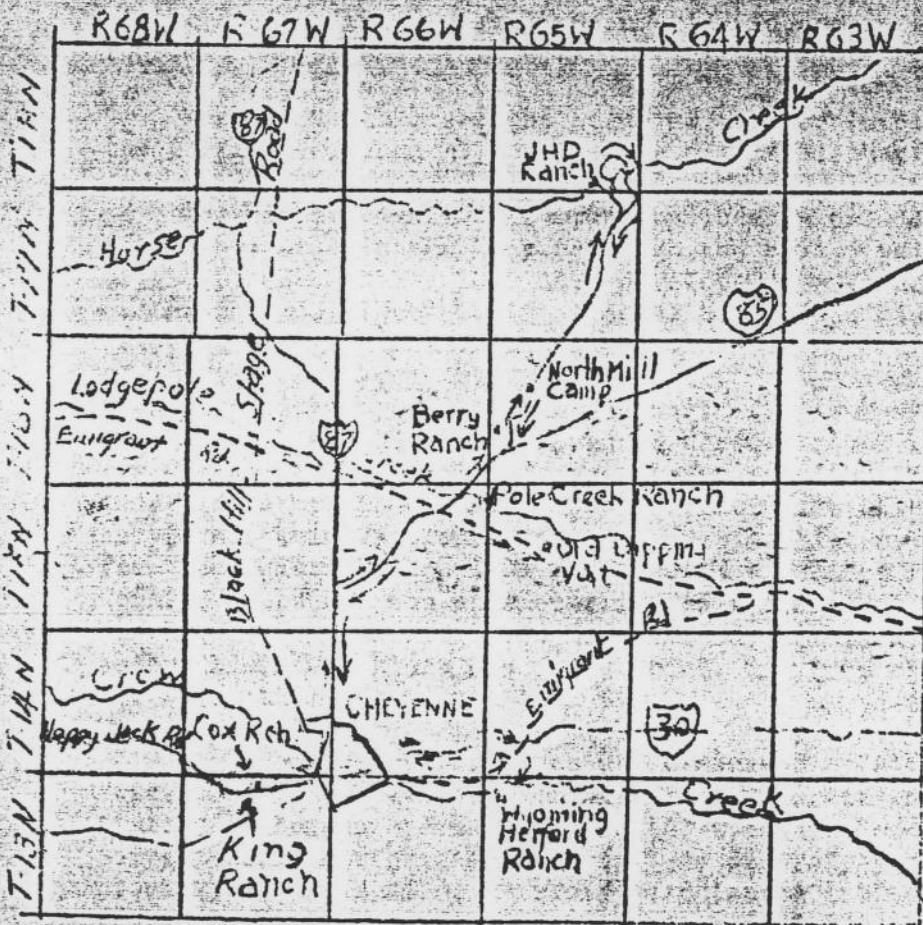
Sunday, July 23, 1961

This tour is sponsored by the Albany County Historical Society, the University of Wyoming Summer School, the Wyoming and Denver Westerners and the Kiwanis Club.

These Old Time Ranch Tours strive to create interest in the heritage we have in our ranching business in the west and acquaint the people on the tour with the present day operating ranches and their heritage from the beginnings of the industry right here on the Laramie Plains in 1869.

The Tour has been arranged by Robert H. "Bob" Burns, A. S. "Bud" Gillespie, Bill Reidl, George Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest S. Blunk, Wesley Seamonds, L. C. Bishop, Russell Thorp, and Oliver B. Knight.

The route will be over oiled roads and well graded gravel roads to the various ranches visited. The total mileage is only 149 miles, a very moderate trip considering the fact that all roads will be quite good and a speed of 50 miles per hour easily maintained.



TOUR STOPS:

- JHD Ranch
- Pole Creek Ranch
- Grave-Emily Patrick
- Middle Camp
- Wyoming Hereford Ranch
- Cox Ranch
- King Ranch

This year we will visit some of the noted and early day ranches of Laramie County. Our first stop will be at the JHD (Durbin) Ranch of the Warren Livestock Company, located on Horse Creek. This ranch, started by John Durbin of Cheyenne in the early days was reportedly the first sheep ranch in Wyoming. At least it was among the first, the Tweed Ranch at Red Rock Canyon near Lander and ancient Fort Brown, bringing sheep from Iowa in 1869. The ranch now serves as one of the main ones in the sheep and cattle operations on the Warren Livestock Company.

On the return trip from the JHD Ranch we will stop at the Pole Creek Ranch which is the North Headquarters of the Warren Livestock Company. In early days this was the stage stop on the Lodge Pole Trail and the old building still stands and is used as a storage place. Mr Dave Cook, Manager of the North or Pole Creek Ranch, of the Warren Livestock Company will show us around the ranch. One of the first Australian Type shearing sheds erected in Wyoming is located here at the Pole Creek Ranch and is still in annual use at shearing time. A side trip will be taken to Middle Camp and return. On the way a short stop will be made at the grave of Emily Patrick who died while travelling the Pole Creek Trail on August 9, 1867 and is buried here. She was 10 years old and died of children's disease which were common and often fatal in those days before the era of modern treatment and vaccines. The Middle Camp is the site of the cattle dipping vat on the Lodge Pole Trail which was used to dip cattle enroute to the northern ranges from Texas and other southern points. The remains of the dipping vat are still to be seen in the remaining metal bands used to bind the wooden vat together.

The JHD Ranch bears the brand of the Durbin Borthers and consists of the initials of John H. Durbin, one of the brothers.

The Warren Livestock Company has been a pioneer in the sheep and cattle business in the Cheyenne Area and have developed outstanding types of sheep and cattle. They have developed the Warhill type of sheep, a mutton and wool type growing fleeces of $\frac{1}{2}$ Blood wool and early maturing lambs of good conformation.

The next stop will be at the world famous Wyoming Hereford Ranch which is likely the oldest purebred Herford ranch in the west if not in the world. Here we will "crown the Queen" of our Tour. This year's queen is a pioneer ranch woman who was raised in the Little Snake River Vally, her father being a pioneer store keeper at Slater, Wyoming. She graduated from the University in 1907 and married a pioneer rancher of Laramie County, where her son still carries on the ranching business and is active in the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, as his mother and father were before him. We salute Mrs. Fred Boice, Sr. (nee Marguerite Mc Intosh) as our Queen this year.

The Wyoming Herford Ranch was organized by Aleck Swan and Joseph Frank, who called it the Wyoming Hereford Cattle and Land Association Limited of London where they sold 100 thousand Pounds Sterling of six percent first mortgage debentures. As security the subscribers had the property of the Wyoming Hereford Association including 18,879 acres of fenced land and two adjoining ranches of 120,000 acres. All of the lands

were located about three miles from Cheyenne. Swan and associates sought this capital to stock the pasture with fine Herford cattle from England. Among the trustees for the English debenture holders who were to provide cash for expansion of operations was Colin J. MacKenzie, Chairman of the Swan Land and Cattle Company (FRINK, M., JACKSON, W. T. & SPRING, A. W. When Grass was King. Pp.220,297, U. Colo. Press 1956: Cited from Prospectus of Wyo. Herford Cattle and Land Assn. Ltd. LSER WRCIS).

A. H. Swan introduced Herefords to Wyoming. His firm, Swan Bros., paid Mr. Miller of Beecher, Illinois \$10,000 for 40 head of bulls in the springs of 1878. Aleck Swan allied himself with George Morgan, the advance agent of English Herford promotion. The Wyoming Herford Company had no connection with the Swan Land and Cattle Company proper, except for the fact that some shareholders had stock in both companies. The ranch on which the purebred Herefords were carried totalled some 30,000 acres on Crow Creek just east of Cheyenne. George Morgan was engaged as manager and made a number of importations direct from Herefordshire. One of his early importations was the purchase of the entire herd of Mr. J. H. Yeomans of Stretton Court, comprising of 200 head, which were shipped from Liverpool on April 16, 1883. Another large importation was made in 1884 including 186 bulls bred in England. The herd at Cheyenne numbered over 500 head at one time and included more than 300 breeding cows and a sensational array of stock bulls, among which were Rudolph by the Grove 3rd, Lord Wilton 2nd., Victor by Winter de Cote, and Sir Thomas of G. S. Burleigh's breeding. From this herd at Cheyenne a large number of purebred bulls went out to spread the fame of the "white-faces" throughout the northern range. All enterprising ranchers and breeders of Montana and Wyoming obtained stock from this herd and its influence on the future cattle stock of the region was tremendous.

Mr. Culbertson of Illinois, embarked on a series of importations. One of his first important moves was to send George Morgan to England to select a first class bull and a few heifers for importation. This was in 1879. Morgan gladly made the journey back to his native haunts and had the judgement or the rare luck to select a bull which had been named ANXIETY by his breeder. Anxiety's dam, Helena, was a noted show heifer and her rather high condition made her breeding career precarious and hence her owner's anxiety concerning the calf sired by Longhorns. The calf came and posterity in the Herford World had the sire which was to found the most famous strain of "White-faces". (SANDERS, A. H.)

John Clay in his Book "My Life on the Range" speaks of the rise and fall of Aleck Swan and Joseph Frank as promoters of various livestock enterprises (Pp.49-54).

The Wyoming Herford Ranch has been in operation continually since the first importation in 1883 from Liverpool to Cheyenne. The tradition for fine Herford cattle has been maintained throughout the years and the herd is noted today as one of the finest collections of "White-faces" in the land. One of the famous sires of the Herford Breed, "Prince Domino", who founded the strain of that name is buried on the ranch and the

headstone of the grave is just in front of the WHR Office. This bull was produced by Otto Fulscher of Holyoke, Colo. and used at WHR. A few years ago WHR purchased and imported the bull "Vern Diamond" from the de Quincey herd in England and this bull and his progeny will be seen at the ranch today.

George Morgan was the manager of the famous English ranch, known as the Milbrook Ranch, and owned by the Douglas Willan, Sartoris & Company located on the Little Laramie River and presently included in the Markley Ranch. (BURNS, R.H., GILLESPIE, A.S. & RICHARDSON, W.G.). At the time of his death George Morgan was associated with T.F.B. Sotham, a noted Herford breeder in Missouri.

The Cox family are pioneer ranchers of the Cheyenne region with the ranch being established by the grandfather of Mark Cox III. The present ranch has built up one of the top Angus herds of Wyoming and the West.

Frank S. King went to New Zealand in 1914 and brought back the first Corriedale Sheep to America. At that time he was associated with his brothers, Bert and Joe, in the F. S. King Bros. Co. at Laramie, but later he disposed of his interests at Laramie and started the Wyoming Corriedale Company at Cheyenne. He was the first Secretary of the American Corriedale Association. The Corriedales of the Wyoming Corriedale Company have been "tops of the breed" since the flock was established, and today Art King, a son of Frank, and Jerry, a grandson are carrying on the flock and their sheep are well known not only in the United States but also in New Zealand and South America. They have been successful to a marked degree in keeping the distinctive fleece of the Corriedale and combining with it an efficient body which guarantees an efficient mutton producer as well as a wool producer.

The King Ranch also runs a small number of Hereford cattle and the King family are a living testimony to the livestock heritage of the British Isles for all three of the King Brothers came to America from England.

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Bring your car, your family and friends, some water or beverage,
and be at the Albany County Court House Square, a few minutes before
7 A.M. on Sunday, July 23, 1961. The tour will depart promptly at 7 A.M.
after a few instructions. The rate of speed is fixed at 50 miles per
hour on the highways and 40-45 miles per hour on the gravel roads. Keep
a safe distance of around a hundred yards between cars in the caravan,
to keep out of the dust on gravel roads and allow faster moving traffic
to pass on the highways. The tour is not as long as many of the others
and we should have plenty of time to see these four ranches and the tour
will be over at the King Ranch about 4:30 and those returning to Laramie
should be home by 5:30 to 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

The ranchmen on this route welcome the tour and will give some of
the history of their ranches. They are, naturally, fearful of fire so
take every precaution in smoking; use the ash trays in your car and do
not flip lighted cigarettes out of the window. GRIND every stub into
the dirt and avoid the danger of a grass fire.

On a previous tour a very embarrassing incident occurred at one of
the stops. A man was seen carrying an arm-full of branding irons from
a building to his car. He was politely told to return the irons to where
he had found them hanging on the wall. He had thought the place deserted
and all items to be souvenirs. However, the rancher had kept the brand-
ing irons there to use during the branding season, even though no one
lived at the place. Please ask the owner or the tour directors before

picking up any souvenirs. The articles may look worthless but most of them are useful to the rancher during some part of the year. So be courteous and ask about souvenirs.

THE HERITAGE OF THE WESTERN RANCHING COUNTRY IS IN THESE RANCHES.

It is interesting and a valuable background to our Economic History.

That is all for this year. Enjoy yourselves and we will hope to see you in 1962.

The following "log" or schedule of the trip will be useful to those taking the trip:

PLACE	ELEVATION	TIME	MILEAGE	
	Approx.	Approx.	Local	Trip
LARAMIE (Court House Square)	7165	7:00 am	0.0	0.0
City Springs		7:08	2.1	2.1
Lodge Pole Trail over hill	7600	7:09	2.4	4.5
Kiwanis Spring: At right	8200	7:16	3.3	7.8
Happy Jack road to left	8400	7:17	0.4	8.2
SUMMIT: LINCOLN STATUE	8800	7:19	1.6	9.8
Highest Point on the Lincoln Highway or U.S. 30.				
Colorado Mts. to right and south.	8400	7:24	3.3	13.1
Pole Mt. to left	8400	7:25		
Wallis Campground road to left				
Vedauwoo Campground road to left				
Ames Monument tip visible over hill to right.				
Road to Ames Monument to right	8200	7:29	1.6	14.7
Lone Tree & old UPRR Grade				
1869 - 1900	8000	7:31	1.3	16.0
UPRR Gravel Pit & Twin Mt. on right	7800	7:33	2.4	18.4
Overpass of UPRR	7400	7:39	2.4	20.8
Junction: Table Mt. Road to right	7200	7:41	1.8	22.6
M.-K Rock Crushing Plant to left	7200	7:42	0.7	23.3
Granite Canyon Station	7000	7:45	3.1	26.4
Overpass of UPRR	7000	7:47		
Borie Jct. to right	6500	7:51	4.4	30.8
Overpass to Warren LS to right	6300	7:53	1.7	32.5
Rees Bros. Ranch to left	6200	7:55	2.0	34.5
Corlett Station to right	6200	7:56	0.6	35.1
Jct. Interstate: Husky Station:				
Turn left	5900	8:00	4.1	39.2
Jct. US-85 & US-87 Turn right	5900	8:12	6.0	45.2
Pole Creek Ranch at right	5800	8:23	7.2	52.4
Turn left on Berry Ranch Road	5800	8:27	3.2	55.6
Berry Hereford Ranch at left	5900	8:29	2.7	58.3
North Mill Camp: Warren LS Co.	5800	8:33	1.8	60.1
Missile Base to the right	5300	8:34	1.2	61.3
Mill Jct. go straight ahead	5800	8:35	0.1	61.4
Kruger Road to left	5600	8:36	5.1	66.5
JHD RANCH on Horse Creek: Stop	5200	8:44-9:00	7.0	73.5
Return to Pole Creek Ranch of Warren				
Livestock Company: Stop	5800	9:21-9:36	21.1	94.6
Grave of Emily Patrick, Died 8/9/67, Age 10	5800	9:38-9:53	.7	95.3
Middle Camp: Site of cattle dipping vat on Pole Creek Trail	5600	10:00-10:15	3.2	98.5
Return to Pole Creek Ranch	5800	10:24	3.9	102.4
Cheyenne: By Airport & Pershing	6000	10:39	13.2	115.6

PLACE	ELEVATION Approx.	TIME Approx.	MILEAGE Local/Trip
Wyoming Hereford Ranch: STOP for lunch and tour.	5800	11:00-2:00	8.7 124.3
Return through Cheyenne and Fort Warren to Cox's Wyo. Angus Ranch: Stop	6100	2:35-3:00	22.5 146.8
King's Wyo. Corriedale Ranch: Stop	6200	3:15-4:00	2.4 149.2

The Tour disbands here at the King Corriedale Ranch.

To return to Laramie return to North and South Road east of the Cox Angus Ranch and turn right to Highway 30, a distance of 5.5 miles from the King Ranch.

We hope you have enjoyed the Eleventh Old Time Ranch Tour.

Plan to be with us next year the third Sunday in July, We plan another interesting Tour, probably on the Big Laramie River in Albany County.