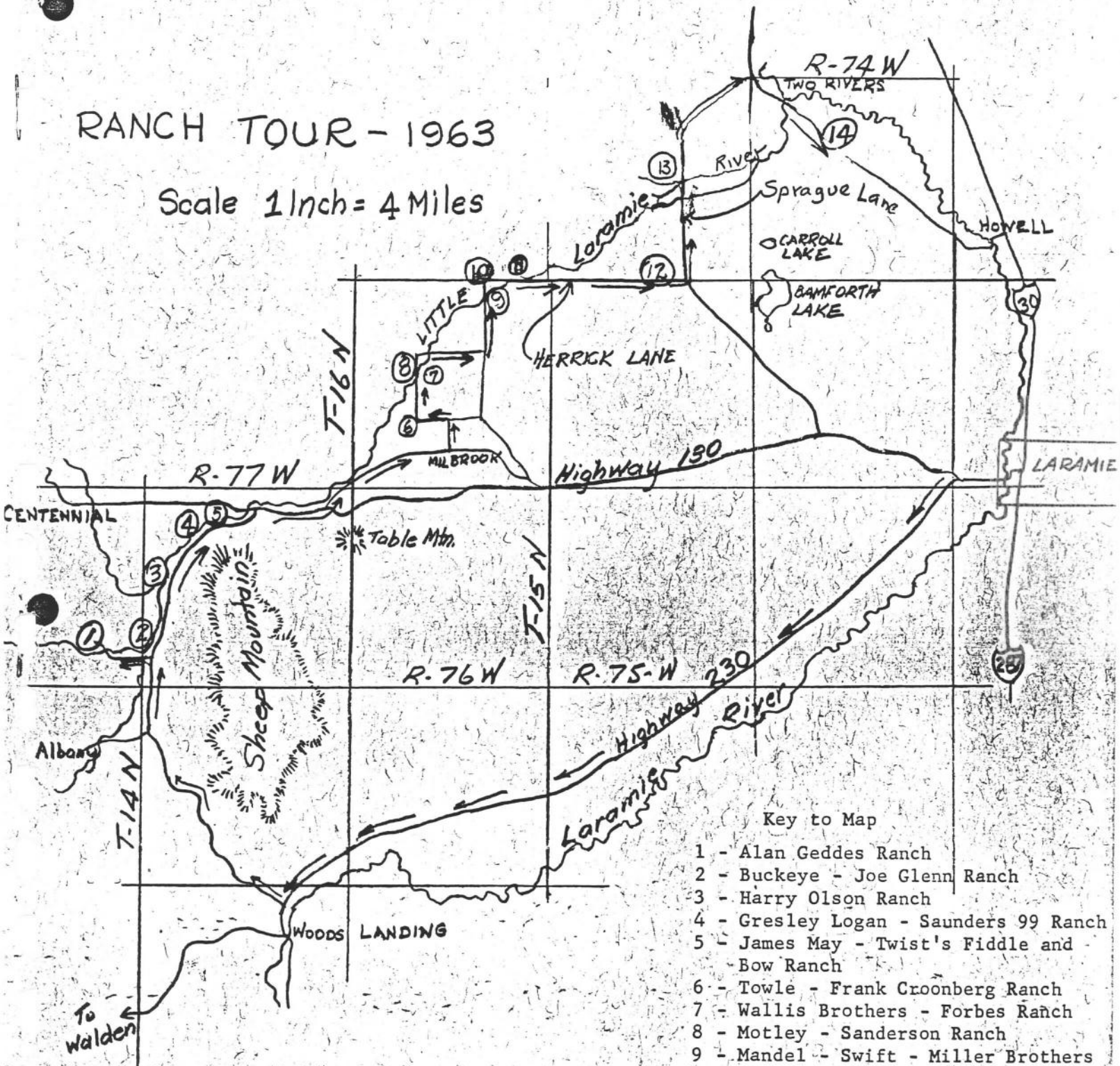


RANCH TOUR - 1963

Scale 1 Inch = 4 Miles



Key to Map

- 1 - Alan Geddes Ranch
- 2 - Buckeye - Joe Glenn Ranch
- 3 - Harry Olson Ranch
- 4 - Gresley Logan - Saunders 99 Ranch
- 5 - James May - Twist's Fiddle and Bow Ranch
- 6 - Towle - Frank Croonberg Ranch
- 7 - Wallis Brothers - Forbes Ranch
- 8 - Motley - Sanderson Ranch
- 9 - Mandel - Swift - Miller Brothers Ranch
- 10 - Abrams - W. Lawrence Ranch
- 11 - Judson - Palmer - Whitney Ranch
- 12 - Alsop - Ralph May Ranch
- 13 - Sprague - Miller Brothers Ranch
- 14 - Biddick Ranch

Thirteenth Annual Old Time Ranch Tour
Sunday, July 21, 1963

THE LITTLE LARAMIE RIVER AREA

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

These Old Time Ranch Tours strive to create interest in the heritage which is ours in this high plains country. The ranches operating today go back to the beginning of the range livestock industry in the West which occurred right here at the Big Laramie River Corssing in 1869.

The tour has been arranged by Robert H. "Bob" Burns, A. S. "Bud" Gillespie, Bill Riedl, George Berges, Gordon Smith and Oliver Knight.

The route will be over oiled roads and well graded gravel roads, and the general route is to Woods Landing, hence up Fox Creek to the south end of the Centennial Valley, and thence down the Little Laramie River to its mouth. The total mileage is about 78 miles.

Bring your car, family and friends, a lunch and a beverage and be at the Albany County Courthouse Square in Laramie a few minutes before 7:15 on Sunday morning, July 21, 1963.

The tour will depart promptly at 7:30 a.m. after a few instructions and arrangements for rides for those who have their lunch but no transportation.

The rate of speed is fixed at 50 miles per hour and 30 to 45 miles per hour on the gravel roads depending on curves, condition of road, etc.

Each driver is urged to keep behind the car in front of him allowing a distance of several hundred yards to keep out of the dust on gravel roads and to allow faster non-tour cars to pass on the paved highways.

The ranchmen on the route welcome our tour and extend rest room facilities which place a responsibility on tour members to respect the property of their hosts. They will welcome the tour and give what anecdotes they have of their ranches past and present. They are quite naturally fearful of grass and general fires so tour members must take every precaution in smoking.

If you must smoke use the ash tray in your car and do not flip lighted matches or cigarettes from your car. Make sure they are out.

Be careful about picking up souvenirs and ask any of us or particularly the ranch owner before taking away any souvenir. It may seem worthless to you but is often used during a portion of the year as were some branding irons hanging on the fence at an old ranch corral, which we were forced to ask the tour member to return to their place.

Make use of the following schedule or "Log" of the tour. These schedules will be distributed at the Courthouse Square - one to each car, and extras will be available at the noonday stop. At noon please register your name and home town on the booklets provided by the Tour Directors, as we wish a roster of those attending our tour.

The State Highway Patrol will escort us while on the public highway.

SCHEDULE OR "LOG"

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Thirteenth Old Time Ranch Tour
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	TIME	ELEVATION	MILEAGES	
			Local	Trip
<u>LARAMIE - Courthouse Square</u>	7:30 A.M.	7200	0.0	0.0
Big Laramie River	7:37	"	0.4	0.4
Seven Mile Lake on right	7:42	7300	5.7	6.1
Overland Trail Marker on left. This monument marks the site where the Overland Trail passed. The old ruts can be seen several hundred yards to the left where the trail went down to the Big Laramie River crossing.		"	0.9	7.0
<u>Bill Robinson Ranch on right</u>	7:45	"	0.9	7.9
<u>Pahlow Lane and Lake Hattie Road on right</u>	7:46	"	0.5	8.4
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 146, 188 Photo 259				
Twelve Mile Hill	7:47	7400	1.7	10.1
<u>Nelson Road Ranch (Alvin C. Nelson) on left</u>	7:50	"	1.7	11.8
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 405				
<u>Frank Hatch Ranch on right</u>	7:51	"	1.2	13.0
<u>Orval Lippold Ranch on right</u>		"	0.5	13.5
<u>Frank Mazell Ranch on right</u>		"	0.3	13.8
<u>Riverside Ranch. Balch & Bacon (Lewis)</u>		"	0.3	14.1
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 12, 139, 141, 142, 144, 150, 177, 282, 334, 396, 414, 546 and 684. Photo 143.				
<u>Harmony Lane and Holt Ranch on right</u>	7:55	"	0.6	14.7
<u>Harmony Community School on left</u>	7:57	"	0.9	15.6
<u>Ed Watson Ranch (deserted) on right</u>		"	1.1	16.7
<u>Sodergreen Lake</u>	7:59	7500	0.9	17.6
<u>Pioneer Canal</u>		"	0.8	18.4
<u>Oscar Sodergreen Ranch on left</u>	8:02	"	0.5	18.9
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 49, 75, 129, 135, 139, 142, 143, 153, 191, 193, 203, 215, 233, 252, 282, 286, 306, 308, 312, 392 and 414. Photos 138, 140.				
<u>Mountain Meadow Ranch on left. Lund (Embree)</u>		7600	2.1	21.0
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 123, 137. Photo 138.				
<u>Ole Erickson Ranch and Jelm Post Office on right. See Wyo. Pioneer Ranches 135, 314.</u>		"	0.7	21.7
<u>Junction Fox Creek Road. Turn right</u>	8:07	"	0.2	21.9
Cattle guard - Entering Medicine Bow National Forest	8.12	7800	0.9	22.8
Cattle guard - Leaving Medicine Bow National Forest		8000	1.6	24.4
<u>Larsen Goat Ranch (deserted) on left</u>	8.17	"	0.2	24.6
Ed Larsen homesteaded and ran milk goats here, making cheese but without too much financial success. Eventually the goats were turned loose and escaped, and ran wild on Jelm Mountain and surrounding territory. As late as the 1930's Laramie nimrods used to hunt these goats but seldom caught up with them.				

	TIME	ELEVATION	Log 3.	
			Local	Trip
Cattle Guard		8000	0.2	24.8
L.B. Strain Ranch sign on left	8:22	8200	0.8	25.6
Cattle Guard		"	0.9	26.5
Junction - Turn right		"	0.4	26.9
Fox Park Road via Dry Park on left	8:24	8000	0.9	27.8
Junction - Turn right on oiled road (Road to Albany and Fox Park on left)		"	0.4	28.2
Buckeye School on left		7900	1.5	29.7
<u>Rye Hecht Ranch</u> on right				
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 234, 237				
Junction - Turn left	8:29	"	0.6	30.3
Bridge over So. Fork Little Laramie River		"	1.2	31.5
<u>Allan Geddes Ranch</u> STOP	8:37-9:00	8000	0.8	32.3
Originally Tom Bird. See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 233,236,237, 412				
Return to Jct. Oiled Road	9:10	"	2.1	34.4
Sarah Bird Homestead. Cabin on left (desereted)		"	0.2	34.6
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 237, 286				
Junction - Turn left		"	0.1	34.7
<u>Buckeye Ranch.</u> Dole Bros.(Joe Glenn):Albany Land and Cattle Co.) STOP See Wyoming's	9:15-9:45	"	0.1	34.8
Pioneer Ranches 233, 234. Photos 240, 241				
Junction - Turn left		"	0.1	34.9
Junction - Turn Left, Olson Ranch sign		"	1.1	36.0
<u>Harry Olson Ranch,</u> (Originally John Olson)	9:52-10:15	7800	0.5	36.5
STOP. See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 256				
Junction - Turn left on oiled road	10:18	"	0.5	37.0
Junction - Turn left. 91 Ranch sign		"	1.8	38.8
<u>91 Ranch:</u> Gresley, Robbins, Logan: Irvine: Sanders. STOP. See Wyoming's Pioneer	10:25-10:55	"	0.4	39.2
Ranches 238,242,244,246,248. Photos 235, 239,240,243.				
Junction - Turn left onto oiled road		"	0.4	39.6
Junction - Turn left to <u>Fiddle and Bow</u>	11:00-11:20	"	1.1	40.7
Ranch. Formerly J, May Ranch. Now <u>Twist Ranch.</u> STOP. See Wyoming's				
Pioneer Ranches 252,254,268,282 & 284. Photos 251,249 & 259.				
Junction - Turn right.	11:22	7700	0.7	41.4
(Left hand road goes to Centennial)				
Jack's Place (Hardigan) on right		"	0.5	41.9
Junction - Turn left onto gravel	11:25	"	1.0	42.9
Cattle Guard. Turn left over R.R.	11:27	7600	0.2	43.1
<u>Towle Ranch</u> (Croonberg) STOP	11:32-12:00	"	0.8	43.9
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 258 & 282				
Croonberg Mail Box on right	12:3	"	0.3	44.2
Cattle Guard. Wallis Lane	12:05	7500	0.8	45.0
Cattle Guard - Turn right	12:08	"	1.0	46.0
<u>Wallis Bros. Ranch.</u> Now Forbes. NOON STOP (originally Ed Farrell)	12:11-1:20	"	0.4	46.4
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 45,177, 209,210,213,215,236,254,258,260,262, 264,282,343,377,& 694. Photos 261,263, 265,267 & 271.				

	TIME	ELEVATION	MILEAGES	
			Local	Trip
Cattle Guard - Turn right	1:23 p.m.	7500	0.4	46.8
Millbrook School on left	1:26	"	0.2	47.0
Turn left thru gate (close gate)		"	0.1	47.1
<u>Motley Ranch</u> . Now Sanderson. STOP	1:31-2:00	7400	0.2	47.3
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 49,200 & 282.				
Photos 261,263,265,267 & 271.				
Turn left down Wallis Lane		"	0.2	47.5
<u>Webb or Markley Ranch</u> to West		"	0.3	47.8
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 280,282,284 & 391.				
<u>Wm. Dalles Ranch</u> (W.J. Dalles) on left	2: 05	"	0.2	48.0
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 215,280 & 284.				
Junction: Wallis and Mandel Lanes.	2:10	"	1.5	49.5
Turn left. McCue Ranch on right.				
<u>Mandel Ranch</u> on Section 10 and <u>Swift Ranches</u> (Phil Mandel). See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 12-14,113,276,278,282,290,391,406 & 483. Photos 6,279,15,281 & 283.	2:11	"	0.6	50.1
Little Laramie River bridge		"	0.7	50.8
Turn left	2:12	"	0.2	51.0
<u>Swift Ranch</u> - Mandel Stone House. STOP				
Now Miller Bros.	2:13-2:33	"	0.2	51.2
Cross Mandel Lane	2:35	"	0.2	51.4
<u>Abrams Ranch</u> . Now Wm.Lawrence Ranch. STOP	2:39-3:10	7300	0.1	51.5
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 276,278,288 & 299				
<u>Judson-Herrick-Palmer Ranch</u> . STOP	3:11-3:45	"	1.2	52.7
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 50,284,286,299 & 696. Photos 285 & 287. Now <u>Whitney Ranch</u>				
<u>Fanning Ranch</u> on right		"	0.5	53.2
Bath School on right		"	0.9	54.1
<u>Bath Bros. Ranch</u> on right		"	0.6	54.7
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 268,299 & 300				
Fleming or Wessell Ranch on left		"		
Little Laramie Community House on right		"	0.3	55.0
Jack Fee or Maddock Ranch on left		"	0.2	55.2
<u>Bath Stone House</u> on left (Henry Bath)		"	0.4	55.6
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 202,215,288,289,300 & 483. Photos 291,293 & 295.				
<u>Baillie or Kaisler Ranch</u> on left		"	0.3	55.9
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 299				
<u>Alsop or May Ranch</u> (Tom Alsop) on left. STOP	3:50-4:20	"	0.7	56.6
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 12,13,40,47,64,84,149,150,282,284,288,298,300,302,304,306,392,394,400,402,493,484,651,654 & 684. Photos 9,295 & 297.				
Junction- turn left into Sprague Lane		"	0.5	57.1
Sprague Lane School	4:21	"	0.2	57.3
<u>Deserted Zeigler Ranch</u> on right	4:22	"	0.7	58.0
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 306				
<u>J. Johnson Ranch</u> on right	4:25	"	0.6	58.6
<u>Rogers or K. Johnson Ranch</u> on right	4:27	"	0.3	58.9
(Warren Rogers) See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 299,300,306, & 344				
<u>Puls or Gordon Scott Ranch</u> on right	4:28	"	0.3	59.2
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 308				
Turn left thru Iron Gate	4:30	"	0.3	59.5

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			Local	Trip
<u>Sprague Ranch</u> . Now <u>Miller Bros.</u> Bob Sexton	4:31-4:50	"	0.1	59.6
STOP. See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 13,46,48, 116,118,149,150,214,282,284,298,306,308 & 310. Photo 417.				
Automatic Iron Gate		"	0.1	59.7
Cattle guard at op of hill		"	0.1	59.8
Wire gate to open and close. Turn right.	4:57	"	0.8	60.6
Road bears left. (To right - lower Little Laramie Valley). Right to left - <u>Laughlin</u> , <u>Stickney</u> , <u>Yarborough</u> , <u>L. Johnson</u> . See Wyo. Pioneer Ranches 310. <u>Carroll</u> . See Wyo. Pioneer Ranches 305,310 & 312. <u>Pascoe</u> , <u>Burns</u> , <u>Page</u> - <u>Three Bar Ranch</u> . See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 307,309,311,312-314.		"	0.9	61.5
Junction with County Road. 1st. Turn right onto grade		7000	1.8	63.3
<u>Harris Ranch</u> straight ahead. See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 308, 396.		"		
Cattle guard	5:08	"	0.3	63.6
Bridge over Little Laramie River and	5:09	"	0.6	64.2
Cattle guard. Little Laramie joins Big Laramie $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North bridge.				
<u>Two Rivers</u> or <u>Haley Ranch</u> at Old Wyo Station. Jacques La Ramie, French trapper, is supposed to have had a cabin in this vicinity about 1820 when he was presumably killed by the Indians. A range of mountains, a city, a famous frontier fort and two rivers bear his name. See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 214-216, 314	5:11	"	0.2	64.4
Cattle guard	5:13	"	0.8	65.2
Lone Tree on right		"	0.1	65.3
Junction with Biddick road. Turn left.	5:15	"	0.6	65.9
<u>Biddick Ranch</u> . STOP	5:17-5:50	"	1.0	66.9
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 2.3, 214				
Junction with County Road #51. Turn left	5:52	"	1.0	67.9
This is the old U.P.R.R. grade from Laramie to Old Wyoming Station and on to Bosler. This grade was used from 1868 to 1900 when present grade and railroad was finished direct north from Laramie to Bosler. Note old railroad spikes along road in spite of fact that many have been pulled up over the years.				
Cattle guard	5:53	"	0.5	68.4
Cattle guard	5:54	"	0.6	69.0
Cattle guard. Von Powell barn at right.	5:55	"	0.8	69.8
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 212				
Cattle guard. <u>Fitch and Lloyd Ranch</u> at left.	5:57	"	1.5	71.3
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 212				
Cattle guard. Bear left and leave old U.P.R.R. grade which goes straight ahead.	5:59	"	0.4	71.7
Bridge across Big Laramie River	6:01	"	0.7	72.4

	TIME	ELEVATION	MILEAGES	
			Local	Trip
Cattle guard. Cross U.P.R.R. at Howell Station		"	0.1	72.5
Cattle guard. Junction. U.S.Highway 30.	6:03	"	0.4	72.9
Turn right.				
At left is entrance to <u>King Bros. Ranch</u> .	6:04	"	0.4	73.3
Now owned by <u>Frank Bosler</u> . See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches, Chapter 18, Pp.521-557				
To left old buildings - <u>Vine or Mann Ranch</u>	6:05	7100	1.2	74.5
See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 212, 213				
To right, old rock building. <u>Mary Earhart</u> Place. "Aunt Mary". See Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches 209.	6:07	"	1.8	76.3
Diamond Horseshoe	6:08	7100+	0.4	76.7
To right. Old P.F.E. Now Laramie Wool Plant.		"	0.3	77.0
To right Laramie Stockyards	6:10	"	0.8	77.8
Laramie Courthouse Square	6:13	7200	1.3	79.1

You have now completed the tour. We hope you enjoyed this tour of Little Laramie Ranches from the Centennial Valley to Two Rivers where the Little Laramie River joins the Big Laramie River.

AUDIOS AMIGOS! See you next year.