

"LOG OF "OUR TRIP"

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Transcription by E. C. Shaeffer from a small notebook kept by H. Duncan Weaver during part of his and Margaret's delayed honeymoon trip. They had been married in December of 1926, and waited to take a trip until a more suitable time for travel.

Left Barnwell [Alberta, Canada] June 29 and proceeded as far as Stirling. We had to leave the car at Hardy's owing to a heavy rain. On June 30 we went to Raymond on the train and caught a ride out to Ellen's [Ellen Holmes Winkler, Margaret's sister] with C. P. R. officials. It continued to rain until July 2nd. We stayed at Mrs. Holmes' [Margaret's mother] place until the morning of July 8th.

Mileage when leaving Raymond: 530. We proceeded through very heavy roads until we reached Craddock. From there to the "line" they steadily improved. [In those days all the roads were dirt or gravel]. The trip to Great Falls [Montana] was made in good time over dry but rough roads. We arrived at 5:30 pm.

Monday, July 9th we stopped and pitched camp in Great Falls. Tuesday morning we built a table and did some shopping—left for White Sulphur Springs at 2 pm. The road to King's Hill was very good, but this side (South) was very rough owing to grading being done. Arrived W. S. S. at 7:30pm. Mileage July 10, 881.

July 11.

Left White Sulphur Springs at nine thirty am. Did some shopping at Livingston and again at Gardner. Arrived at camp at Mammoth at 4:30pm, made camp and after supper we walked up to the Hot Springs. They were a beautiful sight, but had considerably changed since 1926.

July 12.

Broke camp at nine am. and drove to Old Faithful camp. We saw Norris Geyser Basin on the way. Arrived just as Old Faithful played, a great sight. En route saw two bears along roadway. Made our camp early and went to swimming pool for a hot bath. In the evening we attended two short lectures. Went to Bear Feeding grounds. Saw Old Faithful after dark with powerful search-light on it.

July 13.

Saw Black Sands Basin and Daisy Geyser before leaving for Lake Junction. On way over were held up by a big black bear. Put her pawn through window in getting cookies. Drove to Canyon Junction and saw Grand Canyon of Yosemite. On way in [we] encountered a heavy storm. Made west entrance by 5pm and then drove to Ashton where we camped.

July 14.

Had dinner with Mrs. Godfrey at Ucon. We waited until 7pm for Mr. Godfrey to come home and then drove to Pingree. We arrived at 10pm and found Uncle John Weaver away from home. Camped on his lawn.

July 15.

Left Uncle John's place at 10:30am and drove to Bancroft arriving at 2:30 Uncle Alex was in country so we decided to wait for him. Uncle came in about 6:30. During the evening Aunt Marinda and one of her boys came in and brought Uncle John with them. John stayed all night.

Monday July 16.

John left on a morning train and so I had quite a little visit with him. During the p.m. we went out to Howard's place and then over [to] the Michael Mickleson's. Uncle Alex took us via the old home ranch at Thatcher. We got to Michael's early enough to catch a couple of small trout.

Tuesday July 17.

I greased the car. Ethel and Frank came over to see us before we left. Wells and his wife came the night before. We drove to Preston where we saw Margaret's relatives and also Mrs. Henderson. We left Preston late in p.m. and drove to Millville. We stopped for a short time at Aunt Kates and then went on to North Ogden. We arrived at Mrs. Hill's about 10:30 p.m. and stayed for the night.

Wednesday July 18.

Margaret did a washing. I took the car to Ogden and had it serviced. In the p.m. we went up to artesian wells and on over to Liberty where some of Margaret's folks were living. Took Aunt Maggie [Hill] with us. In evening visited the other folks in North Ogden.

Thursday July 19.

Margaret called on Lettie and we picked cherries and apples. Drove to Salt Lake by noon. Saw Temple Square, Capitol, etc. Found cousin of Margaret. In evening drove out to Aunt Agnes' place which we located after some trouble. Stayed here at night.

Friday July 20. [Margaret's birthday]

Went to S. L. about noon and heard organ recital at Tabernacle. In p.m. Margaret located some of her friends from Philadelphia [where she had served her mission]. We went to Pantages[?] and then out to Murray to see Fred Clark. Margaret sewed on Kate's machine. We went back to Aunt Agnes' for [the] night.

Saturday July 21.

Five years ago today Irma and Perry girls gave Margaret a party in Philadelphia. Drove to Gunnison arriving at 3:30 pm. Margaret found her friend Irma L. We came up to her house and I slept on the lawn. Erma came from work early and we had a chicken dinner and visited. Pitched the tent on the lawn and enjoyed a real good sleep. Erma gave Margaret a birthday present.

Sunday July 22.

Left Gunnison at 10:30 and drove to Bryce Canyon. Found a delightful camping place. Very cool here with a good breeze from the west. The Canyon is one of the most marvelous sights we have seen so far.

Monday July 23.

The road from Bryce to the Grand Canyon is 168 miles, but it took us all day to make the trip owing to the mountains and heavy grades. We passed through some desert before reaching Kanab and then after leaving Fredonia we crossed about twenty five miles of Arizona desert. It was very hot. Climbing up into the Kiabab forest our engine boiled repeatedly and we ran out of water but fortunately found a small puddle from a previous rain. The road was rough through the forest, little better than a trail. During the afternoon we passed within short distances of hundreds of deer feeding like cattle in the open spaces. Grand Canyon was just what we expected—a glorious and gigantic spectacle. We were a few minutes too late to see a sunset on the canyon.

Tuesday July 24.

Arise before sunup and drove to the Canyon to see the sunrise. It was certainly a glorious spectacle. We broke camp after breakfast and drove back to Fredonia and from there across the desert to Zion Canyon. The road was very bad until we arrived at the Canyon road. Bought a few vegetables and drove to camp. The canyon was very warm. We attended a lecture at night after supper.

Wednesday July 25.

We took a trip up the canyon after we had interviewed Louis Ramsay who was painting pictures of the mountains. Then we drove into St. George. [We] gave a "bum" a ride for about ten miles. Had the car greased and left St. G. about 4:30 p.m. The first sixty miles across the desert were very rough but after that we made good time. After leaving Las Vegas we had our first puncture caused by a stone bruise. We drove all night to avoid the heat and arrived at Dagget about 6am where we were inspected for agricultural protection of California. We drove on in to San Bernardino and made camp—very tired.

[Here ends the trip log, however, there are photographs from Yosemite that were taken on the trip, so even though the log ends here, the trip does not.]

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