

**“Santa Fe Trail Tourist Pauses Here”**

**Charles Josselyn**

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digestion. Eight miles further, after crossing a stream called the Little Blue, another and the last farm house is reached, after leaving the wayfarer turns and turns again to see the solitary christian roof fade rapidly down to the horizon's verge, as the desert opens still vaster and wilder in advance.

"Santa Fe Trail Tourist Pauses Here," from RAYTOWN NEWS, Raytown, Missouri, August 13, 1964:

Standing next to Aunt Sophie's cabin in the side yard of Mrs. Lois G. Tremonti, 8801 E. 66th, is Charles H. Josselyn of Los Angeles, who is tracing the route of the Santa Fe trail by camper truck.

Josselyn stopped last week to discuss with Mrs. Tremonti aspects of the Santa Fe Trail which passed through Raytown and by her house more than 100 years ago.

Josselyn is using as a guide the journal of his grandfather, Amos Piatt Josselyn, who stopped at Mrs. Tremonti's place then called the Rice's farm; on Apr. 25, 1849 on his way to California. The Journal records that members of the Josselyn party on Apr. 26, 1849 drove back one mile to a smith shop (apparently Raytown) and got a tyre (wheel rim) cut (set).

On Apr. 27, the party "... worked over the wagons and fixed ox tounge, Etc." On the next day the group bought at the Rice farm "...corn enough to feed our teams for six to seven days thinking that the grass would be good enough for grazing by the time the corn was out," and then "...drove eight miles to Blue river (apparently where Red Bridge is located today)."

Letters to Amos Josselyn's wife indicate that the party pressed on because of great sickness in the area; that one of the Josselyn party was left at the Rice's farm and was reported later to have been one of more than 40 persons who died of cholera at the farm.

Other items in the journal and letters to Amos Josselyn's wife refer to landing near Independence on the Missouri river, traveling to Independence, and camping six miles southwest of the Queen city.

Josselyn, who is retired, said he made another trip along the combined California and Oregon trails in 1960 and on this trip is gathering information he may use to write a book.