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Crossed creek at camp crossing good but deep the creek being swollen from heavy rains during the night went into bluffs on the N. side they are high and much broken by ravines which run out from 3 to 4 miles after getting clear of ravines marched N.W. over level prairie towards the lone tree and surveyors grave. Followed road up and along crooked creek. bottom somewhat wet road otherwise good passed sugarloaf hill after 4 miles. Unsaddled and rested horses which were much jaded 1 horse abandoned on account of utter exhaustion. followed road which leaves creek here cutting off a bend and marched over level prairie. After 5 miles struck the creek again crossed it and went into camp on west bank crossing deep but good buffalo grass no wood water good and plenty night cool and damp. misty.

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Sept 22nd--

Broke camp crossed creek at camp and recrossed shortly afterwards to cut off bend crossing good marched up and along creek thro. level prairie unsaddled below grove of timber to rest horses good grass here. Along the creek following road crossed several miry sloughs valley dry but filled from recent rains and bad to cross left creek at bend and marched N. E. over rolling prairie towards mulberry creek where encamped. Found plot of dry grass west of road on one of the breaks of mulberry no wood water in rain ponds in bed of breaks. Night disagreeable cloudy dark and rainy. N.W. wing.

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Sept 23rd

Followed road to Dodge City. Trail strikes Camp supply road 6 miles out from here. followed this saw large wagon train camped on prairie met another wagon train on road. road bad wet and miry much cut up by wagons. followed road to Dodge City crossed bridge over Arkansas river valley of river very wet and somewhat miry. along road to Fort Dodge valley of arkansas very wet and miry from heavy rains.