

8th Mo 1873

3rd 1st day of week Clear & Warm
 Attended Meetings & feeling
 better than for many days before

4th 2nd day Clear & Warm

The Dr & my friends here thinking a change of air might be beneficial to my health, generally advise me to return to my home for a while to recruit my health. I have made up my mind, that as I can be of but little account here that I will accept of their kind advice & have accordingly got my things ready for the trip with some expectation of starting tomorrow

5th 3rd day Clear & Warm

Took passage on board the Stage coach for Caddo, on the M., K. & N. R.R. - about 10, o'clk A.M. scarcely feeling able for the journey. Traveled all day & night arriving at Smith Pauls Valley just after daylight of the 5th

6th 4th day Clear & Pleasant

The roads being so rough that I could not sleep last night. I naturally feel very dull & weak but pushed ahead after breakfast

Smith Pauls Valley is broad bottom situated upon the Washita River & is possessed of a very rich, deep & warm soil, producing immense crops of corn & other grain, but is poorly cultivated by a poor class of whites & mixed bloods, abounding in the Nation