

11th Mo 187313th 5th day Clear & Pleasant

Started about 11 o'clock for Kicking Bird's camp in company with Stumbling Bear & some other Kiowas.

Traveled in a direction I had never before traveled, passed some 3 miles N.E. of Spache Johns Camp & struck into the mountains, following a branch of Bluff Creek for many miles, then crossing a low stony ridge, we soon came upon the headwaters of Cache, where we found the camp, beautifully situated in an open space several miles in extent, surrounded on nearly all sides, by mountains.

A portion of the Apaches are encamped in the same place, The Kiowa Chiefs encamped here are Kicking Bird, Stumbling Bear, Sun Boy, Trotting Wolf & Kato met

14th 5th day Clear & Warm

About 11 o'clock A.M. the whole camp had been transferred to the backs of Ponies & Mules & was quietly moving, of in a Northwesterly course, at times traveling in beautiful broad valleys, at others, between rocky & precipitous mountains, & finally after about 38 a half hours traveling camped on the Taboon job (Stinking Creek) some eight or ten miles North East of Rainy Mountain,

While travelling to day we crossed a fresh trail, leading East of North, in which the tracks betrayed shod ponies, evidence of their being fresh from Texas & indicating recent raids into that State the direction did not lie toward any Kiowa Camp they being North West