

7th Mo 1874

Two o'clock, traveled till near midnight down the Washita. It is indeed a relief to find myself again going toward home
 19th 1st day Clear & Warm Traveled on slowly, most of the day through the exceedingly fertile valley of the Washita, but crossing a few hills.

We find the people living along in the valley very much excited about the Indian depredations anticipating a general outbreak of the Wild tribes. Camped about sundown near Elm Spring in the Chickasaw Nation. Made about 30 miles today.

20th 2nd day Clear & Warm Started about half past 6, o'clock & travelled slowly, to near Cherokee Town in the Washita Valley. This valley is unsurpassed throughout its whole extent for fertility, & depth of soil, but the water is mostly poor. Where farms are opened, crops are beautiful, corn very large, wheat & oats in the stack. Renewed our provisions at St Pauls Valley.

21st 3rd day Clear & Warm Continued on our course, After crossing the Washita at Cherokee Town, we left the valley, when our course lay over a beautiful rolling prairie crossed by numerous streams skirted with timber, which gives