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of creek miry.

Nov. 7, 74 Broke camp and marched along and down south fork of Pawnee creek. Banks of creek steep and thinly grown with elm trees and bushes. Hills on both sides sloping grown with fair buffalo grass and cut with deep ravines.

Along creek one and two miles from it over hard prairie cut by ravines. Crossed fork coming in from the Southeast plenty water in it high rocky banks. Pile of rocks at crossing green from moss. Over rolling prairie two and three miles from creek. South fork joins on Buckners fork 4 miles below the fork which was crossed prairie hard densely with Buffalo grass

Over rolling prairie along Buckners fork and into Camp on it 4 miles below its juncture with the north fork. Creek well timbered almost exclusively elm. Camp on bank of creek good grass and water large beaver Dam at camp creek forms deep pond above it. Camp well sheltered under big bank. Small slough comes in from the South East.

Nov. 8, 74 Broke Camp 8:55 A.M. marched N.E. and along creek banks high and well wooded crossed creek after 2 1/3 miles crossing miry and bad. Crossing at a hollow place below Beaver dam. Along N. fork of Pawnee creek over level prairie Duncan's Rancho where road to Fort Hays crosses creek. Passed several ranches on bank of creek. Creek well wooded banks high over rolling prairie along the creek unsaddled and rested at rancho. Over rolling prairie cut by shallow ravines running N. Afterwards to dark to observe direction 7:00 P.M. Crossed ravine with water Holes probably connected with Buckners fork and camped on banks of Buckners Fork of Pawnee Creek some wood grass and water

Nov. 9, 74 good.

Over rolling prairie crossing Creek prairie cut by deep ravines running 5 and 6 miles into the country; ravines rocky and full of petrefactions. Headbreaks of South fork of Pawnee a Head. S. down to S. fork of Pawnee creek and camp on bank of it. 2 miles below junction of headbreaks. 5 different breaks join here 2 main breaks contain wood good grass, water and wood in camp. Creek well wooded.

Nov. 10, 74

March to Duck Creek. Crossed duck creek dry crossing banks grown with bushes to road on which came out. Followed road to Fort Dodge.