

Aug. 20. Returned to camp yesterday, moved inside the stockade and remained until this morning of Aug. 20. The Indians have fired into this ranch every few days since night of June 27 and it is the opinion of the most intelligent men here that we will find them in on north Fork of Red River & McClellan Creek. The Indians who made attack here yesterday went in that direction. There are 21 men here who have made a most gallant defense of the place. They have all decided to abandon it this morning and will go down with me. I have done all I could to persuade them to remain as they are well rationed for at least 2 months and it is an important point.

The stockade is about 150 X 255 ft. built of cottonwood logs set in the ground 3 ft. and they are 8 ft above ground. The logs are about 1 ft in diameter, loop-holed 4 ft above ground. One hundred men could defend it against any number of Indians.

On June 27, 22 men, buffalo hunters, defended it against 200 Indians all day inflicting a most severe punishment on them, killing 11 and wounding 27.

(Baldwin says when he visited the place there was only the stockade and that it has bastions. Says outside it and toward river was the ruins of a sod bldg. and chimney). It is my opinion therefore that the bastions were put on after fight of 6/27 and that sod bldgs were torn down in order to clear the ground and that the men who remained there might make a better defense.

(Gen. Baldwin's Map of Adobe Walls, drawn Aug. 19 & 20, 1874) - Note on reverse side - (It is noted that Baldwin here has the "Old Adobe Walls" right on the river bank. It is my opinion that while here, he being engaged practically all the time chasing Indians, he never visited the "Old Adobe Walls," but located these on his map from what someone present had told him, and probably misunderstood).

Aug. 20. Marched at 8:50 taking along all of the 22 occupants of the stockade. Marched down N. bank of Canadian 20 miles and crossed to south side Road sandy and not very level. At 11:50 crossed an old fort, of which nothing definitely known but supposed to have been built by colored deserters of Col. Howe's command who marched to N. Mex with 3rd Cav. and a regt. of colored Inf.

Four of my advance scouts camp upon 2 Indians at west bank of Chicken Creek and opened fire and killed one and wounded other and captured all the arms and bows and arrows of both Indians and 2 ponys. Wounded Indian made escape thru sand hills and probably hid as we lost all track of him. Sent McGinty and Masterson to main command tonight.

There were so many prairie chickens near the creek where we killed the Indian (Lem Wilson killed the Ind) that I named it Chicken Creek. The Delaware scouts blazed wild Indian on the body of this dead Indian.

Aug. 21. Marched 25 miles down Canadian.

Aug. 22. Marches 27½ miles. Ran upon 11 Inds. cooking meal and they fled. Marched to point on north bank opposite Antelope hills. At 9 PM discovered 2 rockets sent up from camp of Gen. Miles. Our first indicated his whereabouts. This after had sent out Schwalsh and Plummer to search for Miles Camp. Got my first view of Antelope hills today at noon. As soon from a point on Howe trail 9 miles west of the hills they appear thus: