

Glen Canyon: The Living Heart

A Diary: June 20 - July 16, 1955

by Gus Scott

From a typewritten manuscript translated by Kealan Partlow using optical character software. Brackets indicate editor's comments. The diary makes a contribution to the inventory of biological and cultural information prior to the filling of the reservoir in Glen Canyon. It also has the merit of being a very fine expedition. Gus lives in Prescott with his wife Sandra and visits Canyonlands to enjoy his many friends and the Colorado River.

June 20 - Mile 162.4 RB (Hite): Joy of joys! At last I am on the Colorado again after nearly a year. Last night was spent at Hite after a hell of a rough ride down North Wash late yesterday. We had left Phoenix about 8 o'clock Saturday nite after Robert and I had spent 3 days getting the boat & equipment in shape. Sat. nite Robert & I stayed in the Townsend campground while Dad & John [brother] stayed in Flag. I was sorry it was too late to see Dick [Sprang; artist of Batman comic books from Sedona] & Dudy [Thomas] on way up. We have a hard time tracing the dried food down in Richfield, but find that Selida Hansen had picked it up for us and it is at the Johnston Hotel. I had had the food sent to me c/o Harry [Aleson] in Richfield. We waked several men up who were in one of the tent houses getting in last night. This morning I find he is Jim White and is waiting for a group of 50 boy scouts to come in which he plans to take down Glen tomorrow. He talks to us while we eat and tells us much of Glen & its canyons. He said he was mad at [Elmer] Purtyman about the story which came out concerning his pilfering of Purtyman's supplies when they (he & Georgia [Georgie White]) kicked his boats lose in Grand last summer. He mentioned a proposed run with 30 through Grand this summer when he gets off his 10 day Glen trip. He says he is taking 30 so that he will have taken the largest group through Grand, which will make Frank Wright mad. He said F. W. was already mad at him for some reason unknown to him and had completely ignored him several times on the river last year. He tells me

Harry should be getting off Glen and then plans to make a San Juan run. I also met another man & his two sons who will be going down with Jim & the boy scouts, but whose names I have forgotten. Robert & I pump up the boat & get it loaded while Dad & John swim in the Colorado. The Colorado is said to be running about 30,000 cfs and so is the highest stage I have been on it. Rubin [Nielsen] brings down the book for us to sign. Rubin, Mr. White & his 3 companions. Dad & John watch us depart about 11 o'clock. Dad & John will be going out via Blanding and I hope they have an easier ride than they did coming in. The water is quiet for a short while & then we hit a few riffles. At Mile 160.4 we take in some water when we hit a wave sideways. Twomile is a nice run, but Fourmile isn't much this



Robert Robertson and Gus Scott.
A couple of Glen Canyon explorers looking for a little adventure.

year. At Mile 157.6 RB we stop for lunch. While I check my notes after lunch, Robert collects 5 plants for the plant press. While we drift slowly around the Horn Robert & I take a dip. We drift past the 3 Moki Graneries on the LB at Mile 154.7 or .8 before we realize it and stop at Mile 154.0 RB to get out of the sun & go to sleep. No island here this year. Drift on down to Mile 150.8 LB to look at what appears to be an old placer outfit. Drift down to the "Hermitage" [Bert Loper's cabin] at Mile 150.1 where we hoped to spend the night. Spot a Coot (Fulica americana) on way down. There is a "private" sign at the top of the banks, two trailers by Loper's cabin and a family living in the cabin several hundred feet upstream from Loper's cabin. In '53 no one was living here and there was some corn in the field; in '54 there was a barbed wire fence around Loper's cabin; and this year sev. families are in here and the fields are cultivated. What will it be like next year? Don't go to the ruins on the LB at Mile 150.3 but push off to try & find a good camping place. The riffle at Red Canyon is nice & snappy. We pull in on the RB at Mile 148.9. After dinner 5 liferafts with 9 people float past us. They ask where Ticaboo is and say they plan to stay there for the night. See them land above the rapid. Go to bed early and tired.

June 21 - Mile 149.0 RB: Last night we noted sev. very pretty lizards with a black collar (not true collared lizard) and an orange head. We see them again this morning along with some brown ones, much quicker & with longer tails. We haven't identified either yet. After breakfast we drift on to Mile 148.6 where we land to go up Ticaboo. No sign of the 5 boats that landed here last night. Hike up Ticaboo to remains of Hite's cabin. Stopped at spring entering RB about 2/3 way up. Numerous small fish and tadpoles in pools. Main rock in streambed is andesite [granite from Henry Mtns.]. Chimney and some of the foundations is about all left of Hite's cabin. We look at the two graves about 100 feet north of the cabin. Which is Hite's [John Hite died in 1914]? To whom does other grave belong [John Dehlin, who died in 1934]? Robert & I leave record of our visit in one of the 2 jars in chimney.



"Wheel" at Good Hope Bar

Robert Robertson
Gus Scott
Spending 4 weeks in Glen
June 21, 1955

See Dick & Dudy's record of Oct., 1952. No record of last night's party. Go to see nice group of petroglyphs on rock 200 ft. west of cabin. As we start up canyon meet 7 of the party that past us last night. They ask us to tell the 2 behind to hurry up. We see a location mark on a rock:

LOC STAKE
CONNIE #7
?*00 YDS. EASTERLY
* Not sure if 1 or 4

Another location marker further on:

CONNIE**
#11 | #10
#9 | #8

** Not sure of numbers or order.

About 3/4 mile past cabin stop at beautiful pool where there is an old corral. A woman is waiting there for a man who had gone further on "to look for Hite's cabin." He soon shows up & introduces them as Phil & Genny. They are with the group of 9 and are spending 10 days in Glen. Robert collects some Physa from the pool. On the way back we show them where cabins, graves & petroglyphs are. This is 3rd trip in Glen for Phil and he had been to the cabin before but had forgotten where it was. Stop at spring. Robert collects plants on way back to boat & we see a beautiful leopard lizard (Crotaphytus wislizeni). Below Ticaboo on RB we see where party of 9 stopped. Jim White and his party of 50 scouts pass us just below Ticaboo Rapids. Robert & I do some swimming as we drift down to a stop on Good Hope Bar (Mile 144.8). See where road has been taken down to Rincon opposite Good Hope. The river shows more signs of civilization each year. Too bad!! I hike back 1/3 mile up bar to ruins of old cabin where Seabolt had placer outfit. On hike back I find large wheel about 3 ft. in diameter with a chain attached. The cabin (Mile 145.2) which only has parts of the walls remaining, is near the upper end of the bar under a grove of Cottonwoods. Near the cabin are numerous wooden post in ground, a plow, sev. pieces of metal & an irrigation valve under the Oak trees nearby. Collect plant on way back to boat. While I was gone Robert heard group of 9 pass. Drift to Mile 141.8 LB where we stop at Mummy Spring for lunch. Spring comes out about 10' above water line & 150' below large boulders which go into water. Mummy, named after rock formation directly above on cliff, is one of the best springs on the river. Robert collects water cress. Find two cow vertebrae, probably lumbar, & scapula near spring. Stopped at Mile 140.7 RB upstream from canyon to look for petroglyphs Dick gives at 140.6. Find record left by Harry & Art on rock near boat.

H. L. Aleson & Art Greene
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We cross canyon but find no sign of glyphs. See Collared Lizard (Crotaphytus collaris). Find 2 Chuckwallas (Sauromalus obesus). Surprised to find them up this far. Decide to camp here for the night. Numerous bats out after sunset. Go to bed soon after dinner.

June 22 - Mile 140.7 RB: Many of the brown, long-tailed lizards near camp. After breakfast float to Warmspring Creek (Mile 136.7 RB). Hiked into Warmspring. Nice pool 1/3 mi. up with fish 3-5" long. About a mile up cleft breaks LB wall. Walked in cr. most of way. Numerous tadpoles & leeches in stream bed. Little over 1 1/2 miles up stream forks. We take left fork (main stream) to pool at end about 2 miles from Colorado - where we swim & have lunch. Pool is long & slender, about 30' x 10', & under dry waterfall. Pool & stream supplied by 200 ft. of seeps around. Shout prezygapopysis and other words which have probably never echoed from these walls. On the way back I go up rt. fork while Robert waits in shade. Ends in 1/4 mile in pool (20' diameter) under dry waterfall about 60-75 feet high. Get to top of waterfall by going up talus on rt. bank. Above waterfall is flat area & then another dry waterfall over which I couldn't climb. Collect plants on way back. At mouth we find 13 explorer scouts from San Diego in 3 7-man boats filling up with water. Spending 10 days in Glen. First time for all 13. Drift past Tapestry & then stop on Olympia Bar (LB) to look at old waterwheel. Above waterwheel is old pipe, ties of railroad track, & wheelbarrow. Further back on bar are more railroad ties, railroad oar car (manufactured by J. H. Montgomery in Denver, Col. USA, shed for car, and a carriage type of scoop. 14 nuts on wire in car, take one. Robert finds sev. pieces of petrified wood. Stop at Knowles Canyon (Mile 134.4 LB) to look for a possible campsite. Find spring mile up canyon on LB hill. Numerous cattle tracks. Decide to drift to Forgotten for the night. See 3 cows on LB hillside. Stop below mouth of creek first & have a hell of a time going thru oaks looking for campsite. We pull boat back to mouth where we camp on right bank of stream. Nice open area for camping but have to cut a 25 foot path thru brush. After dinner go to cairn built by Dick, Dudy, & Harry in Oct. 1952 at foot of cliff to see record of their visit. The following is a copy of the record left by Dick, Harry, and Dudy at the mouth of Forgotten in Oct., 1952. The record is on a piece of Canyon Surveys notebook paper.

To whom it may concern:

This canyon traversed from mouth to head (10 miles+) and return by undersigned Oct. 23-24-25, 1952. For length and drainage system refer to USSCS aerial photo, Symbol COG, 3 - numbers 161 & 149. No map reference can be given since no map known to us charts the course of this major canyon. It is believed our is first complete traverse made. Previously unnamed, we suggest it be called "Forgotten Canyon" as proposed by

Dudy Thomas in 1951.

For further information write: Canyon Surveys, Richfield, Utah, or Sedona, Arizona.

If you hike this canyon please write us details of your finds for comparison with our own, and exchange of information.

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Dick Sprang
Harry L. Aleson
Dudy Thomas
for
Canyon Surveys



Canyon Surveys symbol in cliff above cairn. Also in bottle in cairn was record of Dick and Dudy's visits to Forgotten.

Record of visits here by Dick Sprang, Sedona, Ariz.

Oct. - 1950 - Passed

May 9 - 1951 - Hiked to first narrows

Sept 23 - 1951 - Hiked 1/10 mile past 1st narrows.

Oct 23-25 - 1952 - Hiked to head (3 days up & return)

Record of Dudy Thomas, Sedona, Ariz,

Oct. 1950 - Passed

Sept 23 1951 - Hiked 1/10 mile past 1st narrows & up R. hand fork.

Oct 23-25 1952 - Hiked to 5 mi. of head.

Pard - Shepherd dog

Micky - Am. alley cat

3 visits each

Several Violet-Green Swallows (Tachycineta thalassina lepida) fly over camp. 5 cows graze in open area and more up canyon.

June 23 - Mile 132.1 LB (Forgotten Canyon): Rest day. Sky is overcast this morning so we decide not to go up Forgotten, but rest. In morning we go to look at some fine intricate petroglyphs about 70 feet long on wall under overhang between Forgotten Canyon & canyon at Mile 132.3. Here is old Moki Campsite. Numerous bits of pottery & flint on ground. Two metates in place. Take piece of pottery. Also on wall are some initials: L.H.B., D.E.R., W.B, F.M.G., and E.P. & DS. In afternoon Robert & I go up canyon at Mile 132.3. Sandy stream bed dry except for pools in upper end. Ends in 1/3 mile from Colorado in dry waterfall. Go up over sand dune to ledge (on right bank) where I leave a small pile of rocks. See what looks like wall of ruin on opposite side. Go up sand slide where Moki Steps lead up wall. Go up Moki Steps 6' - fail to reach the top. We return to camp. We go swimming & cool in mud, in late afternoon I take Stebbins [book on reptiles] down to identify a toad buried 1/2" in the mud as Woodhouse's Toad (Bufo woodhousei). More bats out tonight. After dinner we

walk into mouth of Forgotten.

June 24 - Mile 132.1 LB (Forgotten Canyon): We straighten up camp after breakfast & then hike into Forgotten. Wade in stream most of time. About 1 mile up come to first narrows & 8 cows (5 adults, 3 calves) which we have chased up canyon this far. When we come upon them they rush madly past us back down canyon. 50-75' through narrows. Water only near chest until near end where we must swim. Part of tree between canyon walls above us where it was washed during flash flood. 1/10 mile past narrows come to jct. of 2 forks. We go up rt. fork about 1/2 way to end before way is blocked by large boulder. Inner canyon very narrow and slanting with water seeps on both sides. We return to jct. While Robert waits at jct. I go back thru narrows to find way to get on top of ledge of inner canyon. Around 1st bend from narrows get up RB wall with help of sand hill & rocks. Go along ledge 30-50 feet above creek to above jct. Go over Moki Steps enlarged by Dick, Dudy, & Harry above narrows. Continue along on talus up r. hand fork to above place where boulder blocked creek, where I drop to stream bed. Follow bed to box end - 1/2 mile from jct. - where there is a large sandy area under dry waterfall. Return to jct., dropping over boulder, down stream bed. Eat lunch of sardines with Robert. 200 feet up left fork is 2nd narrows at foot of 15-20' waterfall. At jct. are two sets of Moki Steps for getting into left fork. 1st series directly at jct. between two streams is impossible. Second series which climbs r. bank wall just inside r. hand fork are possible. Decide to try narrows first. After wading 40' thru water - swimming last bit - climb waterfall by wedging myself in & pushing up. Few pools above waterfall, otherwise stream is dry. There were footprints to jct. & up r. fork to boulder - no sign of them above boulder or past 2nd narrows. In less than 1/4 mile canyon enters from left. Follow canyon 3/4 mile to box end. Large pool under dry waterfall with hydraphilids. Investigated possible petroglyph on wall of RB in last bend before entry into main canyon. Chipmunk. Back down waterfall to jct. where Robert is waiting, having built dam while I was gone. Head back to camp. Robert collects more Physa (freshwater snails). See beautiful orange dragonfly. Out about 3:30. Rested around camp before large dinner. Flys bothersome. Have campfire & try to get diaries up to date.

June 25 - Mile 132.1 (LB Forgotten Canyon): After breakfast pack up for trip down river. Leave record of our visit to Forgotten in bottle in cairn with Dick, Dudy, & Harry's record.

June 24, 1955

Robert Robertson - Hiked past 1st narrows & way up r. hand fork. Gus Scott - Hiked to end of r. hand fork through 1st narrows and past 2nd narrows to end of first canyon on left. (?) Camped on bar night of the 22, 23, & 24th.

We shove off and have a hard row to try & get across to Smith Fork. Land at mile 131.8 RB. Carry 1 2-gal can & canteens to be filled with water. Stop at large group of petroglyphs on wall at Mile 131.9. Fill up with water at mouth

before hike into canyon. See hidden Moki House on L.B. ledge just inside Smith Fork that Harry mentions (LMOC) [Lone Month on Colorado]. Wall to west of house on brink of ledge. Robert & I continue up Smith Fork about 2 miles. On the way back Robert spots a snake but it disappears in some brush in the stream before we can catch it. 1/3 mi. from Col. R. on R.B. wall see series of Moki Steps Harry records as having seen in 1947 (LMOC). They are on the bend, starting behind the oak trees. Climb them only 25 feet. No sign of Moki Granary on LB 1/3 mi. up Harry records (LMOC). Return to boat with filled can & canteens and drift to canyon entering LB at Mile 130.2. After lunch we start up canyon. Very brushy near entrance on bar. After much work get into canyon. About 1/3 mile in is nice pool with beaver dam near. 3 large trees nearby downed by beaver. Human footprints to pool, not past. From ledge near pool spot Moki Steps on opposite wall (LB). They start from the top of a sand & rock slide & lead to ledge above. Very steep & dangerous. Whatever is on top ledge will probably be new find for whiteman that climbs steps. Continue up canyon in stream most of time. Stream bed dry first 1/2 mile. Many signs of beaver for 1.5-2 miles. 2 miles up Robert spots snake; we catch to try & identify. Pupil round, chin shields, anal plate single, ventral scales larger than dorsal, dorsal scales keeled, caudals entire (?), 8 lower labials, nasal plate divided, 3 post orbitals, 1 pre-orbital, no rattle or pit, loreal, and no prominent vertebral or lateral stripe. Excreted substance similiar to garter snake (Thamnophis). Probably same. Silvery-grey color. We follow inner canyon to end where there is a waterfall about 12-15 feet high. Canyon boxes just above fall. We don't climb, but would be possible. Leave cairn on boulder near end. Go up talus 1/3 mile from end to get above inner canyon & on top waterfall. Talus above comes down to rim of inner canyon. Follow around about 1/2 way to top of fall before deciding to turn back due to late hour. However, possible to top waterfall this way. Return to camp at dark. No further sign of Moki. Have large dinner & then go to bed.

June 26 - Mile 130.25 LB (Beaver Canyon): After late breakfast straighten up camp to leave. Prepare record of visit to leave in cairn at mouth similiar to that left by Dick, Dudy, & Harry at Forgotten,

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As far as is known this canyon is previously unnamed.

Gus Scott

Robert Robertson

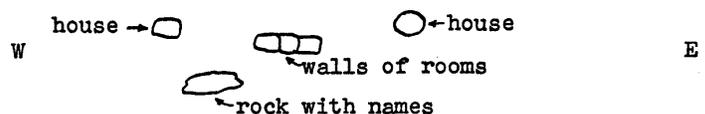
Beat way back through brush to leave record in a Henkell's Sweet Pickles jar in cairn on RB at canyon mouth. Shove off to try & make Burro Bar. Spot Moki Steps up wall on LB at Mile 129.65. Possible to rim out both banks at bend.

Ekkers Cafe, Hanksville, Utah, on RB wall at Mile 127.0. Pass Harry's Concert Hall (Mile 125.4), stop on bar opposite Moki for lunch (Mile 124.9). Drift to Mi. 124.8 RB to hike up on top of bar. River slow below Moki. Bad upriver winds. Stop at Mi. 121.5 RB to go up Dredge Canyon. Note old waterwheel on opposite bank. Signs of motor vehicle recently on bar. Hike into Dredge Canyon (Mi. 121.4 RB). Went up to well-built Moki House just inside mouth on RB. Moki Steps from near house lead to Moki Cave just upstream. Didn't climb. Across canyon are about 100 Moki Steps that zigzag up wall. I go on to top while Robert stops 1/2 way up. From top see dugway leading up RB wall just up canyon. Go back down Moki Steps to trace dugway. Dugway is about 1000 feet long. Built by Charlie Gibbon's crew in 1900 to lower dredge outfit by steel cable (1-1/8") (LMOC). Part of cable still in dugway near top, and signs of where dredge scraped. At top of dugway is old Dodge truck. Harry gives particulars (LMOC). Nice view of Navajo Mt., Waterpocket Fold, & Henries from top. Back down dugway. Several Bufo punctatus in stream. Go back up Moki Steps to photograph dugway, dredge, & canyon. No sign of petroglyphs Harry mentions on LB wall inside mouth. Float past Stanton's Dredge (Mi. 121.5). Slow travel with upstream winds. Nice run through Bullfrog Rapid. Stop on sand bar LB Mi. 119.2. Drift to camp at Mi. 118.85 RB at Hall's Crossing. Hand lain rocks show where old road leads down to tree where we stopped. Find we left shovel on sand bar at 119.2. Go up RB & try to swim across. Half way across decide I had better come back. Must get shovel in morning. Robert proposes Beaver Canyon as a name for the canyon (LB Mile 130.2) we went to the end of yesterday. I would like to suggest that this name be given to the canyon if it is unnamed. Dinner & right to bed.

June 27 - Mile 118.85 RB (Hall's Crossing): In morning find where rats have gotten into dried food & taken Robert's hat. After breakfast unload boat for Hall's Crossing to get shovel. We tow boat upstream around bend & then I row across. Robert finds old ring in rock near boat. Hike back up bar along wall. See MCK, BMC, & 1944 on wall about 4 times. Cowboys? Several groups of petroglyphs - one on each side of oak trees. Flints under overhang. Old Moki Campsite? Man petroglyph upstream after first talus reaches bar. Harry gives 21 petroglyphs on wall (LMOC). Much recent work along wall. Pick up shovel. Spot river party below Bullfrog Rapid. Collect plants on way back to boat. Robert rows back to pick up supplies. Just after we shove off party we saw upstream passes us. 3 10-man boats - 17 members. Decide not to go up canyon on RB Mi. 118.0 (Lost Eden) but get on down to Lake Canyon to get water. Hear 1 motor pushing 3 boats ahead of us. Pull Into Lake for lunch & night camp. River party up canyon to look at ruin. Talk to lady who twisted knee getting to Hite waiting at their boats. Socotwa exp. spending 7 days in Glen. Leonard Grim guide. Ate lunch & then talked to mem-

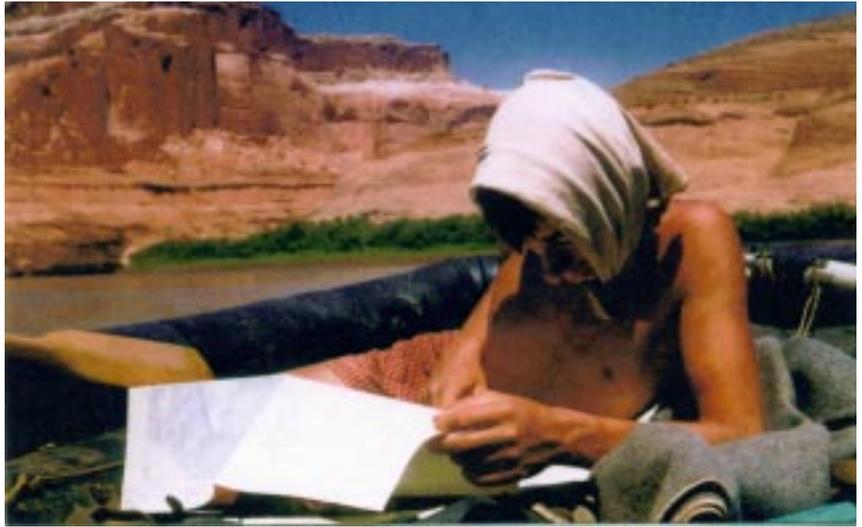
bers of river party returning from ruin 1 mile up Lake. Go to first waterfall (15') up Lake. Fill up with water at little spring from LB near water line about a block up Lake. See large 2 1/2" tadpole. Nice to have plenty of water again. Hike into Lake to see ruin. About 2/3 mile up see ruin in cave above talus on LB. Continue to beautiful little ruin [Wasp House] 1 mile in on RB where cleft breaks RB wall. Ruin consists of two well built rooms and walls of a third room, Few petroglyphs on wall. Many recent "petroglyphs." See Aleson's record of having been here in 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53 (?) and Dick & Dudy 11-52 left by Dick & Dudy. On hike back stop at ruin seen on LB on way up. Ruin ls remains of wall of large room. Proceeding down canyon find about 10-15 Moki Steps on RB wall just upstream from second waterfall. Steps lead to ledge from top of sand & rock slide. First few steps have been enlarged recently. Didn't climb. Robert collects plants on hike back to camp. Good dinner. Have campfire & try to get notes up to date.

June 28 - Mile 113.2 LB (Lake Canyon): Sleep late among bushes. Have breakfast in sun on ledges. There is a small hand lain rock wall near camp. Has NA 3722 painted in white paint on wall nearby. Pack up boat to leave. Decide not to stop to see 1642 and nearby 1886 on wall opposite Lake because of difficulty in telling exactly where date may be. Hit some nice riffles on ledges below Lake. See 3 Great Blue Herons (Ardea herodias) on wall. Go to right of sand-bar that starts at Mi. 111.1 and land at spring which comes out 10' above the river & runs over sloping rock at Mi. 110.9 RB. Go around to right, climbing a few Moki Steps, and then cut back to left to gain ledge in cave where ruins are. Cave is about 2/3 way up wall & ruins are visible from river. Small house at each end of ruins. Walls of about 3 rooms remain standing in center.



Between house at west end and walls is large rectangular block with many names. Some very old - 1856, 1896 (?). NA 3724 is painted in white paint near ruin. Return to edge of cave where Robert is waiting. We go over to look at long series of widened & deepened Moki Steps leading to top of wall. Decide to climb. Few names on wall by steps. Two main series of steps lead to rim where we go to top of small hill. Wonderful view of Navajo Mt., Waterpocket Fold Henries, & East Lake Canyon country. Nice view of Glen. Return down steps to have fruit punch at spring. Several smaller groups of Moki Steps near bottom. Drift on. See Moki Steps leading to cave on LB wall at Mi. 110.1. Possible Moki Granary or House in cave? See old placer workings on Dr. Shock Bar (Chaffin Bar or Gressman Bar) (LB about Mi. 108.2). Also see ruins of old house below placer workings on bar. Drift to stop at Annie's Canyon (Goldwater) [Barry Goldwater named this canyon after Annie Dodge Wahneka] (RB Mi. 107.7). Eat lunch at spring about 200 ft. in on bend on RB. Spring seeps over ledge in many places & falls about 10 ft. Wonderful! Decide to stop here for the night. Find sunglasses which look like the ones Genny

Schwartz had (Ticaboo). We rest, read, & Robert gets plant notes up to date (34 plants to date). Hike into Canyon. See first Rana pipiens. Waterfall in first bend to left. Pools below waterfall and rocky stream bed make travel slow. Dry above waterfall. 2nd waterfall in next bend to right, pool beneath, Large potholes in next stretch with large overhang on right at end. Around next fall bend stream bed branches. Small spring about 100 yds. up left branch. We decide to return to camp. See large owl. Go to end of large overhang. Leave R & S on floor with rocks, Beautiful walk up canyon with high walls and big bends. When we get back to camp I feel sick and eat no dinner. Robert thinks it's from drinking too much river water, Robert brings equipment in to spring from boat & fixes his dinner. Get to bed late.



Lost in the 50s in the living heart of canyon country.

June 29 - Mile 107.7 RB (Ann's Canyon): Sleep late today & have late breakfast. Very damp where we sleep. Since I was sick last night we decide to rest today. Spend most of day reading Romer's Man and the Vertebrates, The Origin of the Earth, Stebbins, getting notes up to date and trying to keep in the shade by the spring and drink lemonade & cold chocolate. Eat a light dinner and go to bed early. Many bats around camp.

June 30 - Mile 107.7 RB (Ann's Canyon): Eat big breakfast and cook extra pancakes for lunch. Big job carrying supplies back & loading boat. Drift on. Don't stop to see Chaffin boiler on LB bar. Harry (LMOC) gives cool spring water in mouth of canyon on LB Mi. 107.0. Have nice run through "106".

Note old river bed back of left bank near here. Stop to investigate 2 springs LB at Mi. 104.9. Both are hard to get to because of brush and are only good at low water. Stop at another spring 1/10 mile below on LB. Also poor for same reasons. Water is coming out from canyon (LB Mi. 104.65) just below. Probably good water. Note spring on LB at Mile 104.5. Drift on down to unnamed canyon [Wilson Canyon or Iceberg Canyon] entering LB at Mile 101.5. Hike into canyon. Little over 1/4 mile in at bend to left there is a dry waterfall with a large pool beneath. Gushing out of LB wall about 2' up, below pool, is a very good spring. Climb around fall and continue up canyon. There are several other falls above with a few scattered pools in stream bed. Numerous claim markers along stream bed. Staked May 10, 1955, by Malony (?) and Truitt (?) of New Orleans. Stream bed in Kayenta. About 1 3/4 miles up we eat lunch where canyon enters from right. Hike up side canyons to amphitheater at end. See beautiful yellow lizard with 2 black collars. Pool at end supplied by seeps for several hundred feet around with a small stream running out. Rest for a while before heading back. Robert collects plants at end. Decide not to continue up canyon but head back to boat. Stop at spring again. Drift on down Colorado. Don't see Harry's Hanging Valley Bridge [Aleson Arch or Flying Eagle Arch], high-up near Rincon. Spot small spring on RB about Mi. 100.05. Pass pillars at Mi. 100.0 that Powell's men spoke of as

Powell's Pillars. In front of Rincon on LB are 3 men and the helicopter we have been seeing for the last few days. They are uranium prospectors. Ask them if they have had any luck. They say, "It's all staked" with a sweeping motion of the hand. Stop once on Oil Seep Bar (?) (RB) to look for anything remaining from the time when Oil Seep Bar was worked. Not knowing exactly where to look decide to move on. Pull up for camp at Navajo Creek (RB Mile 95.5). Hike up canyon to first large pools. Decide to stay & hike up canyon tomorrow. Have dinner & go to bed after trip back up to pools.

July 1 - Mile 95.5 RB (Bowns Canyon): After breakfast hike into Bowns Canyon. Canyon has large boulders in it with some very nice pools. In little over 1/4 mile canyon divides. Both forks have water in them, but we take right fork--main stream. Around bend pass r. hand fork entering. One half mile further come to nice spring coming out from r. bank. Pass another fork entering on right with large rock balanced on top of wall at jct. Around another bend come to 75' dry waterfall with pool beneath. Find Harry's record on large boulder near end in bottle by cairn.

Sept 30, 1950

Came up from river. Will try to go up talus slope to west, get on ledge, go around eastward & come down on Oil Seep Bar & return to boat at mouth of Navajo Creek, or (Bowns Canyon?)

Harry Aleson on Lone Trip of a month from Hite to Lees Ferry. Record is on cigarette tinfoil along with Kodak exposure guide and box of matches in bottle. Left record of Robert & my visit.

July 1, 1955
Gus Scott
Robert Robertson

Hiked up from river. Also spending a month down Glen. Entire hike up canyon in Chinle & Wingate. Top of waterfall near top of Wingate. Hike back down canyon to camp.

Robert collects plants on way back. Get wash cloth & soap and head back to second pool. Wash bathing suits & self in wonderful fresh water pools. Eat lunch at pools & leave for Escalante R. Many large caves 1/2 way up wall on RB of large bend. Robert sings a calypso as we drift [also *Graf Zeppelin* and others]. Pull up just upstream from Escalante R. mouth (RB Mi, 88.3) to look at names and petroglyph. The following names & initials are on the wall: A. J. Tadge. M. Pictures. Dec. 10 1914; T William Dec 25 1885; R. R.; K. F.; Bering & Barbara Monroe 1946; Ralph Badger 9-22-46; Lou Fetzner 5-1-48; and Frances and Hal Osborne and Brimhall have names & Sept. 6, 1946 on wall. On large rectangular block below names there is a long snake petroglyph that Harry gives (LMOC) as 24 - feet long. Go up to see Harry's personal record of visits to Escalante R. mouth. We drift on to tie up in Escalante R. mouth. Eat dinner. I go up to look at 10-15 Moki Steps, on RB of Escalante R. at mouth that Harry first saw in 1950. I believe they just lead up to the ledge since this was an old Indian crossing. I go over to look at the pictographs on the RB wall (Mi. 88.2) while Robert with a limb, piece of line and a bent safety pin tries to catch some catfish in the Escalante. No luck! Harry (LMOC) gives 21 pictographs on the wall. Most are of human figures in red. There are also a few petroglyphs. We have a campfire. After we are in bed I am quite restless because of some poison oak (?) I picked up several days ago and start to build up fire. Robert tears fire down because he would like to sleep so I decide to try my hand at fishing. No luck. Get to bed late.

July 2 - Mile 88.2 RB (Escalante River): After breakfast went over to photograph name, petroglyph and to copy Harry's personal record of visits to Escalante R. mouth. The record is in a jar at top of talus slope on LB of Escalante at jct. with Colorado.

Jct. Colorado – Escalante October 3, 1950
Following records were copied from original papers which had become brittle in 8 years:

July 7, 1942

1. Camped overnight - Jct Escalante - Colorado Came up from Lees Ferry Boat "Up Colorado." Evinrude Speeditwin. Jack Richardson and Harry Aleson made the trip up from L. F. to San Juan & down to Aztec Canyon. were joined by Betty Richardson. Took Bill Wilson to Music Temple and back to Aztec Canyon. Jack, Betty & H.L.A. went up to Escalante, and returned to L.F.
2. Camped here Apr 2-3-4, 1945. Ed A. Hudson, Edward Hudson, Bering Monroe, Harry Aleson. Came up from Lees Ferry in Boat "UP LAKE." 18 H Evinrude.
3. April 28, 1945. Passed here alone up from Lees Ferry to Hite, Utah.
4. June 1, 1945. Down stream alone from Dark Canyon to Lees Ferry.
5. July 29, 1945 Bea Whittlesey & Harry Aleson. Dark Canyon to Lees Ferry.
6. April 27, 1946. Bering & Barbara Monroe, Georgie White, Harry Aleson. Hite to Lees Ferry.

7. May 1946. Down. Hite to L.F. Art & Ethel Greene, Isabella Kays, H.L.A.
8. Aug. 22, 1946. Down. Hite to L.F. Charles O. Sensibaugh & H.L.A.
9. Aug, 25, 1946, hiked in from Hole in the Rock, via Davis with C.O.S.
10. Sept. 6, 1946, Down. Hite to L.F. Dr. Dean & Lila Brimhall, Hal & Frances Osborne, H.L.A.
11. Sept. 22, 1946. Down. Hite to L.F. Ralph A. Badger, H.L.A.
12. April 1947. Passed here alone, up river from L.F. to Hite.
13. May 1947, Down. Hite to L.F. Bering & Barbara Monroe, H.L.A.
14. June 1947. Up river from L.F. Georgie White & H.L.A.
15. June 1947. Down river from Mi 106 Georgie White & H.L.A.
16. Oct. 1947. Down. Hite to L.F. M.S. Munson, Miles Munson, Hal Marsh, Harry Aleson
17. May 1, 1948. Down. North Wash - L.F. Lou Fetzner & Harry Aleson
18. May 30, 1948. Down Escalante River from Calf Creek to L.F. Georgie White, Harry Aleson
19. May 30, 1949. Down Escalante River from Calf Creek to L.F. Lou Fetzner, Harry Aleson.
20. Aug. 1949. Down. North Wash - L.F. Dr. David Dolese, Patricia Brown, Tom & Mary Courtis, Eleanor Irvine, Paula DeLuca, H.L.A.
21. June 15, 1950. Down Escalante River from Harris Wash to L.F. Randall & Cyria Henderson, Georgie White, Charles Lindsay, & H.L.A. (2 - 7man neoprenes)
22. Aug. 1950. Down. Hite to L.F. Charles Fetzner & Harry Aleson,
23. Oct. 1, 1950. Down. Hite to L.F. Lone Glen Canyon Trip. H.L.A. Base Camp while up Escalante R.
24. Oct. 1951. Down. Hite to L.F. Dr Dolese party of 6
25. June 1952 Down Hite to L.F. Edward Gooch
26. Nov 14-15, 1952 Dick & Dudy & Pard Mick Down Hite to L.F.
27. June 27, 1954 - K K Bechtel, Peter & Jan Walter Haluk Carter Breusing Hite to L.F. Dave Winkler vi(?) Frank & Willard Wright
28. Paul ????? Timmehaus June 23-55. Hite to L.F. Walt & Prex Kammer Don Pellman; Ginny Schwartz Ann Klinkman. Ann Bingham

Robert reads in shade. After packing up we drift down to photograph pictographs visited night before.++ Don't stop at bar opposite to see old Moki Trail or on bar further downstream to note abundant flints (see LMOC). Drift on. Stop at canyon on LB at Mi. 86.3 but decide not to go in. Jim White had told me of ruins in the first canyon on the left past the Escalante R., but not being sure if this is the right one, decide not to explore. Note springs on RB at Mi. 84.65 & Mi. 84.55. Neither looks especially good. Stop on sandbar by spring at Hole in the Rock. See that flood some time since last summer has made several changes in the stream bed. Go up and look at register to see if we have missed anyone in Glen while in side canyons. Apparently we've seen everyone. Eat lunch & rest in shade. Later in

the evening we move up to ledge upstream from camp to read and rest in shade. Have a very good dinner of spam and mashed potatoes. After dinner we unload the boat for trip across river tomorrow and try to get packing better organized. Robert fishes - no luck. Get to bed fairly early for trip tomorrow up Cottonwood Valley. Nice moon up.

July 3 - Mile 84.35 RB (Hole in the Rock): We get up early for trip across river. After breakfast unload boat. Robert rows across going 1/10 mile downstream. We go up thru brush and come out 100 yds. upstream from start of old Mormon dugway. First we go over to look at old boat made of tin and tar used by Kluckhohn in the 20's [1928] on his trip to Kaiparowits and Richardson in '39 (?). The boat probably originally belonged to prospectors [Billy Hay]. It is past the hogan on the bar about 100 yds. downstream of dugway start. We head up dugway into canyon with Robert carrying lemonade & hot chocolate for lunch. The dugway starts off bar on LB at Mile 84.15 and goes over Kayenta ledges into canyon at Mi. 83.9. This was necessary because of waterfall at end of canyon. Old road is hard to follow after it enters the canyon and probably followed the stream bed except for a few places where they had to go around ledges. Come to flatter area on top and go to left of fin of rock to keep from going up box canyon on right. Soon come to another section of built dugway in front of defile seen from top Hole in the Rock. In defile are many Mormon names and dates, most are Jan. 26, 27, and 28, 1880. They are scattered for several hundred feet along wall on left. Few petroglyphs also on wall. We go through defile to sand on top. To the left is a hole in the wall - two holes - one about 25 feet in diameter, the other about 50 feet in diameter. Harry names them One-O Two-O Sipapu (LMOC). Could this have given Hole in the Rock its name? We continue on into Cottonwood Valley. About 1 1/2 miles from where Cottonwood Valley reaches the Colorado R. we go up canyon on left. Canyon soon has water in it. Follow main stream to box end with large pool. water enters pool mainly by seeps. Rest about an hour in shade and climb up talus once to get picture. Robert cuts leg. Return back down canyon to Cottonwood Valley, passing 2 caves. Continue up Cottonwood. About 4 mi. from Colorado come to old corral on right. Little further come to small spring. For the most part the stream bed is dry with occasional pools. Creek soon branches (4 1/2 mi. from Colorado) and we go up the right fork. In 1/4 mi. bends to left. At bend find tree which had been cut long time ago. Mormons? Little over 1/4 mile come to flatter area at end of rock mass between stream branches. Robert and I start to work our way up the wall to our right. Very steep in places but come out on rim just east of large canyon branching from Cottonwood. Wonderful view down Cottonwood Valley to Hole in the Rock. Head for high point where there is some strange black sandstone. Walk about a mile to the SW toward the San Juan. Can't quite see the San Juan but decide not to go further. Wonderful view showing north side of Navajo Mt. and San Juan canyons to south. Grand view of Kaiparowits, Waterpocket Fold, Henriets ("Little Rockies") and Wilson Mesa. Very Windy on top. Robert's "hat" (T-shirt) which he has been using since rat took his (Hall's Crossing) working fine. Was able to follow route from corral

to high point on excellent air photo of upper end of Cottonwood Valley taken by Dick Sprang flying with Joe Moser, both of Sedona. Head back into Cottonwood Valley. No sign of old Mormon road where we went, could rim out further up on right; however, they supposedly left on RB wall just past defile. Return down canyon and photograph arch, and dugway west of defile. Robert finds nice poisonous plant in defile [Datura?]. After we take a while finding boat, I row across losing another 1/10 mile. Robert tows boat 1/4 mile back to camp by taking out bow line and then pulling boat up to stopping place. Long pull! Rest, eat dinner, and go to bed early after a hard day.

We July 4 - Mile 84.35 RB (Hole in the Rock): We sleep late and then pack up boat to leave after breakfast. Robert checks plants and brings botany notes up to date. Leave record of our visit to Hole in the Rock in register in wall of old trading post (?) [Cowles and Hall].

July 24, 1955

Robert Robertson

Gus Scott

Spending a month in Glen. July 3 hiked to end of Cottonwood Valley, over to San Juan, and back.

On wall near trading post wall is JESSE O SPENCER. Shove off. Stop at Mile 83.25 on RB to look at old roadbed [Robert B. Stanton's Hoskaninni Co.] which extends from about Mi. 83.2 to Mi. 83.45. Drift on with bad winds for next several miles. Water in Llewellyn Canyon (RB Mi. 81.9)? No sign of arch [Miser or Jack's Arch] high on LB rim which Dick told me to look back upstream for just before the San Juan R. Stop at San Juan. Start up talus to see if I can get to top to look for inscription left by Bernheimer on top of Kayenta at the jct. Gets steep near the top and since I would have to go a ways up canyon to reach top, decide to return to boat. San Juan seems to be flowing very good. Both S. J. and Colorado very clear for them since no rain lately. Pass Cottonwood Canyon or Elmer's Cone Canyon [Reflection Canyon] on right at Mi. 77.0. Note odd triangle Glen up wall on r. at Mi. 76.4. Stop on right at Mi. 76.15 in front of short box canyon for camp. Start off on hike into Hidden Passage or Narrow Canyon (Goldwater). See first Hyla arenicolor. Canyon is very narrow and beautiful with nice water flowing. We go around several bends to first short waterfall. I wade through neck deep pool to waterfall and then we decide to return to camp. Robert collects thistle and I get one of the cliff lizards to take back. Identify him as a Tree Lizard (Uta ornata) as we thought. Bad up-river winds at dinner. Find we have left shovel at Hole in the Rock. I work on notes and Robert makes list of pictures to be taken in the Bahamas while in sleeping bags.

July 5 - Mile 76.15 RB (Hidden Passage): After a late breakfast I went to take a shot of Hidden Passage while Robert did most of the cleaning up. After packing up we went up canyon where we camped (above Hidden Passage) 1/10 mile to wash in stream. Rowed across to Music Temple, No water in stream except in a few places.

Rounded bend into amphitheater. Pool and sand cluttered with cans, paper and other signs of humans. Amphitheater not as pretty as many we have been in on trip. On rock by register found following names, initials, and dates:

1. 1871. F. M. BISHOP
- 2, F. S. DELLENBAUGH. 1871-72
3. J. K. HILLERS. 1872-71
4. "W."* C. POWELL. 1871 UM
5. F. S. D. 1871
- 6 J. F. STEWARD 1871
- 7, W. D. JOHNSON
8. D E (?)
9. _ / D (UNN) 1871

* W broken off by members of 1951(?) "Y" trip.

No sign of either Howland or Dunn other than possibly last above. Dellenbaugh said both were In Music Temple. Copy record left by 1953 "Y" trip.

July 22, 1953 page 16

3rd Annual Rainbow Trek conducted by the Phoenix YMCA. Trip made in 4 rubber assault boats, containing 23 people. Trip from Hite to Lee's Ferry.

Numbers are from 1-403 to 20-422; my number 14-416.

Also copy of record left by 1954 "Y" trip.

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4th Annual Rainbow Trek conducted by the Phoenix YMCA in 3 rubber assault boats from Hite to Lee's Ferry with 18 people.

Numbers run 1 to 17.

Robert left record of our visit.

July 5, 1955 page 69

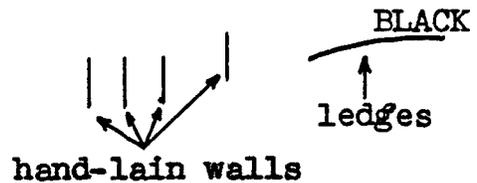
Gus Scott & Robert Robertson. Smallest (!) expedition down the river this year. Hite to Lee's Ferry. One Month.



Klondike Bar: The 1890 prospectors got all the gold!

Plan to climb Navajo Mtn. Studying botany, ornithology, herpetology, malacology & archeology. Hiked to end of Cottonwood Valley, over to San Juan. Wonderful view of Navajo Mtn., Kaiparowits & Henries. Been up 13 side canyons.

Lots of stuff left by human pack rats in register. Take sheet of Socotwa's [South Cottonwood Ward] schedule for information. Return to boat & shove off. Pass Nevills' Mystery Canyon on left at Mi. 73.55 up which "Doc" & I went to waterfall last year. We camped on sand bar opposite mouth with "Y". Round bend and have wonderful view down canyon up Oak Canyon to Navajo Mtn. Pass Dick & Dudy's arch "The Eyebrow" on right rim at Mi. 72.5. Stop (LB Mi. 71.4) just above Oak Creek to look at black rock at the mouth that Marston asked me to check on. Robert finds that it is sandstone with an odd varnish weathering. Take a few samples. Nice run through small riffle at Oak and larger one at Boulder. Nice keyhole glen on r. at mile 69.45. Land at mouth of Forbidding (Aztec) Canyon (RB Mi. 68.6), eat lunch and rest In the shade. There is an outboard pulled up on ledges with passengers evidently up at Rainbow. "Poison oak" has about dried up. Later we move just inside mouth of Forbidding where there are 4 hand-lain walls to look for names and rest in shade. Find JAS BLACK FEB 1909 that "Dock" [Otis Marston] asked me to look for. It is on ledges past 4th wall.



RB-MV 705 has been painted in white paint over most of the name. There was perhaps another name above Black's but it was hard to make out. Also at mouth were several other names, initials, etc.

1. **KOLB** BRIDGE
2. LUTE C. RAMSAUR
L.A. CAL.
AUG. 24. 22.
3. W. A. RAMSAUR
AND
W W JONES
8/25 - 22
4. E. C. KOLB 30 1?
E. L. KOLB AUG 30 13 16(?)

Nice Mud Sucker in pool at mouth. One of the members of the party at the bridge soon comes around the bend, It's Howard Welty of Oakland. They came up by outboard from Les's Ferry. Spending 4 days. Spent the night at Rainbow. Talk of the river, his trip through Grand archeology, etc. Soon Dr. Howard Miller and Sally Gore (remainder of party) appear. Rest in shade and

then move to camp for dinner. Afterwards go over and have nice talk with Welty, Miller, & Gore about panning for gold, river, outside world, etc. Try to tell them where to find steps in Padre Creek at Crossing of the Fathers which they missed coming up by looking around Kane Creek. Bed little later than usual.

July 6 - Mile 68.6 RB (Forbidding Canyon): Get up early for breakfast. Dr. Miller shows me how to pan for gold and then we help the three of them shove off down canyon. They plan to be back at Lee's Ferry in 8 hours. Load up pack with equipment for climb up Navajo Mtn. over 7000 feet above us. [Equipment list not included]

We plan to spend 5 days on the trip. First day - upper Bridge or Oak Canyons; second day - top of Navajo Mt.; third day - down north side to Surprise Valley in Nasja; fourth day - down Nasja to San Juan, or Oak to Colorado; fifth day - build raft and float down either San Juan & Colorado or just Colorado to mouth of Forbidding. Plan a day of rest when we return. Leave a note for river party and Kent Frost or Don Hatch before we leave.

River Party: July 6, 1955

Did you happen to pick up shovel we left at Hole in the Rock?

Kent Frost or Don Hatch: If you land while we are gone (Navajo Mt.) could you leave names of members of party, boats, dates, etc.

Gus Scott
Robert Robertson

We have a pack to carry and two blankets rolled into a horseshoe, which we trade off since pack seems very heavy. Forbidding is a beautiful canyon and has a wonderful stream which we cross quite often. Stop at large spring in Forbidding just below entrance of Bridge Canyon. Continue through the Narrows where there are some wonderful pools where we cool off. Just on the other side or right (LB) there is a small ruin. I go up to check ruin and find Harry's HLA. Cross over to opposite wall just upstream to look at hand-lain wall. Photograph larger ruin & we go on. Several small, nice springs enter creek on this side and then bed dry. Less than 25 minutes walking time from Narrows we stop at a small spring on r. bank where someone has left a tin cup for the water to drip into. In about 30 minutes walking time from ruin & Narrows we get first view of Rainbow (Marston). Stop at spring on right 100 yds. below bridge for lunch. I go up to register to make notes and get information "Dock" asked me to get.

Present book starts on page 95 with number 3345. Beginning date is April 8, 1941. Earlier pages have been removed. No record on details of discovery or former small book.

1. 3373 Tommy Box 2600 N. Holliston Altadena Cal
3374 L. Allen Box Jr.

3375 Evelyn Box
Boat down San Juan April 9, 1941
Other members:
3376 Hazel Lyman - Blanding, Utah
3377 Norman Nevills - Mexican Hat, Utah
3378 Lynn Lyman - Blanding, Utah

2. Mexican Hat, Utah to Lees Ferry, Ariz. Two boats "Rainbow Trail" & "San Juan". June 8, 1941. Rain & hail storms today!

3430 Rose Montgomery 3828 Amesbury Road Los Angeles. Second trip (2972)

3431 Ervina(?) E. Montgomery

3432 Ernest Ger. Ilg 227 Wapallo Lane Altadena, Calif. "Auagezeichnet(r?)" HOB 1950

3433 Chas. F Hottes 406 W. Iowa Urbana Ill

3434 Eugene E. Blickenstaff Mojave, Cal. Oberlin, Kansas Blending, Utah "Some Culvert"

3435 Norman D. Nevills Mexican Hat, Utah 12th trip

3. Boat Trip.- Mexican Hat - Lees Ferry 191.5 miles 1 boat "Rainbow Trail"

3598 Mrs. France Q. Wilson. Sr. 1003 N. Buckeye Abilene, Kansas

3599 France Q. Wilson Jr.

3600 Norman D. Nevills Mexican Hat) Utah

Remarks: Blistered, Walked up from Colorado River, 13th trip Sept. 6, 1941

4. No Nevills party of Oct. 7 or 8, 1941 No N.N. between Sept, 23 & Dec. 9, 1941 3640 to 3677

5. Boat trip - Mexican Hat - Lees Ferry 2 boats - 2 men Left Mexican Hat Dec. 9 1941 will arrive Lees Ferry Dec. 20th Special exploratory & camp site construction trip. Gorgeous weather today - warm!

3676 Preston Walker Daily Sentinel Grand Junction Colo. Water pony (transportation) Great trip

3677 Norman D. Nevills Closing 1941? Mexican Hat Utah Water pony Grand trip!

6. No N.N. May 3, 1942

May 14 .1942 Boat trip - Mexican Hat to Lees Ferry "Rainbow Trail" "Hidden Passage"

3691 June Chamberlain 823 Nason Street Santa Rosa Cal. A grand trip.

3692 Francis P. Farquhar 2900 Garber St. Berkeley Calif.

3693 Ed Hudson 160 W Ramsey St Banning Calif. Rainbow Trail (T) Satisfaction of a 12 year desire.

3694 Neill C. Wilson 822 Walnut Ave Burlingame Cal. King of river man Norman Nevills.

3695 Preston Walker Daily Sentinel Grand Junction Colo

3696 Norman D. Neville Mexican Hat, Utah

7. Boat trip Mexican Hat to Lees Ferry May 24, 1942

"Hidden Passage"

3702 Sa(y or g)nel MacMeekin 3515 Fillmore. S a n Francisco Cal

3703 Virginia Kass 2714 Clement St. San Francisco Calif.

3704 C(?)yil MacMeekin 3515 Fillmore

3705 Norman D. Nevills Mexican Hat, Utah

8. Boat trip - Mexican Hat to Lees Ferry 191.5 miles June 5, 1942

3716 Preston Walker Daily Sentinel Grand Junction, Colo. "Walker's Folly" (boat)

3717 Moulton B. Fulmer 722 W. Jackson Muncie Indiana "Hidden Passage." boat 2nd trip "swell trip"

3718 Janice Fulmer 722 W. Jackson Muncie Ind. Hidden Passage boat. Well worth the 2nd trip

3719 Norman D. Nevills Mexican Hat, Utah "(HPB) 18th trip

9. Boat trip - Mexican Hat to Lees Ferry 191.5 miles 19th trip 2 Boats "Hidden Passage" & "Rainbow Trail" June 14, 1942 3724 Annaley N. Redd La Sal Utah Hidden Passage boat

3725 Chas Redd La Sal Utah

3726 Robert Welles Altadena, Cal. Boat

3727 Carlotta Welles Westbrook Conn.

3728 Muriel Welles Altadena Cal.

3729 Lucy Welles

3730 Preston Walker Daily Sentinel. Grand Junction Colo

3731 Norman D. Nevills Mexican Hat Lodge

10. Boat trip - Mexican Hat to Lees Ferry June 24, 1942 "Hidden Passage" & "Rainbow Trail"

3742 Edna P. Heringer Mill Valley Calif. and Tiburon Calif June 24 1942

3743 Lucy Dee Trask La Grange Illinois. Hard but worth it.

3744 Gladys E. Trask 430 Sunset Ave La Grange Illinois. Boat & foot Boat is best

3745 Arthur C. Trask 430 Sunset Ave

3746 Preston Walker Daily Sentinel Grand Junction Colo

3747 Norman D. Nevills Mexican Hat Lodge P.O. Bluff, Utah (Slept all night on top of bridge)

#3840 & #3841 Kay & Lorin join party here to go on by boat to Lees Ferry Lorin to join army Bet those molars got a workout! 3874

11. No N.N. party of July 6, 1942.

12. No N.N. party of May 24, 1944.

No Nevills party at bridge between June 24, 1942 & party with Marston on June 10, 1944.

There is a note in the register: "Pages 161 & 162 missing when received in GRO" There are no names missing in the register. See Elmer, Bill, Dudy and Dick's record of Oct. 9, 1951 (7591-7594). Get Jim & Georgie White's address: 435 W. Laconia Blvd., L. A. My previous dates here and numbers are: June 3, 1952 - 7783; July 23, 1953 - 8850; July 25, 1954 - 9727. Averaging near 1000 people a year. Above the register this is written on the bridge: The world's greatest natural bridge 309 ft. high 277 ft. span discovered and surveyed Aug. 14, 1909, and there is a BM nearby stating the altitude as 3732.61 ft. Robert and I leave record of our visit:

10747 Gus Scott 1208 W. Rancho Dr. Phoenix, Arizona

4th trip 10748 Robert Robertson Nathan's Point, Hopetown, Abaco, Bahamas (West Indies). Rubber boat from Hite July 6, 1955 (One month).

After spending a while longer at the spring we head up canyon. Little over a mile up take branch to left up Bridge Canyon on trail around north side of mountain. Stream is dry except for occasional pools and running water. Note trail entering on right (probably short cut from Redbud Canyon). A little further trail heads out of Bridge to Oak and we decide to go back to last water a few hundred yds. back for camp. Before dinner I climb hill back of camp and have wonderful view of Bridge drainage up Navajo and north side. Also good view of lower Bridge and red rocks above Oak & Nasja. Leave 3 small rocks on large boulder on top. Go to bed immediately after dinner. Each of us only has a blanket - looks like a cold night.

July 7 - (Bridge Canyon): Cold during night so I got up and fixed fire, which I slept by remainder of night. Headed up canyon early. Went left toward Oak Canyon on trail and then cut up over Navajo domes toward mountain. From hill of previous night it looked possible to climb Navajo up Bridge drainage if we could get to the base of the mountain. I thought it best to go up domes to left in case canyon had a waterfall in it. Also thought it be best to go up Bridge rather than Oak which meant going around a large sandstone block between the canyons. At first going was easy but got harder. At one place used rope to help Robert over steep place. Near end going was too steep and dangerous so we decided to go back trying to find way into canyon. Hated to lose what looked to be great height. Had to go all the way back to the trail before being able to gain entrance into the canyon so decided to go back to last night's camp to fill up with water. Lose of 3 hours. Headed into canyon. Walking not bad. Occasional pools. Came to nice spring at top of the Kayenta before beginning climb up right bank wall. Up much talus and went along cliff several times. Trail very steep, but at all times possible. After several hours and much rest reached ridge on divide between Bridge and Oak that we had aimed for. Had lunch and rested on ridge just above sandstone block. Grand views of both canyon systems and Kaiparowits. Over 6000'. In late evening start up climb to top. Easy at first, but gets very steep. View more wonderful all the time, usually down a steep talus. Climb. I get very tired and Robert goes ahead and waits while we make frequent stops. Gets dark soon after sun goes down so we camp at base of cliff at about 9000 feet. Both of us very tired and thirsty. No wind. After a little Bonito, Apricot juice and water we build fire which we hope to keep going all night for warmth and get into blankets on fairly steep slope.

July 8 - (Navajo Mountain): We managed to keep the fire going all night between occasional sleep and thereby kept warm. Get up before sun on Navajo and with only a sip of water head up the mountain. We have less than a cup each of water left. Because of this and the difficulty of going down the north side we have decided to return to the boat via Rainbow Lodge and War God Spring on the south

slope. By going to the left and then up, the cliff wasn't as difficult as we thought it would be. Above the cliff it is leveler for a while and then we hit a large talus. We go up the talus several hundred feet and then reach the crest about 9600 feet. We are near a high point on the crest on a ridge that runs west from the true summit. Grand view south, west and north. Can see White Mesa, San Francisco Peaks, Kaibab, Vermillion Cliffs, Boulder Mt., Kaiparowits, Henries (Little Rockies), etc. Many interesting buttes & outriders of Cummings & Kaiparowits in lower river. We follow ridge to high point that faces north. Horseshoe tracks and other signs of man. I go to viewpoint on north slope to get photos. Wonderful view down on maze of canyons very hard to follow. Rainbow Bridge easily seen in Bridge Canyon. Kaiparowits is 2500 feet below. After trying to follow the many canyons we walk through a forest of pines, firs, spruce & aspen toward the top. Many interesting plants and birds on top. Robert picks up a piece of rock which looks like it may be a fine-grained andesite although no igneous rock is supposedly exposed on this laccolith. The top is an open area where trees have been cleared out. Dakota sandstone on top - no sign of Carmel or Entrada on north slope; little Morrison. Good view of Monument Valley to the east and Paiute Canyon system to the south, but no view of canyons to north. Top is 10,354 feet, river at mouth of Forbidding was 3235 feet which means a climb of 7119 feet or 1 2/5 miles. We find trail down south side of mountain and have lovely walking through the forest. Descend steep switchbacks in juniper to bench little over 8000 feet. In open area below we lose trail and head toward likely looking canyon. Find a trail by canyon. Follow trail SW down canyon, believe we have missed War God - too far west. Very thirsty. Trail leads to spring which Robert spotted by seeing sedge or rush (?). Spring is probably 2 mi. SW of War God. We drink lots of water & rest several hours in the shade. Decide rather than stay here for the night to head for plain below or Rainbow Lodge. See car on road to Lodge below. Follow down canyon, which is very easy in our present physical and mental condition after water. On plain we find horse trail which probably leads to War God around mt. We hit road and very soon are at

Rainbow Lodge. There are 3 uranium prospectors there who give us cold water & 3 lbs. of wonderful peaches. We could not arrange anything nicer after a climb up Navajo. They are Glen Wenz, Jack Butts, and Wright. 2 are still out down at the bridge. They have two trucks, a jeep and a plane. Very good equipment and a nice camp. We sit around and talk for a while. Soon John Erickson comes in with his father, Dr. Erickson, in Horse Canyon. He eats and then takes supplies back to Horse Canyon where he will stay the night. All are from the bay area. Later we listen to a radio to get news of the outside world. Nothing but rumors of war, etc. as usual. Sleep on level area back of Lodge burnt 5 years ago.

July 9 - (Rainbow Lodge): Got cold during the night so I built fire to keep warm by. Robert & I up early and had hot chocolate. When prospectors get up they insist we have breakfast with them. Grand meal! Don't see arch on Cummings. The Dr. & son John come in from Horse. We talk of plants and animals while they eat. They have caught a beautiful Collared Lizard. The Dr. is quite a character. Safeway. We finally have to go, hating to leave these good companions. Hope they have luck in their prospecting. Nothing on Navajo. Make good time as we pass the three canyons before Cliff. Stop at top of Cliff - Yabot Pass. Down to First Water where we rest. Yabot Pass only stop. Find gastropod shell with an arthropod in it in stream. See several Moki Steps up RB wall - one near stream. Probably not new find since many people have gone this way. Pass man & woman from Tacoma, Washington & give them salt the Dr. gave us to give them. There are two hogans at the end of Cliff where you turn through Redbud Pass. Also arch. Stop to look at petroglyphs & pictographs [Bernheimer's Painted Rock camp] on wall back of hogans. Some very good. Through Redbud to water in r. canyon. Continue along making good time to Rainbow. Note several horses up by old camp. Talk to horse wrangler at register. Go down to spring [Echo Camp] & talk to boy from Illinois in with National Geographic group. Ralph Grey(?) and Parker(?) soon come to spring. They are covering the bridge by horse after having been up with Art Greene. They

leave in the morning. Learn that the first part of the register is with the ranger at Navajo Nat. Mon. at Betatakin. They leave to go back for camp. Sleep near the bridge under a juniper. No wind - warm & nice. Bridge very pretty in the moonlight.

July 10 - (Rainbow Bridge): After breakfast go over to look at register. See that we have just missed Don Hatch and party, which was here yesterday. Take down names of his party.

Eggert - Hatch River Expedition

Green River, Wyo - Temple Bar, Lake Mead
 June 11, 1955 - to here on July 9, 1955
 10769 Charles Eggert
 10770 Alden Galloway
 10771 Anthony Tuttle



This exploring is tough work!



The register at Padre Creek

10772 Bruce Lium
 10773 Don Hatch
 10774 Frederick Wood

Don Hatch's address is: 1278 Driggs Ave., SLC. Get name and address of the Dr.: Ralph E. Erickson, Box 445, Kentfield. Calif.

Got name and address of member of party we saw on June 20 & 21 (Ticaboo) to see if glasses found in Ann's Canyon were Genny Schwartz's. Walter F. Kammer, M.D., 1005 W. Parkway, Muncie, Indiana. Left record of Robert and my visit.

10775 Robert Robertson Nathan's Point, Hopetown, Abaco, Bahamas (West Indies)
 10776 Gus Scott 1208 W. Rancho Dr., Phoenix, Ariz.

On return to boat after hike up n. side Navajo Mt. & back via Rainbow Lodge July 9-10, 1955.

Go back to spring for a while before we take off down canyon, We stop in the Narrows for fruit punch and a delightful hour or so swimming in the many nice pools. There is an oil seep at the large spring at the Narrows. Nice walking back down Forbidding passing many large pools. At camp are six cans of sausage and note left on cans by Don Hatch.

You may keep this sausage if you want. We think it's terrible stuff! Read "ingredients" first. Or just throw in the river! We all wish you an exciting and safe trip.

Don Hatch

He also left names of members of party.

From Green River Wyo. to Lake Mead Low H2O
 Don Hatch SLC. Utah
 Bruce Lium
 Tony Tuttle - Mass.

Fred Wood - Conn
 Charles Eggert - N.Y.
 Cid Sumner - Mass.

On note about shovel he wrote, "Didn't see one." on checking the boat we find the shovel in the front compartment. We go around by hand-lain walls and spring to rest & read. Get photograph of "BLACK" for Marston. Later go out to put boat back in water. Boat was high and dry when we arrived due to rapidly falling water. Have to unload first. After dinner it gets very windy and much sand is blown around. Very nice to be back on river again, almost like being home. Go up canyon a ways to get rose. During the night we are awakened by a few drops of rain.

July 11 - Mile 68.55 RB (Forbidding Canyon):

Sleep late and then breakfast. Open up 1.5 lb. can of sausage Don left. Robert eats very little and doesn't like it; I eat quite a bit and save rest for lunch. Fill up with water and pack up boat to leave. Shove off and Robert rows to opposite shore. On wall (RB) opposite mouth of Forbidding is RAINBOW BRIDGE T C WIMMER. Was Wimmer member of '21 survey party? Nice run through riffle. Stop on RB at Mile 67.6 to go up canyon on right at 67.8 [Cascade Canyon]. From Dick's river maps I had taken down that there were ruins in this canyon in last bend on right (river map). We go to mouth but find no ruins right at the mouth. Evidently the ruins are a little further up canyon but we decide not to go since would have to walk through pool difficult to get down to. Drift. on to stop in beautiful glen on r. at Mi. 66.6 which has a narrow opening. We take short walk to end where there is a pool with seeps around. Eat lunch. Air photo taken by Dick of the two canyons (Mi. 66.5 RB and Mi. 66.2 LB) [Driftwood and Cathedral Canyons] just below here is very good. Drift to a stop (Mi. 65.25) on Klondike Bar (Mi. 65.1 - 65.9) (?) to pan for gold for a photograph. I believe there is a step trail coming down to Klondike. No color in pan'. Water in canyons on left at Mi. 64.2 and Mi. 63.5 [Little Arch and False Entrance Canyons]. Winds have been very bad all day but they get worse and travel is very slow. I row and then Robert rows. See ruins on RB at Mi. 59.4, which Dick had told me about. They are in two groups, one building looking to be in good condition. Pull in canyon [Grotto Canyon] on left Mi. 67.8 for camp opposite Wildhorse Bar. The "Y" ate lunch here in '53 and '54. Canyon has water in it. As in nearly all side canyons in Glen there is a sand bar at the mouth cut with a small stream. Fix dinner and go to bed early with some hot chocolate. Good ideal

July 12 - Mile 57.8 LB (Wildhorse Bar):

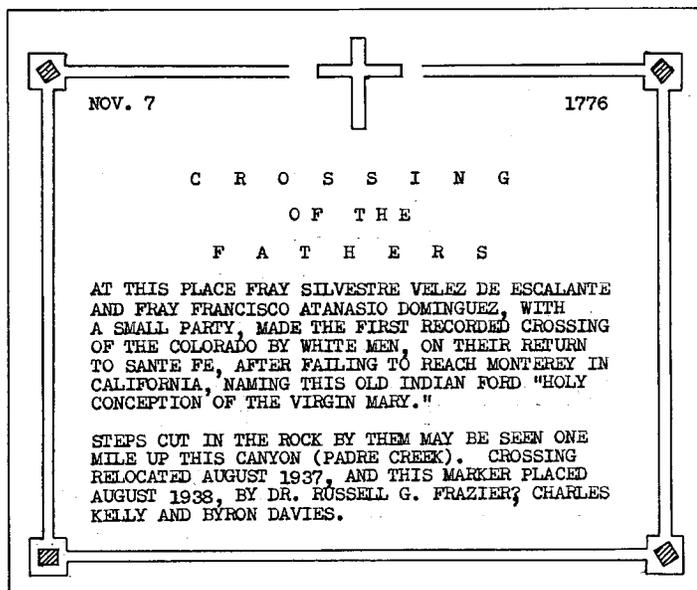
Up late and go into the canyon to get water. See green Piper flying around which may be Glen's. Get early start down river. Quick run to Rock Creek. Stop (RB Mi. 55.75) to look for ruins and petroglyphs. Glyphs are just back of where we stopped, also some pictographs. On wall is NA 2689 and RB-MV 715 in white paint. Follow along wall to cave (Mi. 55.8) where there is a small ruin. Mainly a few low walls remain-

ing. Metate in place. On rock is NA 2691 and RB-MV 716. Were these ruins, glyphs, etc. along the river cataloged? Be very nice to have list. We search along the wall toward Rock Creek for hackberry (7) bush back of which I believed Dick's river record was, but we didn't find. Water in Rock Creek. Several rocks across river. Slow run down to West Canyon. Beautiful Snowy Egret (Egretta thula). Fast run to Last Chance. Water in Last Chance. We camped on RB Mi. 48.4 in 1953. Slow run next 1.5 miles and I go to sleep. See window high up on LB rim. Window is on LB of canyon which enters opposite upper end of Meskin Bar on the back part of butte which sticks out here. Approximately Mile 45.5. High up near top of mesa in large cave (app. Mile 46.0) looks like a ruin. Very hard to tell through binoculars. Chances are very great that it is not. Face Canyon (RB Mi. 44.4) has water. Camped on sandbar (RB Mi. 43.5) in 1954. Pull into back water of Kane Cr. for camp. Water in Kane is muddy. Eat dinner and then Robert and I climb up the hill toward Padre to look at view. Many buttes stick up around. Nice view up river. Many sand bars in river. Fix air mattresses, which have been going flat this last week, when we get back to camp. Have Mormon Tea (Squaw Tea) just before we go to bed.

July 13 - Mile 40.55 RB (Kane Creek): After breakfast drifted to Padre Creek (RB Mi. 39.95) which is the "Crossing of the Fathers" and not Kane Creek as it is marked on the river maps. Go up canyon, Mouth of creek is muddy. Canyon makes right turn 1/2 way to steps. Nice flow of clear water in the creek. Several oil seeps. Steps cut by Escalante party are on RB little over 1/4 mile up. Robert registers in book left by Harry and Encinata(?) scout group by cairn at start of steps.

1119 Gus Scott 1208 W. Rancho Dr. Phoenix, Arizona
 1120 Robert Robertson Nathan's Point, Hopetown, Abaco, Bahamas (W. Indies)
 One month from Hite by rubber boat. (?)

We go up steps a short ways to a second group. Steps very poor, Moki better. We go up canyon thinking there



may be more steps entering canyon, but since it opens up and wouldn't seem too difficult to enter we return down steps to boat. Robert lets boat down to plaque placed by Frazier, Kelly, and Davies, which I photograph and copy. Slow run as we drift to Labyrinth Canyon (LB Mi. 35.45) for camp. Do much swimming on the way. Rest in the shade before heading up canyon. Canyon soon branches, we go up r. fork. Canyon ends shortly under slight overhang with pool beneath. Both Jim White and members of Nat. Geographic had told us not to miss Labyrinth. Grey of Nat. Geographic had said it was a beautiful amphitheater with walls 1500 feet high rising straight above. Not believing this to be the case for several reasons we check the river map, which shows the highest point to be seen in the amphitheater to be only 480 feet above the river, However, not being satisfied I decide to do some triangulating with an old compass and pencil Robert found. With boy scout compass and pencil Robert & I measure angle to high point and then by going 100 feet back from first position take second measurement. First angle = 47°; second angle = 41°. All measurements taken from height of 5 feet. See figures [Not included. Calculate height at 464.3 ft.].

While there is no doubt considerable error in this method, we still do not get a cliff of 1500 feet. We go back and head up main branch. See first Spadefoot (Scaphiopus hammondi). Go through narrow place in canyon, which seems very narrow first time through. Opens up again. Come to narrow place, which goes up about 100 feet. Enter. Pass under several large boulders and follow fault line. Canyon turns to right. Canyon is only shoulder width in places and can see only a small slit of light above and none in spots. Slit enters on right and then left. Very wierd traveling in narrow slot. Tiring since we have to lean against the walls most of the time but not difficult. We are near Arizona line. After about 1/2 mile of very slow traveling come to "open" area and decide to return. Sorry we didn't get to end. Have big dinner and get to bed early.

July 14 - Mile 35.45 LB (Labyrinth Canyon): Get up very early and off to early start. Robert fixes up the tarp over the middle compartment so we have some shade. Stop at Warm Creek (RB Mi. 27.8) to get some water. Robert goes through window and when he steps on "solid" stream bed goes in the mud up to his hips, water cans and all. Decide to wait and get water at spring at Mile 20.85. We walk over to Goldwater's inscription on the wall (RB Mi. 27.75).

ARIZONA WELCOMES YOU / UTAH

See Harry's record just to left.

- HLA
- 7-42
- 2-45
- 4-45
- 6-45
- 8-45

Drift on to wonderful spring that gushes out near water line on the RB about Mile 20.85. Spring hard to spot.

Marked with cairn and "WATER" written on rock. Fill up with water. Eat lunch while drifting. Camped on RB Mi. 18.7 in '54. Stop at Galloway's Cave (Nevills' Outlaw Cave)(RB Mi. 17.?). In cave is:

N GALLOWAY
JAN 6 1894
1894
OC 25 1897

Oldest name is C (?) WRIGHT, ?E? 23, 1893. Also W W JONES, Aug 19, 1922, and "THIS EQUIPMENT BELONGS N. D. NEVILLS PLEASE LEAVE AS FOUND." Several 1931 dates and more recent. Wonderful collection of lizards in and around cave - Chuckwalla, Holbrookia, etc. Cave rather spoiled by humanity. Stop at Wahweap (Sentinel Rock) for camp. Windy around dinner. After dinner go to look at names back of Sentinel Rock. There is BERT LOPER 07 08 11 12 21(3) 32(?) 39 44 47 48. Also FRAZIER '34-'37, KELLY '32-'37, and DAVIES '37. Go to bed early and talk about genera, etc.

July 15 - mile 16.65 RB (Wahweap Creek): Up early. Fix breakfast and shove off. We read Romer - trying to learn out vertebrate classification, and swim while we drift. Robert has fixed up another awning with the tarp today. It is over the front compartment and 1/2 middle compartment which works much better than the previous top since you can row. Still fairly early we stop at a spring LB Mi. 8.4. A little muddy near the water and hard to get to but spring very good. See mullein. Robert collects numerous plants to my joy. Drift on and about 1 get to sandbar (RB Mi. 3.05) where we plan to camp tonight. Rest in shade and try to get notes up to date. Start to fix dinner. Big wind comes up which blows sand off bar everywhere. Collect pans that have blown into the river, put food in the waterproof bags, and Robert and I sit it out under the tarp in the boat. Much sand with a few drops of rain. Robert gets out to pull up boat once. After 60 minutes it calms down enough so we think we can cook dinner. Find mashed potatoes ruined by sand entering waterproof bag. Get fire going when gust of wind comes up blowing sand in Spam and pans, paper, & salt in river. Grab Spam, new batch of mashed potatoes, peaches and head for boat after securing things. Robert cleans sand off Spam and we eat in boat. Many black clouds above and windy but no rain. After 30 minutes it's calm again. We clean up and prepare sleeping bags. Take walk along beach. This is our camp 21 and last night on the Colorado under the stars. This month river trip cost about 65¢ each in food per day. Get to bed late under a clearing sky.

July 16 - Mile 3.05 RB: After a late start clean up camp and away we go. Pass spring

on left bank at Mi. 2.4. See beautiful Yucca on RB. Duck Bob. Pass under river gaging wire over - river. Sev. houses on right. See old boiler of boat used to carry coal to Lees from Warm Creek in mud. Pass another wire. Pull up under large tree opposite old Lee's Ferry Fort and unload boat. Take some equipment to top and rest in shade. Lunch. Robert and I walk down to look at the Paria Rapid. Bigger than anything in Glen. Would like to run it. Perhaps John would like to go. Just as we start to go back a car comes over the hill, a honk and a yell. It's John Ross. Drive back to fort and start bringing equipment to station wagon. After packing we swim for the last time this year in the Colorado, dress, and leave for the Grand Canyon. Stop at Art Greene's for tire. Dinner at Cameron. Spend the night at the south rim camping ground. Fix John a river breakfast the next morning. Robert disappointed in Canyon after view from Navajo and commercialization. Stop at Yavapai for lecture and Naturalist Workshop before leaving for Phoenix.

EQUIPMENT FOR RIVER TRIP [list not included]

COLORADO RIVER RUN-OFF

AT LEE FERRY 1955 [truncated]

June 20	28,400 cu. ft./ sec.
July 1	18,900 [cfs]
July 16	7,111 [cfs]

End

GRAF ZEPPELIN

One Sunday morning I chanced to hear,
a rumbling and a tumbling in the r'atmosphere.

One Sunday morning I chanced to hear,
a rumbling and a tumbling in the r'atmosphere.

a'ratmosphere.

People were flocking everywhere, gesticulating, and gazing,
and pointing in the air. T'was the Graf Zeppelin,
which had come to pay a visit to Trinidad.

I gazed at the Zeppelin contemplatively,
and marvelled at man's ingenuity.
The roaring of the engines were all I heard,
as it floated in the air like a giant bird,
and in between;
as the mighty airship. The pilot, and the sailors,
and the passengers were seen. They were waving little flags,
which they had. Paying a visit to Trinidad.

I gazed and acknowledged him back to me,
how wonderful the work of man can be.
To see that huge object in the air,
maintaining perfect equilibrium in the r'atmosphere,
wonderfully. Beautifully, gloriously, decidedly
defying all the laws of gravity,
was the Graf Zeppelin which had, come to pay a visit to Trinidad.

As I gazed at the Zeppelin, something touched me hand.
I turned and saw an old decrepit, poorly man.
He said to me, he pointing at the Zeppelin,
"Massa can you tell'm what is dat ting,
it is too hard for me to understan at all,
he no have no ting or limb - - - - ,
and still he never passed.
He was speaking of the Zeppelin,
which had come to pay a visit to Trinidad.