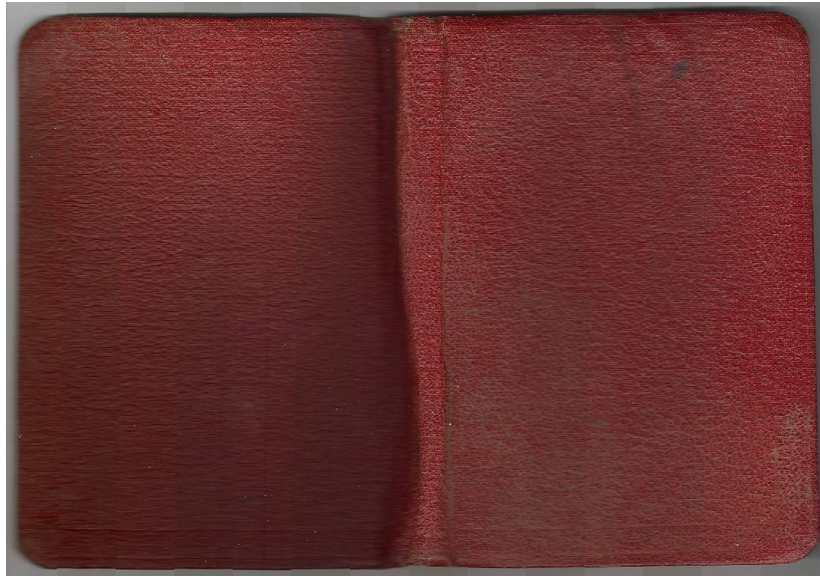


Dad's 1933 Auto Diary

**James D. Crawford's
diary of his wedding trip from
June 25th to Aug 1st, 1933**



Foreword

On June 25th, 1933, Dad started a car trip in Los Angeles with Imogene Harrison (Peach) and her brother Dan. They drove through Las Vegas, Zion, Grand Canyon, and Bryce to Salt Lake City, where Dad and Peach were married on June 30th. From there Dad and Peach drove to Steamboat Springs. After 10 days in Steamboat, they drove through Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California, finally arriving back in Los Angeles on August 1st. Throughout this trip, Dad wrote any details down in a little red notebook which he carried in his shirt pocket. He always recorded the odometer readings and any repair costs or other expenses that he incurred. And of course he recorded all the wildlife that he saw. What he did not record was the wedding, or any of the social interactions on the trip.

Below are scans of all of the pages of the book. Note that at the end of the book, he wrote an entry detailing a prescription Peach had filled in Lakeport, CA, on 2/13/36.



- *Jim Crawford*
May 10, 2012



June 25 - 6:00 P.M.

Mileage 77676

Gas 9 gal ^{Economy} $14\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1.31}{}$

melon - .35

supper outskirts of San Ber 95

oranges .55

Mileage 747 Leaving 9:05

Barstoe 12:15

Mileage 835 $\frac{1.35}{}$

Gas 9 \rightarrow

Baker - 3:05 - 903

Gas (Green Streak) 3 gal

@ 19 = .57¢

Top of Hill - at 4:05 - 923

Certainly a beautiful
sight with Yucca &
Joshua Palmettos.

Rabbit - 936

Sum - 4:40 938

(Las Vegas 78000 - 7:50
over

Breakfast of fried
chicken - I shot
two rabbits
Mileage 941 at 5:40
Nevada 956 - 6:15
← Las Vegas (over)
5 gal ~~Green~~ Streaks @ 18½¢
93¢

checked tires - inflated 6 lbs
too much - 110° in shade
beach came back afternoon
in Las Vegas. Pants

Car got terribly hot
19 miles from Las
Vegas so I and I
turned around and
went back. Stopped
at a little station
and mechanic worked
for 3½ hours.
Going fine now

Pasta 4.40
Labor 2.00

Comstock camp
at 3:00 P.M.
Gas 3 gal .66
mileage 78081

Glendale camp
reunion - Chicken
& watermelon.
Leaving 3:35

Messquite. 4:50
Still ahead of Mack.
Beautiful farms
saw road runners
turtle doves - got
water.
Mileage 78120
onto Arizona

Utah line again
mileage 78138
time 5:25

Saw a boy or quail
2 old ones & 12 full
ones.

Shot rabbits and waited
several hours for the
Studebaker. They got hot
& failed all the water but.
Had lunch in St George
& went on to Zion
arrived at 11:00 P.M.
Dan lost his(?) hat.

^{Time}
Just out of Zion
12:50
mileage 78247
Driving thru real
sage brush
Zion toll \$1.00

Elevation Top pass
6190 F.T.

Gas at junction
5 gal — \$1.18
mileage 260
Time 1:30

Pearce driving - 267
T. 1:40
Kanab - 8279 - 2:05
Air & water
Alton - 282
Eltonia - 285

Entrance fee - \$1.00

Grand Canyon

Camped here last night
saw canyon

Leaving Wed 6:30 A.M.

Mileage 78 367

Jacobs Lake

Mileage 413-

1 gal gas 1.33

Kanab at 10:10

Bought arrowhead .20

Mileage 457

Travel Junction

Time 11: A.M.

Gas 8 gal 1.88

Mileage 473

Summit

Don lost glasses

Don shot some prairie dogs

Hatch - 5:21 12:55

Bryce Camp Ground for
lunch at 2:00

Mileage - 785 4/8

Windy & Cool - lots of
sheep along way

Hiked down through trail through
pines. Don wet his water too.

Leaving Bryce at 5:46
at 4:45

New addition at
5:05, now watch
our menagerie grow
Watched a whirlwind for several
miles.

McIntire had a
blow out. 6:00

Lamb not discovered yet

Hit a chicken 6:10
poor old white hen!!

Koshareem

622 - 2 gal gas @ 25
7:53 \$.50

Salina - dinner
664 meal 1.65
Gas 4 gal .88

Nephi 1:00
Stayed all night. (Morning)
Cleaned up ready to
leave this morning
at 8:15
mileage 78740
Gas 3 gal \$1.00

Provo 9:45
mileage 78787
Breakfast \$1.70

Farmington 12:30
Stopped at Chloes &
Aunt Lucinas in S.L.

Salt License did
shopping and took
the car to be repaired

garments	\$1
P.J.'s	5.43
Candy	3.75
gum	.20
gas 1 gal	.20
gas 17 gal	3.06
fuses	.25
repairs on car	7.60
(Earle Hall)	
Cablegram	.63
Honeymoon tour	1.00
Cabin	5.00
breakfast	.69
groceries	.42
tie & clasp	1.15

Mother (board) \$ 10.00
Church & license 3.50
Leaving Salt Lake

Time 1:07

Mileage 78891

H.W.B. T. \$1.65

Mentholation

4:00 P.M. Just

fired a flat in the
left rear wheel
I went wading while
Jimmie worked
Mileage 936
Roalbers .10

Leaving Sun our beautiful
little Strawberry Valley
camp at 7:30 Sunday
morning.

Butter .15
I stopped at
Shinking Springs to

fix the spark plugs
and washed down the wheel in ^{B.} _{oil}

Fruitland 9:00

Mileage 78993

Duchene 79020
Kinclaw Brax. Station

Mileage 79020

Time 10:10

Valve caps .25

Flat at 025

Mylon 11:20

9040

Rosevelt 11:50

5 gal of gas \$1.22

Wash .25

Boatery water
Went down to fort
Duchene

Lunch on the
river at 12:30
Bacon sandwiches
tomato juice
peaches
mileage 0.61

We can see a big
forest fire as we
enter Durnal.

Gas 5 gal. - 1.10
bread & cookies - 18
Time 2:08 PM
mileage 78088

Went to Dinosaur monument
Honey bear, blue blocks & white
one line not
for long.

1 mi 4:20
6 miles from Jensen
Escalante crossed (876)

Jensen 4:45 P.M.
Honey Bear
Coca-Cola t. 15
... 18

Mileage 79118
Stopped to fix
flat
off again at 6:50
Honey Bear
rabbits. 79130

Sagebrush 133(645)
Colo State Line
7:00 - 79135

79137 - 25¢ patches
20¢ lost.
79139 - 10¢ - mills
cute white dog nipped me.

July 3rd
Mileage 79147
Pulled up a canyon
and camped for
the night. Beautiful
night.
Supper of Peaches. bacon

Jul 2 corn and macaroons
Morning Lots of Cattle around
Time 7:50

Breakfast over - car.
packed, looks like rain
I fixing another flat.
Leaving soon

Macidona 11:05
Stopped to fix tires
tube \$1.55
Mileage 79163

Craig 2:25
Mileage 79241
5 Sps. mil. 79285 Time 4:00

Steamboat
11 gal of gas 2.64
fishing tackle 2.75
my boots .15
films .40

groceries \$2.60
horses
Gandy \$6.00
Steamboat Springs 6:50

July 16 - 1933
Mileage 79492

Time - 9:45

Gas - 15 gal (11) \$2.64

Checked oil

Cap of tire patches .15

Leaving Steamboat

July 16th - stopped at Basin
Lake to see Trout in Retaining ponds
fed them - worked

Rabbit Ear Pass - Jackson

County - 79519 - 11:20

Many kinds of flowers
in bloom along road

Walton Creek & Tributaries

looks good for fishing.

A beautiful day - few

scattering clouds.

12:05 - Looped over

pump to a man & boy

Walden - 12:45 arrived

79,559

Leaving 1:45-

Lunch \$.85

Left a note for Irene

2:30 F.B. 3:30
Stopped and slept
an hour

3:35 - Wyoming!
Mileage 29586

Expenditure. 79617

Time 4:48

Stopped at Condors Camp
for Candy & pyet for
Youngs.

Arrived at
Youngs 5:30 - 6:31
Probably home but
niced to see.

Caught a whale in the big
hole below the barn - but he
got away
Leaving Brush Creek

2:00

Mileage 79632

Caught 35 fish

3:00. Flat tire just
over platte River bridge -
Candy

Corobolo .10

3 gal gas .46

Mileage 79653

Time 4:10

Parco - 691

Stopped and saw
Sylvia - Mrs. Howard
Bayler - husband & two
girls - for only a
few minutes & live in
slate gray house behind
school house.

Rawlins - 79698

Stayed at Karsto

815 Buffalo - Nobody home

Mrs. O Dand. next door
told me Malinda is hospitalized
in Denver. Sub. of spine ^{injury}
^{leg} in cast for 3 months.

Sig out on a run.

Gave a dozen fish to

Mrs. O D and stayed at

Just 6:25 miles.

July 18th

Groceries

butter

(went with Sig
up the plateau fishing
saw antelope
his coming
down river
stopped to see
Dick & Sadie)

July 19th

Gas

11 $\frac{1}{2}$ gal

214

2.42

fuses

.30

water in battery

Leaving

mileage

7:15

79706

Pike Springs

Red Desert

Elevation 7200

Mileage 79738

Continental Divide

It snowed

(Jimmie never woke)

me up.

8:05

Point of Rocks - 796

9:25

Sig's Train just going

around bend.

Saw bunch of antelope

about 15 mile back.

Leaving Rock Springs

11:50

Mileage 798 25

Lunch .30

Tire .50

Sweater 20

Tooth paste 10

holder .10

basin 20

netting 10

comb 10

gas 5 gal 2 1/2 1.08

stamps .30

shave cream .10

shoe laces .05

paper naps .05

Eden Valley

Tarmon 868

869

Sander 916

Pinedale - 932

Time 3:05

Elev. - 7167

Population - 350

The Panhandle line from a
Railroad in U.S.A.

Daniel Wyoming 79946

Elev. 7192 Time - 320

Shaw Ranch 968
(mema, wyo) 655

Shot nine squirrels
and cooked them for
dinner. Had a beautiful
little camp in the
quakers about 1 mile
from ranch.

Saw Doctor Montrose
Dick Key, Mrs Sargent
and Celia in Daniel

Leaving Sage Chicken
camp at 10:00
July 20th
Milage 79974.

Arrived at Harrison Ranch
(Jewett) at 10 to 10:00
Milage 79983

Looked the Ranch over &
walked up to first ranch
taking several pictures.

Saw many flowers &
few fish. Brought ball
joint of animal & two
rocks from old Cornell
site. Very Cordial & have
invited us back.

Leaving at 12:35.

Stopped at Lozner's
old place (deserted)
ate lunch -
Chicken bread jelly
& peaches - so good
ate in shade of willows
by a stream.
Leaving 1:45
Milage 86

80000 -	2:10
80003 - Merin Road	
80004 - Daniel	
Time 2:25	
Bread -	.10
Appa	.25
Bum	.05
Henships	.20
	.60

Peach stopped to see
Alia Sargent.

Leaving Vandel
287 3:40

Sas 13 gal \$3.84

Stopped in Hoback Canyon
for drinks. 80047 4:40

A flat at Camp Davis
just after Sulphur
Spring ran into the
Hoback river.

Leaving 6:00

Mileage 80058

U. of Michigan Summer
camp.

Jackson - cut off
little town I
have never seen
the horns before
anywhere.
Time 6:40

Mileage 80078
July 20

Made camp early
in a little camp on
Jackson Creek under
the grand Teton.

Dined on beans,
sage chicken & peaches.
Went swimming in
the creek after dark
& had a good bath.
Cleaned my clothes
in gasoline.

Breakfast over &
leaving at 7:30
for the park. Another
perfect day.

Mileage 80087

80092. Loaned
our jack to some
people from Connecticut
leaving 8:15 from
place where I did
take picture

Kodak film Jenny
lake - 3 rolls .90

Stopped to change flask
for H. Trueman - too
much gasoline 80106
Time 7:40

Jackson Lake
80116

Time 10:15

Gas 2 gal .64
Candy .20

Stopped and slept
an hour just out
of park.

Entering park
Friday 11/2: 35
80142.

Time 3.00

A wee black bear
held us up for food
Saw a doe deer
soon after.

Stopped at west
1 mile room for
lunch. A man
gave us two nice
trout about 15 in.
Decided to make
the entire circle.
We stopped to
help Philip &

Mary back on the road at 80180

My blue slacks, which went back on me this morning are still hanging out the window

Fished awhile in the river & then went up to the bear pits to see them eat their "salad" 6.45

Started on game slatking tour and ran into a truck, broke one headlight fender & pushed the radiator back some

Camped at Camp Canyon where a bear got our bread while I was frying fish and a moose grazed in our front yard.

During the night a good many bears visited us.

Up at five - cold and cloudy. We are here at grand canyon 6:15

Mileage 80224

groceries .70

5 gal of gas 27¢ 1.35

Mammoth Hot Springs 12:50

bread

bacon .65

tomato juice

Corn

Drove up Mt Washburn this morning so steep and cold. Saw several grouse and a

tailless rabbit in which
Jim was much interested
saw bear and a buffalo
also a moose this morning
The bears stole our
bread last night

Bought cards and a book

1.70

5 gal of gas 25 1.25

patches 35

Back driving 288

2.30

Obsidian Monument + Cliff

Mileage 80 292

Took a one way road to W.

Thumb. Found the world's best
drinking water. A big black
bear wooed at us.

Isa Lake

80343

Made our early camp
at H. Thumb.

Dinner at Old faithful

.40

paper

.10

bars

.10

Fished awhile. I caught
one - all we could
eat

Morning.

bars

.10

Going fishing.

fast 1 hr

.50

Caught one.

Fishing bridge

fast
tack

.65

50

bars
Leaving Fishing Bridge 10
2:40 July 23
mileage 80380

stopped to fill 80404
gas from 5 gal can.

Reached fishing at 405
last time she says.
Time 345.

Leaving the
park 5:05
mileage 80407
Shoshone Dam
Cody - 462
7:10

Chicken dinner
at the Cody Cafe

fuses 1.20
gas 13 gal 21 .30
time 2.80
mileage 8:45
greased job .75
change oil 1.20

Monday
Leaving our Cody
camp at 6:45
mileage 80473

State Line - 8:10
mileage 519
Bridger - 546
Breakfast \$.50
Time leaving 9:43

Tuesday

Edgar, Montana - 126
 Gas 8 gal 21 = 1.68
 fares → .25
 shades → 2.00
 \$3.53

Wednesday
 Leaving - Mileage - 80565
 Time - 8:45

Children \$1.00
 candy .30
 pop corn .20
 Card from Mother

Columbus 10:00
 Mileage 80610
 temperature 105%

Livingston 80691
 Time 12:30

5 gal of gas 1.25
 lunch 35
 paper 10

Leaving Livingston 1.50

Bogman - 719
 Time - 1:44

24 Gal. Enoco gas 22¢
 Saw Agricultural 8¢
 College

Peach Spring 785
 Time 4:10

Seal Ducks - (7) - 789
 Whiteball - 790

Stopped for Spring H₂O
 4:55

Mileage 803
 Peach Gal. Enoco
 of Bogmans lie
 it is the mad!

Butte 5:20

80810
First shower
since Brush Creek
groceries 1.50
fruits .35
Leaving Butte 6:10

Ate supper outside of
Butte at 7:00
Milage 80832

Saw a - radcliffe
on a head butte
peaches -

Montana State Game
Warden at Warm
Springs. 80851

State Prison

Time 8:10

80867

Deer Lodge 23

5 gal of Corned
71 1.15

Forest fire over to
west - Fite Camp!

Stayed for night
near river at
milage - 80881 W

Took a bath in
the river - It was

grand. Warm night
but several Mosquitoes

Camp is on side road
off of main road

parallel to River 100
yards.

Thursday
Leaving Camp at 6:45
Time 8:42

Mileage 942.
Stopped to look for
honey bear traps.
found spruce berries
goose berries & poison
black currants. A handy
little brook of ice
water. Beautiful canyon
lots of muskrats.

Missouli 9:07

7 gal of gas (95¢ 6¢) 1.61

Found the 958
Studebaker & muddled
nothing in it in
front of the P.O.

building on the main
street. What a break!
Mac - shaving a hair
cut - Mrs. H. Dan &
Chloe up at camp.
wrote letter to
Dad.

Big logging camp
and the saw mill
at mill town
a few mile back.
We camped on Missoula
river last night
It goes into Blackfoot
River at Mullin &
they go into Clatsop
Falls a few miles
farther on.

Lunch with the folks
at mileage 81008

met the folks
at Old Faithful Museum
at P.O.
washers .20

85969
Time 11:32
Leaving lunch at
1:30

Peak driving 81025
Country all single
fine ahead again.
Roads Rough.

Caught up with folks
at Sears -
81051 - peach not driving
10¢ for Candy.

Longmont Pass
Montana State Line
Elevation 7778 FT
81091

Time 5:00
Good road. Cool
traveling through
beautiful country.

Oiled roads again
at Mullen 097

Waface 81154
Still in a beautiful
country.
Hard fakes just
ahead

Friday
leaving camp at
Coeur d'Alene Lake
at 7:00 mileage
is 81153. We are
leaving ahead of the
car.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
mileage - 81164
stopped at Park
Big lumber mill on
edge of lake.

Gas - 5 gal Coeur
@ 22 1/2 = 1.13
av 81189
1 qt all 30

Spokane 7:50
81199
Diamond Match Co
Furnace " "

Steeple 257
Rolling hills of grain

Colfax 81268
5 gal gas \$1.13
Largest grain
producing county in
the world

81305. Crossed
the Snake river

Dayton 81341
June - 1:40
Butter 10
Groceries 35

Lunch at Dayton
2 gal of kelpet 50
Dinner 81362

Walla Walla
81375

Leaving 2:45
gas 5 gal 1.10

Honey driving - 377

First view of 406
Columbia River 3:35

Imnigan
81442

4 gal shell 22½ = 90¢
4:45 PM.

Arlington 81484
6:05

Root Beers .10

4 gal of gas .88

Supper at 81490

Leaving 7:10 Saw
Cottontails but no
shots too wild!
Sun just down

Camped above
road & RR - 8
River under

Columbia bluff
back of gravel
for road & fields
Coal wind blowing
W. Wood down
river.

Saturday

Muluge 815/15

Time - 6:55.

Cloudy & windy.

Leaving the Dalles
815-44

Time 7:50

Hood River
gas .19
oil .30
81572
9:10

Cascade Locks 7 to 10

81592
5 gal @ 1.09

Horse Tail Fall
straight fall

Mul

Falls upper 571

Lower 69

Total 620

Hiked up to upper
fall

Mulug F1607

Wahkeena Falls
Crossed

Vista House
above clanda
fine view.
films .30

12:50 Stopped by
wayside for lunch
side grade 81632

5 gal of Calpet 97½
Jimmie firing flat.
Our new tide has a
gash in it. Worried
about the folks. They
haven't passed us
yet.

Just gave myself
an arch and a
manicure.

patch (foot) .15
peanuts .05

Salem - mileage 81705
Time 4:15

Peach driving 81715
4:43

Albany 81736

Eugene
Up of O. here
6 gal at 20½¢ 1.23
81787 2

Cresswell Sunset
8½ gal 1.75
81800

Collage grove
Sundat -18
81807

Sunday
Leaving our camp
below Shady Brook
6:45

81815
veal chops for
supper and breakfast
The camp except
for beaver live.
cloudy this morning

Grants Pass
Time 10:30
Mileage - 81949
Carpl to Don

Grants Pass
81950
10:45

Shoes
butter 18
bread 10
Waffles 12

4 lbs of the best
cherries I ever ate

Put in gas from .10
can 81972

Lunch in
Oregon under -
neath the trees

California again
8/1997
Time 1:15
Examination by Officers
Honey Lail driving
82017
Time 2:10
Traveling down
Smith Creek.

Heavy fog meeting
us as we leave
Mts - Cold too.
Equestrian City - all
foggy
82042
First view of Ocean

5 gal fuel Chief @
22¢ = \$1.10
No 3rd grade gas in town.

1st Grader State - .30
3:10
Del Norte State Red
wood park .054

Eureka 82136
6:30

Gas 5 gal .88

groceries

milk .07

cantalope .10

onions .05

eggs .12

Leaving Red
Wood camp on the
Del river near
Eureka 8:40

82170

82470

Camp Percy
Ran out of gas
\$.49 gal .88

Cummings - 82249
Time 11:35
Beans 12

82306

3 gal of gas 21 .63

Calpella - 310
Acres of Currants!

Urbiah 82317
5 gal of Calpet .88

Waiting at Rich-
mond Ferry
rates 1.00
plums .20

Ferry docks 5:55
82430

82439

4 gal of gas .34
lights 50

August 1st

4:50 82452
Stayed at Jours
last night
She made us
an apple turnover

Salinas 7:35

82554
7 gal of Calpet 15¢ 1.09
grease .10
\$1.19

1 qt of oil

.30

Flat at 82586

Breakfast at the
graveyard and off
again at 11:
82606

Stopped to see
Cepitio and Janet
Had apple pie &
visited 30 minutes
Off again at 1:30
82677

Also 5 gal of gas .83

82724 - Honey
Girl driving

82800, 2 gal
as at @ 15¢ = .31

82810 - Santa Barbara

5:30

7 gal Green Streak on
\$1.00 Script (Shell)
+ .12¢ = \$1.12

Los Angeles

82910 - 9:00

Stopped in Hollywood
to get leaks fixed
flat .50
bare .10

Inglewood at last

dinner at the hotel 10:00
house .40

\$2922

Fees not home.

82922

77676

5246

Expenditures of Trip

Gas 286 gal = 61.66

Ports + oil 26.26

Groceries 19.12

Miscellaneous 46.91

TOTAL

\$153.89

Average cost of gas per gallon
215.6¢

" " per mile .293¢

Average mileage per gallon
18.34

Mileage of trip 5246

Actual value of trip \$\$\$\$\$\$

Cumies Drug Store
#29 ACCumies ph. &.
Ethical Prescription Service Taken
RX for Mrs. Eugene Crawford
Salinas California
Digital (Mueford) 37

35 drops every 5 hrs for 5
does then 20 drops

Copia 73769
waRDP TX

Thos. P. Hill - 2nd

Reg no -

Date 2/3/36