

Camp Floyd and David Evans

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George A. Smith accompanied Bishop David Evans with two of his wives from Lehi to Camp Floyd (lately called Fort Crittendon). Eight miles out they encountered Joseph Dorton hauling water for the mail station. About 4 hours travel brought them to Camp Floyd half of the way up hill. They spent four or five hours in Camp Floyd.

There was about 250 buildings within the bounds of the camp and in the graveyard about 75 graves. The yard consists of 20 by 13 rods. fences in with a stone wall, four feet high. The Arsenal, 55X75 feet, is surrounded by a stone wall 18 by 30 feet of stone, laid up with mud.

Only two families and one blind soldier are left. They took to the hospital some flour and bacon for him, which was stolen from him. John Carson's family fed the blind soldier.

George A. Smith dined with this family, when the company met an individual, which seemed like meeting someone from the grave. They met Mrs. Penrod and her girl picking up old iron from shells, for which she got six cents a pound. She picked up 800 pounds in one day, as shells are scattered all over the country.

Old Bradford Leonard is in Perry's old store, living alone. the company went into Ball Alley. In Fairfield there are about 100 houses and 18 families and their graveyard contains about 20 graves.

On the way back the party met near the Jordan River seven loads of telegraph poles brought out by President Young's ox teams.