

Introduction

Recounted by Dru Cauby Sr.'s granddaughter, Mary Kate McKerney
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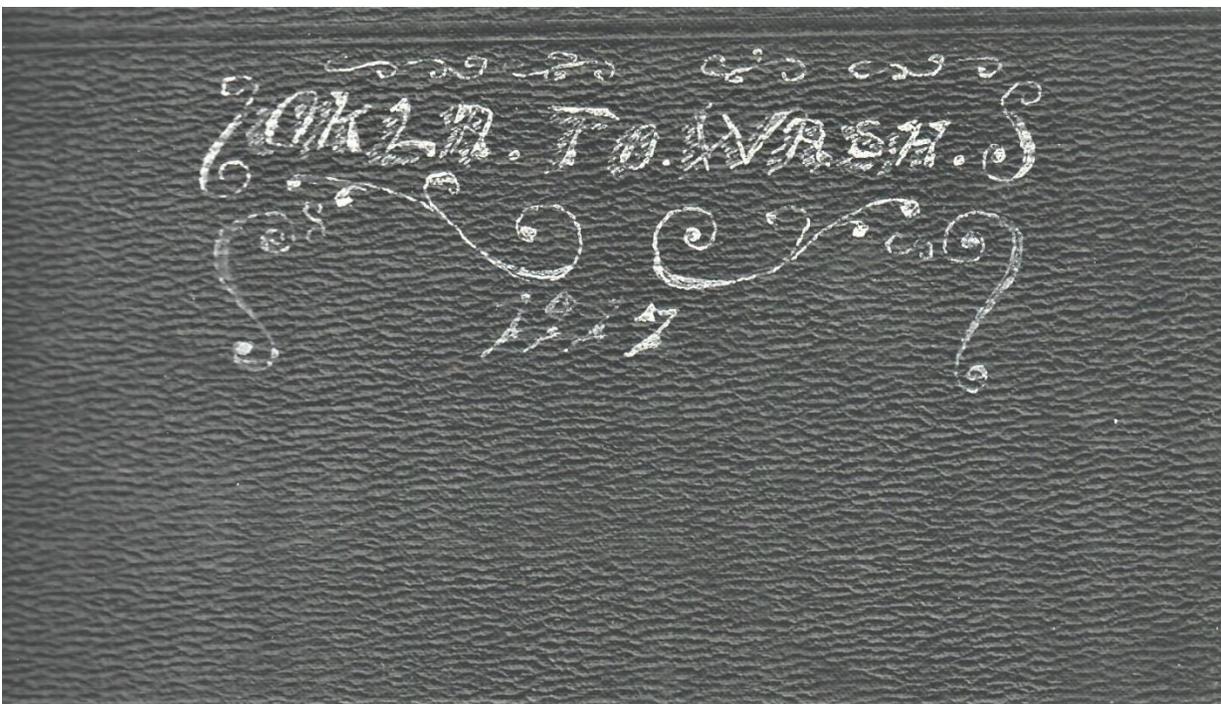
George Milton Cauby's family exodus from El Reno, Oklahoma to Monitor, Washington. This decision to move changed the course of many of the descendants to follow who then lived, married and reared their children and grandchildren in California and the Northwest.

On April 6, 1917, the U.S. entered World War 1 by formally declaring war against Germany. Upon this global backdrop, George Milton Cauby's family trip began about two months later on June 7, 1917.

The following photos with captions are taken from a trip journal written by Dru Cauby [19 yrs old]. He used the spelling Drue for his name on a photo but henceforth the spelling has always been Dru. He refers only to himself as "myself" so it is a calculated guess he is the journal author. He refers to "Mother" Ida Dell (Della), 42 years old and his sister, Dorothy, 11 years old. The fourth traveler is Morris who may be a friend since I cannot find a Morris in the family tree so far.

They purchased an apple orchard in Monitor, Washington which is why they left El Reno, Oklahoma. I do not know the exact details of how they came to obtaining an orchard or any exact reasons. The 1910 census records show that Dru's dad, George, owned a jewelry store and owned their home on 605 South Macomb in El Reno, Oklahoma. In 1917 they moved to Monitor, Wa. so the 1920 census record shows that George became a general farmer and owned his new home on 845 Okanogan Ave in Chelan, Washington. His brother, Herbert Burns Cauby also became a fruit farmer in the same area so it is reasonable that they were helping each other in this venture. George's sister, Mabel married Thomas Throp and it appears they were there visiting? since Throp took local photos and his name is on the photos.

The journal itself has been in the home of Mary Ruth (Cauby) Rasis (daughter of Dru Cauby Sr.) and has recently been (2022) shared with me. The album remains intact but I have lifted the photos, scanned, and then placed them back into the album which is about 102 years old. The camera used by young Dru did not have the settings we have today so many of the photos are quite overexposed. This may due as much to the camera as to the age of the photos. I have used simple edit balance features to darken and provide clarity to the extent possible on the photos. It was a real adventure to drive a Model T Ford 3000 miles without any of the amenities we have today. Note how dressed up the ladies were compared to the camping clothes of today. The women often wore dresses! This journal places the Cauby family in Monitor in 1917 and is proof they were pioneers of that area.



View of original front cover of the photo album.

Oklahoma to Washington

Note: Brackets [] indicate text Dru did not write.

Page 1- Pictures enroute from Oklahoma to Washington
 Mother [Della-42 years old]
 Dorothy [11 year old daughter]
 Morris [friend?]
 Myself [Dru Cauby-19 years old]

[On this page Dru had a photo of their home in El Reno, Oklahoma but it is missing.]

We left home sweet home on June 7, 1917 on a trip of 3000 miles to the great west, Monitor, Washington. Making the trip in a four wheeled vehicle know as a Fliv[er]. [nickname for Ford Model T, the first mass produced vehicle]
 We arrived in Monitor,[Washington] on the night of July 3, 1917.

Picture no. 1 gives you an idea of what we saw for miles and miles in Kansas and Eastern Colorado. Just as level as a table and you can hit them up just as hard as you want to all day long."



Picture 1-Camping somewhere on the Kansas prairies, third night out. We had the whole prairie to ourselves.

Morris usually loaded the suit cases before I got out of bed. Water was rather scarce in some places but Morris stopped one over on the Ford.



Close to the Colorado line, no man's land.



Loading up for another days drive.



Morris takes a drink on the desert.



Some fine Colorado "scenery", sage brush and sand.

Our tire trouble started at Rocky Ford, Colorado and continued all the way through the state and as far as Cheyenne, Wyoming. After this we had very little trouble until we struck Ellensburg, Washington. Seventy five miles from home.



"Henry" [nickname for Model T] is always first in the desert. He took it [water] all this time.



Somewhere near Rocky Ford.

We had a little hard luck out of Rocky Ford. 110 degrees in the shade and no shade but we got used to this.



Morris makes a good self-starter.



Somewhere in Colorado.



June 20, 1917. On our way to the cave of the winds. Note how Morris is taking in the scenery.



Morris in the cab of the Pikes Peak Engine. No, he does not run the engine. He paid his fare.



Morris shoveling snow on Pikes Peak, June 20, 2017. He paid 50 cents for the use of this overcoat.



Dru [on Pikes Peak].

It isn't cold on Pikes Peak. Ask Stocky! [nickname for Morris]



June 21, 1917. On the grade to Seven Falls.



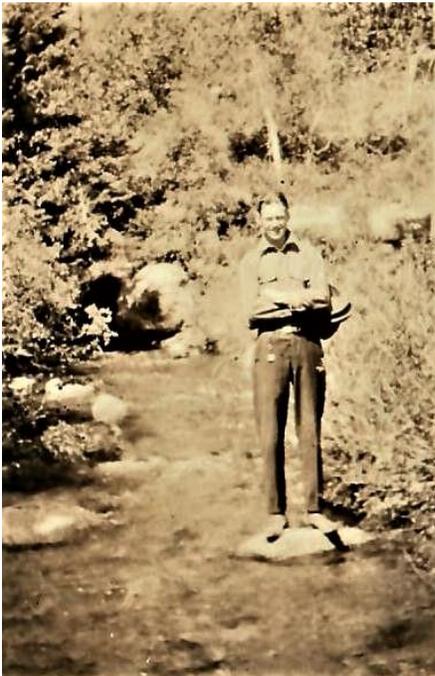
First three of seven falls.



Mother [Della], Dorothy, myself at the top of Seven Falls.



Myself, Mother [Della] and Dorothy looking down into the falls.



This is me [Dru] at the head of Seven Falls. June 21, 1917.



Mother [Della] and me. Seven Falls.



Down the long grade from In Bear Lake Canyon, Wyoming.
Seven Falls.

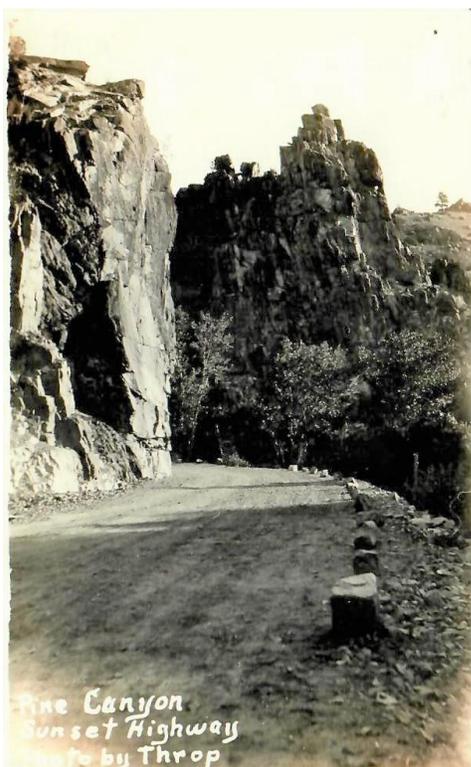
Photos that follow are after they arrived at their destination in Washington. Many photos were of people with no names attached but the few that did are of Cauby siblings with their husbands or wives.



Left to Right. Morris [friend?], George Cauby, Herbert Burns Cauby, Helena Ann (Kellogg) Cauby, and Della (Drury) Cauby.



Part of the eight percent grade of the road from Wenatchee to Waterville just too much for a ford to make on high two and one and a half miles on low. To Waterville, August 5, 1917.



On the road to Waterville from Wenatchee. August 5, 1917.
(photo by Thomas Albert Throp)



"Eats" sure taste good up in the mountains. Supper on the way home from Waterville. Left to right. George Cauby, Morris, Della and Dorothy. Photo by Dru Cauby.



Looking down Pine Canyon on the way to Wenatchee from Waterville. (Photo by Thomas Albert Throp)



Looking up Lake Chelan. This lake is sixty-five miles long. This road up the lake is made of solid rock.



Dropping down the banks of the Columbia River. August, 1917.



Wenatchee Valley. Our orchard lies to the right on the bluff.



The Cauby orchard.



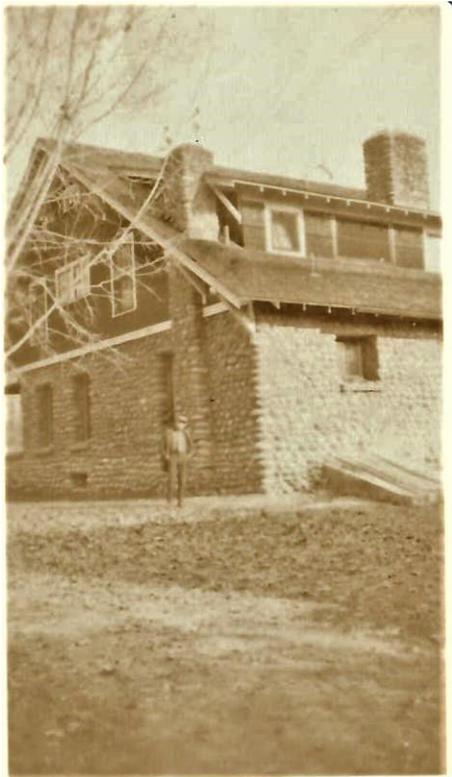
Wenatchee River, Monitor Bridge, school house, and the little town of Monitor. Looking south from the Hight Road.



Looking down from our place, Monitor, and the fire on the mountain.



Cauby orchard.



Unlabeled photo. Cauby home in Monitor?



George Cauby packing fruit.



Dorothy Cauby with orchard apples.



Fruit boxed and ready to go.



Left to right. Unknown person, George Cauby and daughter, Dorothy in front.



Dru Cauby.



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Left is George Cauby. Right son Dru?.



Happy Dru.



Cauby home? Per Ruth (Cauby) Rasis, a fire burned down their home. This may be their second home after the fire.

THE END OF THEIR JOURNAL