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Mr. Jere and Duwayne:

First, I have two apologies to make. 1. For not having lunch prepared and 2. For failing to continue west on our trip to near Brazil. A couple of maps which I dug out reveals that we traveled the right road until we crossed the bridge where you took the pictures. The old road parallels what is now called Hazel Creek (Courtis on maps) west of Palmer. This road exited Washington County in T36 R1W, Sec. 25 after crossing the creek near Sec. 25 & 30 line.

Dry Creek is shown near Westover on Berryman topographical map - T37 N R2W, Sec. 14, Crawford County. This area was Detachment # ELEVEN's 2nd stop in Crawford County. It has been my theory that they went through the Brazil area close to the current Y Hwy, follows the SIX MILE RIDGE into Crawford Co. If so - we would have been correct. Possibly, detours by other detachments split into two trails west of Palmer.

An additional map from Mr. Runner surfaced after you left. It shows a route beginning at Caledonia extending WSW; plus a route from Jackson to Greenville which then runs to Van Buren and SW. We have long believed that 2 detachments used the southern route as they crossed the Mississippi before the ice flows detained the others, and reached their destinations on Jan 4 (Elijah Hicks) John Burge - Jan 11,

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and the Hair Conrad and Colston group on Jan. 17, 1819, who probably also traversed the southern route. SOURCE - JOHN ROSS PAPERS, Vol 2, pp 42-53

Am enclosing copies of map from Bob Runner and a 1901 map of St. Francois Co; two maps, 1885 and 1906 of western Washington Co. Highlight on what we believe are the routes traveled. (also Berryman Quadrangle map)

The 1901 St. Francois Co. map shows the Change on St. Francois River from 150 years ago. The Farmington to Caledonia Road begins on this map at Doe Run and runs between the two Stone Mountains, crosses St. Francois River and enters Washington County in Sec. 13, T35R3E, the southeastern most section of the County from Hider Rd. (marked RLD on map)

I do hope you met with Mr. Thompson and obtained a copy of the C. J. McCormick Composition. Enclosed is a Comparison Chart I prepared before I got the Buttrick and Merrow Journals; hope you can read it! Also a page from the Crawford Co. History book about Orage Village which explains SIX MILE RIDGE.

We are so pleased that the TRAIL is to be marked, we are also happy to have contributed our small part toward that end. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

P.S. Pardon the delay in mailing. Was called to the Shop and could not get copies of 'Ross Papers' which I feel verifies much of separate routes.

Sincerely,
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