

1000 Miles Episode 7 Transcript

Robin Monteith: Welcome to 1000 Miles of Desert and Mountains, brought to you by the University Libraries at the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Washoe County Libraries. This project explores George and Josephine's 1000-mile long prospecting trip across Nevada in 1914 through the pages of their diaries. The diaries, which are housed in Special Collections and University Archives at the University Libraries, are a valuable primary source and give us insights into what life was like at the time while connecting us to George and Josephine, the people they met along the way and the places they visited. As we join George and Josephine today, the date is Friday, July 31st, 1914. George and Josephine are in Goldfield, Nevada and figuring out the next leg of their trip while tensions are on the rise in Europe.

Jeremiah G. Nelson: Gold Field, Nevada. Met a gray headed man by the name of Bates, who was born in Sacramento and says he has prospected his country with burros for a good many years. He told me to come into the store tomorrow morning, and he will give me a map showing the road to Hawthorne by the way of Crow Springs. And he says there are but two miles of sand on the whole route. Began raining about seven o'clock. There was a rainbow in the east this evening. Mr. Yankee told me not to break camp until the storm that had been brewing is over. Letters went out to camera shop with dollar ninety-five for films and reprints, two dozen films and fifteen pictures to print; Ivy, Anne, post-masters at Bishop, Big Pine, and Bridgeport. Also Las Vegas, Mr. Condee, Mr. Vawter and Lizzie. Saturday, August 1st. Sunshine followed by clouds. Went to Bates, at the Palace, Hardware and Grocery Company, and he drew a map as promised, showing a road to Klondike, Millers, Crow Springs, and over the summit to Sodaville. This road is not shown at all on Clason's map. There was a bulletin at the tribune office stating that Germany had given Russia twelve hours to agree to withdraw her army from the frontier, and had given France eighteen hours to state whether she will remain neutral in case Germany goes to war with Russia. The German and French Ambassadors have left for home. The New York stock exchange is still closed.

Robin Monteith: Thank you for listening with us today and please join us next time for our final episode, when George and Josephine mark their final day in Nevada and have to convince the burros to cross the East Walker River. Special thanks to Special Collections and University Archives at the University of Nevada, Reno for making the diaries available, and to our reader, Jeremiah G. Nelson for bringing George and Josephine's words to life. Big thanks to the 1000 Miles project team: Kim Anderson, Reed Barrus, Katherine Dirk, Emily Dunster, Nathan Gerth, Chrissy Klenke, Michelle Rebaleati, Landon Renwick, Laura Rocke and Luka Starmer, along with me, your host, Robin Monteith. Episode music provided by Thomas Jones Chase, Tim Torrance and Per-Anders Nilsson, courtesy of Universal Production Music. You can explore more of the 1000 Miles project at library.unr.edu/1000-miles, or simply find the link in the show notes. Thanks for joining us!