

Independence Missouri

When we set off, it was crazy. So many people were trying to leave at the same time that everyone was stuck not going anywhere.

Some people had never driven a wagon before and were crashing and tipping their wagons.

When we did get going, we realized we had packed too much. The wagon was just too heavy. My mother was sad to see it, but we had to dump her stove out and leave it on the side of the trail.