PHOTO: CONFEDERATE FORCES IN TUCSON. CAPTAIN HUNTER.

PHOTO: OCHOA.

PHOTO: WAGON.

PHOTO: B&O RR.

PHOTO: WAGON TRAIN.

NARRATOR: Ochoa's reputation for bravery and integrity had been furthered by his response to occupying forces of the Confederacy during the American Civil War. When Captain Sherod Hunter of the Confederate forces in Arizona demanded that Ochoa swear an oath of loyalty to the South, Ochoa would have no part of it:

OCHOA: "Captain Hunter, it is out of the question for me to swear allegiance to any party or power hostile to the United States Government; for to that government I owe my prosperity and happiness."

NARRATOR: Prosperity and happiness were exactly what everyone heading west was looking for. However, the cost of getting started on the westward trek was often high. It could cost \$1500.00 to purchase and outfit just one wagon.

Although the nations first railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio, had begun operation under steam power in 1830, and rails had reached the Midwest by the 1840's; the wagon was the only feasible means of transporting goods west during the first three decades of western migration.

It was possible to avoid the cost of outfitting a wagon by buying passage on a wagon train specifically outfitted for the transportation of those desiring to emigrate to the West.