

THE HARD ROAD WEST

Wagons from rear - Kaw Valley #1151

Nineteenth century pioneers journeyed down a road of hardship and uncertainty to build new lives in the American West. Physical strength alone wasn't enough to see them through.

Live footage - beauty shot of fertile valley
(Wind River Valley #910 10:09)

Most pioneers were sustained by a deep and abiding faith that a better world lay at the end of their journey.

RUTS: # 908, 911, or #1151 1:26:16

Even a century after their passing, stark proof of their struggle lives on—in the wagon ruts of the overland trails...

stone markers: KAW 1151 1:16:23-1:16:41, &
& graves: KAW 1151, 1:15:39, 1:15:50
Brazos, Reel 509 9:02:50, 9:05:00 - 9:05:20
crosses: #111, 11:23:50

in the stone registers of the desert...

Reid: 501 1:19:20?

on the markers of their graves...

Abigail: Reel 501, 1:03:15

and in the deeds of those who proved that adversity oftentimes brings out the best in people.

Hickmans: 506 6:16:39 & 6:17:42

Toni: photo to arrive

Abigail Scott Duniway, by the sea
Oregon His #4146 Reel 501, 1:02:46

ABIGAIL: "Success will seldom come in the ways that one has planned for it; but come it will, sooner or later, to all who are faithful, if not in this brief, mundane existence, then surely, as I verily believe, in the broader realm of opportunity that will open for us."

The End.