

WAGONBED SPRINGS MARKER



SANTA FE TRAIL (1822-1872) MARKER LOCATED AT WAGONBED SPRINGS. These springs were the first water the Santa Fe wagons found after leaving the Cimarron Station crossing of the Arkansas on the Dry Route, called by the Mexicans, "Jornade del Muerte," or "Journey of Death."

At the old springs was a conestoga wagon bed which had been sunk down into the springs to form a wall around the water, and outside of which had been sunk many rocks to give a better foothold in the muddy ground for animals and men alike. From this old wagon bed came the spring's name.

In later years, the Wagon Bed Springs ranch, NE1/4 S33-T30-R37, Grant County, Kansas became the property of Richard Joyce, foreman of the Pig Pen ranch.