

Diary of Caroline Gunby, 1939

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1939 – Friday – June 23

Went to New York City by Greyhound bus. Bernice met us (Mary Ritzel, Westover, Md) We spent the night with her at 11 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sat. June 24 – 1939

Bernice, Mary & I attended the New York World's Fair. Visited the following bldgs.

France

Y.M.C.A – Had dinner

House of Jewels

Borden's Elec. Place Milk Place

Coty Perfume

Communication

 Telephone

 Television

 Telegraph

Perisphere – Trylon

House of Medicine & Health

Food

Sunday

Mary & I went to Rockefeller Center.

(a) Had a conducted tour through the 4 buildings of Rockefeller center

(b) Attended a show at Music Hall.

(c) Visited St. Parick's Cathedral

Monday – 26

Mary & I attended the Fair again. We visited the following buildings

Italy

British & Possessions

Russia U.S.S.R.

Belgium

Netherland

Australia

Maryland

Penn. & other state bldgs.

Tues – 26 27

Rested all A. M. Went to Mary Whittington Brown's for dinner. Left Bernice's home & moved to 265 Henry St. Brooklyn

Wed. 28

Mary & I visited fair. Went in Gen Motors Bldg. A wonderful exhibit of travel by Motor & aircraft, showing how electricity could improve by 1960.

Switzerland

Greece – Art & sculpting

Norway

Romania

Mexico – Replica of Indian gods

Thurs – 29

Went down town to window shop. Went in Macy's, Gimbel's, Sak's store, bought rain coat & arch supports

Friday June 30, 1939

Left N.Y. (Brooklyn) by B. & O. train to join Rev. Wilson Kepner's tour in Balto. Left Mt. Royal Station at 4:35 with a party of 63 for the West.

Sat. July 1, 1939

Arrived in Chicago at 8 A.M. went directly to Palmer Hotel to rest (rooms 1369-1370). About 30 went to visit the stock yards & Swift's slaughter house, which covered 58 acres. The stock yards a section 640 sq. a. 10 hogs were killed per min. Saw the process of meat & beef packing & etc.

In afternoon we went on a sight seeing trip

- (a) Lovely & many parks (208)
- (b) Panetarium
- (c) Elks Memorial Bldg.
- (d) Rockefeller Interdenom. Church

- (e) Univ of Chicago
- (f) Totem Pole (Indians)
- (g) Marshall Field Store
- (h) Tin Pan Alley

Left Chicago for Yellowstone Park 11 P.M.

Sunday – July 2, 1939

On train all day. A nice congenial bunch of tourists. Indians came down to train at Mandan, [?] to give us a dance in costume. Crossed Miss. River.

Lovely weather

Had a little Church service at 11 A. M.

Monday – July 3, 1939

Arrived at Gardiner, Wyo. (~~left there~~) which is northern entrance to Yellowstone. Had lunch at Mammoth Spring Hotel, then continued our sight seeing trip for several hours, saw many geysers, hot spring, moose, bears, wild flowers.

Spent the night at Old Faithful Inn made of logs. Old “ geyser was in about 100 yards of front porch. It erupts every 66.5 mins. At 9:30 the search lights in color were put on it, as it erupted. Beautiful natural sight. Many geysers near our porch.

The wonders of nature can not be understood by described by man.

July 4, 1939

A beautiful day. Walked around to see the marvelous works of nature.

At 2 P.M. the party left Old Faithful Inn by yellow buses for a sightseeing trip, passed in 15 miles of snow capped Teton Mts. Arrived at Lake Hotel on the Thumb Lake, From my bedroom window I can view the snow mts & lake. Scenery wonderful Fine meals – good room. Beautiful lobby.

July 5 – 1939 – Wed

Left Lake Hotel at 9:30 by yellow bus for Grand Canyon Hotel, stopped on way to see

- (1) Mud Volcano [small sketch]
- (2) Dragon Mouth Spring
- (3) Cascades
- (4) Yellowstone River
- (5) “ Falls
- (6) Grand Canyon of Yellowstone Beautiful rock, all colors

(Rained a few mins)

Hotel – Arrived at Grand Canyon Hotel – Beautiful

Thurs night –

We spent the day sight seeing. Went to Roosevelt Lodge in A.M.

Left Grand Canyon Hotel at 1 P.M. for Cody, Wyo. To start to Denver. The scenery was wonderful, Stopped at Shoshone Dam. Had supper at Cody Hotel, home of Buffalo Bill. Boarded train at 7 P.M. for Denver

Friday 7 –

Arrived in Denver, had breakfast, went for a sight seeing trip of Denver.

Passed U.S. Mint

Millionaires homes

Parks & etc

Boarded train at 5:45 P.M. for Colorado Springs, reached there at 8 P.M. went to Alamo Hotel.

Had lovely room & bath.

Sat. Colorado Springs

Went to Pikes Peak

Played snow ball.

Caught a few snow flakes while on summit.

Bought my ring.

Temp – 50°

Left at 10 P.M. for Grand Canyon

Sunday –

On the train all day. Crossing Arizona, New Mexico & Passed deserts with several species of cactus.

Rev. Kepnew had a little service on the train.

~~Monday~~ Tues

Arrived in Los Angeles at 11 A.M. by Santa Fe Railroad.

Went out to Forest Park Memorial Lawn. Visited the mausoleum. Drove around the Church of the Flowers. Saw the reproduction of the picture, The Last Supper. It was a gorgeous stained window.

~~Tues.~~ Wed

Had a sight seeing trip to Hollywood, Pasadena, Eagle Bright, Drove around Warner's Studio. The scenery was marvelous. Flowers, shubbery, sunken gardens, palms, geraniums.

~~Wed.~~ Thurs

Spent the day at Santa Catalina Islands. Went 20 miles on the Pacific Ocean. Beautiful scenery, flowers, rocks & etc. Glass bottom boats to see the fish & rocks. Home of Zane Gray.

Friday

Left Los Angeles in A.M. for San Francisco. Arrived in San Francisco at 6 P.M. Went down to China town with a group conducted by a guide

Sat.

Went to Treasure Island to the Cal. Golden Gate Fair. Crossed the San Francis Bay by ferry. Flowers & setting lovely. Visited different building: (1) Midgets, Swiss Village, San Fran. California & several differ foreign buildings.

Stand down for the eve fire works & illum. Beautiful

Monday

Went down town shopping, visited old Delores Mission, and early Spanish Cath. Church, built in 1776. The garden was beautiful, flowers of all kinds.

Left at 7 P.M. for Portland, Oregon.

On train all night.

Tues.

Arose at 4 A.M. so see Mt. Shasta. The sunrise was lovely, Passed Mt. Hood.

Arrived in Portland at 4 P.M. Took the Columbia River ride. Myra Long Guerevcy [?] & husband came to train & spent an hour with us. Left Portland at 11:30 for Seattle, Wash.

~~Thurs.~~ Wed

Reached Seattle at 6:45 A.M. left train had breakfast in Station & boarded boat for Victoria, B.C. Reached there at 1 P.M. went off for an hour sightseeing trip of the city, saw a Chinese Bell captured during the Boxer Rebellion. Boarded boat for Vancouver City. Arrived there at 6 P.M. & boarded train for Field, B.C. On the streets in Victoria flower baskets were suspended on every street [sketch] which so much to the city. One home was hedged with fuchia on wall.

Thurs. July 20

On train last night. Awoke this A.M. early to see the wonderful scenery, snow capped mts, waterfalls, Columbia river & Kicking Horse River. Arrived at Field at 2 P.M. Our party was put in buses & went sight seeing, Went to Emerald Lake Chalet. The lake was beautiful. We spent the night at Lake Louise Chateau. Our window overlooked the beautiful lake and snow capped mts. The glaciers are only 4 miles away. The ice & snow is from 500 to 700 feet deep on them. The flowers on the hotel yard were beautiful. The whole sight was too gorgeous for words.

Friday 21

Spent A.M. enjoying Lake Louise, beautiful flowers & glaciers. 13 mt peaks can be seen from my window, 10 are covered with snow. The center & greatest one was Victoria. Left here for Banff. Reached there after 2 hours ride. Went for a sight seeing trip & to Hotel Banff. Visited a sulphur spring, saw buffalo, Mt. goats & sheep. Stopped on the Cont. Divide. Rivers flow east to Hudson Bay & west to Pacific, San Mary falls. Left Banff at 5 P.M. for home. Passed by many beautiful peaks of the Rocky. On train all night. Went in U.S. by Portal. Got off train here for a few minutes.

Sat.

Crossed N. Dakota all day. Grain fields mostly to be seen. Quite a happy tired crowd, six of our gang had left us.

Sunday

Reached St. Paul, Minn. For breakfast. Changed cars at 6:45 A.M. (to early for me to arise on Sun.) Went in restaurant for breakfast.

Had dinner on train of B.& O. Changed cars in Chicago, Ill at 3:45 P.M. Came in by B & O to Balto.

Had church service on the train at 11 A.M. as usual

Monday A.

Reached Balto. At 9 :35, happy but sleepy. Eleanor met us there & brought us home. A trip of 10,000 miles on Kepner tour & 600 miles from Balto. & New York. Total 10,600 miles. Had supper at Pauls

Glad to get home after a wonderful trip.

Our Mileage	Mi
From Marion [?] to N.Y.	251
NY to Balto	188
Balto to Marion	<u>185</u>
	<u>624</u>
Balto. To Chicago	810
Chicago to St. Paul	431
St. Paul to Livingston	1008
Liv. To Gardenier	54
Cody to Denver	615
Bus trip in Chicago	50
“ “ in Col. Springs to Pikes Peak	72
Col. Springs to Albuquerque	456
Albuquerque to San Fran.	960
Yellowstone park Drive	270
Grand Canyon to Williams	18 (9+9)
Santa Catalina Island	65
Bus in Los Angeles	80
San Fran. To Portland	725
Bus trip in Portland & ride	<u>90</u>
[subtotal]	4524
San to Portland	725
Portland to Seattle	183
Seattle to Vancouver	185
Vancouver to Field	704
Bus	50
Louise to Chicago	1677
Chicago to Bato.	810
Balto to Marion	<u>185</u>
	3519
	<u>4524</u>
	8043
Some	<u>624</u>
Left out	8624