



Postcards from Long Pine

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Article Summary: Picture postcards from Nebraska’s Hidden Paradise—and the brief messages on the back—provide glimpses of recreational travel in the 1910s and ’20s.

Cataloging Information:

Postcards Pictured:

“Boating—Long Pine, Nebraska,” postmarked August 16, 1927, addressed to Frances Froenel, Mt. Angel, Oregon

“ ‘The Children’s Paradise,’ Long Pine Amusement Park,” postmarked July 29, 1913, addressed to Master Clifford W Said, Emerson, Iowa

“Rustic Scenery Amusement Park, Long Pine, Nebraska,” postmarked June 6, 1917, addressed to Mabel Darlington, Madison, Nebraska

“Along the Creek, Long Pine Park,” addressed to Mrs W H Brown, Jordan, Iowa (postmark illegible)

Postcards from LONG PINE

As described elsewhere in this issue, Long Pine, Nebraska, became a tourist destination in 1910 with the founding of Long Pine Amusement Park, later known as Nebraska's Hidden Paradise. Some travelers bought picture postcards to commemorate their visit to the park and vicinity. The Nebraska State Historical Society has a number of these in its collections; others circulate through antique shops and on-line merchants.

In 1907, the U.S. Postal Service began allowing personal messages on the address side of postcards. This was the beginning of "divided back" postcards, and their brief and sometimes pithy messages can make the back of the card as interesting as the picture side. Taken together, these four cards provide glimpses of recreational travel in the 1910s and '20s.

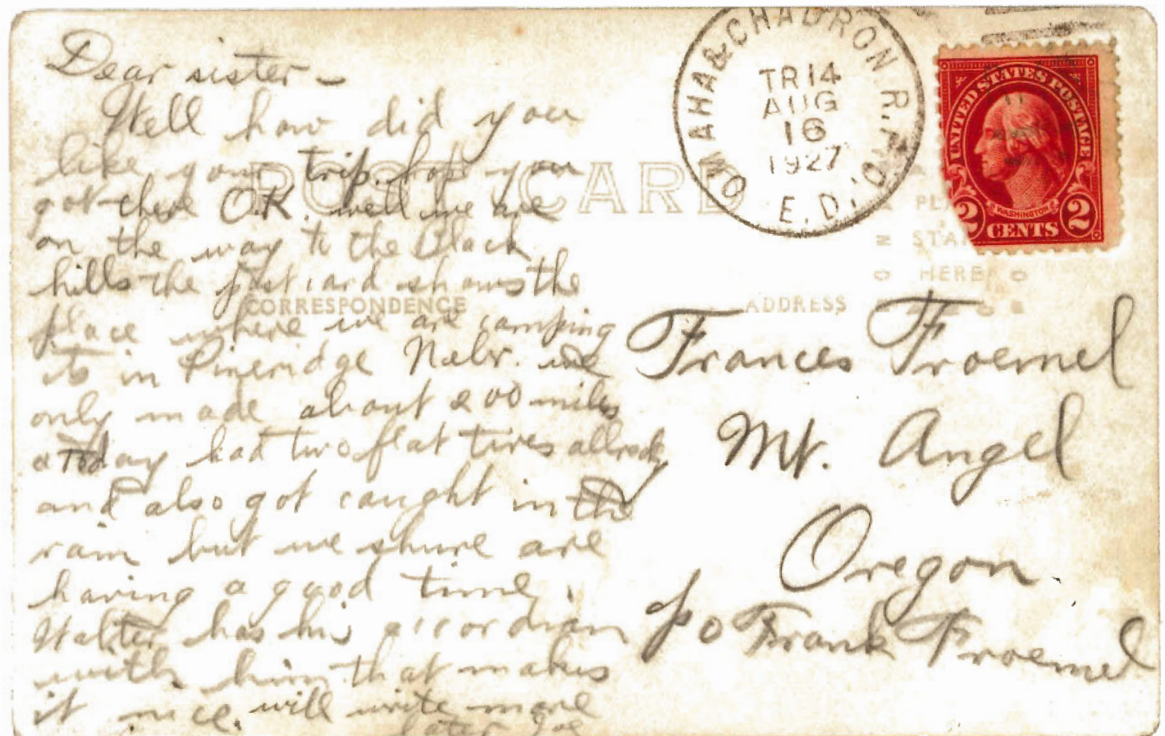
—DAVID L. BRISTOW, EDITOR



Postmarked August 16, 1927, by the Omaha & Chadron R.P.O. (Railway Post Office), this card is addressed to Frances Froenel, Mt. Angel, Oregon:

Dear sister—
Well how did you like your trip. hope you got there O.K. well we are on the way to the Black hills the post card shows the place where we are camping its in Pineridge Nebr. we only made about 200 miles today had two flat tires already and also got caught in the rain but we shure are having a good time. Walter has his accordion with him that makes it nice. will write more later Joe

Postcards from private collection.





Postmarked July 29, 1913,
in Norfolk, Nebraska,
this card is addressed to
Master Clifford W. Said,
Emerson, Iowa:

Got the photo of the boys
and think it great
Norfolk 7/26
Dear Folks—Well we went
to Long Pine & Ainsworth got
back this morn at 6³⁰
oh so tired - its too hot for
anything—The Frontier Day
affair was punk but I en-
joyed seeing this beautiful
canon and would like to
have camped there.
Love from Aunt Susan





Postmarked, June 6, 1917, Long Pine, Nebraska, this card is addressed to Mabel Darlington, Madison, Nebraska:

June 5. Dear Mabel, The boys are all right. They seem to be as well as ever. I ask them if they wanted to go home and they both said no. You ought to see them eat. They don't fail to eat breakfast now. The Dr. is going to let me send my butter up tomorrow. I hope you are better. Don't worry about the boys. Mother





Long Pine Neb. 8/25/24
 Reached here alright
 at 1:30 Friday night
 It is dreadfully
 hot here, but not
 so very dry.
 Found everything alright.
 Will write a letter in
 a few days, hope it is
 as warm there as
 it is here. Have been
 making wild grape
 juice today. Elena

CARD



Mrs. W. H. Brown
 Jordan,
 Iowa

Addressed to Mrs. W. H.
 Brown, Jordan, Iowa
 (postmark illegible):

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