



DR. HENRY CONNELLY

[From Photograph Owned by William E. Connelley]



This 1844 map, though flawed and vague, clearly shows one of the early roads through the region of the big spring. It was compiled by Josiah Gregg (*Commerce of the Prairies*) who quotes Dr. Henry Connelly as saying that the country of the Colorado River is “delightfully watered. But immediately north of this sets in that immense desert region of the Llano Estacado.”

Route of Caravans From Chihuahua to Arkansas 1839 by Dr. Connelly's expedition of 150 people including 50 Mexican dragoons

Route of Caravans From Arkansas to Chihuahua 1810 (Passed through the Snyder, Texas area?)

The “big spring” marked on both 1810 and 1839 routes. Across the Llano Estacado there is no road directly to the big spring. But on Ikin's 1839 map a road is advertised from Bexar (San Antonio through the 'big spring' to Santa Fe.