Larry & Alice's 2013 Road Trip – April 19 to May 19



Fun Fact Sheet:

- -Mileage ~ 8400 miles, about half avoided the interstate highways.
- -Farthest Point East Yorktown, Virginia
- -Billboard Tongue Twister "Quick Rick's Rib Joint"
- -Italian Restaurant Billboard "Legalize Marinara"
- -Oddest Business Name "Delilah's Barbershop"
- -Highest Point Vail Pass Colorado, 11,000'
- -Number of Different Beers on Tap at the Yard House in Denver 250
- -Traveled Through 20 States
- -Visited 19 Quilt Shops, 1 Quilt Museum, and 1 Sewing Machine Factory

-Saw 40 Different State License Plates Plus "Oneida Nation", "Washington DC", Puerto Rico, and 3 Canadian Provinces.



Trip actually started April 19 with a tour of the Spokane Street Bridge

(View from the Operator's Tower. Spokane Street Bridge on left. West Seattle Bridge in center. To the right is the Marina where our boat, Kia Ora is kept.)



On to Bend & Sisters, Oregon to visit the area where Alice goes each summer for classes and an outdoor quilt show.



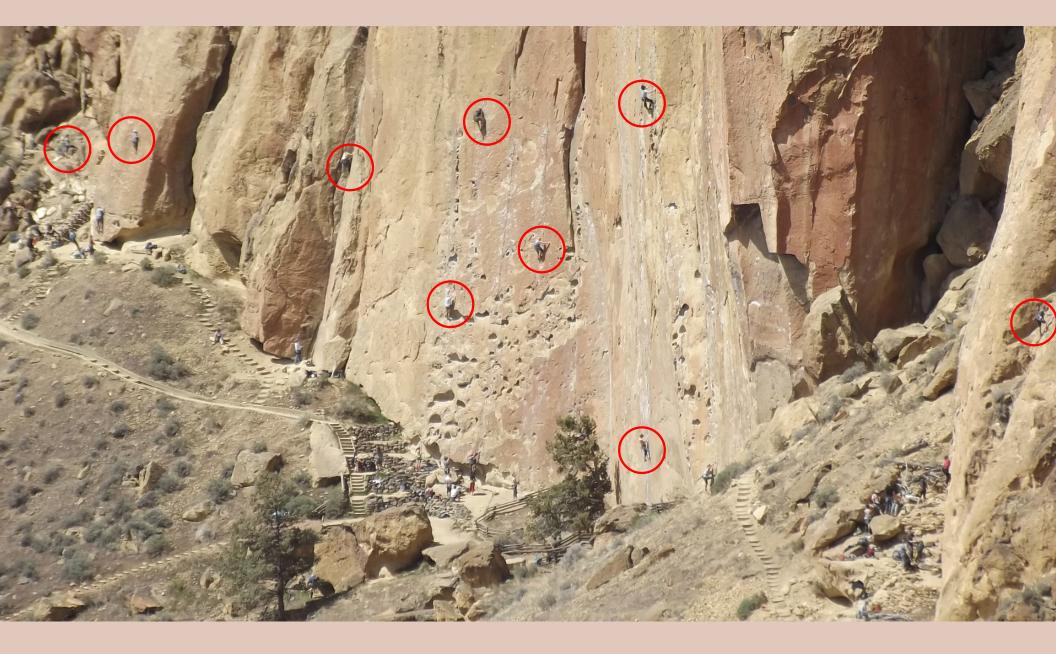
Smith Rock, near Bend, Oregon is renowned for rock climbing



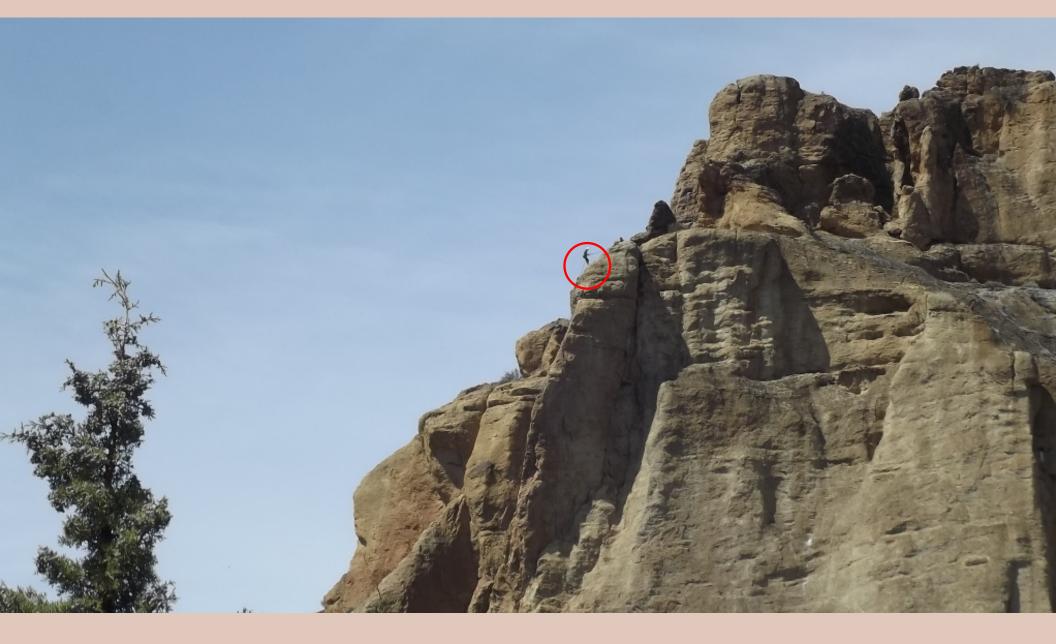
Smith Rock - Climber's Paradise!



This rock face is covered with climbers!



Long Way Down



Bustling Town in the Southeast Oregon Desert

(With 128 miles of gas and 122 miles to the next significant town we got some gas from the two sisters who ran the only establishment in a town called Brothers, Oregon. \$5/gallon.)



Over the Mountains to Ely, Nevada



Crossing the Great Basin into Utah

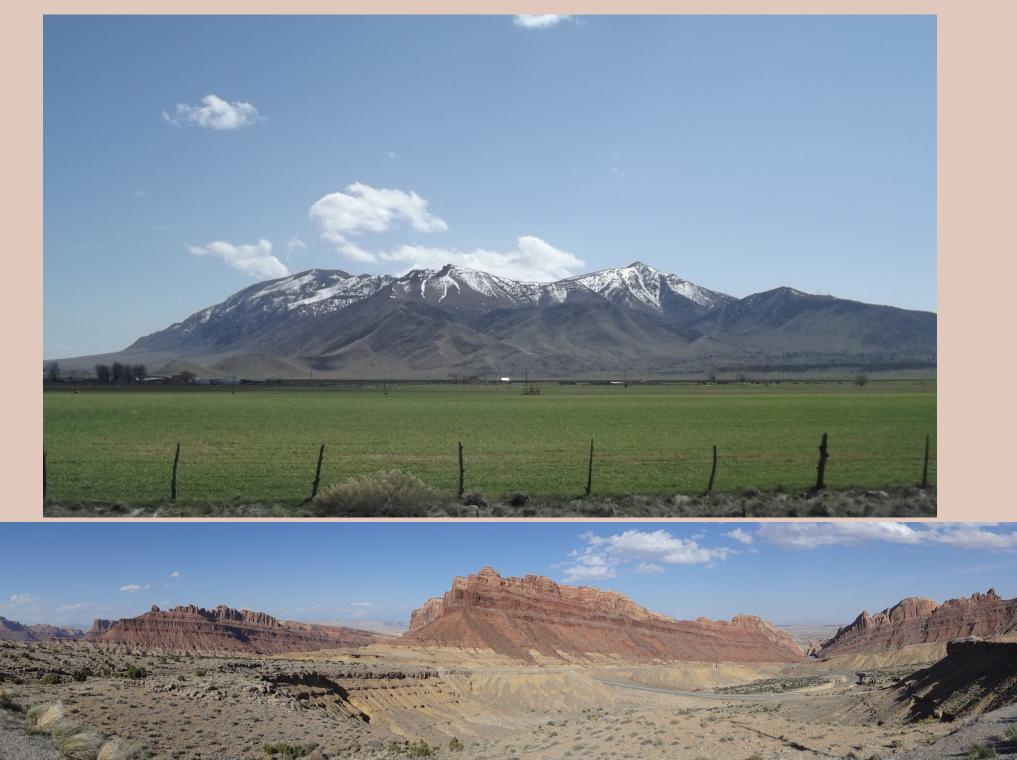




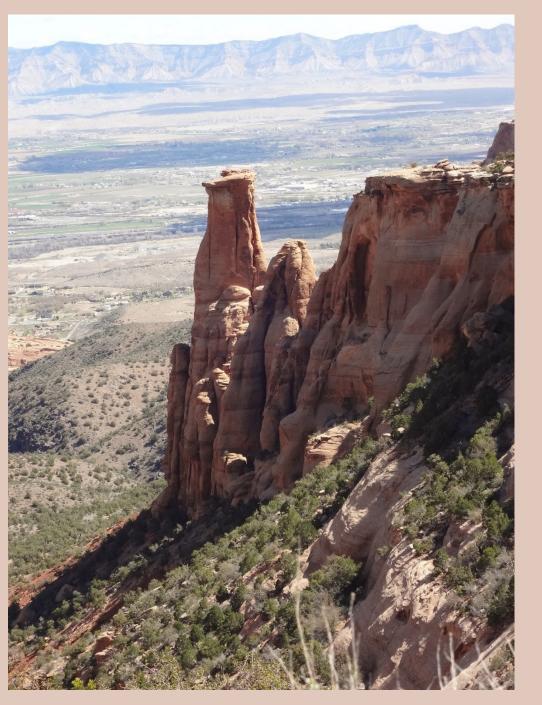


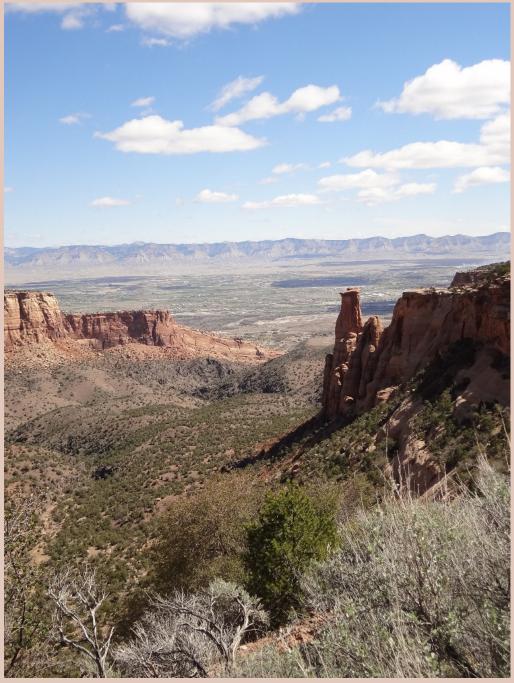
The "Shoe Tree"

Getting Closer to Colorado!



Colorado National Monument





Colorado National Monument (cont)



Colorado National Monument (cont)



Starbucks near Vail Pass – 11,000'



Visiting brother Dan, Susan & Kayla in Denver

(Ate supper at the Yard House that had 250 beers on tap & breakfast at a busy air terminal restaurant)





Visiting Niece Merry & Family in Colorado Springs (Merry, Steve, Caleb, and Kate)



Merry and Steve (Pike's Peak in the background)



Larry and Alice (Pike's Peak in the background)



Arcadia, Iowa!



Long-Arm Sewing Machine Factory – Carroll, Iowa



Visiting Daughter Ari Katner & Family in Polo, IL

(What you do after driving 2000 miles.....)



Larry and Alice with Grandson Malcolm (Mac)



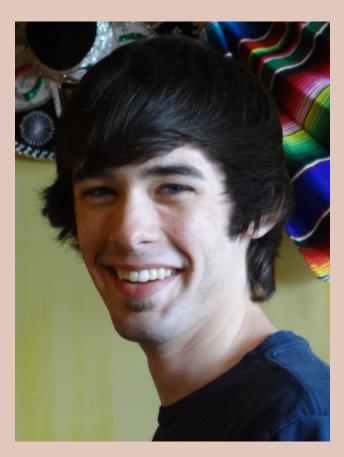




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Grandkids





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Skyler



Visiting Jerry & Rita– Beecher, IL

New warming room in the horse arena





On the road to Kentucky – Metropolis, IL - home of youknow-who...



http://www.metropolistourism.com/

Crossing the Ohio River into Kentucky

(Staying on the back roads where possible.)



National Quilt Museum, Paducah, Kentucky





MAQS

Museum of the American Quilters Society opened April 25, 1991. Meredith and Bill Schroeder dedicated this facility to promote, preserve, and perpetuate quilting. Paducah, Kentucky, home of the American Quilters Society, is visited by thousands of quilters annually. Mayor Gerry B. Montgomery has proclaimed this city Quilt City USA.

ARKER PRESENTED BY PADUCAH HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION



Eleanor Burns & Quilt in a Day

(Alice is a certified "Quilt in a Day" Instructor)

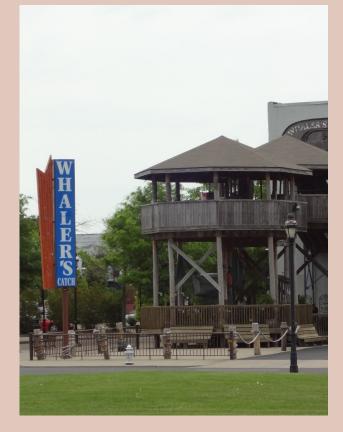
QUILT IN A DAY

PADUCAH, KY

MAR. 29, 2007

Downtown Paducah, KY & New Orleans style seafood restaurant







Downtown Paducah, KY and Waterfront

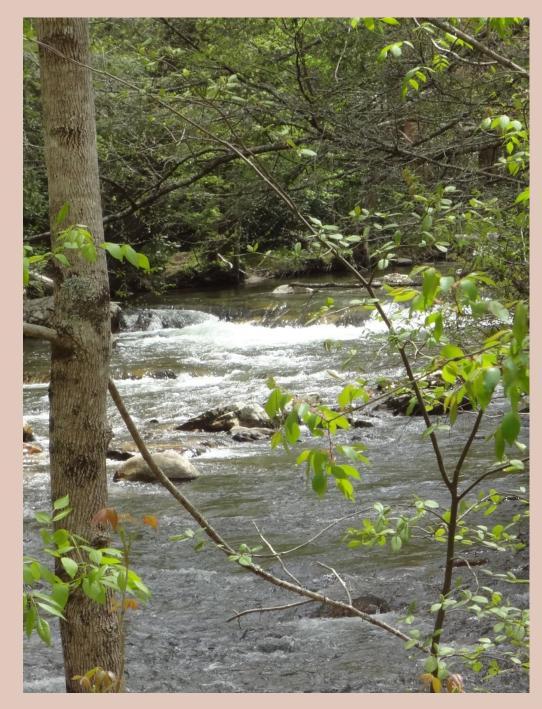




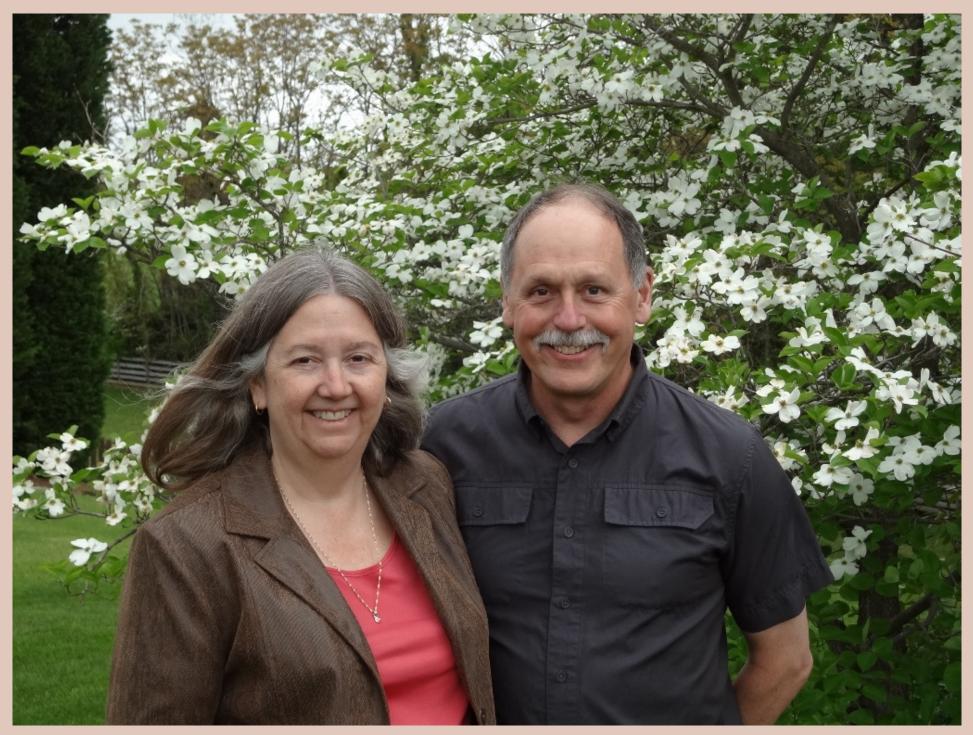




Rural Tennessee & Virginia



Visit with Dwight & Cynthia in Roanoke/Troutville, VA



At Old Trinity School House, a local quilt shop



Larry, are you feeling imprisoned?





Fincastle, VA <u>http://hisfin.org/</u>



Roanoke's Railhouse Brewery (That's a 32 oz sampler there, folks....)



Roanoke's Railhouse Brewery (cont)



On to South Boston, VA to Visit Jim and Susie



Nephew Jeremy and Family (Jeremy, Hannah, Karleigh, & Camden)



Example of Jim's Beautiful Carpentry Work



Nathaniel Greene's Revolutionary War "Crossing of the Dan" – South Boston, VA



South Boston, VA



Sutherlin Mansion, the Last Capital of the Confederacy – Danville, VA





National D-Day Memorial









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Berry Hill Plantation, South Boston VA



Berry Hill Plantation, South Boston VA (cont)



Berry Hill Plantation, South Boston VA (cont)



AAF Tank Museum – Danville, VA

(Probably the nicest piece in the museum – Panzer IV)



AAF Tank Museum – "Let's see, with taxes and registration....."

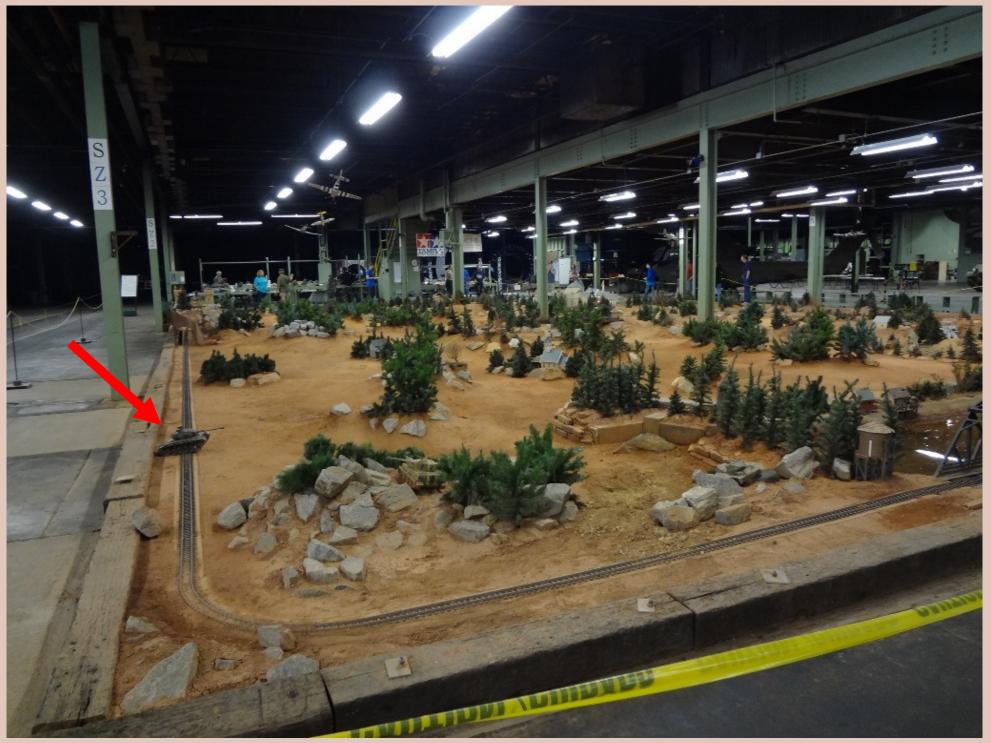


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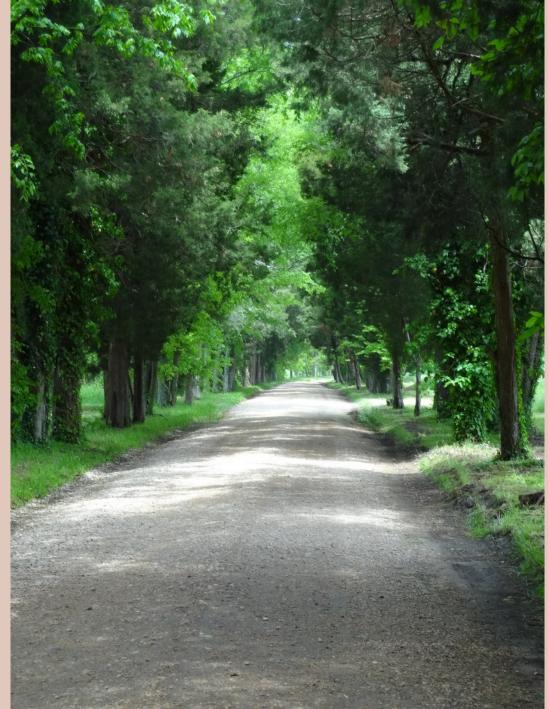
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Plantations Between South Boston and Williamsburg-Jamestown-Yorktown Triangle (Homes of Presidents Tyler and Harrison)







Yorktown Memorial, Schooner, and Maritime Museum



James River and Jamestown Settlement

(Jamestown Island is on the far right of river picture)







Larry Wishing He Were Sailing....



Jamestown Settlement (cont)





Jamestown Settlement (cont)





Shooting a matchlock musket

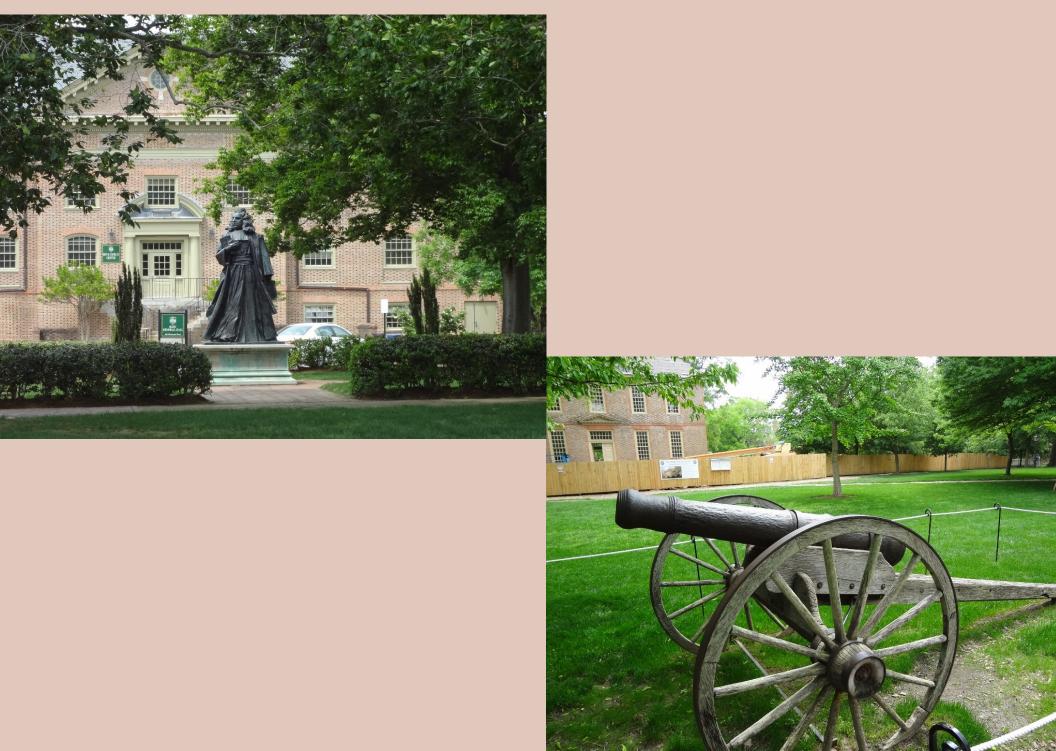
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Williamsburg, VA





William and Mary College – Williamsburg VA



Ben Luedtke's Commissioning at William and Mary



Dignitaries included College President, 4-Star General, and Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates



Dwight administering the Oath



New Officers



Pinning on the bars

Commissioning (cont)





All the Luedtke's except Aaron (Dwight, Micah, Ben, Josh, & Cynthia)

First Salute

Commissioning (cont)



Across Picturesque West Virginia to the US Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH



USAF Museum (cont)





Holocaust Memorial Quilt

USAF Commemorative Quilt

USAF Museum (cont)



This "Pave Low" Helicopter is the exact machine that nephew Aaron supported in Bagdad, Iraq. It was moved to the museum in 2008.

After the USAF Museum – A quick stop in Polo, IL on the trek toward home



Beautiful Mississippi River Valley



Beautiful Mississippi River Valley (cont)





Quilt blocks on barns were a common feature across the US.

Beautiful Mississippi River Valley (cont)



Dubuque, Iowa was memorable for a nice coffee shop located right next door to the quilt shop!!



Mississippi Tug and Barge

After a short stop in Zumbrota MN, it was on to lunch with Willard and Marilyn Bjorklund and daughter Bonnie. This oriole kept us company at the Whiskey River restaurant in St. Peter, MN.



Afternoon coffee with Aaron Luedtke in New Ulm, MN. Aaron gave us a tour of the Library and new Chapel at Martin Luther College.



Supper in Tyler, MN with cousins Don & Esther



Across Montana and Home – Green plains and forests made this trip especially beautiful!

