

## Overland Trail and the Overland Stage

The Overland Stage travels for approximately 600 miles across the southern part of Wyoming from 1862 until 1867. Upon completion of the Transcontinental Railroad the need for the stage and the old trail was no longer needed and was abandoned. All of the links below are in the southeastern corner of Wyoming and are within a 45-mile radius of Laramie, Wyoming, where our company resides.

I have probably more knowledge of the Virginia Dale stage station; a man named Fred Maxwell purchased it sometime around the turn of the 20th century. It was Mr. Maxwell's wish that local ranchers use the facility but ultimately the land and facility be given to the government as a Historical Landmark. The main stage building was used by all of the ranchers in the vicinity as a gathering place for parties, summer barbecues, holiday festivities and other activities. The local people contributed time, labor and money to keep the building in good repair and it was still being used for activities as late as the 1960's. It saddens me that in the last 35 years, local dissension is blocking the restoration of this stage stop.

Stage stations on Overland trail, go to the bottom of the first page and you will see links to maps of stage stops on the entire trail.

<http://www.over-land.com/otrail.html>

Virginia Dale

Jules Beni & Jack Slade

<http://www.over-land.com/julesbeni.html>

Cherokee Park

<http://www.cherokeeparkranch.com/index2.html>

Virginia Dale

<http://www.over-land.com/virginia/vdale.html>

<http://www.over-land.com/virginia/plans.html>

Tie Siding

<http://www.over-land.com/tieside.html>

Big Laramie

<http://www.over-land.com/biglara.html>

Mark Twain travel conditions

<http://www.over-land.com/marktwain.html>

Western stage stops

<http://www.over-land.com/bigpond.html>