capture their horses, they succeeded in killing three of the Indians, shooting them at day break.

Arrived at Sae in the fall of 1849 Col Ross met his nephew Angus Brown, commonly called House Brown, whom he left with money, 30 ounces to buy a 12 peck wagon, and falling in with Mr. Shanks he took all leaving Col Ross nearly broke.

Then Ross joined a party of two which wintered at Quine Creek on the 11th of Shasta, city in the 1st hill of Shasta River. Remaining there until the last of February 31. The Indians were very troublesome had several fights with them.

Then all the party, among whom were T. Curtis, Terminus McKay, House Brown, Col Ross and others went to Clear Creek and remained there until April. News then reached them of the rich digging discovered at Yuma. Thereupon all hands gathered themselves up and set out for the place. McKay and Ross picked up a load of goods from Shasta, called Reading Spring the original name.