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On this day, June 20th in 1970, brothers David and John Kunst set out to walk around the earth, a total of 14,450 miles! They left from their Waseca home, walked to New York City, flew to Portugal and eventually bought this peddler's wagon to carry supplies in Turkey. John was tragically shot and killed in Afghanistan and David was injured. David's brother Pete joined him for several legs of the trip and on October 5, 1974 David returned to Waseca becoming the first Guinness Book of World Records verified person to walk around the world. Rumor has it HBO is planning a film based upon this story, so you might be seeing this wagon again soon!

For more information, the David Kunst papers [can be accessed](#) in the MHS Library.