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while in SL, met Porter Rockwell, etc. 64-102

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PARTNERS IN THE GOLD RUSH. PARALLEL ACCTS OF TWO FORTY-NINERS Abraham Wen and John Jacob Ressler ed. by Theo C. Ressler Williamsburg Iowa, 1962 bound typescript unpaged

A. Owen. Quoted from the bigg sketch of his son, Frank Owen, in the

History of Iowa County and Its People, vol II. 1915

left Iowa City for Ca on 3/31 1849 in Oct to mines on Upper FR

Excerpt from NORTH ENGLIGH RECORD, North English, Iowa 12/3/03

In 1849 in co with a Jacob Reastlor, to Ca in April co of 8 wgs eachw 4 or 5 men. flour and salt pork Mrs. Carpenter a red-head of 25, mad married man 50 so she could go. Mrs. Frink was the other lady of the co, wife of a team teamster. At SL parched corn, in rawhide sacks. In this way it cdn mould //ed says Kanesville, not SL//

By time they reached PV the tr was 30 wgs they d split the tr in 2 and tw abreast incase of danger d form double corral B stampede goes around the corral like an island heaving sea of dangerous untamed brutes, extending a half mile on either side of the wgs, and miles in length. . They consumed over an hour in passing on the run

In SL basin attacked by Shoshone band. . Mrs. C rides out to shoot them with pepper box revolver, Is laugh, and make pretended revolvers with their fingers. . Is finally driven away by firing of the old mule gun, made in the Mexico, and used at Monterey. . fastened to a block of wood then attacked to a saddle on mule-back

At S1 partners called on BY to deliver letters sent to him by M frs. . dine with him. . 19 wives

Scouts of the tr findx observe men marking a new grave, then driving off: @Mr Smith, Jackson Ct., Mo." They disinterred "Mr. Smith" took 10 gallons of his bulk

Near HR. . saw sev hundred Pawnees in dist.

If Is in a thicket, dispersed with j mule gun Sav V 10/22

to Bidwells Bar, gold in payg quans

Jacob

"Johnx Ressler's trip to Ca in 1849. copy from Daughter Mrs. Cora Ressler Smith's account

We started from Iowa City April 30, ox wgs e 3 men to wg /Jacob Y Stover says May 6/ last hs 20 m west Des Moines until we got to Kv at the mission below CBs I helpe to ferry the cattle across the MR orgd/and had 5 capts and a col adjutant (Col. Loring Wheeler was elected. . See Fred Lorch IJHP July 1932)

49 teams in all Willie Webster almost drown in MR, he was partly druhk, saved by Abe Owen hunters hurry back thinkig Is, not knowing drums came from across the rv

CR /80 feet hi Crossed P at FL & July 4, bg one months and 2 days from MR Wec rsosed the P again 120 m w FL The old M Crossing was 20 miles above that. We had some of our cattle hod andwagons tired there. The coal used was dug out of Deer Rv

Poison Spring okay if not roiled 4 yoke ox kd by lightning W Alkali Swamps like a frozen pond in winter; Ms use this in baking bred FB, , One of r men got lost. The Is brot him to Peg-leg Smith's

fort, where he overtook us, lost 27 days

After crossg Bear nd Weber Rv we went about 100 min of SL, then west to head of HR. . We cut r grass from the H- Meadows //L ssen Ms// to take across the desert Crossed the mts on 27th of New Sept then

to Pit River 500 wgs camped at Battle Creek //Big Meadows, now covd q by Lake Almanor We then went to Lawsen's, and Abe Owen and I walked over to Sac from Potter's Ranch, 100 miles Here I helped to unload

and box adapt, our the date aver

MAN OF THE WEST: REMS_OF GEORGE WASHINGTON OAKS, 1840-1917 Recorded by Ben Jasstad. Ed by Arthur Woodward Ariz Pioneers Hist Soc, Tucson 1956 Southwest

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Fancher Stimson, "Qv J to Ca by PRRand SP in 1850 ANNALS OF IOWA XIII (October, 1922) 3d serie 2 100 .5011 Lean

THE GOLD RUSH J OF THOMAS EVERSHED ENEGTNEER, ARTIST AND ROCHESTERIAN in ROCHESTER HISTORY XXXIX (Jand and Ap 1977) 44 pp to his fr Joe Caldicott

assoc w Erie Canal / THE JOURNAL

May 21, [1649/] I cmncd this soon after strike the P near FK, at ch place we find a co of dragoons and a co of artillery We strated from I on 4/27 co number 54, 4 reliefs of 6 men each nightly surrounds the waggensxwithx houtx n animals ch are picketed arnd the wgs with around 30 feet or rope each scenery esp fine v of Little Blue Earth river no game but a few plover and 3 prairie wolves

5/19 on banks of P

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5/23 how come me with broken collar bone // Lockport Lockport Mining Co thrown by a jmule, of course. . resting in spring wagon The Ithaca co had not started when we left I we 25 m pd since lvg Caw rv, may wait for them at FL frontal charge by Sx/and Cheyenne Chien, whom we fired upon, mistaking for Ps placated by presents like to shake hands only words, How squaws riding like an English woman rode in 11th century, and were adept in use of shot-handled whips (this incident may 19)

June 1 at Scotts Bluffs good westing at SFP due tounforseen hole sterile region tohandsome glen called AH shoulder deters me from visiting the landmarks, pix of which sent indurated clay my shoulder has deterred me from visiting any of them

me from visiting any of them June 2 30 miles. Pretty g rk for teams. Have seen sev small mule cos preparing to pack at/a bas estab by a Frman in the valley in rear of SB ' at the spring spoken of by Bryant

June 4. FL Bought 100 wt of kiln dried corn meal or Panola for packing price for our flour drops fast The Fort a rough offair belongg to the AFC about 150 or 175 ft sq w one main bldg in front ctaing the princ dwelling and sheds & warehouses next the outside walls leaving a small sq in centr 6/5 Shd u wish to go to Ca to dig for the precious donet be foolish Joe and come this route /& I find oxen to nearly as fast as mules, less heavily Isfe laden, gen 4 of 5 yokes to 2400 lbs reduced ours from 1700 to 1350

6/8 we are passg evthing but, a few mule eams

6/9 M Ferry csists of a couple of dugouts coupled together and 2 planks to receive the wheels \$3. pwg, 50 c ea person a few who packed at the fort have overtaken us and are heartily tired of the experiment. Altho they pack but 85 to 100 lbs their mule backs are sore already. . The Ithaca Co has not yet come up. Dr. Lupedge /?/ & Co v packed somewhere on the road and gone one. He was from Lodi Cayuga Co Bryants co ofpack mules are one day behind us

behind us 6/10 Dear Joseph. . // evd sent in installments//) is 6/11 6/12 0 IR, tr stopping at the place from ch the sk xxx taken //also mention sk of DG

6/15 Wisner shot an antelope, using red handkerchief flag as decoy Thus far v seen no obstrucs to making a rail road fom the Missouri & presume there are none 6/16 Report says that the sbP not fordable and that there r 2,000 tems there. others "started on Friday." road superior to any McAdamized road I ever saw arrvd Sw and found Mr. Vasques of the firm of B and V of Bridgers fort with a drove of mules & horses for sale 'says he will stay 18 or 20 days, so under the shadw of his wing we shallprob remain a few days. 6/18 from dividing ridge not worth sketching 12 blithe bantering tone//// Rumor speaks of a fight between 2 trains in AH in ch some 12 or 15 er kd but do not suppose it true 6/26 captain oth ferry a a very clever fellow for a M, Lamereau by name, from Toronto a Green Mt boy who had has made 30 mpd since leavg SFP afoot 6/27 USMail waggon. it is to run to SL 6 times a year the city bg the distributg office for Calif and Oregon (Olcot and Chalmers) mulesloaded with 150 to 175 lbs

6/29 FB a small picket fort Green Mt boy has gone ahead

7/4 Is not this a funny place to be spending the 4th of J, in an isolated settlement of fanatics of the 19th century persecuted pilgrims. Dscript of city I write thisunder the stone-cutters shed at the new council house, a bldg 45 ft sq now gg up for the transax of public bux, composed of reddish and stone they are sore at US for not protecting them at Navo Nauvoo, do not keep the 4th but will the 24th they ave orgd 5 horse cos, unform of buckskin fault on bot sides in Ill They re to va press soon, equal to the Lockport Courier

7/9 to a small fort built by an Indian trader Goodyear who last yr sold out to a M by the name of Brown

7/11 Snakes or Shoshonies fine lookin fellows, tho not as tall as the Sx 7/13 rejoin old road bf coming to valley of Goose Creek now we are some 150 to 200 miles farther back among the trains than when we left it. It seems that all U S is on way to Ca Hot Spring Va lley Marys river 7/29 15 mi fm sic sink of Marys River (Ogdens or Humbolts for it goes by all 3 names)

On Trucky which Ms call Salmon Trout

8/14 Sutters or Sac . Sutter , Fremont etc. chitchat

INTRODUCTIONS by J. Hayward Madden (Biog sketch) engineer for a nu of rrs trigonometric study of Niagar Falls his diary contains a detailed acct and contains pencil sketches his watercolors were prob executed after he reached SF return 1850 from England, did nt become citizen until 1852

WATERCOLORS OF Red Butte on the Republican River 1849 Near Grand River on the Torad to R California 1849 View on the H R on the Trail to Ca ditto Vailey of the Willamette River, Oregon 1849

at end: pencil sketch of Chimney Rock

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THE HAZELTON-FISH RECORD compiled by Julia Frances Fish np nd re Lafayette Irving Fish

Fish and Lathrop decided to form a co for the purpose of buying sheep in the East and driving the to Ca across the plains. Acc in early in 1853 L returned to the East, and with others spent a year in buying and collecting sheep, havg wgs and harness made, etc. The sheep er wintered at Vermont, Goper Ct., Mo. Left May 1843 (means 1854)

Besides the 5,000 sheep they had 6 or 8 ox teams, one spring wagon, plenty of saddle horses and a sm band of ccattle. They were e well provd, and crowtbly outfitted with rubber tents and blankets, leggins and boots to protect them from rain and mud.

Successful. . A Sac V last Oct 1854 / brot thru 3,000 sheep, 141 catl etc. wagons wort double heep cost 1.50, sold 7 to 10 X X X X X The Rowe Family of Pajaro Valley. California xeraccopy of typesdri

The RoweFamily of Pajaro Valley, California xeraccopy of typesdript Centennial 1850-1950 n.p. n.d. / with holes and cardboard bound

thot of my grandmother, Rhoda Ann Francis McFarland 17, from Blue Mill, Jackson Ct., Mo, with bro James from I with Kibbons she kept no diary and di not write her story later from the family we v only scant sketches

Here is log of the rt and PREP OF THE IMMIGRANTS from History of California by John Frost 1881

md William H. Rowe May 4, 1851 a forty-niner to SF Bay who deserted for the mines.

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OUR PIONEER MOTHER as told to Lenora J. MacDonald n/p/ 1931 me born 1845 1849 to America from England

sister died while upriver from NO settled at CBs in M colony father bought farm. . lived there 2 yrs, then came the call to got to ANN WILDEN JOHNSON SL traded 160 acres of land for an old 2nd hand watch

cost dr high , busiged with

Stal itan positi Left 1851 the stock d stampeded if they saw a dead animal by the road-Father missing after buffalo hunt. A lantern was hung on a tall side tree and guns were fired every few minutes showed up 3 AM

and a state of a grant of the state of

me run over b oxen when I got out on wrong side of wg I must vbn made of indian rubber not to vbn hurt badly. . able to walk next day . . lost mydinner and a kezdxpenexil

cactus throns thorns in feet

Echo Canyon rightly named pp 1-5 of 28

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L J ROSE/OF SUNNY SLOPE via SF T Trail

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FRANKLESS JOURNAL by Frances Elizabeth Ward, dtrg of Praire Schooner Lady (ends bf trip begins 16 yrs old re preps

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"Crossing the Plains with the McMurphy Train, by

Josephine Garnder Gardner / 17-31 Biographies of members of the Mcm train Baileys, McPmurphy, Broadwell, Hart, paperback, mimeographed

Crossing the Plains with the McMurphy Train 1864 by J W Broadwell as told to and written by Josephine Gardner

///who a was the writer??????

Me 16 when we left Mt. Pleasant, Henry Ct., Iowa (3/10/64) we had bn 12 yrs getting ready to cross the pls In 1852 Grandfather McMurphy oldest son went b Ithsmus tr all McMurphy relations except the Adam Ludy family ev wg had children, youngest 2 t weeks, mmed Iowa : Paris I when we wanted to sit down we piled up ox-yokes

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ox-teams had alternate drivers women all wore very short brown or black dressed with ankle length buttoned bloomers, made of denim, ch d n let the dust go thru The dress didnt come to the knees ea team had 10 wgs Is stampeded by tie piece of dried skin

to their horses tails then dash among the stock, shouting, glapp q22 flapping sound

cd CBs 2 weeks feed corn 900 wgs waiting at ferry we learned 8 miles down river was a scow, taking one wg & team at time, so we went there after leave 0 we fell in with man named Robinson who ad 20 wgs, he made captain of entire tribble and boison done

Nearly ev ox team had a yoke of cows the Ps a quiet small tribe Gillis, who taught them English tells of earlier E kg papoose Is tied him to a tree, stripped him. Woem Women all took knives and ketp kept cutting and peeling him up to his mouth until he bled to death at the second the second of an end of a second the second of the

One dog has to be dg kd. Another returns home rt 1000 miles near FL encircled by Is a joke thing

later on we passed Fort Harney the Rocky Ridge near where Cheyenne stands today. . passed the Offe Thousand Mile Tree from 0, the Stillwater and some other sm streams goes to be been At SLC never saw BY. He d n show himself

Near Lovelock, Nevada we left the HR, then ame to the Granite Creek-Smoke Creek rt into Lassen ct 1800 m 0 to assen 6 months

nin non on the line intert. . which i wan were ask which and they gotte

Biog of Justus Rich Bailey of same train (md Mary cMurphy) Bog of Geo Benton Bailey then 6 months 13 wagons 70 oxen 40 mules men walked beside wags, w and c rode in "carryalls" Biog of *Jacob Wm Broadwell, 16 at time 2nd son William King Broadwell and Cynthia McMurphy stock raiser The second second

THE PIERCE CHRONICLE: PERSONAL REMS OF E D PIERCE AS TRANSCRIBED BY LOUS A LARRICK. Ed. J. Gary Williams and Ronald W. Stark Idaho Research Foundation, Moscow, Idaho Mar ?

b. 1824 Mex war vet Pennville, Indiana 3/25 in SJ partner ship with Fisher, Kise and Lane jd General Rowe with 18 c 5/12crossed MR Rowe in charge first, Pierce later. 5/14 52 wgs and teams and 150 men, "singing, rejoicing, and making merry."

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Those who v read the js of other 49ers 1 find nothing extrordinary here. . His group is distinct only because it survived the ordeal rela

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tively intact. Narr of the crossing is engrossing cs he describes even the most dangerous incidents with such nonchalance. A pa battle with a band of Ps in ch sev of his party er wounded and at least one horse killed is called "quite an interesting brush." Humor also; charging into B herd, the men managed to bring down "all of one B" he elected capt fog the "brush " with is May 27. July 4 at IR SP 9 days later 7/22-24 sight-seeing vic SS in Se Idaho; reached summit Sierras at Fandango Pass 8/18 nd cpd in Sac V near Lassen's Ranch 9/2/109 days SJ

Overland to Ca in 1840 [1849] to SL SJ 3/25 ///shows page of ms, then goes into print benefits from exper in Mexico marches, go lightweight, 3 yoke oxen need rifles and allen five-shooter ///journals, prob made up from h notes Editors note: the ms came into the hands of Leslie . Johnson, grandson of Lula Larrick. .

preserve stylistic and syntactical idiosyncracies . intro by Ralph Burcham Jr./// 52 wgs and teams lv 5/14

5/18 r road as smooth as a plank floor 3 mph, gliddalong 5/19 off we sailed all gay and festive, we had cmcd r j nd tvd over

the finest natural road in the known world the is the Platte River Valley or plains //no FK// Bean

5/23 to crossing of PR take 4 of largest and best wgs, cork and pitch them, bind 2 together death Smith from Ohio bilious colic 11 5/27 camped on bank oth rv at lower end of Grand island correll - all stock inside but 8, tied to wheels outside scouts see smoke 22 Is creep up on them kill 6 Is, sev wounded. We had rather the best of the battle same party of the 25th. gather spoils. Topping shot thru calf (paunee 5/28 5/29 the expressman when he arrd K reported that co of Es had just had a fight with paunee Is. We had just came intocamp when 10 soldiers in blue and brass rode in, the a sarg ent in command equired if it was ou co etc. the co had send them to t render assistance if we needed any no thanx. The soldiers remained with us all night, partook of our hospitality, left us and returned to \$\phi2/\$ Fort Laramie.

5/31 at Sx camp

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6/2 to Fort kee Kearney visit co give him particulars of r I tr, met with his approval etc. he a takes over the spoils of war 6/5 Buffalow herd heading for train. They seemed not to change htier course in the least. and d run over wgs etc but when they came withint 50 paces their leader shyed off, just ahead of the tr. not less than 100 shots fired, and we killed all of one buffalow

active and so a other so arroad

6/10 we moved along like a band of brothers, no harsh words 6/19 passing trs ev day that left a month sooner than us. . others vg stock stolen, and falling into demoralization

6/25 now getting into the Black hills ///no FL?//// covered with Bassa Basattic rock ch presents a lava app

? 7/1 1st of July brought us through the Black Hills where we had feed in abundance. the 2nd we moved up to I rock at ch pt we celebtd 7/4 quotes his oration for the day. //calls this the Laramie plains// Sent our letters to Fort Kearny .??????? ey

7/13 Pacific Springs. S Peg Leg Smith

7/22 SS 7/26 crossed over into march valley ??? 7/26 rush sprin gs 7/28 City rocks Guose Creek z Humboldt slope render assistant to widow Hall and family, take them aboard

7 8/7 left HR new route to antelope springs Rabbit ble sprs Rock Canyon thru R latter can see hundreds I on rocks above us, fog

along, and dancing war dances 8/18 on Pizgaths Pizgah's heights 8/20 Lawson¢s peak and Shasta Butte 8/21 hostil Pitt River Is 8/24 3 men kd by falling tree ???????? hollow sugar pine tree another train 9/2 Sac V Lawson's R, a more merry crowd never 2 landed in Ca 4 months on way but one death

Mining in Ca

R co bought of Lawson's and Myers two nice beeves, we slayed the fatted calf and had a geenral feast

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TWO ARGONAUTS ON THE OT A JOURNAL OF CROSSING THE PLAINS b /F F Keith, THE SHOEMAKER DIARY OF 1850 The Amargosa Memorial Library np nd paper back, bound by B BL typescript keith 11 pp shoemaker 18 pp ere all all the set of the and sound for

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5/4 started from SJ as pasngr in Platner's tr. Came up MR. . Ccluded to cross the river at old FKey

5/5 to Savanah 5/13 camped at OFK Here co all came toge amtg to 18 men and 21 h, some none of the best; P 1 buy more NFK 5/14 crossed MR not a particle of w in sight. .Mr. Owens of Mich sick with i flamm of lungs 5/17 Owens so much worse ccluded to lay over, not xpectg he d live thru the day one mn kd wild turkey

5/18 Owens better, move on to PR bottom wade 4 'water wood to cook 5/19 20 ms cd near n old P vg. .storm, all hands to keep horses from tearing loose 5/21 0 Ps, at war with Crows ///terse entries 2 2 or 3 sentences///

5/21 FKey 150 garrison A gr many trs crossthe river here on /to/ ns met 1g tr hunters fm mts w B robes gg to SL

5/27 pass forks P 5/29 kilt a B in the rv

5/30 ford sf P 3/4 gr many wg capsized and carried down the rf v

6/2 Castle Rock visited with Lawton, Gibbons & Peck 400 feet perp 1 side covrd with names distant 5 miles crvd rs on top // CHR///

6/3 passed CR, 12 miles from Castle Rock 6/4 cpd near Scots bluffs Exx#0xmixes went on to the top. It is 300 ft hi. Is camped near us, preparg a war xped ag the Ps

6/5 Platner left us for FL to buy more horses

6/6 Platners s-i-l said P- would go with us no further nd that we might take the horses, provs, wgs and get long as best we cd. This was a damper Many of the men had paid him all their money to take them thru We found he had \$700 more than the property cost him a robber not enough provs to SL We made r case known to the co who kindly furnished provs to SL

- 6/11 glimpse oth Elephant . . no feed for hrss
 6/12 LaSalle rv 6/13 Deer rv lg nu makg rafts to cross the P
 6/15 to upper ferry 1000 wgs waitg to ferry 5 boats of chthe Mormans own 3 \$5. wg \$2. per horse 6/16 5 men drowned attempting to ford with cattle hear cholera sweeping off hundreds bck on the P 6/17 poisonous springs WS feed hrss flour 6/18 this ct 1 supply the world with potash and saleratus IR

- 6/23 psd G mn supposed tvbn murdrd, throat cut. Gr deal of fighting gg rule on nev day among the trains. Two bros got to fighting near us a short time ago and both were kd One stabbed, one shot, one grave G of a little girl 6/24 SP PS wg stationed for mail 6/26 jc Oregon and Ca roads. . about 2/3 take right hand road Sobulettes
 - CO we go SL

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6/28 GRferry Ms v 2 boats \$5. wg 1. hrs 6/29 lv M Road thru mistake too a c-o for FB 6/30 to F buy beef 7/1 hear 3 Is kd by Es revenge? Chief pilots us over a stream roads horrible into SL Capt Ketchum and Williamson to City 7/24 M bath hs to Browns hill Ferry BR 7/31 pass jc Soublett's cut off and SL Roads Goose C HR impreg with a Alchaly sell flour to x Es via HCO. . All the Es that took that rt v suffered badly, many died, one 86 m desert Nelson of Mo shots himself in bowels, dies in agony 8/13 took in a boy had his hrs stole b the Is E man kd andscalped, dr from SL w wife and negro servant had 7 h & ms pursuit fruitless stolen; re recovers them 8/16 take in man fm Illinois Aldredge and fam, stock in ad condition 8/23 suffering dreadful Indiana co diggi g grave for man s till alive, smotherd with dust and blankets. They buried him in a most inhuman manner, alive sink and desert R trading stas \$12. for ameal 8/28 switch to packing 9/1 Kanyon worst/road mind cd imagine. Rocks and trees in promiscuous cfusion mn wgs in thous pieces dashed below 9/7 Weaverville hrss completely used up, but worth \$20. ea NOTES ON ABOVE; transcript from orig j handwritten in ink, 16 pp 8 c 9 tinted blue letter paper, ink now brown FFK gr uncle Jean B. Innis found in ccum of family papers in <u>Bartholomew</u> family home near Modesto Amargosa Memorial Library Nov 10, 1961 not stated ion SHOEMAKER DIARY OF L 1850 NOTE small pocket size book, in eather flap and tuck-fold case. name only from @S- Diary of 1850. " the j purchased in an antique shop in Placerville in 1940s by Mrs. Ja n Innis 3/4 lett left Porter The 3/5 crossed St. Joseph River at Birte and to Mambleton to Lakeport to Laport to Valparaiso to Jolliet, on canal ch leads from the Illinoy river to Lake lich to ttaway on Foy /x/ river to Pern /Fern/ at/head of stbt aviga 3/5 3/15 to Missip R, down to Rock Island 3/19 to Davenport BLANKS 4/23 We left Lanesville /sic/ and went up the Missourie R 8 m to a cross ing place 3 f-boats ch they row by hand 120 rods wide cmpd on west side of an old vacuated town called w q orgd 2/24 set sail for PL Papea c 4/25 Elke Horne 9 rods 3 ft \$2. 4/26 46 men 4/28 Looking Glass Ck Beaver R 4/29 Plumb C Ash chere stands the P Mission. Near here is 2 hewed log has that r deserted. . 4 mils beyond old P vg of grand Ps and Sappas bands, but burned by the Souix fall 1847 corral 12 to 15 acres old sod fence 4 ro 5 feet hi, except ss on river. hss in ruins, 12 to 15 feet hi and c 15 ft dia. . one g deal larger. . . hole in gr to let them in $\frac{1}{2}$ m to Cedar creeck prairies on fire all around us, have to back-fire 4/30 ford of Loupe fork. . 4 E Gs frm last yr, on a small knoll 10 yds west oth oad and near rv 5/1 all over 300 yds wide 5/3 struck old Oragon Road 2 m below Rood creek (//Wood river// 5/5 men lost B hunting come in tails dragging 5/7 Bs v had a hard winter, dying in numbers, plus E kill for fun 5/8 Fandango /tonite with the Shafers fiddling 5/10 passed first spring since Mo. opp is the m oth SP 5/11 G of G. W. Gordon from de Buke Cy, Iowa cgestio on the brain 5/12 cross North Blue Fork, 4 rods visit by fr Sew Is, to fight Ps 5/13 Cedar Biuffs' camp on watch Creek ab $4\frac{1}{2}$ ms from Lone Tree r co now measures only 25 men and 7 waggons 30 hrss

5/15 pass LT, as it is called, but there is a small cedar 3 or 4 mis beyond this to right of road camp 500 Sews more opp (+ 5/16 passed Castle Bluff ruins yellow rattlesnakes 5/17 c 4 m e CR 5/18 passed CR 150 ft above rv Hsketch of Chimney Rock 71 miles below fort Laramie ss p about 7 miles from the rv the chimney is about 1/3 its height it is split from the top down so we could see through the whole./// 5/19 SBs 5/20 near ferry on PR one mile from Fort Laramia 5/21 cut wagon beds 108 yds wide ferry kept by soldiers Es gave them whiskey so that we are all are about 3 sheets in the ind wind, and the other fluttering camped ss at the ferry 5/25 rocks Venetian red 5/27 crossed ferry camped ns \$4. wg 25 c hrs 5/29 summit of a hill fm ch we saw the Sw/mts honred toads with tails 5/30 fair view of IR 5/31 impos to run canoes through DG acct many 1g rocks in therv 6/2 ice spring desecrated Gs 6/4 SP is nothing more than a wide valley 6/5 jc F and SL Roads 6/7 GR ford \$4. 50 c hrse sm Es build rafts nd ferry themss rather than gratify the ferryman Flathead Is 6/11 FB 4 log has and a small encl for hrss no wood UPF to FB 6/14 Cache Cave athead of Cache creek, a bear's nest - sketch 6/15 cross Echo c 15 x 6/6 /Weber River Kanyon creek 6/19 GSLC ____/22 Weber R 3. Bear River Pilot Springs Cassus C Steeple Rocks where Fort Hall road comes in TV TSV 7/4 celebrate 3 musicians we all marched and Marys River fired r gunsa and in evening had a cotillion party 7/17 Sink men die from thirst Carson R worst road of all many wgs and animals overboard meet 75 or 80 mules loaded with provs headin over the mts Mules all fat Rock V Tragedy prings more Mexicans w 100 pack mules / Leeke Spring v Camp Creek 8/1 Hangtown (Johnson Ranch 6 miles from there) bot a shovel & a pick

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1861 this relates a nu of expers in crossg the pls as told b diff members of r fmily Jacksons, Kennedys, Jones incuding Minerva Lindsa Kennedy, Rebecca Jones, Mallet Case Jackson Rebecca McCuthan Jone FORGET IT ITS A COMPOSITE

Mallet Case Jackson, at age 90 to dgtr Annie M. Evans, 1935 At 14 lived in Jackson ct, Iewa (what year? 1861) to Ca with Kennedys etc. 2 wgs 6 yoke oxen 1 wg 4 hrss carryall for w nd c family of 13 (includg hired hands) provs for 6 mos Iv 3/15 tr 9 wgs snow, slush and mud "Red Horn Train" corn 10 c bushel, eggs 50c tub first free feed Green River. . after 1vg GR we went on till we came to Laramie Rv ch as overflowing. . on we went until

we came to the NFP where wathr was overflowing, and all the ct was covered We tvd on until we came tothe main PR now 50 wgs and 150 people. BF we arrived at FKey we orgd into a train, electing uncle Sam K Capt At IR jd by Mr. Woodman "who happened to be traveling in the same direction we were. . join for protect, he guaranett guarantee feed and water, as he had crossed the pls 9 x he had 3 wgs 5 men and 125 head of loose horses

at R names carved on it so thick my bro and I had to make a ladder out of logs to get up high enough to carve r names w a coal chisel. . we lined our horses up and w our guns, and the women with pans and anything that d make a noise we had a parade around the Rock. /We even had one or two drums in r tr, and a few flags. . The next day we went on until we came to FKey and there we heard that Fort Sumpter had been fired on

We had 3 fiddlers in r tr 2 preachers for Sunday sermons We had 2 doctors also, baby boy born to my Uncle Henrys wife at PS Fast freight stages stas 20 miles apart little Spanish mules in shuttle there were always 3 stages tog ev 2 days. The drive db lashed to the seat and was usually drunk Two men called whippers would hold the mules until time to start "@Lettum go". The whippers d let go and start whipping the mules into a run to make them go as fas is thd whippers er on horseback and twd along by the mules and whipped them with

One corral formed when driver falls asleep now we are in the desert We next came to what is called Devils Gate, ch was a very steep pull snd d take a days travel to go over it

10 miles bf Castle Kock tr w is boy herder kd, 18 arrows Bet Honey Lake V and Oroville r catl were poisoned with poison ivy had to lay over landed in Sac 9/15

a 6 horse whip the whole 20 miles. They c also carried rifles.

"The Red Horn Train " one horn of each cow and oxen was painted red it numbered some 50 wgs 80 percent relatives left Bellevue, Iowa April 16 lacked just one day of 5 months trip Kennedys Lindsays and d acksons This r guns and it itst wirst and

Henry McCormick ACROSS THE CONTINENT IN 1865 printed in 1937 reprinted in 1944 harrisburg pa pp priv distrib 49 pp pp. 5-9

Colonel. . by stage with 2 companions 6/21/65 Reached Atchison Kansas

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6/22 started 8 am, five in t stage ct fine rolling hoss scattd thickly Saw Is - quiet Dinner at Seneca \$1.89 Seneca 50 hss Outfit of ox team costs \$1000 now. Ct bare of timber xcep creeks; acct floods, bridges mostly swept away

6/23 in the dark driver ran off one side of bridge and the stage hung in an ugly position for sev hours / the story is that the road is interrupted by Is beyond Roads excellent and no dust meet trains of 20 wgs - 5 or 8 yoke oxen each - every hr or so - we run about 6 mph no grain or corn or hay grows on acct drought except in bottoms. ranches 10 miles apart

6/24 escort 2 drunken cavalry ve dark and road bushy and hilly along LB rv lots antelope tame no has except stage stations, light ctnwd log huts covered with hay or turf "V very glat, flat, suitable for rr many carcasses deda dead bs

6/25 meals \$1.50 and \$2/ coffee, eggs, ham and soad soda cakes, butter and bad bread people along the line bent on skinng tvrs and make no perm improvements. . saw /lynching party at Kearney - were after a man who stole a mule - f caught they d hang him. Marysville people not liking the change of stage route, cut down the bridge, burned a barn, and dug a ditch in the road.

6/26 ranches gen roofless and signs of Is all along. Stati ukeepers talk of scalping. . Trs r of lg proportions and evbody is armed. Ct ve

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The road is 100 ft wide and very much cut up. Gnats ve bad. . Stables and ev bldg made of cut turf like adobe. Corn \$6. bu

6/27 stage reached Denver. . Planters house Mr.H. Ideman dies 6.30 just 2 days after arrivg Denver News of Is very contradicting direct cmunicas bg cut off. Some Pilgrims attacked and killed and tock stolen 100 milesnorth We are getting rifles for we v no idea of turn ing back - rather bullwhack it through continue to F Denver weather horrid one minute therm 100 degrees - next tornado

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of American desert moving. . the i priesance, sil

Samuel McNeil. McNeils Travels in 1849 tothrough nd from the Gold Regions (Columbus, 1850) reprint for Beinecke 1858 by New Orleans and Mexico

Markle MARKLE, JOHN "The diary of * Forty- iner. The only true and authentic acct of the exact loc of the rt of theDonner Trail," THE DONNER TRAIL RIDER Auburn, Calif July 25, 1936 et seq

this old d is prop of Wendell Robig written in 1849 while en route over E Trail into Ca w 5 cpans who left St.J 4/18. Diary here begins in the state of Nevada only one days j from the Salmon Frout (Truckee) R

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LETTER OF A FORTY-NINER IN WHICH JOSEPH LEDLIE MOODY TELLS OF HIS ARRIVAL IN SAC WITH THE K COMPANY pp 1941 pb unpaged

Not until Feb 1, 1849 did he take steps to realize his desire. That day, with Charles Kincaid, W. G. Johnston, W. B. McBride, William 08 O'H. Scully cna nd Crawford Washington he formed the Diamond K Co, each subscrib \$250. Wwas capt, M treas accubks in poss dgtr.

when the Pittsburg gold-seekers embarkedon 3/1 in stb Shend Shenandoah for SL had 2 wgs built for Mexican War; mining equpment; a gold washer crucibles, acids, scales, weights, tongs and an ingot mold Pilot bread At SL boarded Sac to I 3/16 sold smaller wg, bot 12 mules

when co disbanded after sellg equip M KEER found his transc j had cost him \$1. 1 1 1

Sac City 8/7/49 arrd safe 7/29 3 months from I (dear father) I wrote to James from all the pts east of RMs, the last from FL; from there to GSL the only accident we had was in breakg r Wg Tongue whilst descending the Eutaw Mts . in coming into the old road again we found some 70 wgs ahead of us, BF SCO we had passed 800, and only 3 were ahead of us We had the tr of again passing the Wagons ahead of us and succeeded in get-ting in the 10th into the V of Sac. I Since then they vbn comg in daily. Gr many left wgs and packed through. So far all Pittsburghers that v come in

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Crumpton, H. J and W. B. THE ADVENTURES OF TWO ALABAMA BOYS

SOUTHERN ROUTE XXXXX

Walter H. McIntosh, ALLEN AND RACHEL AN OVERLAND HONEYJOON IN L'% 1853 Caldwell, Idaho, 1938 Uncle Vinty McClure, Oaktown Indiana A dn R orphans a and r Bond fictionized, no evidence of d or recollec based on McClure journal? XXX 125 11 - a 260 11

Summer, Charles A. 'CROSS THE PLAINS THE OVERLAND TRIP 1875 pb railroad XXXX (27 ph

AFROM MISSISSIPPI TO CALIFORNIA (JACKSON THOMASON'S 1849) OVERLAND JOURNAL ED Michael d Heaston intro by a Martin Harris Jenkins PC, Austin, Texas 1978

INTRO b NC 2/29.16 from Pontotoe Ct, Misssip, 1849 April 1 small, dandified, and somewhat timid pioneering skills minimal im-Opression of tvg in elative comfort my ancestor religious devotion

EDITORS PREFACE: tvs took him first to Memphis, Tennessee by over land stage, steamer Autocrat to SL at Boonville, Mo, bokd passage for I, Mo by stage wait that I for others of California Exploring and Mining Company left I 5/9 to SIC, co disbanded GSL Desert 1940 m from I to Weaverville preserve eccentricites of spelling nd gramr

4/1 goodbye to beloved wife and 3 intrstg chil Adelaide and Williamill a (Willie) and 2 boys The Pontotoc Co only required \$150 as an outfit wife suported by lg nu of relatives ///extensive diary, much introspections////

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4/2 stage to Memphis Autocrat for SL \$8.

4/5 arr SL have Degeruitye likeness, gold locket \$13. s me price for d rifle 4/6 warf of SL is one of the dirtiest and filthiest places good rifle 4/6 warf of SL is one of the dirtiest and filt in the U S, city gen filthy & dirty & laid off with bad taste 4/7 9 transfer to stage at 1 Boonville, to avoid cholera demon . .

We occ had to walk & carry a rail to prise up the Stage 4/11 I I House, very poor & miserable hole, shuck bed 4/12 find 1 of co dead from chol at Waynesville 4/14 masonic procession and addr

4/1.2 6 to 20th move camp to Little Blue prev of measels and mumps measles . . E 'Es coming in, looks like roadway in New Jork acct chol buryg 4 to 6 daily another Degeriotype likeness in my rough Ca dress //religious sentiments, and sentimental re family//

5/7 now hve 39 yoke oxen/and ea wg loaded wit 2,700 lbs Dr. Payne overcomes chol but decides to return (b-i-1)

5/9 camp near state line with Lafayette co and Mos from Versailles

Mo Co v 10 wgs, 20 me protec 5/10 lone E/m stripeuc. whisttled to the gr Bull creek 3 captains agree tr2 alternately the Walker loosa 5/13 moving today a violation of r cstitution 5/15 crosss Kansas R, now in Potawatomi Nation Ferriman d carry letrs to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs) to I for a dime for every 3 (but co iconvinced he will destroy the letrs)

5/22 Red Horse & others passed BB G of Mrs. McKays 1846

5/28 LB/boy dies of measels, Charles Town 4 wagons with furs from RMs # 5/30 /5/31 to v of the P scene beau beyond dscrip wagons in view cdnb numbred, dottin the horizon like birds boys serenaded a Serrenaided

a co of emmigrants in Dr. Whites tr from SL 6/1 at Fort Karney cd not get a hs to write in but I obtained leave of

writing out in the open air on a tobacco box. I passed by a boardin; hs and tried to get dinner but could not. Breastworks oth Falso made of ' turf 6/3 J A Parks too ill to tv 6/4 ditto dies I engrave his name, address and age on headboard 6/4 ditto dies I engrave

6/9 sickness increases Goodwin dies ditto re headboard jd by Dr. Cleveland his his co of Missip SP shallow

6/10 in conciquence of rain this my we did not start until late letr to govt express rider for 25c. gave him my letter & paid the charge ntwst g I do not believe one word of the statement.

6/14 crazy man b a fresh grave. . sing, preach and then break out into the most vulgar vulger & abusive language, rolling over in the dust & dirt & throwing up hisheels

6/15 2 tradg wgs loaded with gros % goods for Ca. . peddles liquor with dire effect. . sev of r men got beastly drunk others sick from effects 6/17 I seen on last evening a ver beau lady Miss Hall rom Missip typ

6/17 I seen on last evening a ver beau lady Miss Hall rom Missip tvg to Ca. Her and her Mother and others are in the coffr from Pleasant Hill, Mo. A handsome lady is a rare object on the plais 6/18 Court House /// no AH/// reach & after severe and tiresome walk a v

grand and beau site sight 3 to 4000 names

6/20 Our road left the P & passed over a riddge etc. Passed a tdg hs owned by a white man who has 2 I wives and sev children. Some men cut them ss off from the rld and Society but I cd not

6/23 more sick than otherwise E xFixxnexcemment

6/24 throw away one Barrel of Pork and 2 of crackers. have to haul so many sick cross Laremie creek ceom to Fort Laremie owned by co of St.Louis traders Mexican Dobys no sale for surplus provs 6/28 omeroy Pomeroys tr of 40 prov wagons liquor man buy ham some sick, some pretend to be sick so they can be hauled fatigued 6/30 ferry \$3. pwg 98 miles from FL $\frac{1}{2}$ m above Deer C takes on the Collinses of Vicksburg; he tipsy with drink - Mary

7/3 vote to throw away all the trunks & diminish each mans baggzge to 50 lbs instead of 100 and throw away 10 barrels of pickled pork etc 7/4 cannot say I am sorry at leaving the P for I v seen many a poor E has forfeited his life on this River. . the water must be unwholesome we again passed Pomeroys trading wgs & some of r men made perfect fools of themss by getting drunk.

7/5 Matsons son dies cattle dying from alcalisle

7/6 death Dr. Calloway took his own medicine awa Dr. Clevelands IR tyres loose. We remedy this by strapping the wheel with barrel staves & wagon hoops andthen heating the tyre Dr. C buries foot of IR 7/11 the ingrates who leave our co, with sick; were sick themss. I for one shall remain with the Sick & wagons as long as we have a pair of wheels to roll with violate the constitution

7/18 cross dividing ridge but a very bad rough road 47 mi w/o wq water, and 60 w/o grass, go S LC to get fresh oxen and leave sick, plus butter, cheese and vegs. 7/26 FB and Snake Is 8/2 death D B Bramblet, sickfor a long time

7/26 FB and Snake Is 8/2 death D B Bramblet, sickfor a long time cdn stand the fatigues of tv SLC civz once more I cd scarcely restrain myself screamg for joy & shouting Ms gen happy & well satisfied xcep for the females. bigamy ve obnoxious to them, many wish to leave. Dscript of city. Temple has just bn commenced & promises to be a magnificent bldg pop of city and valley 15,000

Divide, some stay that r well as well as sick we go on with 5 wgs, 4 messes 8/9 no n Webber Rv at Brownfort

Bear River, rossed in 3 Canoes strapped together \$2. pwg - Deep Ck 8/17 Cassius Ck 8/18 intersect FH road. This is the main road & throws all the Eion together, 178 from SLC

8/19 Goose Ck Overtook Oskuloosa Train, Rev. Cameron, preaching at 12 40 Es present & some 15 or 20 ladies draped up 8/20 TSV 8/24 HR 8/25 wg that has had just buried one of their cpans by the name of Fitzpatrick who died of by wounds inflicted with a butcher knife by one of his Mess & cpans by the name of Simington. He died in a few minutes. . fell out about the way of vook cooking small fish (he wasa very quarrelsome and overbearin man)

9/3 new road has been discovered lvs HR about 46 miles below // LCO not named. Its first use was August 11. They later regretted not usig it.///we will not heed any such reports & keept the old & well tvd road 9/7 Winchester Co from 11 and Ky lost last nite 21 head of their best oxen, stolen by Is at the new cut-off we find a eperfect post offic near all the latter Eion taking this road & leaving Notices at the fork PO

9/16 Our team gave out within 4/miles of the @ River. . I should for joy when I reached the R as was almost famished with thirst had to leave r wagons, then go back for them we loaned r oxen to them to help some that their oxen were given out / p plenty of g feed for oxen on C; the Ms lied most egregiously in repting to us there was no b feed for oxen 9/29 Kanyon road the rough4s roughest beyond HR

Red Lake Ekdorado Co tragedy springs Leek Springs \$10/6\$ Pleasant Valley, 12 mi from Weavertown 10/6 Weavertown or Weaverville grog shops, drinking \approx gambling my heart leaped for joy when I reached this place for I am almost worn out from with fatigue We took 5 months counting one day to accomplish it 1940 from I Sac 60 milesmore

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THE ORIGINAL JOURNALS OF (HENRY SMITH TURNER) with WK to New exico and California 1846 1047. ed. Dwight L. Clarke U of Okla, 1966 125-135

Journal of Brigadier-Gen Stephen W. Kearny's Return from Californi ain Summer of 1847

Kearny & 2 servants - Capt H S turner of 1st Dragoons, one servant & 4 discharged men of Top Engrs and estitutg the bodgyard Lt Co J. C. Fremont Rifle Regt. 5 servants, 3 citizens and 19 men belongg to his old Topog party. Maj Thomas Swords QM, one servant and 3 employed men. Asst Surgeon Sanderson Mor. Battalion & the Hon W P Hall of Mo. Maj P St. G. Cooke 2nd Ds and 15 men of M Battalion Lt W. adford of Navy Mr. Murphy guide. 7 officers, 13 servants, 3 citizn, 4 empld citz, 19 topog party 2 di's Dragoons, 15 Mor. Battalion 1 guide 64 aggregate started with 172 Public H and M

3/31 from Monterey, INXXXX vix overland to Sutters Fort or Nueva Helventia to Johnson's (last stelment in Ca). Joined here by Mr. Bryant te who had overtaken us to acc us to US Johnsons rancho over Ss via head of Am Fork Tur Trucky Lake and the "Cabins" where 25 or 30 Es perished last winter. Their bones bodies & bones were strewed about. The

Gen'l directed Maj Swords to collect these remains and inter them 7/6 camped encamp opp where E rt via SL lve v of Mary's river 7/13 on Raft River, fall into the main Oregon load 7/14 met sev parties Es, all destined for Oregon

7/15 Fort Hall, left bank Snake R, on an xtensive & fertile plain . . continue to meet Es, most of whom left the setiments of Mo about May 1 7/16 met U S/mail from I, chhad left May 8 7/17 SS Es/as usual 7/18 meet E parties daily

7/29 lleft Bt '& Oregon road, bg cducted by Black Harris who promised to take us a better & nearer rt. fell in the E road against Ham's Fork, vg had a most laborious day's march & gained but little in distance. 7/21 Fontinel's Fork. met more Es than on any previous day

7/24 came thru SP

7/22 cross GR 7/25 descent Sw to Buffalo Valley 7/26 saw few B

the know and just burned one of thesh analy in

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7/28 met rear-most of Es, who seemed to despair of gettin 7/27 IR farther than H this season with ve few exceps the entire Eion this yr is to Oregon 1336 men 789 women 1384 both sexes under 16 929 H & M, 7,946 cattel 469 sheep 941 wagons // M points out he did not include those tvg west via FB

7/29 found small Part of Ms who were sent in advance to prepare B meat for the main body

8/2 FL the Gen. met in Council a number of Sioux chiefs

8/3 remiained at FL until 1 H Marched 15 mis and enc on the rv, a few miles above an Encampment of Mormon Emigrants

8/4 Passed the whole M Eion 800 men 750 women 1556 both sexes under 16 4,530 catl 142 h & m 344 sheep 685 wgs GSL the avowed destina-yion. they had abandoned the idea of gg to Ca 8/5 Scot's bluffs & Cr 8/7 Ash Hollow 8/9 much B 8/10 camp on Main Platte bloe below the forks - found B innumerable nea the idea of gg to Ca

the jc to Little Blue FLV 8/22

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MY GRANDPA WENT WEST by J. O. Ward Caldwell, Idaho, 1956

One week from the day that Grandpa and Grandma Betty were married, Grandpa made goodhis promise. He took her along the California 12 wgs rolled out of town (which town?) They crossed the Ohio R at Brandenburg, Ky thence thru **Itt** Indian, Ill, Mo etc.

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La mail . and to XX X X and hitted by cont . . .

Amador Ct Hist Soc July 1, 1952 Dorothy van Thiel to Dr. Edward Topham re your grandfather welld Wellman D. Bastle bound typescript

Reminiscens of a Pioneer b E. Green (E. Green) 17 pp About first of April 1849my b-1-1 Wellman Caslte and I started from Corunna, Michigan for r long ctemplated trip . . accd by Paull arrett and Duane Castle We had 2 cvrd wagons and 10 hrss. We went by land as far as Joliet, 111 where we sailed down the Ill to STL. . steamer to SJ There we traded one wagon and horses for an oxe teamof 4 yokes. . Fearing that the ming claims dall be taken up bf r arrv we 4 decided to divide up 2 gg ahead with pack animals and the other 2 remaining with the co, in charge of the ox team and freight wagons ~

WC and I er chosen to go on ahead o th others so fhte 5th of May we parted out in g spirits ntwisting the predictions of didge McElroy a frontiersman, that the Is d v r scalps bf we er half way across the Plains. . . We grossed the MR at old FK and er the first to take the trail that led to the PR

Wesstruck R PR crossed a gully where corn had bn planted th yr bf. indicating an I vg. Turning a bluff we came in sight of P vg 1/2 mile. Csisted of 30 or 40 round wws of mud, some Tg enough to hold 30 or 40

people. Wait overnite. Just bf the break of day we packed r animals intending torun through the vg bf the Is er up. As we neared the vg, I told C to go ahead as fast as he cd, as the mules d follow his horse bettern mine, and 1 d stop if anything hapnd to prevent us fm gg thru. Barking dogs. $r 4 \text{ or } 5 \lg$ is came rushi out shock hands with me and asked if more white men fog us. I made motions that there was a lg 2 co fog us. One I puts his armd on my horses bridle. I race ahead

Nothing more eventful till FKey, a new tp. . here lemned that lg nu Es arrvd from I and er ahead K B w l shot

For sev nights we mngd tocamp with Es whom we overtook along the road. At nite always blt fire one place, then move elsewhere to ravine or island, to avoid molesta by Is At upper crossing P, kyx c 2,000 Is paper from I agent, best to

At upper crossing P, igx c 2,000 Vs paper from I agent, best to make presents for B we had kd. . They spread out their B robes etc. They er well pleased, shook hands with us, and told us to go on They divided and gave us the freedome of the road

Within 40 miles we overtook Zaptain Paul who made better time than the rest of the party from SL, Glad of their co, we rode along with them for sev days.

FL and Am tp. . shown ford the rv swellen jerked meat all available In eve $\frac{3}{4}$ breedfm f w letter for Paul (????) ctng info that 2 Ms had just arrvd fm SL reprt Crow Is at the upper crossing waiting for the Es. These Is inclined to be hostile so we decided to remain with xix Capt Paul no Is but fresh pony trax Oncoming Is prove to be Cheys on their way to B FB for trade, with Frman

Next day Cheys ready to fight Crows, each had a bunch of jerked beef tied to saddle, and all wore shields made B hides

to IR take SCO **GXXXX** GR raft from Bcbides ctwood here pe part from Capt Paul. We induced Dr. Dickerson from Beaver Penn and4 men to cut up their wg and make pack saddles, make a party of 7

From here we were the first Pioneers of 49 SS home of Peg-legged Smith. . engage black man to go to FH arriv 6/7 //only date/???/// English post. They er surprised to see us, from the States Theysaid we er one month ahead of any train that had ever come over the road. . als no B on west side of mts in 21 yrs. kd a steer for us, and furnished guide to Am Falls, 30 miles below

left tr to Oregon and took one over Goose Ck M ts to HR there fresh
wg trax had bn made by sm Ms sent to Ca to make a setIment; fod them all
the way to Ca Carson Rv CV Hang Town, July 4 2 or 3 log hss
10 or 12 mis fm her 12 or 15 mi frm here we found S sawmill
Sutter's F rt, the Mecca of AII Americans
to Sac the first E of ³/₄49 to Stand onxime Tidw Tidewater.

CSL PLACER TIMES JULY 21, 1849 a party of 7 arrved at the Dry Diggins on the 14th vg left Mo on May 5. Among them are Dr. J H Dickson of Pa. and E. Green of Mich gan

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REMINISCENCES OF A PIONEER b Mrs. Pauline Wonderley ed. John Barton Hassler pb 14 pp. El Dorado Ct ist Soc 1965

Foreword family from Galena, ILI left 4/15/52 arrvd Hangtown, El Dorado Ct, 9/10 she 15 acct uncovrd among nsp files we from Germany 1847 to NO to SL to Potosi, "Wisc to Galena

4/15 4 yoke oxn, 2 cows, 2 lt wgs, a sheet-iron stove, camp kettles, tin dishes and provs to last thru Iowa Mother and 2 ygr chil rode, I

rode only when we crossed rivers & swamps, and c say I walked to Ca. I avgd 15 mpd after e er out of Iowa

Day we crossed Missip ferryboat sprig day, but on 17th change to cold and snow. . miry swamps, . fords impassable. . wgs apart, on rafts towed by ropes

5/12 Ky to the domain of the dreaded I remain 6 days waiting r turn to cross MR. . Nearly all bound for Ca One outfit lost their outfit when ferry rope broke father refused to take chances, paid \$14 to be taken over on a stbt ch ad come up the river that day

millet for scurvy, in lieu of potatoes, too heavy stayed for 2 days on west side to graze I exhibitions of marksmanship, shootg at 5 c pieces 5/22 real j bwgan Elk Horn banks perp, I bridge of logs and brush, 25c toll, reasonable, some white men ahezd refused to pay, fight resulted and 11 Is er kd. . they burned the bridge ???///Shell creek?///

now 12 wgs, for either Ca or Oregon. A Mr. Meeker was chosen Captain 5/27 reached PR cd see FL, and later on CHR and CR, immesne boulder 2 dal days later the Loup River was crossed

family name Bunday jd us i ' I owa, . 8 children bound for Oregon, tvd w us unti Mo was crossed. . got ahead with 8 fine horses. . meet eldest s son retg to Kv for boards to make a coffin for father, died of cholera. . 2 days later buys dug another G and the eldest dgtr, 19 was wrapped in a quilt and laid away. . Bf the end of the week the ygst child, 11, ditto, all 3 miles apart . . The heartbroken mother and chil ctd to Oregon

June 7 new-born sister. /. R j not delayed by the event and we kept up with the train

June 28 crossed the Sw 2 days later DG in Rs Hills of Wyo. After sister born I had the cooking to do

SCO to GR 46 mi in midst of stream the yoke-key broke, and the oxen tried to turn back. The wg-bed filled with water and r sheet-iron s tove, the box with knives and forks and a tub filled with kg utensils went ds. My uncle quickly stradls one oth ox nd turnd them in the rt direc . . We thereafter had to borrow utensils when others er through with them

July 14 on Bear River fr Is 18th S 19th left OT 30th Goose Creek, Nevada. Here er immense rocks like pyramids, resemble a large city Many inscriptions

2 yg men with 1 wg and 3 oxen, quarreled. . provs divided, wg cut in 2 one man bought the other share in 3d ox. After that one headed the tr and the other brot up the rear, as far apart as they cd get.

8/5 St. Marys cross and recross 13 x to 24th desert one of wgs had tb broken up for fuel, spirits at lowest ebb. desert 26 mis Rag Town, now Carson City /?/ men cured bxxmxting of scurvy by eating potatoes traders cheat by claiming cattle cdn cross mts, wrong

8/30 Genoa or Hot Springs over mt to Hope Valley the Ungers, only other family with us, have a child, somewhere between the 2 summits. . down Slippery Ford . . one @"boarder skips out without paying, the o ther 2 honest and settled

9/10 into Hangtown. . Chinamen on to live at Diamond Springs

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MISSOURI COURIER Hannibal, Mo February 7, 1850 reprint journal of John B. Wier, xdatadxSaaxTiyfrom Chicago Journal, Sac T City, Sug 17, May 7 to August 14, via I, 3CO, FH and CarsonRiver [1849]

"From Where the Gold Diggers Go" arrived at the Cloth City on 15th in perfect health. . I wrote you last at FL. . copy my journal 5/7 encpd 10 mis west of I, in neighborhood of the Pioneer Line

5/10 passed the Lone Elm gr many notices attached to this. " Briant

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co passed here May 9 5/14 crossed the Kansas 7//photocpy of original/// 5/16 thru a succ of bad places to the Virmili cd in co with some Mississipians 5/19 to St. Joseph road 5/20 came up with the Aurora co, fro Kane ct, jn in s w them 5/1 21 mn digg g of one who shot h mss 5/23 cp vic Govt tr for Fkey on the P 5/24 to P in driving storm 5/25 passed a co of U s troops at 12oc come to Ft. Key turf stables and turf quarters bad location 5/27 saw trs on the Council Bluffs road on opp site oth rv 6/1 lower crossing oth P num trails of B to river, but no B 1 6/3 B meat for the firs t time. Crossed to the hollow numbers of holes caused by B trampling of B, holding water 6/4 Sc wi certificates of their fr character 6/5 on a lone tree, near the top. /sewed up in B skins, was the last resting place of an old Sc chief 6/6/ Cedar Grove cnn be beat for storms 6/0 took a sk of CR Castle Rock andRound Rock 6/9 cd in beau v, midway between /Scotts/ bluffs and hills, 7 mi frm fine spring mentiond b Fremont at the head of the v edesc to Horn Ck 6/11 short of LR camp in vic U S troops 6/12 a warm spring cp on Bitter creek 6/14 cross river Boute, saw a volcanic peak 6/16 Deer C 6/17 cross np 6/19 t Red Buttes on Willow Creek 6/20 walk around base of famous rock I thous names 6/23 Granite Mt/s 6/25 dividing ridge so smooth we cdn tell 6/21 the exact spot 6/27 no ferry at Gr R had to caulk our wgs to cross it 6/30 SO SCO /continues across BR mts// diameter alle and 7/1 cp 1000 Snakes /shook hands said plain ow do you do and say "swap" shirt for a B robr 7/2 use ropes to/lower wgs 7/4 this-bg I day we had 2 sage hens for dinner, with other fixins and extras 7/5 ss 7/6 one of largest spring I ev saw, force suff for a mill 7/8 to FH 175/ftsq sun burnt brix in better repair than E 7/9 Am Falls/ Fall ck 7/10 part from Oregon Road at crossg Raft Rv 7.12 Breakneck Hills 7/13 Goose Ck, forms a beau v 8/14 boilsing s along HR crickets and grass happers eating up grass; 7/23 f 7/15 drier than I/ever saw bf H- dirit dirtier towards the Sink 7/28 to Sink 7/30 left r miles out and hurriedon to water 8/1 wgs brought up Carson ck 8/7 Pass at C Kanyon ~ roughest road yet, no one d suppose a wg cd get thru Reed's lake 8/8 pack up on mules, then go back for emptywgs 8/9 giddy heights pine trees of gr height, 8' thick 8/11 pleasant valley 8/12/oaks begin to appear 8/14 Sac, 2 mis west SF after washing clothes and soaking wg wheels less good land the whole rt than between Chicago and Rock River 99 days on the rt //.from Chi?// ххххх and Bankhown. . Chineses a sur ho like in Langer 1. The Nickel Library. Ch cago, 1881 OVERLAND JOE: OR THE CALIFORNIA TRAIL cheap fiction Landal Julian (0.51 . Terrar X X X X X X Indianat between Lines ACROSS THE PLAINS by Philip Ashton Rollins "a spoof re collectors X X X X X

STORY OF THE CROW EMIGRANT TRAIN OF L(1865) written by Ralph LeRoy Milliken from sev cverss held with F. M. Watking of Los Banos, Ca reprinted as pub in THE LIVINGSTON CHRONICLE, January, 1935 //Francis Marion Watkins//

r fam lived 6 mis n Alba, ct seat of Monroe ct, Iowa 3 fams mules 700 d a spab2 span, 3 brand new wgs bot 4 horse teams and 1 2 horse famil2y wagon mother and us children rode in it 20 head h & m for spares harness all brand new provs for 4 months

sell farm for \$12,000 had \$3,000 left

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lv 4/1 loca in Petaluma end of August 4 months later \$25. left! me born 1855 10 wgs at CBs fall in with a Mo train called Blodgett, 50 wgs. . all tvd tog as far as FL

E trains fod same road along PR the Overland stages tvd hrses go at stiff gallop 12 to 15 mi bet stas 26 25 soldiers ea sta sta every hundred miles a whole co soldiers usually 8 cavalrymen alongside, 4 in front, 4 in back

govt orders to shoot any Is skulking ns oth rd bad white men among the Is I'll bet r tr threwa ton of bullets into the PR we always cd 100 yds fm rv in order to v water. . target practice on snags shoot up stream to see whose gun d shoot farthest all muzzle loaders; target practice to make sure each gun was fresh loaded and the cap d b sure to go off powder was poured down the muzzle and then a ball rammedhome. to fire the gun a cap was put on the tube to explode the charge

sm cos supposed to wait for others. . people in sm squads got so they
knew ewhere the soldiers er stad. They d lv the road and circle around
them. They didnt want to j in the big trs and v to do guard duty and e
under military rules. . The Is slaughtered such people by the hundreds
I v seen as many as 15 new Gs in one place
soti soldiers d er wiped out at Plum c we arrived 5 or 6 days after

soti soldiers d er wiped out at Plum c we arrived 5 or 6 days after the soldiers er massacred there Just the day bf we got into Julesburg the Is had burned that setImt up. When we got there the fight was over, and evbody was gone. All the dead had bn buried. The manure of t e stables was still burng and sm of the wg timbers er still on fire. .

At SP crossing pursued by 10 Is. . It seems I got clear of the gr and just flew. . When they rode into camp they er fairly <u>laughing</u> their sides off. . Father bought 2 quarters antelope meat from them have seen 500 in one bunch; Is after sugar and coffee

partly forded and partly ferried. . out in the middle where waters began to get deep there was a landing place or platform the drive the wgs up on one team at a time \$5. pulled by ropes

Stage drivers kept E trains informed of eac others whereabouts. . Overtake larger tr at FL; they anxious likewise and we jd up. It was the Crow train, under Brad Crow there er 5 Crow bros and fams they bringing out 40 jackasses from M were gg to a place called Crows Lanading in Stanislaus Ct

now 214 wgs mil rules mil dut for all 21 to 45, 400 men dvbn 600 in case it as said we er the largest and strongest tr that ev crossed the pls - cos of 20 each, given a letr painted on the canvas cover. . Father wagon master of Co A 3 miles away Is raided a fort and sta sta. a small bunch made a little side attack on us nd tried to stampeded the jackasses. The stubborn thi gs nv budged; they g braced their feet and hawed at the Is in derision but they did make way w 40 of cav and stage horses no leaving any wg behind; the Is wanted nothing better than to get a tr scatrd rotate lead the people with poor stock; father forever helping others out with his stock hitched to other teams; ditto with grub

corral in giant circle front wheels next to hind wheels etc. Southermers with black women cooks and their ladies in silk dresses tagged along for protec fur but refused to do guard duty newcomers flatly refuse to stand guard or to stay away. Crow threatens them with back-slashing; they had seen plenty of niggers stretched up and whipped and they didnt want any of it themss

Inct of Snake Is had to break up the train we stayed until within 100 miles of **S** same 3 fams from Alba, Ipwa, w r 10 wgs

SC see M families see 3 to 6 women coming down the street all in a row holding on to this one man . . Col Conner with 300 Ca troops had broken the power oth Snakes Is in battle on Bear River In a M family the extra wives were known as "aunts" to chil of other

mothers

At Car sin people er just beginning to try to farm give animals flour bf the desert, it slimes their stomach ind keeps frm getg so thirsty. At desert left by the Brannons and Bordeaus, they broke down 16 miles from water. . we just pull around them nd keep gg mules began to smell the moisture when within 6 or 7 miles of water. . final plunging (first waggle their ears)

latter part of August cp at Ferguson Ranch near Petaluma rented a ranch on the dobe flats just north of Petaluma

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"Overland in 1853: William Warner's letter to his mother"

Calif HISTORICAL WOCIETY QUARTERLY V, 3 (September, 1926) 259-292

b. 1820, Pa Huntington, Indiana the remarkable "babe" mentioned in this letr is now Mrs. George W. Hunt of Oakland, thru whose courtesy we v this acct of the ov j oth Warner family

Dear Mother & Frs:

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Nevada City, Sept 23, 1853

W WERLINGTON MARKS LIKE STORE

After tvg 6 months (lacking 6 days) arrivd Ca, safe and in g health, but we saw many ups & downs bf we got # here

My co csistd of 6 persons besides my babe, 4 men and 2 women, I. Ream Jas Eaton, J. Whitestine and wife, myself and fam. R team csistd of 4 yoke of oxen, 3 hrss and one mule and 2 wgs.

5/17 crossed Mo /?/ nd mncd r endless j. Jerry Whitestine cplained of bg unwell and grew roses from day today. . inflam of stomach & bowels. died 6/17 made him a coffin of wg bed , buried him on banks of Castle Rv 7/27 SSL open theatres with prayers and close them w a benediction. city of 12,000 B 37 wives and each of apostleshas 5 to 12 a man is al lowed one wife for every \$1000 that he is worth

now with 4 mules to **xg**x lt wg, packed horses of all animals that cross the pls man is the thoughest and can endure the most. . . me walk 900 m My wife and Mrs. W drive

when/within 6 days of Ca ran out of provs we had nothing to eat fur x dried fruit and tea manage to buy onions & potatoes and flour (first time want staring me in the face more starvation hard breat and hd kd 2 sage han hens kill shee bear; ex bear meat for flour

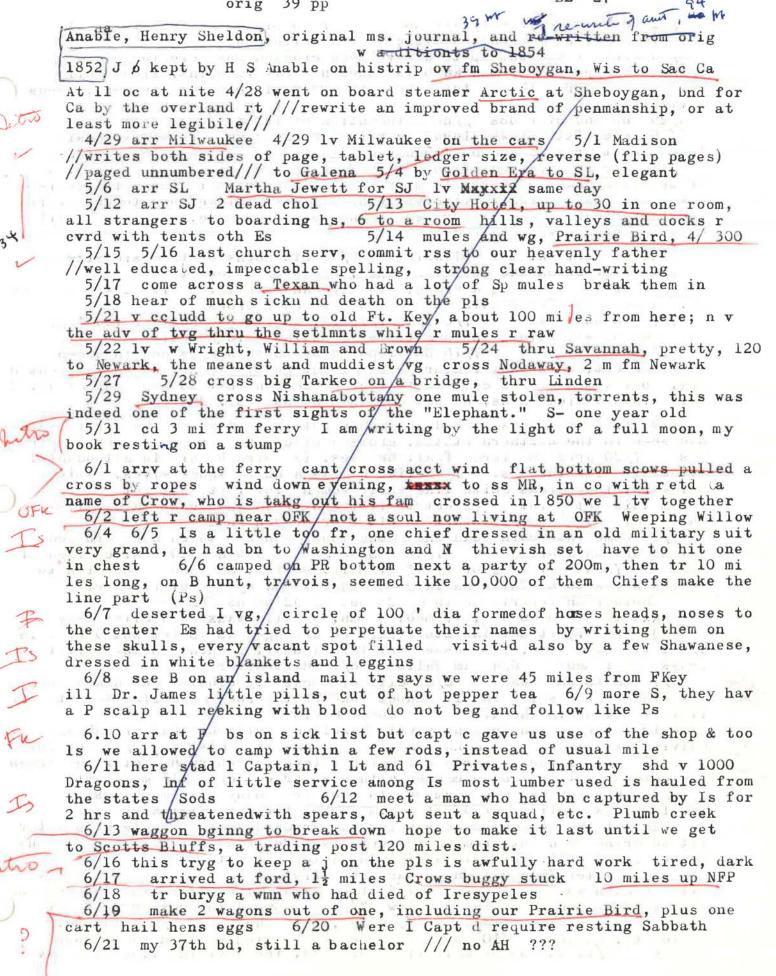
the babe started out sickly, man told me to take along a coffin marw times when tvg it would run along the wagon for a mile at a time. . but It sickness and but few deaths on pls this sumr, not m re than lo or 12 Gs whole trip Goodbuc methon and micende

Goodbye mother and Friends,

William Warner, Sarah Warner, Alice Warner

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6/22 abreat CHR or Politary Tower 8 or 10 mis s refer to Platt & Slaters guide o what a mis ct for a white man

6/23 drove r waggons up to CR ve much cracked must ere long fall 6/24 SBs named for man kd byIs ancient city in ruins, sight well worth a trip from the States. Were the PR navigable for steamers, thous d visit it

up and over SBs //no metnmention of to tp// 6/25

6/26 MNRXMIXXX Crows elegant carriage broke down first Sx, best lookg, best dressed and best behaved ignored us as they rode past us 6/27 arr FL crossed Lf on a very fair bridge paid \$2.50 ea wg. . A Fr trader by name of Larramie many years since built if for a tp it is now a mil post treated vi civilly by officers, el welcome to grs wihtin the fortificas cant afford sugar and vo coffee here, 6 prices wait for Crow to get his wg repaired

6/28 lv fort ct more pleasing 6/30 Elk horns of trem sic size 7/3 Deer Creek the loveliest spot, oasis in a desert 7/6 at the crossing a Frman, his wife and a Belgian with 2 wgs jd r co \$5. ea wg 50 c for e mule tp B tongues gamp Crows 7/7 B hunt WS 7/8.7/9.7/10 IR,/an immense boulder 120 ' hi

DG lake of saleratus another tp sage stalks 6 inches dia 7/15 SP PS 7/16 BS ignored by shoshonee Is now in Green River desert, we sh not venture upon it but go by B Mr. Logan who went b CBs, lost 4 men of his co; another co of 26 men lo t 20 and out of 40, 22 fully 1000 v died on ns, nd perhaps a/s many ss \$3. 25c

1/19 tr from Arkansas, had just come into r road we er the first Es the had seen fm the northern states, crossed Blackfork 3 x passed sev trs from 7/20 arrd FB lord of all he sees, is surrd b his lg attendants. WIS ED Altho at war w the Ms, yet M-lake he has a nu of squaw wives, mstly Delaware, they dress quite like/white women lovliest spot yet fm this pot point we expect/to lv the SL road and go up BR 60 miles 7/21 start/on old E or Oregon road on the Old OT 7/26 came into main road and among those who had taken SCO crossed Smith Fork on a bridge /7/29 SS on top of a bluff 20 ' hi cprised of soda 7/30 det to g by ay of Ft Hall, we left SO SCO the Fion to

Oregon seems to be fully as large as that to Ca by the overland rt another mn reports death of 23 out of 32 on ns PR

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8xx2 tr now of 6 wgs/, 17 men, 4 wmn, 3 chil paxx FH 4 miles away 8/3 FH 75 ft sq, the store part so arranged as to let but 5 or 6 Is in at the same time, gas passed out thru a small opening in the partition 8/4 Am Falls 8/6 Raft River cross Port Neuf

8/7 on to SCO road 8/8 City of Rocks 1g cluster of naked rock towering to the skie's in all shapes one of the rock is called the Steeple it is we hi up in the air Goose C mts

8/10 Peters of Sheboygan tv with Hazelton tells us that Graham and Calvin Hill diedon the IB LB Hazelton thinks it a mistake 8/11 Hot SpV 8/17 8/17 SL co captured 2 I horse thieves, prob swing Peter the Frman encounters partner who absconded with his horse 8/19 17 m desert 8/24 meet sev Cas who v cm out to meet frs many tps much dust,

whirl whinds soti 20 or 30 at a time \$5. for jar of pickles 8/28 At the Meadows make hay for the gr CR desert 65 mis w no water fit to drink m n out from Ca to meet his wife, find her dying of Bilious fever, lvs 3 chil, women to assist in laying her out

9/1 water 75 c gallon Rag Town 170 mis fm Placerville in GV will abandon wg, go to pack 9/5 from Ezra Holmes learn that Graham and Hill were not dead but that Burlew /?/ was drowned in crossing nfp CV first hss since FL Larramie 5 mules, 3 to pack 9/9/ M Station, lg log tp, garden 9/90 worst road, enormous stones noon ed in Hope Valley 9/11 on top of main ridge of SNs, the dividing line Ca & Nev

///rather extesnive detail for man who cplained of diary writing Pass Creek Mountain Home 9/13 sell mules for \$300 walk into Placerville, put up at the al Eldorado, a dirty raggeed set

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DIARY OF ELLEN TOMPKINS ADAMS | wife of John Smalley Adams, MD photocopy of original netimne and the 43 66

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Friday, May 8, 1863 overland left CB this mg took the B-/?/ for Omaha found the Dr. encamped about 1/2 mi out of the vg

5/9 Elkhorn is the name of the place, ve good for w and w //somewhat of a scrawl// 5/10 no Sundays, obliged to wkr all day

5/11 Remont 5/12 North Bend P wws, a filt y set, came begging

land level, nearly destituteof wood, soil ve rich producg evthing in prof
5/13 crossed Loupes Fork 5/14 stop at sts sts but cd get nothing but milk and eggs , called Lone Tree

5/15 camped at the gr below Selkins, bot a can of oysters

5/16 Wood River thru this sec better bldgs and more thickly settled

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5/18 Men all over to EKey \pm this mg, brought me letters 5/19 road strewn with B bones 5/20 find man enc on the rd in an Army tent, keepg a store whiskey, corn, lead shot etc. 5/21 5/23 kampxix Sx Is much more 1 behaved than PIs came across

party of men from FL 5/24 B flies or black gnats 5/25 another tent or ww of B hides sell antelope 5/26 more of same

5/27 hear CV 1794 miles a lg j to/ride in a wg //heavy on cooking, and menus// passed Dutch train 5/29 ABR 5/30 pass CR M tr of 156 wgs each with 10 oxen hard looking foreign ers pass CHR ////after CR ???///

5/31 much opposed to tvg Sundays, 1 look for another co pass SB. . man came for the Dr sayg that a/man in a forward tr had broken his left. John hasgone to set it Gs scatrd all along the way

6/2 pass FL looks beau fm this side rv perf forest of wild roses in BS tvg almost perp 6/3 passijg Ms cstantly going down to their village after the immigrants there will be about 10,000 this year 6/5 Guard reported Is crossg the ry and fired 5 or 6 x enough to

throw the camp into perf excitement ///????///

6/7/ many Is caround, cannot sleep 6/8 Frankie was sick last night and I was obliged to me with neuralgi reached the bridge across the P 6/9 stold by troops at PB that is are making a treaty at FB with r govt nd we shall v no tr with them

6.10 cpd on Sw near the Soldiers Barracks. Came down to see us 6/11 stop at bss DG for sm repairg 6/12 cp at 3 crossings soldiers came down to see us/and brought a violin nd we had music and singing

6/16 camp on LS/ cd near soldiers, tired and depressed 6/17 camp near Jackins Fort /?/ soldiers pleasant, 90 miles fm B 6/18 crossed BS ferry in a scow boat, bot buttermilk nd leggs

6.20 yest anniv of wedding

reachee SE the 27th June and left the 29th reached Carson City 28th July remained at C a week and left for Markleville. Came to silver mountain and got int out ho se Sat 5th of Sept camped out rom 8th of may until 5th of Sept, about 4 mo ths

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Amos Moss, ledger ms

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Allsop LEAVES FROM MY LOG BOOK C-D 25 I P C Allsop V. M. War & Cal Pioneer arrvd SF 12/15/48 J &xx P C or SCENES IN THE LIFE OF A CA PIONEER H H Bancroft Collec

in Navy during Mexican war /at NO/ I jd a co of yg men of Southern birth and took passage in the Ben Franklin No VII for SL red shirts, peak peajackets, rifles, revolvers at Jefferson Cty recd 2 recruits to r part y, thence to I motley and heterogeneous pop canny Scot, frolicsome Irish sturdy John Bull, phlegmatic Teuton, ev st of Union fm Maine to Georgia

25 wgs in our train thru landsof Shawnees and Pottawotoomies, latter makg a stab at farming agents had that sleek and unctuous look denoting hi living at K Rv a lg bss horses and mules re-shod Only god the Is worshipped was Bacchus pls like an immense billiard table or ocean of green grass

Nimrods shoot wild hogs ventilate my Creole French by cing in ctac w FrCanadian missionaries from Montereal

cross Grasshopper river and BB catfish and shad

Gallinippers avoid tobacco chewing trapper, but delight in Eastern man woe to him t/ who tries to sleep w/o a mosquito bar

fireworks in the shape of meteors in land of Ps

We crosedd the PR and alted at FKey private theatricals, stag: . On lv the f entrd Sx ct the finest race of Is we ev met despite beauty of squaws, threateng looks of the bucks, yg bloods v to keep cool

kd r share of B meat, salting for future

At CHR met some trappers. . trade some of our best Ky wine for furs FL 5/31/48 50 days on rd from I now in Wyo Terr and due south of the Black Hills DG SP FB

Sev of r men, tired of their celibacy, joined the Brigahmite gang nd I hope they had as many M girls as they cd buy calico for

Ogden, a vig in Weber Ct , had fandango HR to Hangtown and Sac to SF 12/15/48

of the lg nu that left I, but 7 completed the trip when we arrived the gold escitement was at its height, but rested near Long Wharf. . with others opened a boarding hs on Clay st for sailors and miners

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(49) Expers b by William Armstrong dictated for BL 1877 C-d 31 I was 29 and my wife 18 when we left Russelville, Ill for Cal. We started 3/4 and I drofe to my wg 3 yoke of catl My wife was the only woman in the tr. We hadone child, 4 of 5 months old 5/23 we crossed the MR at J St.Jo On th P shof shortly after the cholera broke out and many r r co died. For many miles we er never out of sight of E Gs SP crossing, quicksand. Had to wade in the water to keep the cattle in motion and had to v drivers on both the off and near side bf reaching the rv we had come to a P vg cpletely deserted on acc the presence of strong war part of Sx Is We found the huts and cabin s made in good shape and some degree of taste The Ps had left so quickly and so short a time bf our arrv that the fires were till burning in their huts I found a P left behind on acct of bg blind I spoke to him and he came out and fod me back to the wgs. All that day he walked behind my g but at nite a yg I boy came into r camp and led the blind one away.

As we climbed up the bank of PR we found the war party of Sx to the

number of 2 or 3000 camped near the stream. They crowded around r wgs and seemed to take pleas in looking at my wife and her baby

We fod up the ss NP to near FL where we crossed the rv again. . Bf reachg the f startled to see a crazy man stark naked wandering on the pl. He was at once taken in charge of by Colonel Loring of the Mt. Riflemen On bank of GR buried Carl Walls fm JJ asper Ct, Ill

On reachging Lassens Meadow on the I we gut hay grass and tied in bundles, packg them closely in r wgs. . Rabbit Hole Springs desert looked like a vast field of snow it was so white with alkali dead ca dead cat1 thick we truck the SN in the neighborhood of Surprise Valley had to put 11 yoke catl on ach wg I felt like Moses on Mount Pisgah when ched the summit Notcie on Pitt River, beware of snow. . Met Capt Peoples with a relief tr r tr 25 wgs had dwindled to 3 we reached the summit

nearly destitute wife so tired of wg walked into Sac V carryg baby Lassen's tp to Feather R Longs Bar no dates

Ms form by interviewer pp 1-7 B Collec XXXXX

"Recollecs of ov j, 1849 B Collec ca 1888 Leonard Babcock. w/ notexxbxxMxxCxxBrowniee pencilled tablet B-1

In 1849 put last dollar possessed in the world in outfit for Calif had \$5. for expense money for trip left with Andrew Arnot and x2 others, leave wife w 2 chil w not to exceed \$50 left home 5/7/49 cross one md ing MR at Blue landing thence to I

not legible enough for accuracy

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letters to his wife written durin a j across the pls to Virginia City Nevada May 18- September 2, 1862 b Dr. Charles Lewis Anderson original ms. and photocopies

5/18/62 Farribault_ landed here yest via St. Paul northfield gr many is on the road 5/20 north of Austin, capital of Nower /?/ct 14 mis fm Iowa

5/26 Cedar Falls

5/29 safe in Nevada, Iowa that is

a subject of

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6/7 Omaha NT 19 men 3 women and 6 chil we hear of no tr with Is mil escort of 100 men which 1 start in 2 or 3 days for Ft. Walla. My dest not yet detd There is a monstrous Eion towards the Pacfici more than a thous teams are now on the pls. / I thik ult most of them 1 make Ca their homes. I wish to go with the tide. At this time Salmon river is all the voge O a pleasant pl ab as large as Minneapolis has handsome . . Masonr y served me a g purpose in finding reliable men to deal with ///evidendtly life at Minneapolis//

6/15 on the p 110 miles west 0 v climbed p at rate of 24 mpd and 4 feet per miles PR on \neq 3 miles wide and l_2^1 deep. It cb waded almost anywhere Neither steamboatr or even canoes can succ navigate

we r a reg E tra 13 waggons 4 women, 6 chil and 30 men, Putnam capt Sx had been down to ryss a few miles n of us and kd a number a mis set of beggars reading Thorou Thoreau we follow the telegraph poles and stage passes us 2 x a day Fort K 2 miles fm r road across the rv 6/18 we are near FK and Emerson 1 cross (if the rv is crossable)

and mail this the saw Secession flag, maybe FK taken and the E course impeded to Sac. Turned out to be a trader's. . the escort I o spoke of in 0 1 b along in a few days note: safe opposite the Ft. have to pay h Chas. \$5. \$ for a man to cross.

Cross of

pholow

Rattlesnake Creek June 29: tedious sand hills, flies, gnats, mosquitoes and a hot burning sun wheels sink up to a foot today 2 lg trs of Ms pasd us enroute for Florence to br up a lg part of M Es It is said 400 wgs vbn dispatched fm SL to br up these recruits to he M faith 1 nv saw a m civil set of drivers. Heard but one oath //yg Emerson evidently son of Ralph Waldo. .//

v left teleg poles and 1 n see them again for 50 miles

7/2 another big M train. . some anti-Ms just behind who gave us bad accts of things in Mdom destitution nd suffering, hard winter, scarcity of fuel I suppose it reasonable estimate 5,000 persons v crossed the plas pls this eason, mostly Salmon River no Is, but we all look like Is with the smallpox

7/4 fruitcake for brkfst quite a nu of camps rejoicing in the 4th Minn boys still ahead of us driving like furies

7/5 nearly opp cr v sketched it and 1 englose

Scotts Bluffs 50 miles blow F. Laramie Don't you admire my drawing? (p. 49) show bluffs, wagon, tent w/ flag

7/10 opp Ft. Laramie my dear wife: overtook our Min boys at this place Emerson is gg over to the P and I want a/letr fm my wife reports of tr w Is ahead 800 troops v gone ahead of us and there is an escort behind us

7/11 opp Ft. Laramie rejoiced at recg 2 letrs frm you, both written at St. Paul postmaster at these posts are so careless and neglectful, that half the letrs are overlooked or thrown away

Gen Craig who ishere now tells Emerson that with a str vigilant party we v nothing to fear. . troops stad along thert to FB The mails cease today on a cct of the trs and 1 herceforth go by Denver to SL The telegr line has bn broken bet here and FB

(54 sketch of CR, with notes/

7/20 since letr placed in 10 at L v learnd that in all prob they 1 remain there for some time owing to a suspension of the Overland Mail We are now 130 m west of L /P ch we v fod so long is rather cold now to bathe in. It smacks of snow and ice. Tomorrow we ctemp a farewell to P Ov Mail co has left this/road entirely and intend establishg a route

south of this. So there f no facilities for sendg or getg letters. . so v ccluded to keep a sort of Journal and 1 mail via SL to Panama rt. Plan to take the stage at SL for Carson City. Salmon River folks 1 lv us 150 m e SL now 50 men and 25 waggons A Mr. Creighton of 0 is r capt 7/23 Sweet Water Bridge IR an isolated little ridge of solid granite only 50 or 60 ' hi and seems insig teleg stat, 60 soldiers just now a party has overtaken us bnd for W, mostly from Wis, inc uding Judge Hewitt, Chief of te2 Territ judges in Wash Ter 1 tv together for next 150 miles ascended the most transment new we a destance in r newty. next 150 miles, cs/idrd the mos trsome now v 3 doctors in r party

7/25 camped fast nite where the stage was attacked by is last spring nd 6 men wounded G of man shot by his comrade in a quar about a tem. His name was Scott. Today we passed the G of the murderer. It seems the soldiers caught him and delivrd him over tothe train to ch he belonged. His party trigd, condemned, and shot him, 2 c days after the murder //west of devils dage/// foaming like falls of St Anthony

7/29 r Salmon River and Oregon twrs v left us. with Emerson and Russle 1 proceed to SL; latter 1 lv us at FB and return home by stage, ch is now running via Denver there r soldiers at nearly ev 12 mi sta 8/4 Ft. Bridger Russel lvs immed for NY by stage

8/10 SLC Wahsatch mts mag. . at a boarding hs 4 letters from yu hear preaching in defense polygamy 8/17 v not been able to seel for cash toany adv, so guess will pack

8/24 170 miles on our road to Carson 9/2 Virginia City 3 days and 3 nights very tedious ride in Ov stage, 400 miles total $3\frac{1}{2}$ months

97 pages v 1 only of 3 vols.

Strentzel, John Theophil, Biography Notes wax including ov j to Ca, 1849

b 1813 Poland

Texas spring 1049 co orgd 135 3/22 9 women 25 chil, including Mrs. Strentzel me a physician BY THE SOUTHWEST B collec

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Biog Sketch of the Murphy family prepd for Chronicles of the Builders of the Commonwealth / 46 11 ms handwriting of Alfred Bates Ireland to Canada to St. Joseph

In spring of 1844 Mr. Murphy, now in his 60th year, gathered around him his fam, told of his intention to go to Ca, disposed of hispropr, etc. & started for the rendezvous at the frontier post on Mo later known as Kanes ville & n w CBs. Although this co was piloted by Elisha Stevens it is us known as the Murphy party. It cisted of Martin urphy with his 5 sons, 2 daughters, etc. Moses Sheell Shellenberger /13 wgs MMSr captain cpared with which the crossing of the Red sea was but a trifling incident for mot yet a trail crossed Elkhorn in boats made of their wg beds or rendrd water-tight by a coverg of rawhides. Thence to the Priver dn nf p at IR a halt was called for rest, and here a dgtr as born to --Miller, to whom as given the name of Ellen Independence fr relation ship w Is ex gifts, and proper vigilance at nite . Shooting of I by Shallenberger, accused of stealing, prevented by Martin West of SP/encirclement by Is, cooled off by good the younger leadership

to sink of Hu met fr I o Prute nation, hired as guide Truckee first to open a wg trail glong the route now rr first to cross SN by way of t TruckeexexxXexxXexxXixex and Bear Rivers, also rt of rr at the forks of the T-/the party divided. . Daniel, John and Ellen Murphy fod the cr oth r to Lake Tahoe. . Daniel first white man to gaze thence hdwtrs Am river to St. Clair¢s Ranch

Main body camed near what is now known as Donner Lake, though first christnd r Truckee Lake Here 3 of the co, one Shellenberger, were left in charge of a portion of the wgs. On the margin oth lake they built a log cabin. . threatned by snow. . made snow shoes, Shellenger survive by trapping. This cabin Martin M the ygr saw for first time 2 yrs later etc. Winter at head of Yuba River, ctingent under James miller

Elizabeth Yuba Miller first of native dgtrs of Ca

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Horace Madison Ballew

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orig ms letters, and tts

Article of agreement between w John W. Boyle Letter June 14, 1850 near Ft. Laramie to Mary B- at Grandview, Edgar Ct. Ill within 15 miles FL one month from St. J as hearty and stout as ever 1 was in my life writing in the dark v 15 wgs on the tr and 70 o odd men now v 8 or 10 sick, none bad except Parker from Coles ct, expected to die it must be hard on kim bg so sick to b hauled in the wg ev day. . The Paris boys is 6 days mead

Hangtown, El Dorado Ct, Sybbath ms, Sept 8, 1850 after 1g j 107 days arrvd H 8/28 all well and hearty spent all 107 driv ng team sm 30 or 40 men from Cole and Edgar/cts at church here 108 shops that has liquor to sell, Sons of Temperance are starting up here, 400 strong liquor is running away with the town

John Leach got droyned crossing PR Henry Nevel diedon Carsons River O I Chernut died since he arrvd Hangtown Eli Giltner of Clark vt died on Hams fork fm Coles ct, Richard Fred and Grace Horton d w cholera.

We had a gr many cases of this but all escaped but those 2 boys /?/ w Hortons death, it fell upon Tate, Bump and myself to dress and lay him out. Then was the only time I hated to take hold. Buriedwithin 2 hrs Mr. Clark that was so sick at FL is now well and hearty there

was thous that died on the rd this sumr

Not one co in 20 but what lost more than we did

no man under God's heaven can begin to tell the 4th part of the trials, trs and diffics that a man has to endure v seen men taken out of their wgs and put right in the G w/o ever washing and dresing them, and tumblexterm in the sand or clay right on them like you d bury a log. yg mother who lost her child at end of the road

Tell all of your cnec and mine to never attempt to c me to this place, cs it is nouse

Our team reduced to 5 steers, sold for \$170 have o fer 95 for wg Article of agreement at Grandview 2/22/50

other lettersxSmptx&xNamgtman undated Sac 12, 22 Georgetown and 3 of 1351 at Poor Mans Creek

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James Bardin Diary of a Pioneer 30 pp typed copy, with brads of New Albany, Tippah Ct., Missip, came to Salinas Valley 1855. in co with James Miller, T. Dixon, John Pernell and Griff Sellers he left I with 2 4-mule teams 4/28, arrivg Yreka 8/11 103 days retd to Missip by boat and Panama and 1856 retd by boat with wife and 6 children Salinas Valley

left I 4/28 (1855) went to West Port Pawnee land. There was some white people settled for 30 or 40 miles, then the Pattamatamy reserve on both sides rv for 30 miles more, ch took in best part of ks. The Delawares (Delamdres) v a reserve on ns rv

5/9 Vermilyoun land on the Ks ver rich and lays as good as a man can wish 5/10 Rock Creek Black Vermilions 5/1/2 BB 40 or 50 yds wide; timber 300 or 400 yds ctnd, hackberry and maple not see as much timber in 2 days to as is on one quarter sec of Mississippi

5/14 with or near 25 or 50 wgs, some for Ore sm for Ca Ps so wild you d not see one in twg thru t nation except b accident

5/15 man with boy 11, girl 8, no money ex-physician and preacher, begs for ride to Ca, we made him 5 or 6 dollars his feet so sore he cd hardly go 5/18 met or fm iaramie. . Is peaceable. . Fearf ul of GWF for killing the mail carrier but they 1 have to give up more t than one man or fight the GF

5/19 passed Fort Kearny, an old sta in the Platt bottom 5/20 we v joined a co of Dutch and Fr to tv thru 5x nation 450 mi. We r now 20 waggons and 4 55 or 60 men some 8 or 10 fams. The Is send word they ant white women and scalps 5/21 B continues thick PR has a diff app where it all runs together it is about 1 m wide but it is seldom the case. Soti it divides in 3 or 4 parts

5/25 met mail from Laramie; they tell us no danger of Is scept steal the stock 5/27 at crossing sp, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide but no where belly deep to a horse Fr traders with fur skins and B robes 5 toke of oxen toea wg heavily laden 5/28 15 mi over a rollin prairie and then down in AH. . roughest p**terms** bluffs I ever saw Nobs, Peaks, and the steepest hills to go down Ash are many; been cut by the Es but still there is some hundred standing yet

5/29 Rosemary grows here in abundance no Is since Mo wind blows day and night. I have to have tape sewed to my hat to tie it on as the wind d blow it off ctin. 30 pp

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5/30 opp the Cart Hand /?/ nothig but a pile of rock; to left stand a rock looks like a kitchen 5/31 CR curiosity potato hill, then the coping of the Ch c draws in

6/1 tp large fleshy white man invited us in for cool water and brand y 6/2 another tp. . This goes by the name of Leots Bluffs perp, looks like the front of a large bldg, some round and some like the end of bldgs No Is since we left the Pattawatamy govt ordered them to lv this road

6/3 passed where mail carriers er kd last fall by Is. . all buried in one G wolves had scratched them up Is lay in that old road and shot them, 4 in nu, but one made made his escape but was left for dead, with 6 wounds 6/4 passed place where soldier kd when Ms came in the c encampment of Is 30 in nu er kd, cut up in small pieces and scattrda all over the enc

over the enc 6/5 Lay at L. Bldgs are to erable cross to north side to v co. 6/7 Smoke to right, indicating Is in hostile cd. it is understood that th govt is atwar with the Sx nations. but not unfr with Es /////csid detail re the rt //// land of sage and prickly pear 6/12 r tr mde up of men frm the whole Union, incl Ky, Tenn and Ga; sev vbn to Ca 67 men c shoot about 300 x bf stopping Capt Gregsby. .when corralled we cd lick any Is they can aise here d v two rows wagons

6/14 Platt bridge many Is cd w Fr traders give Is present, have serenade of I songs, men and women; they seemed to understand music ve well, each carryg his or herown part. . if I had t em in the states I l cd make mmoney than any gold digger in Ca ///gives weather reports also// 6/17 Independent Rock, plenty of game and fish B some gr convulsion

has busted the rock through about 30 feet apart

6/9 19 hear grasshopper has w eaten the wheat in SL ct

6/21 pass sm Ms digging for gold, bn there 5 or 6 weeks

6/22 grasshopper's at work here also narrow backbone of NA I do t know 40 miles of road anywhere in issip as good as 40 miles on both sides RMs an emotional moment

6/25 cross the desert 45 mi the turminases of this desert is GR, 100 yds wide 6 to 8 ' deep \$4. and 40c

7/1 on B BR now seeg 10 to 20 new Gs a day, gen w headboards and ames, many covrd withstones 7/SS curiosities d occupy thepen of a good writer for hours to describe m boiling worse than any pot with a lg fire under it. Pleasant acid taste

7/4 coldest Fourth ev experienced

7/7 The United States is not near so well off as I thought. Here are million of acres of land that no one civd can live cfortably on. . ok for savages, who ride horses snug as if he was in an easy chair

Raft River Pyramid Circle an old camp ground where the ancients held their meetings TSV 7/12...vn seen any g place I d like to live since I left Kansas, and that was a Reserve b the Is It is time for the govt to restrict foreign Eion for we v a gr deal less g land to settle than I expected. he sons of men who fought for I l soon b over run if foreign Eion is not restricted. I v seen m foreigners since I vbn on the plai s than I ever thought of before. Nearly all the tion this yr are foreigners 7/25 Our rt hand road has not made its app yet. .. Is to go to Ca near Yreka, near flamath river 7/26 goodbye to HR black rock spr 8/11 lay last night opp Shasta Butte, near Yreka

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typed copy of original a hand-written notes

Thomas S. Bayley) typed recollecs

The 8th of March 1848 my father w 4 sons started from Missip v to for Oregon. He had be teached school for 25 yrs, and be somewhat broken in health, thot he d take a vacation of a few yrs, nd after vg corres ponded with sm oth prom pioneers of Oregon, ccluded that the trip to the that terr d give him the required rest and be a g prac outdoor school ing for his boys Affivg at I about 1st of April he remained unti the 9th of May, procuring his outfit

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while dg so he had become acquainted with the Postmaster at that place He told him that there had acctd in the office about 300 letrs for Ore and there was no reg rt to that ct, and wanted to know if he d take them, if perm cdb secured fm the postal authorities. As there db but lt weight he consented to the prop, on cd that he shdb authd to collect the reg postage (which was 40c at that time) permission obtained (from washington ??/) they were placed in a

str mail bag, and delivered to him

w 2 wgs and oxen we started onf 5/4/for Oregon. . I think that this was the first and last reg mail that was ev dispatched in US by ox teams. Our tr csisted of 36 wagons, 23 or 24 families, and my recollec is about 60 of the co were coba. All of the trs for Ore had started bf we were ready, and as there were only al 8 fams who wished to go to that Terr, we jd a co for Ca, Jo Childs of Napa Valley bg their capt no serious tr w Is Sx er fr but levied tribute by requirg us to pay it in the way of beads, provs, etc. Capt knew when needed double guards did get nervous from signal fires in the mts and occ see them over the brow of a hill

oncoming horsemen, feared Is, turned out Colonel Fremont and Kit Carswith whom apt Childs was acquainted, with co of 60. They camped with us one night and then sped on as their was a pack train (which direc?) Z At FH heard that Snakes is on warpath nd had attacked E trs and settlers. since we only a bandfull for Ore, ccluded to keep on to a Calif with the main train, and it is well that we did so or we assuredly vbn murdered

while tvg down the H we met nd cpdw party Ms on way fm Ca to SL. There we received r first news of the disc of gold in Ca. Oc we tho it gr exaggerated arrived foot of Sierras about middle of Sept, and as th weather looked somewhat threatening, became uneasy re snow. . however we arriged at Ringold, 2 mis from Placerville 10/4, just 4 days short of 6 months fm time we left MR

Now of r the distribution of the mail. We found, as it seemed, about $\frac{1}{2}$ the able bodied men from Oregon in the mines. We let it be known, by word of mouth that we had the Oregon mail in r tent. We let the first ones set the price that they er lg to pay. They set it at \$2. per letr. . (for sev years messenger made regular trips to Sac and brought letrs to the mines at 2. apiece. . What letters er not called for, we kept for a year, until there was nofurther inquiry. I then constituted myself a dead letter office. I consigned them to the flames /?????///

back to page 1: and very few of any were prepared /prepaid/ as the postal laws at that time did not require prepayment, also any addlt amt that the parties er lg to pay

total 5 typewritten pages

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Rebecca Doris Barry: Biog sketch of Thomas Langley Barnes, MD came thru in 1854 was surgeon for Carthage Grays performed autopsy on martyred Smith Alfred Baldwin recollections 7 pp mimeo fm typewcript dicat dictated recollec of ov j to Oregon (1845) et seq

b 1016 NY Dec 44 by sailing vesset1 to NO from there took passage on the Champlain for St. Louis. While there he attended a meeting of Es who had assembled there on their way from Ohio to Oregon. He went to their camp, called "Spanish Camp" near 1, liked its app, andecdied decided to j. Now the tale is told in B's own words

We left spanish Camp 5/2/45 w 100 wgs but soon disc it was too lg a tr and so divided into parties of about 15 each, moving independently

Congress had sent Gen Kearney w a co of dragoons to SP, and these made such an impression pon the Is that they had all disappeared. On the mg of 7/4 we heard cannonading, as we er cpd on the SW, and soon met the Gen and his trops returng. Sev days after we er camped at Pacific Springs and lookedover to the west and saw what we thot er Is cmg at us at full speed. We formed a line of defense. . saw it was a party of Es returng to the east from Oregon

When we arvd at Fort Brise, Stephen Wees came forward w a story that he knew a cut-off ch d save much time. . fod him till we reached St where he ackd he was lost and each hadto find his way as best he cd. Finally, after a delay of a month, we reached the old trail at the Dalles. Here we broke into small squads

Geo Baker built a raft and w his fam floated down the rv. Sh When we d not find a g path on one side we d sm swim the cattle across, with help of an I in a choe

after ab 30 days rainy weather arrvd in OC in December. . /later service in Fremont's Battalion/

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Morris H. Beck letters to parents original ms. (ink on blue paper) 8 pages

5/18/1850 Council Bluffs to Jeremiah Beck Van Buren Ct. Iowa 9pm KANE Iowa 5/30 got in co with neighbors we got to Kv yest, ch is 12 miles fm the ferry yest eveng came down on the bottom prairie withi 4 mis oth ferry where we stay until we can take our turn in crossing. . the greater part of the crowd is before us and v crossed gives prices co in g health xcept for colds ch is a gen thing send mail to sac city

6/18 Fort Laramie we crossed MR 5/19 we only had to lay be one day for the ferry, had to role the boats rss and pay for the priv soon met some P is, almost naked and starved presented us a paper w recommendas fm some white person advising Es to give them something to eat XXXXXXX or ware this custom was kept up while we tvd threw this tribe though it ohly took a trifle to satisfy them

they are verry fr and show no dispos to do any injury except to steel we passed threw this tribe in about 100 miles then we had neutral gr to travail on for 300 ms. B and antelope r as plenty as cattle and sheep in the states and their flesh is better than bacon

now among the Sioux Is they are a verry rich tribe of is though verry fr and manly they dress ve neat and cleanly

after leaveing CB's wee le kept up on the ns of pr and got to loop fork. . we that better to ferry after knight 22 waggons drew with ropes sunset to sunrise to get them all over

on the 29 xxxxxx we stopped to wash clothes and sun our provs wee the kept up the p rv on ys grass good but wd scarce, got from islands

June 4 dark and rainy, cattle slipped between the guard, run over 2 men but did not hurt them verry much a gr many other cos lost their cattl the same knight wee laid by 3 days found all oth cattle except 8

gr portion oth water is tainted with Alkali threw very sandy land with high bluffs on each side the stranger d suppose them to be a city for he imaigines he sees a Court house and chimneys and i fine painted hss wee v now got in sight of Fort Larime

I l now give u the nu of Gs on the road up to this pla this > years fresh Gs 4 last years graves 12 number of dead oxen on the road R. 1 1 1 2 3 3 13, dead horses 12

Ps Elias Beck to Charles Beck

July 11 Pacific Springs the first time I wryte from Councilbluffs, the 2nd time from FL

on 6/19 some of the men sm oth men crossed the rv to make inquiry about the best and safest rt they were informed by the men of the garrison that it was impos to go up any further on the ns of p though there seemed to a travailed road on the ns, but they said that it had bn made by them a drawing their timber they d v their Feyry finished in 3 or 4 days so wee remained there until the 22 evening and/crossed the rv and then travailed over the black hills and sandy bottoms a distance of 129 miles, almost des titute of grass. . at this place we found found another ferry to cross pr again, \$5. per waggon here we saw other men who had left eh the lower ferry the same time that wee did and came up on the ns and performed the same j in 2 days less time than we did and saved \$7. ferrying ferriage

and had a good road plenty of grass and spring water I hope u l caution all Es ag such imposition had to use goggles and vails on acct of the dust road hard on cattles feet, impos to get any shoeing done obliged to /tack on leather

got to Syesterday evening today wee are resting the catl and writ ing letrs we are now in the south pass of the rms me with diarea which but very few men v escaped on this road

I 1 now give you some idea of the amt of Eion also the nu of deaths acc to the registers report at Fort Larime also what i have taken acct of since we left there number of men of Eion according to the registers report on 19th of June 32037 women 484 chil 572 wiggons 7463, horses 20684, mules 6684, oxen 20496, cows 2980, deaths 81. I also exaimed the record on the 23 Morning ch reports men 34376, women 561, chil 688, etc. Deaths 138 by subtracting those numbers u 1 get the amt that passed us wh le we was a waiting for the Ferry a gr portion of them crossed at the same place that we did they had their wg beds csgructed for ferryg

I v also ketp the nu of Gs fm L to UPf graves dated 1850 - 24, older dates 4. . from upper ferry to SP 171 miles Fresh graves 11, older dates 3, da dead cattle 58, horses 14 horses travail about $\frac{1}{4}$ faster than catl and look full as w well CHE SANKARS OF VILL

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al Lana chains the on of so x x x x x a me of change of the - I the set is a trout a

E A Beardsley B Collec or of m ms dictation crossed in 1859 zilch Jane Bell to fr Oroville 10/31/59 /original ms letter 3 pp

Note on reverse: The Charles E Bells' j to Ca CEB and a/ Cahterine Jane Mills er md in com 1857 facs of J's letr to sister Julia, South Norwalk, Conn trip/from Iowa to Ca children include Ch rles Humboldt

. . on the bed lies a little black headed fellow nestling about trying to make me put away writing and take him up. . addition . is 2 $2\frac{1}{2}$ months old a fine little fellow for a Humboldter Humbolter I hung his clothes on (some poison oak not knowg what it was and poised him very bad trip across the pls has done . Charlie a gr deal of good for he dont feel anything of that old live complaint

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BL 39

We left home 10th of May bound for pikes peak, got as far as MR and there stoped four days it rained nearly all the time we was there ch crossed the rv safe and sound it was a perfect made it very muddy sight to see the folks comg back fm the peak we thought nothing of passin 100 teams a day some days 150

At Salt Creek we formed a Co 17 wgs, 50 men 8 women and 20 chil pleasant time all the way up the P pick up P chips in an old sack soti Antel nd B betr eatg than beef cook with weeds

At fort Kerney we made up r minds not to go to the peak but keep rt through to Ca as we was 250 mis fm home, After we left there, we got rid of all ppers.

splendid sights as well as hard ones (1 tell more when I see u)

No tr with Is altho they er ye bad they murdered a good many whites. I gless they were a was a little afraid to tackel so large a co.

There was an I chief offered Charlies 2 of his best ponys for me, dont you think he hadought to v traded? You had better believe they had some rich hail storms on the plains hens eggs the Capt yelled for them to unhitch the catl Charle got his clear but some of them wasent quite quick enough and the hail hurt the catle and made them run every way they broke the tongue out of one wg the men all got under the wgs I kept in the wg and covered head and ears with the feather bed one man had his hand broke in 2 places others had their heads all cut to pieces and the catle were all cut/and bleeding

4th of July we got lotsof ice at Ice Lake dig down 3 feet to solid bo dy of ice we did calculate to go through SL but we went a new road ch was some nearer also betr feed for catl

I saw a case of lynching on the road they hung a yg man a few rods fm r wgon has fathers and Uncles wagon tingue for shooting his Uncle saw him after the rope was around his neck and the cap over his face but I did not see him drop Oroville, Butte County

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Irvin Ayres) Biog sketches /of him and brother Romeyn/ in hand writi g of Alfred Bates w typed copy Bancroft collec pp 12 to 15 of typewcrt at 14 Mr. A- began his career. . assiting his bro in mgt o a stagg business in Ohio. . with bro 7 years

autumn of 1852 the son of the stage prop arrived fm Ca, wither he propsd to ret in the fog spr with a band of blooded horses, ch then found ready sale in the far west. The yg man invited Mr. A to join him, offerg to defray his expenses in csid of his exper and reliability. . A co was orgd csitg of 27 men.

(4/3/53) from Lancaster Ohio, Mr. A in lt spring wg w 4 horses Fm Cincy by steamer to SL. . overland to SJ, to ch pt vehicles and supplies had bn forwarded by water

rt was by way of forts Kearney and Laramie, fog nfP. At the crossg of that river /?/ r tvs encntry one of those rare spectacles such as per haps v nv bn witnessed ex by argonats themss. The ford was in the form of a horseshoe /?/, full of quicksands and extremely dangerous for the pasg of animals which, to revent their sinks, must be kept in estant motor motion. It was $l_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ miles wide and here an army of from 10,000 to 15,000 people was in motion, while fm every pt oth the bend was n unbroken view of the vast procession/

co celebtd 7/4 in/mts overlooking FB. At M capital, met BY, w app and manr of a well-to-do farmer, but one on whom was the stamp of rare intell, 1 power, and force of character in charge of a string of 25 hrss in fro t and rare nd middle of ch was a mtd man whose duty it was to hold taut the rope and keep the animals in line /?/ on reachg camp the hrss er led to water and then hobbled until sun-down, after ch they er turned

out to grz graze, tethered by a 45 foot rope on 6th Dec 1853 the party reached Marysville w/o the loss of man or animal

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Sandy Bradford, to hisuncle letter **NNdxind**, 1849) Camp on North Fork Platte River 2 pp original ms. 6 miles above Fort Laramie (posted at Fort Leavenworth August 25 June 29

to Major R B Bradford, Lexington Mo., U S

I wrote you from this side Kansas River some time since, and dv written again from Fkey. . but no time I suppose a v seen Capt Burnhams letters to Mr. Russell givg an acct of r progress

r catle r app as fresh as when they started Today I ascertained fm the Fort that about 6,000 have already passed (wagons), and there is still a ve lg nu behind us. The road is strewn w provs thrown out for the purp of lightening thewgs prep to ascendg the mts Flour is sellg at the F at 51. per hundred

We heard a week or tendays since fm a Pack Mule Train that Lex has at last bn visited with the chol

Sacramento City, October 4 father & mother at Charles ton, SC 3 pp long and fatiguing j across the plains Plains T started from Lex w an ox team ch I broch brought as far as the Mormo City. . For fear of bg

caught in snow in mts 1 sold out and packed thru on mules pop 6 to 8000 where 6 months ago there as not a house

abandoned by fr and helper at SP, had to ctinue by myself w 5 yoke oxen

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Ezra Bournel diary [1850] carbon copy of typescript //copies also at Indiana State Library and ? Yale obtained by Palladium Pub Corp of Richmond Indiana from Marion Bourne, 82 (in 1942) Union Ct

Fog named persons formeda co for the purpose of crossg the pls etc 3/26/1850 Hiram Ogle, Franklin Oglae, Ezra Bourne, Ar. John Garver, and 13 others

we started from Oxford, Ohio on above date, takg one wg, made watertight to double as boat. . to Cincy

3/28 took New World to Sk

4/2 arr & SL left for SJ on m Minnessta

4/10 SJ; besieged by Es, hi prices for animals

4/19 rest of co arrd on Cambria

4/21 when Ogle and VanScoyoc ard from Indiana, we boarded the steamer Saluda for I sme dissatisfic acc gg back to I, but prices toohi 5/8 packed r mules and horses, turned our faces toward r goal. Ea provided with a mule, or horse, to ride, 2 pack mules, and r bgg and tents er in a wg drawn by 4 mules break mules by looping front legs and throw 5/10 Some mis fm I Samuel Bake became sick typpid fever. . back to Mo line to leave him at home of a pr. mk Lee; two agreed to stay w him 5/15 at Walkarush river, find orss sleeping on rattlesnake den 5/16 this day Dr. G an McGenigle Peyton ccluded to backtrack

that left 15 of our orignal number

5/17 passed 150 wagons of Es

5/21 cross BB Creek cd 3 mi fm fork of SJ Road

ct aboundg in deer, antel and B. Bottoms of rivers salty, attract animals 5/27 300 mts Is retg fm B hunt: all with huge hunks of meat tied to their saddles. . did not disturb us

5/28 up PR some 40 mis 5/30 20 miles. Altogether we had gone some 300 mis up P w/o wood or drinking water. On North Fork, about 15 mis further in the bottoms, we found both. 6/1 passed Fort Chiles /????/

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6/2 tvd 20 miles along the bluffs the rv was $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide so we crosd in a ve shallow water and made camp

6/3,4,5 - left rv and went some 15 miles; then found it again. Passed that delightful spot called ""Ash Hollow". . a paradise for weary people All We stopped nd enjoyed this beau place; encamped across the river where the curious mounds and bluffs attracted our attention //???///

6/7 decided to tv faster . sold wgs to a passg E co. Then we made m pack saddles out of an old abandoned wg we found, packed our team mules w June 9 gr many Sx Is. In sight of 1 Lonely Tower this these. region full of natural curiosities ch filled us with wonder and admiration. This tower on level plain 2 miles fm P. . By a zigzag crs it cdb ascended to the top It made one think of the Pyramids. CR stood on the brink of the

river 6/10 we passed/Sentinel Rock and SBs SR a tall pointed formationxahaxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, 600 feet above bed rv ///????????? streaked with sunlight or shadwo they were weird and beau 6/12 went 25 mis up river and crossed in sight of FL (crossed what?/ We camped 3 mis fm F and remained here for shoeing. . Up to this time 19,000 people, 6,000 wgs had passed FL. It was predicted 60,000 wol would pass bf autumn roads lined with Eion -/dust in clouds

6/13 we passed on up Laramie Fork of P //?????//// It was a wonderful ct of it was a ct of wonderful timber, pine, cedar, cottwonwood, etc. Farther on we camped on Laramie Plain, a plateau covered with prickly pear. This made it diffic tvg, ned necessitating long detours -- bluffs beyond these plains high and story ///?????//// a ll in one day ? ? 6/14 Mammoth Warm Springs Little Cottonwood Knoll, all dense forest

6/15 Horseshoe C - still dense forests. Traversed BHs this day - one of the peak was lofty covd w snow. B numerous. vamped on upper crossing of North Platte

6/16 went 25 miles

6/17 crossed NP by ferry ///????/// at a desolate barren spot with no vegetation xcept sage brush and greas-wood. . REAXENTLES WS

6/19 cross Red Buttes

6/20 g found a giant boulder christened IR by Fremont. The southern side of it was lit covrd/w names, dates, and addresses

6/21 at DG mt goat's

6/22 passed thru sev tribes of Is during last few days - Caws, Potta watomies, Pawnees, Sioux, Crows ///???? 6/24 gr Ice Slough down l_2^1 ice 2' 6/25 over dividing ridge in heavy snow

over dividing ridge in heavy snow storm SCO

6/26 27 E horse riden by I, overturned, thrown on and bar, ... disintegra of train, over to rest or not rest animals capt Hiram Ogle. . this eft 6 of us, me, Bake, Samuels, miller and 2 Van c sScoyocs

7/4 left Bear River came to Sheep Rock took left road or Myers CO. Here we passed many Gs of wayfarers B G of Baily shot by I while on guard

7/6 9 pass jd Ca and SL and FH Road; grandest scenery 7/11 TSV 7/12 down Canyon c to trib of H- passed G of a Mr. Oliver of Wlkaha

Walkasha, Michigan, shot by I while guarding

7/23 ("reat Left Elbow Slough of HR 7/24 here we lay by, preparing to cross the desert 7/26 to Great Sink Sev Comanche Is sauntered near us

7/27 to Salmon Trout or Carson River ///???? from GES to Sink 68 ms 7/29 met up with rest of the Oxford Co., learn of death of Stephen

Goshorn, drowned in a slough on the Carson, while tryt to retrieve a duck 7 8/1 ascend the summit. Gorges made us dizzy. After the bare and

moldy Rochies these seemed sublime tps Weaver Town diggings 8/5 8/7 Sutters old fort wall of ado adobe 12 8 high

pp 1 to 25 total 52 cst and bylaws of Star Mining Co. (evid after arrival) some of names original to mine with David Miller and John Bake Miller dies soon after

BL 42

J M Bacon! Mercantile Life at Oregon City narrative, 1878 original script by interviewer at his store, OC

b 1822 at B NY, here 1845 living in Ill joins old man Barlow who was cg thru we came from I Barlow was capt of r co we had a genera cmndr Dr. Presley Welsh but we dividedinto cos. Palmer was w us but not in cmnd about 25 waggons in the cos. camped in sight of each other there was so many of us we twd in 2 rows side by side, for a long

distance there er no tracks in the prarie

At FH we recd the same advice that everybody else did that was not to go to Oregon. . When we came to Meek's catoff we were the first co that started on the old road to the Dalles . S.K/?/ Barlow is the man that is noted for bldg the road thru the cascades. I was the man that came thru wit him on that road and helped him build it

This Meeks CO pretended to strike into Southern Oregon taking off at Malheur and striking the bowtrs of the Willamette River, and unknown region. . Itappears he only heard of it fm the Is He came ve near starving all to deat that went with him. They came prett near killing him . . They broke off just ahead of us . . Mrs. Bacon was on the cutoff

There had never beena white man accross the Cascade mts When we got to TD old preacher Waller and Brer Brewer who were in charge there told us it was an utter imposb to get across w waggons we went to work and hunted out the I road we cut 8 or 10 milesand got the waggons thru, and then cut further. foot of Mt Hood lv wagons, drive cattl. 2 or 3 other men and me stayed w families. Old man started back sm men with pac horses to meet us

The cutoff people came in Deshouts about 4 35 or 40 mis fm the Dalles They ent 400 or 500 milesout of t e way mt roadnot s csdrd a cutoff alternative to gg down Columbia R

We finished cutting it out next spring it is a toll road now and chartered got in here 12/5

to p 9 of 26 pps bound B collec States a Mine team

1847

Isaac Pettijohn orig ms diary, bound v to 7/5/ FB 7/6 (p. 22) today we met Benj Burch fm Ore out to meet his father 7/7 road took an excursion thru the hills. . we enc untered some frei frightful places cart tongue broke down meet missionary Littlejohn return ing from Ore after 8 yrs , 7/9 the famous SS 7/13 passed FH yest, 17 days ahead of any Eion that ever passed this pl 7/14 co of returng sol diers from Ca about 75 General Carney nd captain Fremont were of the nu. . x Anxious to buy provs but we er afraid to sell. 7/17 crossed cassia creeek yest where new rout to Oregon leaves the old. . we chose old track 7/25 arrived at the apper crossing on 23d 7/30 Boyce rv

8/3 cross SR Is of g servicein crossing r stock Sandwich Islanders Burnt river Powder R Grand round 8/19 Hail Columbia 8/28 TD 8/31 Mr. Barlows stat he from Fulton Ct Ill has charter \$5. pwg 10c 9/6 edge of settlement 16 mi fm OC rough and tumble over stumps, stones, rockes, logs, roots and everything imaginable thick timber, u to 200 '

11/27 Walamet valley, 60 mi above 00

James Athey "workshops in OC" 1878 interview origi al script by inter viewer, bound b Va 1816 to Ore [1843] rendezvous for main co cmnded by Capt Gant was at Ctnwd Grove 10 miles from the border in the pls there was no track to y follow, had to make roads nearly all the way left the ren dezvous on 10or 15th of April, came down ss Snake river, crossed it 35 mi below Salmon Falls Crossed back again at FB Blue mts most chopping for a road Whitman Mission to D and FN either 2nd or 3d wg to re ch TD

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	William H. Bickford, 1849 orig ms. diary $2/3\frac{1}{2}$ ink
	7/10 drove from Little to Big Sandy 6 miles (guesswork
	7/13 went to lower ferry \$4. the Ms v ferried since the 3d
	to sage creek camped on it I staid at Robideaux8 tent 2 or
	3 hrs all remain a month of the second of the
	7/14 with Mr. Sheilds mosquitoes bit better than the fish
_	7/24 Beer Springs & steamboats springs the road forked at ship rock
	sheep rocks saw a Dayton wagon there took the cutoff, hedwirs of
_	Pannack River craters
	7/27 left Mero to die dangerous hills
	7/29 SL seen from top of hill 7/30 see dust from old road (FH)
	7/29 SL seen from top of hill 7/30 saw dust from old road (FH) 7/31 struck old road noonedon br Raft FR
	8/1 saw road cmg from theeast 8/2 came to forks of road (Salt Lake
	and Fort Bridger road ////detail re route and mileages
	8/7 Saw the Daton company (3 teams) this mg Capt. Broadwell, Edmondson,
1	o// Saw the baton company () teams/ this mg capt. Broadwell, Edmondson,
ł	Marot, Smith Dingles, & others, 12 in call 3 waggons said Ringsby /?/
1	was drownedin the Platte 6/29 and 4 others returned. P. Bair behind
1	with another mess. They came by SL
ť	8/2.12 visited some co in ey played eucher 8/13 dj Iowa tr
	8/15 we heard that 1xxxn man andxxnotherxi2xheaxxxxi 1st 16 and another
Z.	12 head catle fm Is stole raised a party of men to hunt t em 4 frm r
	train they shot some of them be recovered no cattle
	8/18 borrowed Byron from Edgar we had singi g and playingcards
	8/19 saw englishman and cart 8/24 heardof cutoff and concluded
	to take it 8/26 turned off on Oregon road Black Rock
-	9/ struck forks Oregon & Calif crossed Goose Creek
	9/14 met govt trs from sacramento said 170 mis to Lassens
-	9/27 n met govt train enquired for Wentz he has jd govt exploring party
	at \$10. a day he arrive 1 month ago
	10/1 come un with Comphellin the Phint and Der Poller Poller courd
1_	10/1 came up with Campbell's tr Bright andalley Balley Bally caved
	passed Hebron agon wago s k 10 Rat gaveout, old Buck & nig also
_	10 2/8 drove to L ssen ranche boarding \$1.50 per meal now on Sac rv
	//continues to August 1850 //vol 1 gotta b missing//
1	x x x x x
_	OVERLAND IN WINTER H CLUFF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF HARVYE
	of the second se

HZ HARVEY HARRIS CLUFF IN OHio member os M faith to Nauvoo 1840 c//ms., bound// located at Provo

in 1856 when M Es er late in startg. . Mr. C one of first to vol to go back and help them t ru 10/6 Pres bY announced the problem on the fog x day 22 4-mule teams heavely ladden with provs & clothig started back

Ist co of handcarts met 300 mis fm SL, snow . app of an Esquimaux vg rest of part persued their way to DG no trace of the emaing cos sne send out 4 horsemen for 4 days, , if not found cclude they had gone into WQ at FL report Es enc upper crossg oth PR 60 or 70 kmies dist After detailg a few men to remain at the old abandoned 1 g fot at DG with i struc to make all n ec arrgmts for the camps, the relief part set out & in due ti e retd dun conductg the Es to the fort

It was on a Sunday eve in forepart o November when the cos arrived, an all appaling sight. Aged men and women with chil uplling and pushing their handcards thru the snow with clothig wet totheir knees, womens drewsses dangling wit frost and ice

Severe weather immed set in nd catl belong to the independencnet co began to freeze to death. . s way seemed closed up carcasses of the frozen ani als laid up for food Es arm remained at the fort until about the middle of November when the storms abated

Teams in advance to hes ed advance more easily taken into wagson

as they arrived, and unti all hcs were left upon the plains big 15 ft drifts on the Big Mt arr SE 12/16

6 . 4 3

 $\lambda \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}$ Judge H S Brown Statment of Early Days B Collec origi script bound Bent's fort, regicine By Browns Hole 1849 at the star is a during the XXXXXX Albert Briggs Settlement of Port Townsend by 1878 original ms | B collec bound presnet: Briggs, Bancro t, Hammond and the writer A B native of Vermont. I came herein [847] by an ox team, to Oregon. arrvd Portland 10/14 left St J May 1847 started from Jackson Ct Iowa only 115 wagons of us when we first started magx out It was called Lot Whitcombs co The co broke up next mg after we hadorgd we had/the lts, & sergeants, and drummers and fifers and evthing fairly orgd in mil style We set the guard with fif e and drum only expenses assessed were for canvas for the guard cent had to break it up, took too long to round up the catl. e lef let them range where they had a mind to . time to sort them out divided into 3 cos first tvd with Capt Shuck. . At Sw I tvd with

what was called Concers Boncers co tvd with them to a place 10 mie this side of TD, where we built a flatboat Nothing hapnd on the trip except that out horses er stolen. On the Platte we had 40 head of catl wriven by the Is - stampeded, got back

all but 16 . Ps bad, so did not venture topursue struck forton the Platte, forget the same. . B FB and FH

The 47 Eion was a heavy one - the heaveist e that ever crossed the plains. There might vbr more t an that who went to/a Califr ina 1846 /49/ . .heavier than that of 1849 to California To FL first. . There were soldiers at the first one. A, FB there

was only just B and his co

We drove down this side of TD by the rocks, with teams. At the Methodist Missio was Rev Waller had tobring wgs down on boats or rafts Would let raft s go over the Casdades, and catch them below;, soti

they d go all to pieces tayed at FV, James Douglas Pfortland doz hss **11**/14 35 pp to p8 x x x x xX

TALES OF THE KANKAKEE TAKEN FM THE DIAR OF HENRY S BLOOM a series of articles arranged by Burt E. Burroughs and pubd in the KANKAKEE DAILY REPUBLIC, ILLINS May 27-June 3, 1931

muy me wond typed by CSL fm copy of nsp articles in poss Ruby Loring Grisell, S.c, grd granddgtr ot HB orig diary in pp o 3 daughters, Kankakee

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Edmund Bray. Memoir of at Co Hospital Sac Ap 1872 to H H Bancroft, Lsq

b. Ireland 1807 to NY 1837 to SI 1841. On 3/17 went up to Weston in sec known as the Platte purchase

2 spr 42 a mass meeting cad to org a co for Oregon, but they did not succees that season. Next spring 43 co wsasformed H PHBurnett was the leader of ore parti, and Joe Childs of the Ca In spring 44 I jd a co from Mo cts; our rendezvous was at CBs

We chose for our leader Elijah Stevens a native of Ga, abs by

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and an expd mteer, but only knew the way to FL we started 5/18 tr 28 waggons ox 1g party men wmn chil we were 24 days to Larramie frm L to B FB we er about 1 month, w/o a guide or trail fm Bridger we made the best of r way to a place called independent rock, sonamed by Child's co the yr previous and like them we here spent the 4th July here child born, to wife of Thimas filler here too we saw the first B after week here again cmncd r j, crossing N $\approx 5 P /?/$ thence thu the sage brush **ki** nd alkali ct BR cg ct 2 nites at ss then fru a g Jevel ct /?/ to FH there Sept here the co divided, the larger nu for Oregon. 11 waggons with fo Capt Stevens Martin Murhyp sr ditto jr Bryant, James, John and Danie ditto Wm Martin, Dennis do, James Miller wife and 5 chil, 4 Sullivans, Daniel Durbin, Dr. John Yownsend and wife, Moses Shallenns barger, Vincent Calvin, Allen Moong Montgomery, Allen ditto Mr. Hickock, dgtr, 3 d child Hømes Habron J E foster Caleb Greenwood John and Brittan, sons of Caleby by a woman of Crow nation. Oliver Magnand /?/, Francis Deland Hitchcock was o an oldtrapper and mteer, was tw the Subletts in the xped gave much info to Sh ink of H there 10/24 he said go "ort Pass up Truckee, haul wgs up cliffs north fork of Truckie to Donner Lake 12/4 snow the main body to Am Rv, the ballance as far as we cd w on Yuba wife of Martin Murh Murphy gavbie birth toa dgtr. . 8 of wgns us sa startedw pack o xen, lvg the w and c under yg James Miller, w th the starve oxen for food to Jounson Ranch on Bear creek 12/23 to SF / the Sutters fort the ct in a st of rebellion 6 (pp xxxxxxx Dr. Lewis Burwell 1853 by the middle route came with Capt Gunnison Ark iver Sevier river etc. XXXXX Alice Z Carlson. . summary covg life of Joseph Zumwalt 3/9/49 left Joliet, Ill. . total 14 child, 3 died in Ill, 3 left, had 8 on the trip on one occ surrd by Is and saved by timely arrival of another tr arrived Ca 5/3 sept and sac 23d Oct xxxxxx J & Butler (check spelling) J of a Tr to Ca begin 5/17/56 original ms. diary, leather 3 x2 5 Jee: started for Ca 4/17/1856) cmd 17 m s from Springfield 4/23 all co arrived at Rendezvous /?/ r tr cposd B F Butler and fam, Wm Martin & fam, Jno Roberts & fam, and the McCorkles etc. - in all 32 arrived safely at West p Point May 6 souls 5/7 passed thru a vg of the Miami Is 5/8 thru vg of the Nehaw /?/ Is cryssed Bull ck mother was kicked by 5/9 Ottawa Nation visited in camp by a an ox but not ser hurt 5/11/passed by a tr of 800 cattle and 16 wgs Sac I warrior Capt Woods to Santa Fe rd 5/18 Wakarusa a delightful time for those who love to get wet got on the Ft. Riley Road by mistak ///a lot of introopection and dwelling on natural charms in the

swelling lands I see gentle g heavings like the bosom of one whok sleep is untroubled Potawotamy nation pa unwell 5/20 to P ct ma unwell sister unwell annoyed with the Blues

good script, clear, legible 5/24 to old Ca Road, indic passage of many trs graves ripd ocopen by wolves ch elsehwere d excite horror i here is lookedupon as nothing amiss 5/28 beau flowers adorn the bro cross bands of our mules bridles a touch of humor

5/29 reached P that wonderful phen ofpls the mirage wg trs inverted

5/31 pass fort Kearney at noon far fm what I xpected to see no e trenchments - no soldiers xcept a few, to keep up apps 2 good hss, the others r dobies Sand between the road and rv is so miry as to be dangerous to walk upon detained tryg to find a fording here

June 1 lots of self pity about home, church gatherings, and/romance //a blithe spirit// 6/6 cd 2 mis above jc 2 Ps. passed by Woods, Townsend, Chldress and 2 other trs. Sam McCorkle and I ran a foot race. he m beat me more variety toscenery

6/7 boys & girls get together and sing sw songs of Israel

6/8 //religious sentiments also c 10 below crossg

6/9 drove to crossg there bg many to cross we laid by until tomorrow, block up r wg beds read another novel "The North and the South" this mg as I drove my team

6/10 had lost a treasure a gift previous of me cs of the one who gave it to me the casket of memory's jewells a bright star of hope which gilded lifes future not frm any careless wess that it floats upon the turbid waters oth P //doesnt say what it/is//

6/10rossing to NP 18 mi by sundown in the Ash Hollows much relieved to find spr ex watr had always bn associated with deeds of blood, but find them transc pic mts, cedars, whortleberries

6/11 no wind, dust settles down on us

6/13 passed Buster, Bailey & Renfros tr this mg, nd r camped between them an Childress 60 mis fm t/e Hollows, in sight of the CH unwell ride in wg, cannot apprec the scenery

6/14 now among the spursof the RMs scenery marv xcept for tired oxdriver 6/15/short dist fm SBs met Salt Lake mail, fine roads Read novel "Ida Norman w frs to top of mt that overlooks CR 6/16 by taking a rt hand road, about 8 miles

below the bluffs, we came up through them, and to the river, cd 5 miles above the Bluffs. Many oth the boys went to them after fires er vuilt. Boys find I buries in a tree. To see what was tied up w him they cut his robes. . cold unfeeling act, to disturb the dead to gratify idel cur

6/19 crossed marimie river go beyondthe f We heard this mevg of an attack put the trs of moore and Phillips on LB by Cheyenne Is a co of 60 men 1 leave the forttomorrow to chastise the 1s. TheSx Nation is cpd at the fort, waiting the orders of Gen. Harney to gohunting 6/20 2 6/22 passed by Townsend and Childress a 1t boy in C s tr was struck w lightning/durg storm yest

6/23 a Mr. Jno Roberts this mg gave evidence that he is a constitutioal dog a kind of admixture of all that is called pusillanimous and contemp tible by refusing his hands his brkfast cd he bg with the catl asnot able to be in gamp at brkfst time

6/25 made a sein of wg sheets and caught some fine fish 6/27 wind a nurricane, throwing sand like hailstones at our faces cripsed 0, seours our teeth 9 6/29 left P, vg tvd up it justone month almost like parting fm an old fr

6/30% and oasis 7/1 reach Sw

7/2 IR disaptd in my xpectas names of sev acquaintances DG a wonder ful fisshre a monument to that o Power ch in its mighty str plays w the mts as a child w itstoys 7/8 SP PS m cmplace than I had xp pected to see a blood-sucking tp, w whiskey 7/9 rt hand rd 7.10 take the left hand 5 mi fm crossg of LS, the rt bg SCO 7/11 to Salt Lake Road 7/12 made 20 mi left SL road took the Kinney

cutoff then he Davis route (he left) to GR very low, no terrors

7/13 ferried boats cposed of 2 slighly curved gunnels long enough to carry one wagon slabs and chain lg rope of rawhide stretched by windlasses, cord attached w pulley, current carries it across I wrote to Miss Helene Crawford tonite 500/Is here are fr 7/22 SS/at summit of sm hill, 30 ' 7/17 Devils Backbone about 8 c or 10 acres, 2 sm elevs resemblg inverted lettle, at top of which h soad water is ctin bubbling and hissing 7/31 City Rocks TSV full of trs 8/16 H- much like the P in re app o ct thru whit runs 8/18 Lost Meadows /sic/ 8/21 passed the Lawson cutoff 8/25 the Sink the Desert Da Carson R 9/3 ends in CV XXXXXXXXX I P Alcorn's Day Book 3 x 14 /sic/ xxxxxx 1856 origin ms logbook 1st few pages nonsense 1st few pages nonsense 17 h. 4/25 West Point Mo //leaves out a lot of dates// came to I road leading to Santifee to 110 the right hand roadleading to Ca rt hand leading to Union Town the left to Fort-Riley take the latter ////short telegraphic entries most dates omitted focus on creeks and distances on Bank of LB to the Old E road road leaves the river for Platte R Eim Creek to fort Kearny ey / scrawly, buld// 5/20 camp w first crossing of Plat // MNNAgRax 17 pp re trip/// to a lone leavning tree to Plumb Creek another lone tree to lone tree on n side Platte to the upper crossing 9 m 6/2 Smiths fork roald out 5/29 to Ash Hollow Lawrence ck Courthouse rock v cr and old tp to right of road 6/5 left the rivver and roald agross Scots Bluffs to the divver 12 mi 6/6 /byond Horse c, an old oald/Trading post and good spring 6/7 up to Larramies Fork cross the bridge \$2. wg //pure logbook roald here roald there left the iver rivver 6/16 to Bridge crossing \$20 and 60 c now ns p //gives miles every turn of the road 619 IN DG 6/24 to the Summit to PS 6/26 take the Dezzert to G Bare rivver sody springs 7/13 Staple rock je o SL Road HR CR the Canion hope v to Read Lake vally to top of 2nd mt to Tragedy Springs 8/15 END scribbles from 1855 (some doggeret) and to 1858 genealogical info re lcorn family cpiled by grand dgtr Mary E. Thieband Thia Thubaud /?/ shows Israel Putnam Alcorn, 1831-1917.

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Charles W. Bush, letters original and tt

5/21/49) encampment near STJ to bro Michael 3 p

had 2 chills within last fiew days now enc near SJ a looking about fore our outfitt. . gr deal of Colera. . many Mormans died on their pasg up the rv and a gr many Cas diedi SJ w Collera; bt it is easily as acctd for, for they laid drunk in the streets for days at a time

way bill of our rout. first place after hoam was Richmond, Ind, then I Indianpolis to state of Illinois, kd many p chickens on peraires to Hannival to cross Massippi came toMasuir R at Brunswick east side of Masuri to St.Jo. pr v jd a fine co to go through with

6/11/49 Fort Kearney to bro Michael 3 pp

at Fort Carney the Nimacaw, beau roaling plainsl shd make the finest farm in the world to Platt on ch the Fort is. 6th mett too wagons that had been robed by is. ab 500 Pawnee warriors within a mile of us, waited for 1g tr is all disappeared; 1 never attack a 1g tr but 1 rob single wgs or small trs. . on 7th in sight 100 is but they stayed clear