

THE JOHN PACK FAMILY ASSOCIATION

REPRODUCTION OF

Letters written by JOHN PACK while he was with the Mormon  
Pioneers on their way to the Great Salt Lake Valley in the year 1847.

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June 8 - 60 miles from fort Larime toward the mountain  
 Dear Galia and all I am well thank the Lord but have a little pain  
 in my breast but I feel strong in the Lord and firmly believe that  
 I shall return home safe you told me before I left home if  
 I was sick I would not owe it but I tell you the truth if you do  
 not believe it just look at my writings are not my names still  
 I am satisfied that your true heart never doubted my word whether at  
 or a brood my Prayers without ceasing that you all may be blessed  
 with health and kept safe that I may meet you all in the fall  
 when I shall return we are now crossing the Black hills and  
 some of them are covered with snow we find good grazing for  
 our teams I cannot describe my feelings of affection that I have for  
 you all ah there is no one that knows how to prize the sweet  
 Society of an affectionate family until they are deprived of it  
 I am not sorry that I come on this journey but I miss my Boston  
 friends it will probably be late in the fall before I get back  
 we do not no yet where we shall settle but think near the salt  
 lake we have peace in the camp and all things goes rite  
 brother Kimball is very good and sociable tells me I may  
 have any thing I want but thank the Lord I have got as much as mo.  
 any of them some of the camp are out of bread stuff now I scarce any  
 of them will have any to come back on unless they get it from the next  
 camp I think I shall have enough to last me home  
 every man eats his his one those that have no bread live on meat  
 do not fail to pray for me for I can do nothing without the  
 assistance of the Lord may the Lord bless you that you may live  
 till I return and move you to a land of peace and the saints of go  
 be free of the wind that blows from hill to hill  
 and may he pour out his holy Spirit upon you and comfort your  
 hearts that your souls may be calm as the somers morning  
 of the storm and tempest is past by  
 I have but little time to rite the trader will take this to the  
 marura River which is 1400 miles it will take the steam  
 Boat and go down to Sapprey  
 I am none at present but remain your ever true and affec-  
 tive Companion through time and all Eternity  
 to Galia Pack  
 I have no time to read this their may be John Pack  
 Dear Ruth and Nanney be faithfull and comforted and for get me  
 not but pray for me of which I firmly believe you do  
 I have not for got the time when I was sick you did all you  
 could for me you never had none my love and affection for you  
 may the Lord Bless you and spare your lives that I may enjoy your  
 Society long on earth and throu all Eternity  
 John Pack

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in care of  
Jasper  
Counsell Bluffs  
Huron Camp  
Julia Pack

Note - These two letters were written on a single  
piece of paper, addressed as above and delivered together.  
The above address is a "verifax" copy of the original.  
Wheeler D. Pack



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Great Salt Lake City. Great Basin North. America August 11. 1847  
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 7 - 7 - 12 - 12

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Above is a receipt given by Brigham Young to JOHN PACK, for house logs. See below.

In the Month of April A.D. 1847.

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 Major or second in Command by the unanimous vote  
 of the Pioneers. after a long and tiresom Journey over  
 one thousand miles. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July I entered Great  
 Salt Lake valley with seven men with me, leaving  
 the company in the canon at the entrance of the  
 valley. after exploring for some Miles around  
 I returned to camp, and next day I led the first  
 Company into the valley and Camped where  
 Salt Lake City now stands. On the 24<sup>th</sup> one of  
 my company with me and went back on the  
 road and met Colonel Markham and company

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Head of Grandland May 4 (1847)  
 Dear Julia Ruth and Varney I have this moment  
 with the greatest pleasure and take my pen with  
 more anxiety than I ever did before in my life  
 I am well thank the Lord but I never missed  
 the Society of my family more than I do at  
 this time I feel lonson there is no Society so dear  
 and so sweet as my kindred the in the mid's  
 my friends an brethren I am not happy I have  
 no warm friend But it is good to be deprived of the  
 sweet so as to no how to prize it if I were adopted  
 to the best man their ever was he would not be like  
 my kindred to me I do not say this because I have  
 feelings against any one all is rite in the Camp  
 all is peace and union if I had you all here  
 I truly shod be happy but I trust I shall see  
 you all again in the fall this is my prayne  
 nite and day I have a great anxiety for your  
 wellfare we are organised in a military force  
 and I am Major or Lieutenant Colonel over  
 Br- Brigpoms Division and have nothing else to  
 to do and this is quite easy I do not have to stand  
 guard I only Command the Division if their shod  
 be an attack from the Indians and this we do not  
 expect

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12 of us went out on a buffalo hunt day before  
yesterday and killed 11 of them I killed the first  
one that was killed in the camp and the  
largest one I killed 2 out of the 11 all alone  
and helped kill 2 more they had to all give  
up that I was the best in the crowd  
I had no time to write any more  
the frenchmen in writing  
fare well may the Lord bless  
you  
John Pack

God is with

This is a reproduction of a letter written by JOHN PACK to his family left at Winter Quarters, while he was with the first company of Mormon Pioneers on their way to Great Salt Lake Valley in the year 1847. It was returned to Winter Quarters by "the frenchman". On the reverse side hereof is a "Verifax" copy of the Address.

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 road and met Colonel Markham and Company  
 and escorted them in to the valley. I staid in the valley  
 a few days and cut and haled the first set of house logs.  
that man ever hauled in this valley. I then returned to  
 my Family on the Mousara River and in the summer  
 of 1848. I moved them including my Mother to this wild  
 erness land. And in the Month of October 1849 I star  
 ted and went on a mission to France in company  
 with Elders John Taylor and Curtis T. Bolton.  
 and returned in the fall of 1852.

John Pack senior