

6/17 found sev fine springs today, one ch was in AH Is left acct sickness

6/18 heard some flyg reports that the Is attacked a co in AH a few days since 6/19 6/20 Castle Rock Preston No e diarea

Chol 6/21 death of Pres Preston Moore //prob means ~~Rock~~ CHR. . make hike to same no of spectators among them 3 ladies who seemed to be rambling all over the rock steps cut in it thous of names cd see CR PM loss No.6 ???
~~3~~ 2 other deaths here, one from accid shot, another also of cholera
 6/22 opp CR, dont feel well wasting away verry fast

SB 6/23 came to a srping some 7 miles from the bluffs. Here lived a man by the name of Rubado who was tradg w the Is. bss gr deal of rk fot eh emigration. . SBs the most fasc scene I ever beheld like large city sev peaks or butes ch look ve much like an old fort, as they v commanding position like the ruins of some ancient city as picd by Biron or Shakespar.

6/24 at Horse Creek trains lyg w sickness. . Buffalo train said their co phys phisican had died at CR and 2 more died this mg

Chol 6/25 lay by to conserve stock

6/26 to IR 6/27 cut down the beds, throw away tools, g grass and water take in man seems to be a deserter

FL 6/28 H Tilley accid me, we struck off for the fort. . sold waggon for 20. to the Pioneers + a co fm St. Louis rude affair for the acc AFC, but is now occupd by US, co of mtd riflemen here squaws and Is employed by AFC

7/4 National Birthday look for gold, but it was michre, Deer Creek

7/5 We had a kegg of Alcohol w us, ch we tapped yesterday eavening ~~4~~ so that espl explains why sun long since up before we were in search of grass with a cople of sythes and mowed sev hundred lbs to carry with us

7/7 wanton killing of B, leaving the carcass Platte Upper Ferry 2 drown

Cache 7/11 C Churchill gave orders to lighten our loads out goes baconk an anvill set of bs tools, guns lead, 2 keggs powder, hatchets, axes. We cashed them all, except the baconk a few paces above the Spring (Willow) or the one below it.....////////?????

7/12 Greasewood Creek to Sweet Watter R. Pioneer Line camped 1 m below They r lightning their baggae to 75 lbs see mt sheep

IR 7/13 made a bargan w gmn fm Wisc, Wm Carter, to take my wg to Sutters Fort; after ch me and Tucker jd Churchill's wgn's . . Tucker, A. Greyham & myself went on to the Rock names back to '42 we engraved ours

7/14 M train fm CBS v put up a forge nd r reparg sm waggons

7/17 pass sev lg trs among them the Pioneers & Waldo, from whom some oth co bot a canteen full of brandy

7/18 Pioneer Co enc. passed us in the night

7/19 disposed of r last 2+horse wg n cd it db delivrd to us in Ca now harnessed 8 mules to one wg, 6 to 1, 5 to the other, 3 bg all that belonged to our Joint Stock Co . . After passing the Twin Butes. . drove to PS dead animals all over

7/20 decide for SCO fall in w Eldorado co diarea deaths continue

Cholera 7/24 cross GR in wagon boat

7/26 swapping with traders, one J. Roleson

mt B 7/28 unwell, to Bucker our co physician (or pretended to be) mt feaver dose of calomel 7/30 Bare R V 7/31 CC with feaver third Div oth Govt train pass

8/3 SS 8/4 HCO (Hedgepeth's 8/6 Is eating crickets, fixed sev ways

8/9 overtake the Cherokee train 8/11 into FH road 7/15 Goose C M writing guides to sell to the Mon, but we had little faith etc.

8/24 come up with the Pioneer Train 9/4 came to pt wher the road leading to Feather River in 180 miles left the river. .quite an argument put it to a vote

S-745 original ms diary, hard cover binding, leather and morocco c. 7 " excellent fine legible script 233 pp. w/ tt 167 pp.
 DIARY OF P F CASTLEMAN WHILE CROSSG THE PLAINS FROM KY TO CA IN 1849
 AND HIS J FM CA TO ORE IN 1851

TRANSCRIPT

~~xxxxxxx~~ 5/2 Larue Ct, KY heavy burden on my mind, preparg to lv home 2 or 3 yrs, and prob forever. nd must meet my co fm Aetna Furnace, Hart Ct, * Tucker, who was tb my cpan ac the pls to Ca, ha s come to assist me off emotional leavetaking 5/3 5/6 at Cloverport, on the Melodian for SL arr 10th same day on the ALGOMA for SJ 2 or 4 co die of cholera on the boat lv 18 of 20

5/21 St. J 4 die of cholera the new ones Joshua & riChard negro men of C. Churchill who had 7 others with him we arrvd here 17th death of Mr. Pepper ditto his brother. . bringing r co down to 16 (not counting the negroes)

5/23 after funeral, take off passed some resolutions. . C. Churchill was ptd or proclaimed hisself captan. John Foster wagon master H. Buckner, co phys, and I was appt Clerk

5/24 two bits toll at tole at Wolf Creek to ~~rep~~ repay for wood and grass. . had been at war with Ps, Chief s brother killed, he in distress no danger to us of Is ntwdg the many horred tales we had herd.

5/25 ct no s rolen weather cloudy 5/27 BB //some mis-spelling

5/31 many graves and many fatally ill in other trs to LB C. Churchill encounters a wildcat met some 2 or 3 wgs fm mts; they we heavy laden with B and bare skins they also had a nu of white wolf skins //he does ~~not~~ have paragraphing//

6/1 E camps a mile square ~~on~~ tr on a brick walk x??, and soon ahead of all that was near us bones but no live B

6/3 me with 2 of Churchills slaves in pursuit of antelope

6/4 Fort Kearny passed Fort Kerny at 10 oc some to pack upwards of 4000 wgs registered carells of sods waiting for a circular saw Two mis west we past some 2 or 3 men who er eng in planting corn the prairies had bn broken and they er breaking a small hole in the sod, dropping a few grains f corn there and covering it slightly; left it to the mercy of animals of the plains, as they had no fence around it nor any way of making onek only dy ditching, ch d cost more labor than it was worth

6/5 Ned Red, on of C's slaves, cplaning verry much simptoms of cholera Bottom covered w variety of flowers of the most gorgeous kind

6/7 Ned Red not on the mend, cclude to lay by p-dogs hard to kill, everybody tri

6/8 Ned Red no better, cdn start dies (32 miles west FK, 5th man lost to co //sounds like 7 cougint 2 on the boat//

6/9 awful epidemic seems to be raging 6/10 joined by 11 from Quincy Ill (1 lady

6/11 Washington, a slave of Churchill 's and myself, went off of the road thinking we might be able to k some game no luck

6/12 at the ford party is split by storm one of Churchills boys name of Alexander show strong simptoms of the cholera storm threaten the dstruc of all creation all the medcinces on other side oth river

6/13 wagons crossing like a nu of small boats laying at ankore. . during the nite 3 or 4 of us took ~~turns~~ returns holding him. .

6/14 death of Alexander meanwhile mis B hunting a few days since it was report- ted that a co of Cherokee Is had bnn attacted by the eppidemic and ad lost one third of their co; the disease proved fattal in less than 3 hours

6/15 struck across to NF lower ford/

6/16 find I enc with dead Is in their wigwam

6/

William Findley ms. diary 1845 written in pencil, very indistinct.
about 7 inches typescript (thank god) by Donna M. Wojcik she says

The fog is the trscript oth WFdiary, etc. this was found in the YUL there may be a few discrps but I v tried to the best of my ab t copy. I v changed some words, spelling etc but not thought nor idea. I v underlined any word of ch Im not sure and lv to readers discession

4/25 left Henderson ct Ill cd on bank of Missouri River // Missip
4/26 crossed the Missouri River /missip
5/19 camped on the Missouri River at St. Joseph on Black Mark Hills
5/20 crossed same 5/21 crossed same all safe over 12 oc St. J is a
fluorishing town. 650 inhabs c Mqsquito c
5/22 id co at the ~~IS~~ IA
5/22 tvg Sac, Fox & Iowa ter at head of Wolf river
5/31 crossed the big Platt river ? ? ?

6/1 preaching in the aft 6/2 washday
6/4 camd on sm creek head of Little Blue River
6/8 hose 9 horses
6/13 lost 12 head of cattle kd nd stolen by Is
6/15 had preaching
6/16 camped on the Missouri near the Big Platt river ????
6/18 cmd on ~~IS~~ Platt river no timber etc.
Stayside 6/23 repaired wagons... catl took fright and ruin oxen and 6 wagons and ~~smashed~~
smashed 5 wheels and 2 axeltrees had to g 5 mis for timber bothng but red
cedar prev day oxen run away and crippled some 5 of f co "but not dangerously

6/24 met a trading co fm FL
6/27 Bin thousands
6/29 to up er crossg of Southern fork of Platte here we strike across her
to the nf Sf is 1/2 mi in width We crossed at the Eagles Nest where there
is 3 dry trees, below the crossing we crossed at or above the e Islands
6.30 there are two crossings below the above named crossing

7/1 cd mouth of Ash Creek black currents as fine as any cultvd in gardens
7/3 cd near a trading co opp a Cedar Bluff
7/4 George Cornelius infant child interred at White mounds. (camped apart, then
crossed on a larger mound, a noted place ????? Ch in sight
7/5 opp the ch on a spire mound spire 100 feet
7/6 spring at SBs 7/7 catl feet worn, u cd track them by the blood
7/11 to FL fm FL to foot of Blacksnake hills 10 mis
7/28 (R names and dates 7/29 bone rock 8/4 crossed dividing ridge
8/5 struck Little Sandy 5 mi below the Old Bennette Trace poultry
8/12 cd within 1 m EB here sta 40 men 200 head hrs fine, also cattle, goats,
8/13 Is and traps traded for 7 horses and skins and exchangg wgs ag some lame
catl 8/17 preaches by Rev William Kendell //note shd vbn Rev Thomas Simpson
Kendall who arcvd 1845, Batp Baptist Home Missionary Board. Wm was 1854
and was no missionary // 8/23 SS 8/24 man missing // Timonthy Lamberson//
9/1 FH here we found T. Lamberson 8 days lost and nothng to eat but roots
9/25 FBoise 10/5 Grand Rounde 10/17 Columbia a beau river 1021 wrote wife

LIST OF NAMES TAKEN FM FINDLEY DIARY AS OF JUNE 11, 40 m after crossing LB
Sitaks 47 ~~v~~ includes Wm Case Courtney ~~C~~ Cornelius Davis Griffith
Gallahan Wm Hawks Elmore Kee Charles Martin Joseph Mist, /offi er/
Jacob Bynearso John Scott Stethoffs Talentine Isaac Wheeler etc.
John R. Courtney . . // of the James officers//???

6/9 the lofty column of CR is now before us make side trip to the Rock. It is not until he has ascended the mound to the base of the shaft that he fully appreciates its vast extent and grandeur. An indescribable sensation of awe strikes the beholder and he can hardly persuade himself that this stupendous tower is the same that he has been from the plain at least 100 persons up there carving //describes a slight tilt/ I think CR and CR may be reckoned among the greatest nat curiosities on the continent gr storm, window of heaven open
 6/10 pass thru a most beau gap or valley for some 5 or 6 miles at the head of the v is a deep "canon" in ch are sev fine springs and a plenty of excellent dry cedar wood Here is a low log house in ch is a bss dwelling and storeroom
 At noon we arrived here and encamped for the day washing and drying out load
 6/11 the gap or pass of the bluffs where we encamp is a most beau spot and the scenery is extremely w romantic and pic // more description of SBs see distant peaks of the RMs emotions overcome smooth as a turnpike to Horse C

6/12 Capt Stewart left us this mg to go to FL violent hail storm
 6/13 An outrage upon the Is has bn cmt'd near this place that calls loudly for redress. The body of a chief deposited in a tree top near the roadside has been taken down by Es and stripped of its robes ornaments &c We approached the bleaching remains but er greeted with yells and howls from the Is concealed on the opp side oth rv A man who d rob or disturb the dead deserves death and the corps bg that of an I is no palliation for the crime.

about noon reached FL this sta i I be owned by the AFC square enclosg a court yard and pound for stock. This wall of bldts ctains quarters for the men offices workshops storehouse stables &c at the corners are square watchtowers 100 c 12 5 sq on the outside and some 12 or 15 feet in height except one place in ch there are 2 stories walls 3 or 4 feet thick and the bldgs r cfortabl and substantial We had some ox shoes made here 50c apiece and 5 c for nails cost of shoeing an ox 5 or 6 ds The agent sends letters to the states at 25c apiece ea Our stay at the fort was short (about an hour) we had nothing to detain

Immed beyond the fort is a burying place where there are sev graves most of them with small wooden enclosures around them but no inscription (with a single exception) to tell their names or when they died. There was a rude vault or tomb hui lt of adobes upon c er sev skulls and human bones. Strange as it may seem these human skulls er covfd w names of those who had passed along the road. Some men seem to v a passion for leavg gheir names where they can be seen. . but never before on a huma skull

6/14 BHs steep place require rope wgs down mt sheep horns Is staying away from FL acct cholera and smallpox throwaways wgs for 10. sugar only scarce

6/16 catl getg sore footed grasshopper that makes a noise like a rattlesnake

6/19 a buffalo right thru r camp passg between 2 wgs at noon 6 soldiers from Fort Childs who had bn in pursuit of some horse thieves who as they passed the F had appropriated 3 of Uncle Sams horses

6/20 M Ferry 30 miles above crowded and Es r rafting over in 8 places between her and there c cluded to build a raft and ferry rss across by nite 3 ctwd canoes 22 ft long hauled canoes up the rv, procure another secured by cross timbers and a steering oar we swam oxen over 3 crossings for 2 waggons.

6/23 pass M ferry bss not crowded as much as reported at camp another co burie a member, an invalid w liver cplaint he had started out for his health

6/25 Willow Spring captain says l not serve further, his time vg expired

6/26 R ascended to one of summits of IR it has two 6/27 D

7/3 now in SP but the trvr cnn tell when he is at the grst altitutte tomorrow is to be the scene of the trial of a man who robbed and murdrd his comrade. They ad bn packing together McGee (an I trader) pasd just before we took up

7/4 discharges of firearms frm the diff encamps on GR FINIS (thank goodness)

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ferred to a well 40 feet deep in ch he was told the murdrd Ms had bn interred. a 1000 head of US Army catl had wintrd near here.

As the co approached SJ heavier traffic was noted. "Nearly all the wgs had the names of owners and place of departure." On April 24 bf reaching SJ the co spoke to a Mich co /app the Delos Ashley party ch had left Monroe, Mich, 4/4/ The S- party arvd at SJ 4/29 - "The most eligible place on the frontier as a starg pt for a tr across the pls." The SJ ferry was crowded all day. Here begins rumors of cholera ahead. . w frequent menti n of fresh graves "so many er yg men." Wgs er scatrd a distance of 20 mis on both sides oth Mo and w nearly ev st in the U repd. . His party er using a u surveyors rope for recording distance.

The party arr at Republican Fork on May 21. " On one oth G

/// now I am on my own/////

5/20 one co still missing 85 head they shd all be tied up mssing man bed murdrd by Ps co of U S Iragoon passed this pm en route for FKey struck the Republican Fork of Blue River

5/21 from a hill ctd 150 ox teams

5/22 along RFBP a few days ago id by 4 wgs fm Griggsville with 13 men ~~one~~ r co now numbers 44 men and 13 waggons one of the G wgs is an apparatus to tell the distance tvd by the no of evolutions of the wheel

5/23 we left the Blue River this ms antelops skim over pr fly rather than run

5/24 5/25 Fort Childs stands on the open Barie near the River at the head of GI There is a quite a cluster of low blds built of sod some er workshops some quarters for the men stables & the fortifca not yet cpleted wrote letter soldiers stationed here soon tb moved to Oregon

5/26 take river road acct traffic app oth rv is noble and majestic beyond dscrip but Fremont says unfit for navigation

5/27 5/28 opp side oth rv stretches a line of blue bluffs upon the slope of ch a long tr of white wgs ch r fog the upper trail road bef and behind us

lined with waggons encampments herds of cattle & as far as the eye can reach 5/29 at noon 6 teams loaded with B ~~skins~~ skins They eport nearly 3,000 waggons between here and FL . the number pn the rt is indeed alarmg fears of sufferg B reported to be all on other side oth rv

5/30 5/31 6/1 p-town shot 3 or 10 oth occupants antelops ~~resemb~~ resembles veni son but more juicy Pike ct co ahead sad a disaster in pursug B shot his horse through the nec. He fell dead and came near klg his rider say hrs c outrun B

6/2 Saw the first B this mg arrived at the ford c w Densmores co Pike ct this is the lower ford

6/3 2 men Densmore co near drowning naked, had guns and clothes tied fell in a deep hole use island one on island near chill to death

6/5 at 10 oc reached Ash hollow a most beau and romantic gap in the bluff bounded on ea side by a steep and rocky y wall ch in some places is literally covrd with wild roses now in bloom, etc enc of Sx at the mouth 7 or 8 lodges app superior to Is near SJ report recent fight w R latter defeated and er it not for taking shelter in a tr of waggons fm Mo d vbn all killed Castle Rocks

6/6 spring creek a sh dist abov the crossg stands a solitary cottonwood of gigantic size 7 or 8 feet in diameter trunk is hollow and fm some garments and t the small I judged it had been used for a centery by the Is body in branches

6/7 gr of man dd yest of pulmonary csumption 2/4 from Mo more fatalities than any other age group The CH CR like a small pole

6/8 2 or 3 hr side trip to the CH 5 benches or steps near on the eastern side is another ve large and curious rock names well preserved from 1849 now 50 or 60 here busily employed with their butcher knives grandeur 2 or 3 hrs here

Antelope
FK

fur man

Crossing

CH

Yg men

CHR

June 29th 1850 /// at Sout Pass see next letter///

Dear Companion: After we lefte the fourt I had an atack of the Bilius feaver but I took medicen am bout well, only a litle weke.

We had to stay at the Eart 4 days wating to cross the plat good health up to the Fourte. After we crosed the Rv som of r copaney hase ben unwell. . George Randel is varey poorley

Frm St J to FL grate deal of sickness a some call it colerey others Mexican dire the moste of the emagrants that came upon the SS of plat had a grate deel of suckness; a grate number died. Some think a thousand some 1500 Some famleys ware a munge the sufers there is not so mney graves up hear as thare was 50 miles back The moste I saw in ~~pl~~ a day was 13. . 21 in about 40 miles travel

Men that are well fixed I think had beter stay in the states unless they are very stout and hartey

I obtained a liste up to 22 wich l enable you to form idea of the number on the road. Thare is a grate number thatpass by without giving thare names. A grate meny companeys gave no acco nts of thare dead at the Earte men 34,376 women 561 children 683 wagons 8056 horses 21,212 mules 7,077 oxen 24,334 coves 3,776 deaths 138

Dear Companion July 29, Salte Lake

George Randel is gg to stay here Philip Schuyler toke sick the 16th he complined for about a week, ang to got worse, and had the direa and it turned to the Bludey flux. He died the 20th we got a cofen for him and sroud and we went on 7 miles to the city and buried him in the M grave yarde in a parte for the emagrants; he stated he wished to meat his frs in heaven

We got to the valey on the 25th found most of tv had gone SCO so we toke the Salte Lake Rode . . .

my advice to all my frs is not to come to Calafornia by land

Dear Lovina and children Colde Springs Oct the 3 1850

Wee all got thare the 18th September (the mines) varey tierde of travling I had the feyer in the Black hills, was sick a few days, and on this side of the Desert I tolke the diarrhea and was sich 3 or 4 days. The reste f the road I have ben well

snow in Sirrenavada a daingerus place for late emagrants on top of this mt thare was a no of mn nd wmn starvd todeath. They ware to late in geting in and the snow fell deap so thaty cdn travle

The mines are no what I expect It is a ~~Y~~ lottery The most of the emagrants to this season if they had the money would go home

2 more letters from Diamond Springs

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S-1006 William T. Stackpole Pekin, Illinois April 9, 1849
ink in bound notebook about 7" marbelized boards
a typed summary by somebody copy the following :

AN UNRECORDED D O A TR AC THE PL F PIKE CT ILL TO GREEN RIVER IN WYOMING.
A DAY BY DAY JOURNAL CPRISING Ltx 120 small 4to pages, written legibly in i
ink.

The Co, apparently formed among residents of central and western Ill gather d at Pittsfield in Pike ct for the starting point. leftt P- 4/4/ and crossed te river at Hannibal and thence across northern Mo toward SJ. It is one of the few diaries to describe northern Mo route in 1849. At Gallatin the diariest alludes to an uprising ag the Ms where some of the Saints er slain; was ret

800 teams crossed at this poi t. There is some smallpox on theroad. We had to stand gard last nite for the first time
I send you a goalde ringe I wish you to keep to I return
Tell Eliza and Sarah to be good children

Lupe Forke, May the 4th, 1850 Dear Lovina We saw a number of Is on the road but ~~was~~ but ~~was~~ have not had eny tr w them so fare, but wee have to stande garde every nite. . We are 100 mi fm the Mosara River Co numbers 22 wagons and thare is about 80 men. Frankling King has the mumps but is geting beter. . When I get to Fourt Lareme I will wright you againe. . ~~do not~~ there is little truth in surcalation about stories, such as a thousand yoake of ox oxen dead at that plase (SBs

The Is v robbed a fiew men that they v cougth at a lone . . I last ~~st~~ stated 7 or 800 but the foreman told us that 1052 had crossed this spring at this farey // no river crossing was May 19

dear companion
Foart Laramie /June the 18th 1850 a fieu lines to let you knoe that I am well at present. . we v had a number of storms. We have had varey good luck so fare. on the 29th we stoped and wash our clothes

Stamps

On the ~~14th~~ 4th it rained the moste of the night and our cattle got frightened and runaway. . they run over one man but did not hurt him. . in the morning we found that 39 were gone. . hunted 3 days and found 18

I got to the road 12 miles below r camp and came to the campes of a company cals the Wisconsin Blues and staid all nite with them. . a company brought in 14 of our oxen The Blues loste 60 of thare catle the same night we loste ours, andanother company loste a 100. . and broke r wheals Our catyle was founde 50 miles back

Frankling is better now 3 graves about 6 mis fm the fort James Cox of Van Buren ct, Iowa d 6/7

I have not saw as much timber since I left the Bluffs, 522 mis, as thare is on 300 acres acers in vilige Township we had to holl wood with us a g part of the time we found some drift wood ch we mixed with B chips to make fire

There is some varey hing Rocks // no paragrafing whatever in original, solid/ some of them, at a distance look like a large Statehouse

FL

We got to FL this day Hear the Road on the ss oth Rv comes together. It is suposed that 7000 wagons v past the forte this srping; the moste on the north side did not pas the foart This day theare was a man found in the river frouded They pulled him out and dug a hole in the sand and buried him. This is a place to see the olde wagons and irons scatered over the ~~land~~ land

They / the fort/ are 500 strong. They v a few houses ~~and~~ and a ditch dug around the forte. It is a plesant looking place

feal it my duty to fo the adv of Grandmother Beck eney man goen to Calafornia shdv a g stock of religion on hand and then he must be carful or he will lose it v bf he gets there

William Wilson

since the above I v reed a list of the number of emigracion this Spring up to the 19. We delaid we cross in the morning men 32037 women 484 children 472 wagons 7463 horses 20684 mules 6688 oxen 20493 cows c980 deaths 81+ mostly colery ss River

///wait a minutes, believe it is the same William Wilson, c mpare dates and Van Biren county..

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

10/22 take left hand road leaving Pit River (Calif from Oregon)
 LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIA 1/6/50 south fork of feather river 25 miles from
 long's trading post & 16 miles above Bidwells T^r 11/14 Feather River Mines
 at Long's Trading Post terrible sufferings etc

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FOLLOWING NOT IN ABOVE CATALOG

B 524 Frederick W. Barnard Cumberland, Md 3/22 49

On Board Steamer Paris Cincy 4/1/49

St. Louis ? April, 1849 6 evthg arranged tomorrow a part of us start for the
 West after we leave SJ you must no expect a letter bf the last of Sept. . if
 get a chance to send a letter by any of the Ms bound for the States. .

St. Joseph May 6, 1849 in camp no roaches todistrib at midnite . . .
 our w/ captain filling up r wagons with trash / i.e. grindstone, guide to
 California, lots of looking+glasses

Over 5000 persons will cross the plain from this place old new and young -
 married men with their wives and children, some at the breast, some just large
 enough to walk, some half grown, and now and then a maid of sweet 16 I never
 saw such a looking crowd before Yankees from the east and planter from the
 south suckers from the west and Frenchmen from ~~Canada~~ Canada some wear long
 hair and some wear short some have whhiskers and no mustacion, and some ave
 mustachios and no whiskers some have military pants and a homespun coat, with
 one peak ? and others have one boot and one shoe no two are dressed alike

There is more drunkenness and gambling and rowing than the ? eve 1 r thought of -
 nightly, robbereis are committe in town - no murders ass yet but they must follow
 such profligacy - large numbers are returning home, having staked their last
 dime, their mules, provisions, wagons, and even heir Rifle and bowie - the gam
 blers are making a rich harvest fifty dollars is no uncommon bet on the "rolet"
 but then all this wont interest you so I will talke about something else. .

A number of New Yorkers are camped just around us, and they make lively
 tunes every night. 4 pp

Next letter is from Maryville february 29 nothing re overland trip

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See 529
 MSS-530 WILLIAM WILSON'S ORIGINAL LETTERS FROM THE PLAINS AND THE DIGGINGS L¹
~~185~~ 1850 (not the same as the previous William Wilson ?????
 letters ink on linen typed transcripts with editorial corrections by ?

Council Bluffs may 18, 1850 to dear companion pm to Lorina Wilson, Van Arne Co,
 Iowa (Business Corner) we arriv d1 at the Bluffs this day. . 100 teams a wating
 to cross We came to the town of Gainsville yesterday, it is a small place but
 it has 8 or 10 stozrs. I expect there was a 125 teams in town. There has a bout

one waggon upset, 2 t ngues broken one wheel smashed; sundry bruised & gashed heads, black eyes, pounded & swollen backs, shoulders & arms, which /with/ a ltl att fm the Dr. & csid lineament soon became sound

6/21 /Dr. W and Mr. Hnd I bathed in the P 6.22 enc near upper ford

6/23 double teams and raise boxes above the boulders

6/25 to North Fork /edge of bluffs. . series of broken peaks & revenes down & thru ch we had to decend to reach th river flatts. . we cmncd r decent gx by a sereies of grad decendg hills till the Ash Creek v was but one hill more below us, down ch we left r waggons by locking all 4 wheels. Then the sand bed of the ck was r road for 3 miles. . cpd mouth f AH

6/26 bath in P at noon. . Elk along the road today many graves

6/7 I woman buried in a tree. . a revoltg sight to me

6/28 c opp noted CHR Mussquitoes and Natts blots us ve badly eyes and ears swollen 6/29 hve C h behind us, but the object of attract on with all of us is t celeb CR. . v specimen of the marl

6/30 fill water barrell as we dn touch it ag for 30 miles

7.1 Sabbath visited bluffs with Dr. Wells and John /R/ for pur pf getg the first glimpse of the Black Hills

7/2 fine bathe in the Platte this eve

7/3 camp opp Fort Barnard, 8 mis fm Ft. Laramie. . bathe again

7/4 grand celebration of address, read declaration, dinner, procession, then marched to the Hall, formed by rung the waggons in 2 rows, far enough apart for the covers to reach from one to the ther, & thus forming a fine hall etc. Menus Tasting commenced, brandy runs out, disgusted dancg by moonlight

7/5 to FL purchsd by the govt about 2 weeks since . . U S troops in occupation of the F, and encd in tents around it. ~~Excuse~~ AFC camped at the mouth of the L want 100 to 120 for horse give up the idea

7/6 to Hot Springs

7/12 Lower Ferry, at the mouth of Deer Creek. . ferry across on a craft of 8 canoes fastened toget w poles & pegs 7/17 Upper ferry

7/20 IR on ch I wrote my name in lg letters

8/1 cross the identical twin mounds ch form the SP v placed sample of the formation of this pass in my trunk

8/4 reach BGR after overnite march

8/12 Mr. Seymour is dead funeral by Mr. Hbart 8/15 HCO /ch had just been opened up 8/25 where the RR issues from the mts the FH road unites with the cutoff & the road from SL to Oregon. . John Root leaves to pack . meet

Mr. Ottaway an old trader 8/29 me with mt fever

DOWN H- to BLACKSTONE DESERT 9/10 r capt has decided to take Lawson's Pass thru the mts //crosses the Warner Range just s of Ca-Ore boundary 9/16 learn that there is a middle route ch leads to the head of Feather River //the Truckee rt, wch was the most direct// death of woam w 5 children, Mr. Moore preach //rt finally chosen was the Lassen or Lawson CO. . left H- at the grat bend, ran west across the Black Stone desert, nw to C-O bndrline, Lassens Pass; skir southern shore of Goose Lake, south to Pit river, thence across Sierras to Big Marsh and hdwatsr of Feather R. . both Co and pass were ac disc some two years prior to Lassens advent by Jesse Applegate in 1846 came to be dubbed the Death Route, and few fod it after the early part of 1849. tho Distunelles E's Guide (NY 1850) announces it with enthusiasm

ON LASSENS CUTOFF ACROSSTHE DESERT AND OVER THE SIERRAS

DOWN THE SIERRAS AND INTO THE SAC V 10/12 relief train sent ott by Gov P Smith w drove of beef cattle. . vote to dissolve still 380 miles from Sitters, division of the property H/utchinson/ McL/ellan/ and self drew a team and wgg together and sh try on r own hook 10/16 to Goose Lake

Q/A

S/B

L F

Lawson

The letters from Ca desc the res oth j to Lassens 11/8, life in mines etc.
 nd his ret voyage and illness /Chagres fever/

Laid in the j is a typescript letter to EE fm Elihu Root sayg that John Root
 son of Benjamin is his second cousin, both grandsons of James Root

The js and letrs are bg edited by J S Holliday and lb pubd shortly (O yeah?)

TRANSCRIPT

~~/INTRODUCTORY/ Wm S- b-1821 md Sabrina 1847 d 1904 Youngstown NY
 near Niagara Falls~~

JOURNAL OF ROUT TO CALIFORNIA FROM MY HOME IN YOUNGSTOWN (NEW YORK) VIA BUFFALO
 DETROIT CHCAUGA ST LOUIS & INDEPENDENCE COMMENCNG April 11, 1849

~~April 11 commenced packing. . long sentimental re fam left home with Mr. Bailey
 and Mr. Roots to Buffalov. . had likeness taken & cased and send to wife~~

~~4/12 steamer Arrow for Detroit 4/14 in Detroit city~~

~~4/20 in Chicago River. . secured pasg on Ill canal~~

~~4/22 arrived Peru ll and took pasg for SL on the Avalanch 4/24 enter Missip
 and at 3 arvd SL lodgings at Missouri Hotel, poor house, plenty of bed bugs~~

~~4/26 eng pasg to I on steamer Amelia 4/30 pasngs help haul wood~~

~~5/2 2 doctors in the Michigan co vbn sick for 3 days~~

~~5/3 t Upper I Landing board take peppermint & laudanum~~

~~5/4 v ccluded to take r pasg w Mr. White whogoes out w oxen, pasgrs 90., for
 the Pioneer Line is full~~

~~5/5 cholera raging I instead join Wo verine Rangers for 100. and furnish a
 waggon, ch we and a Mr. Lord of Milwaukee agree to do. . our co has 63 members,
 18 waggons //Goldsmith says 62 50 plus 12 added //EE calculates 66/// and 9
 months provis oning by paying 125 we v become members & v an equal share in all
 this prop. . the Co has 200 worth of medicines and the Physician has his library
 Goes in reg mil org, does not tv on Sabbath, nd has preaching on Sabbath
 // one large tent for every 7 persons~~

~~5/14 Dr. Palmer is dead 5/15 ditto Mr. Nichols, attend by Mr. Carr, Co phsyc.
 start w firt s 2 wgn: Hutchinson, Bailey and John Root vg the bgg, and myself
 Dr. Wells and McCleannan theother or mess wagon~~

~~5/16 to I where 3 hrs for shopping. . r wagon reg numbered~~

~~5/19 death Mr. Ives rain, oil clothes~~

~~5/22 Mr. Bailey and Dr. Wells are the finest cooks. . today officers oth co r tb
 olected for 3 months co from NYC w mule teams nearby, give serenade~~

~~5/24 to Macrukic. . I named Logan has estab a grocery~~

~~5/27 v totv on the Sabbath on acct sickness on the route~~

~~5/28 death Mr. Lyon to tp (uniontown) ll l 1/2 mi frm Kansas ferry 5/29 cross
 partly, ferrymen sake on e ot ehri scows~~

~~6/1 have dicentary. . opium and Astringe powders 6/2 take dose of rheubarb~~

~~6/2 my bowells cpletely burnt by mustard plaster weak as kitten frm not eatg~~

~~6/10 letter sent to SJs by a Brobe trader /never recd/ one of the Plymouth Co
 accid shot thr ough knee //Goldsmith says it happend on Platte, left at FK~~

~~6/11 Oxide of iron and compositin tea~~

~~6/13 cd 3 m fm FKey 6/14 stopd at F f 2 hrs to get info ccerng rout~~

~~6/15 6/16 B signal. . B's wind proved the best~~

~~6/17 went swimming. . swept down. . swim with the current. . some ford for B~~

~~6/18 //writing very voluminous, inc uding the letters, mainly repetitious//~~

~~side trip to examine scenery and vegetation and animal and bird life~~

~~6/20 think past the forks. . B hunt more succf. . loaded with B beat, ch we cut t
 pieces & hung along the sides of r waggons, on he reach, & along the tops of
 the covers. . tremendous hail storm walnuts to goose eggs saddles over heads~~

B

Hail

6/12 passed /2nd/ Castle Rock

6/13 passed CR climbed up the side and cut very high up on East side

6/14 cd SBs passed over gap in Bluffs. Good spring E side of the gap passed 2 small wet weather creeks and Horsehoe Creek. Busby elected guard officer and I relieved

6/16 Lf 10 o'c Nooned near fort many mule trs abandoned wgs nd packed. Passed govt train coming to L

6/17 lighten load by throwing out bacon

6/18 25 mis visited Ky camp and became acq w 2 relatives, sons T. Willis

6/21 Deer Creek. . many crossings here 6 men drowned yest

6/22 nooned where Hedgepeth was crossing. Came on to M crossing. bss

6/23 wagons rolled to wharf mules driven across waggons all over by dark

6/24 left P about 6 miles from crossing Rock ave about sundown

6/25 Sulphur Sp Willow Sp passed Hedgepeth & many ox teams

6/26 IR, climbed to top, got bunch of grass, a sprig of cedar, and a rose fm base

6/27 went frogging with Boyle. . made good supper

6/28 ice spring

6/30 passed Govt tr 43 waggons they repas ed us at noon came over dividing ridge of SP agreeably disapointed in findi g road first rate PS

7/3 SCO (not named) to GF perry 8 pwg

7/4 ferry 7/6 Govt tr commenced crossing at M ferry

7/13 to SS 7/14 take cut+Off for Fort Hall ???

7/15 in sight of Three Buttes

7/16 arrv FH a sq bldg formg a court Capt Grant treated to a cheese

7/18 pass Am Falls road leaves the river

7/22 to Goose Creek reports of California flattering

7/25 Cook died last nite buried him this mg

7/29 men in pursuit of I, shot him (for stealing ox

8/12 cutting grass prep to Desert stretch

8/15 reach Salmon Trout River 8/16 Hbt Springs gnc last stretch of Desert

8/19 sent letr to wife by packers to sutters

8/20 cross ST and commenced tvg up 8/24 hdwtrs of ST rv passed remains of cabin where Donner family perished in 1846 found stump of ladys saddle

8/26 2 Richmond teams and Old Dominion out of provs. . to hdwtrs of Yuba

8/27 let wg down with ropes 8/29 Bear River 8/30 start prospect and dig north fork Bear r end p. 29 tt

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GAT 466: William Swain j of an ov tr fm Youngstown, NY to Feather River V 4/11 to 10/31/1849; and letters writn to members oth fam while en route, at the diggings, and on the re j by Panam to NY 4/11/49 to January 31, 1851 2 vols. i.e. 168 pp and 33 letters and docs 113 pp 15-17 cm w/tt 273 pp. transcribed and edited by Edward Eberstadt

Wm Swain, w frs Frederick A. Bailey, Michael Hutchinson, and John Root, left his home in Youngstown, NY to j th Eion f gms of Ca 12 letrs to wife, Sabrina 4/11/49 to j/28/51 11 to his bro George 4/13/49 to 11/14/50 5 to his mother Patience 4/22/49 to 8/17/50 to all the fam 11/6/50 letr to mother and sister 1/31/50 plus 1 other letter and stment re mines.

The j nd letrs dscrib in detal j fm ystn by the Lakes to Chi, SL and I; preps fo lov j and the start with the Wolverine Rangers, May 15, by FK, SCO, HR and Lassens cut-off to the Feather River Valley, when the j brea s off on Oct 31.

CAT. 527 Edward J. Willis.

"D of _____ givg acct o travell fm I Mo to Ca in 1849, Across the pls"
May 1 to Sept 1 62 pp 18 1/2 cm original br lea binding w tt 29 pp.

good legibility

Willis was an att in Va. bf gg to Ca settled in Sac and in 1850 elec ct judge.
in 1854 ordained first pastor of 1st Baptist Ch in Oakland

D reocrds in sm detail j f camp near I 5/3 on the Santa Fe road, across Ks
rv and the Blue to FK and the P. . SCO to FH, 7/16 Calif T by H- an
Truckee Rivers to the mines on the nf Bear River 8/31. Soon after leavg i
I they jd an Indiana co and elected officers. . on July 4 camped near the
Charleston Charlestown /Va/ Co.

TYPESCRIPT

LIST OF MEMBERS APPEARING IN THE J: 18 including, beside Willis,
Dr. Fritchett, Shamberry, D. B. Woods, Knide, Milton, H. rriosn, Hernandez

5/1 xpected to set off today for Ca but in cseq of Milton's sickness delay

5/2 disc M- had the smallpox. . panic in camp

5/3 left r camp at Mr. Ralston's down Santa Fe road. . we w/ mules
need help in getting out of muck

5/4 Georgia and Florida teams fnd much diffic in getting up the hills. Old
Dominion came on smoothly

5/5 backtracked to I to look for letrs and purch articlw fnd I in panic on
acct cholera. . recd letter from Dr. Knox

5/6 uneasiness about cholera dns mallpox

5/7 waded Big Blue. . left Jackson at Mr. Lipscombs cholera ravagg camps

///henumbers camps, but that doesnt help anything////

5/9 nooned at Lone Elm cp Bull Creek Jackson came up

5/10 crossed Wakarusa rv cholera dying away

5/13 severe mud holes Old Dominion passed on smoothly at Ks river found about
40 waggons nd Bryant's Pack mules ahead of us. . bot pony of I

5/14 rain, in camp appreh about Is

5/15 more wait, acct weather and Hernandez sickness

5/16 hauled over by ox teams pass Catholic I mission

5/18 3 grvs and person digg the 4th all well xcep H- and J-

5/19 make arrgmts to join and Indiana co, 10 wags and 53 men

5/21 organize. . Dr. Fritchett of Indiana called to chair D B Woods of
Indiana captain 12 messes w a master of guard to each one

5/23 Shamberry and I race after dog supposg it to be a B

5/27 threw off sev boxes to lighten load

5/28 med r waggons loaded with guns leave hdwtrs Blue

5/29 came in sight P cp 4 m fm F Key

5/30 rained hard 40 mules stampede everybody cross and illnatedured

5/31 FK rough looking place. . Dr. Gambel left Georgia co and jd Kentucky
co under Capt Boone

6/2 Plum Creek Mules of Indianians good deal faded gg to Ca no childs play

6/3 passed Indianaxy Missionary train courtmartialedannah and Sofran for
fighting Reprimand.

6/4 fatigued from walking

6/6 severe storm padt down rv over Davis' voll folly nd crossed sfp 3/4
m wide and 6 to 18 inches deep on ns gman and fam waggon broken down Soix natio

6/7 with Shamberry, Putney & Both recross the river to hunt B kd one

6/8 severe storm /wolves in abundance, steal meat within 4 feet

6/9 6/10 catch up w tr about 75 ms fm lower crossing passed AH, Castle Bluffs

6/4 up v 8 m at head of ch is a tradg hs by one Rubideaux who has a Squaw for a wife. The scenery up this v has bn m varied, novel & interestg than any I ever saw in so short a time and space. At this pt is a BSS in cnec with the house, at ch place we got one of r oxen shod. . saw for first time a tr o 16 waggons other side oth rv, fro CBs

6/6 reach LR noon 50 yds wide swift cur while here 2 men drowned in NP, 2 others barely saved themss. . stop at f for pur of gettg sm shoes made f r oxn. The whole tr did not stop but left! Mr. Rucker who was permitted to make a few pair at the rate of 75 c per foot . . we v thrown out 3 gold+washers, 3 spades, 3 shovels and our scythe and snath. . . describes adobe fort. . There are no Is here now & but few men about the fort. . 2 or 3 I women about who er dressed in the fashion of the States in Calico. This place belongs to the AFC. The Govt has no interest in it//??????// Bachelors Butten, Geranium, Wild Rose, Loupin

6/7 new gr I M Hay 6/4 14 yrs . . gr quans of throwaways at ev cg

6/10 now through he Black Hills at a distance of about 85 miles.

6/11 Deer Creek, then few miles to Ferry 120 teams waiting

6/12 wind unfav only 40 wgs v crossed

6/14 teams come in faster than they get over ferry kept b Ms. The head man is Charles Shumney. . v bss . . also trade for anything cost 3. pwg for shoeg an ox 4.50 ~~Eddie~~ Bryant with a train of 150 packers arrived her yest. . . ferry below here capsized drowning 3 yg men from Boone Co. . Burlington Co in.

6/15 cross 6/16 Mineral Lake & Spring Willow Springs

6/17 IR went to top

6/22 SP passed without naming it 6/23 vote to take SCO dust intolerable Stop stampede of train in rear, coming toward us, frightnd by lurkg I

6/28 Ferry GR a miserable affair and badly managed, vg no handsto work the raft + 5 logs dug out like Hog 's troughs and fastened together by pins and ropes. . The loadg has to be taken out fm the wgs & then the empty wgs nearly sink the concern . 3. pwg and you do all the work

6/30 11 men in r co on the sick list all over xcept one wg, lost . . by vote, after crossing, r co dissolved & each mess l tv as it pleases.

7/6 Soda or Beer Spgs 7/9 FH adobe, poor goods, good cattle. . bit 16 yrs ago by HBC 7/12 RR bid adieu to Lewis River and Oregon Road

7/20 to Marys or H.R hdwtrs poetry by John P. Grantham

8/6 to the Sink and forks of the road; the right and, or Baldwin's route, runs west to Salmon Trout or Truckee River a distance of 45 miles. . a hot spring midway is the only water. . The left hand or Childs route, wh ch is new, turns a southern direction and strikes Carson River at 45 miles. . on this sev wells vbn dug, so we take

8/8 on Gg of Mathew McClerken fm Virginia Grove, Iowa, mt fever

8/9 delightful cgr on Carson R 8/15 this CV c beat the rld for grass -- into Pass Creek Canyon frightful chasm 8/18 Red Lake Snowy Mts --

2nd range of mts Rock Valley 8/20 in memory of Ezra H. Allen, Daniel Browett and Henderson Cox, murdrd by Is nite of 6/27/48 (Tragedy Spring) Camp Creek 8/24 Pleasant Valley Gold Diggins 8/25 Weaverville Dry Diggins wind up at Dry Diggins on Weaver Creek

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CAT 474 P. C. Tiffany

D of a j fm Mount Pleasant, Iowa ov to Ca 4/17/49 to 8/29; expers at the mines, 1/1/ to 12/5/50; and the voyage home by the Rhsmus 12/8/50 to 3/13/51
3 vols i.e. 533 pp. 14 1/2 cm original binding, br lea ink script good writing
w tt 184 pp

w wife nd f-i-l Renel Cheney, migrated to Iowa from Mass, 1838. He opend a tavern ch Mrs. T- ran during his absence in Ga. . later trustee Iowa Wesleyan d records in vivid detail rt fod fm MP to Ca 4/7 to 8/25. . voyage home as far as Chagres when it breaks off 3/13 on board the Falcon
co. with Presley Saunders as capt, went by boat from Burlington Iowa to SL and SJ, fod the usua trail by SCO, FH, the H and C Ps to Hangtown

~~ORIGINAL~~ TYPESCRIPT

4/7 started fm MP in co. w John S. Bartruff who went w his team for the purpose of carryg Hill, Jasper, Col. Saunders and myself to Burlington. . shipped on board the Kentucky for SL //much detail. . extensive //

4/8 4/9 arr SL Virginia Htel 4/9 see town and get provs

4/11 in low spirits, ruminative mood. . persuade Jasper to v his daguerrotype likeness taken for his moth

4/12 l g on Steamr Timour //identifies everyone he meets, dentest gg to Ga//

4/13 on board part from Hill boat in this am from NO w foreigners nd cholera

4/18 boats passing each other . . lg numbers of teams crossed the river at Lexington today for SJ. . Col. May ex-Congressman from Ill, en r Ca cold as Gland

4/19 freight at I, Lower Landing ditto Liberty, bet the 2 I landings

4/20 by Parksville Fly (take stroll) to Weston Steamer Bay State w cholera c

4/21 SJ look for our BBoys full of Cas fm ev state in the Union sleep on floor of warehouse Smith, Bedford & Tootle

4/22 hard times tryg to get decent brkfst . . find fr to stay with

4/23 Dr Porter arrd this pm, r boys on the way within 50 miles

4/24 visit Joseph Wharton 4/26 our teams come in

4/27 crossed over and camped

5/2 camping with Rice, Jasper, Grantham & Rucker , leave 11 am

5/4 Missionary Sta Old School PC fine lg brick edifice for a school

5/8 Saunders, Moore, Lusk. . . mail from GI to SJ

5/10 BB Committe of Grantham, Lotspeck, Saunders and me as chairman

5/11 co orgd Presley Saunders Capt, Joseph More and Frank Porter as assistants. . lg Pennsylvania wagon abandoned

5/12 cmd near Pittsburg co of mule teams

5/13 tho Sabbath compled to tv in order to hold r place in the gen tr

5/17 Fort Carney road intersects ours at this place rain rain tents down on us

5/18 came to New Fort Kearny about noon. . bldsg of sod supported by a frame. . trading hs bot B Robe for 3. 4 or 5 mis fm head of the GI

5/20 party of Sx seated on gr in circular form, pace pipe, then start to steal in another train, quarrel of Harris and ?, kd Harris w an axe. . wife involved

5/27 crossg of SF went 3/4 mi in the river Sx gang, want to shake hands all around, show resentment if not reciprocated. . hagg they dont beg, they steal. .

5/28 to AH. . tree trunks worn smooth f Bs rubbing against them Alton co.

5/29 AH with its beauty remi ds me of home uburial in detail.

5/31 violent cold wind. . but one live tree, sitd l m to left. . describes tree/

6/1 millions of small gnats carve name

6/2 the most diffic object for me to overtake . . such is the deception/

6/3 Ms report bg robbed by Crow Is at the F NFF

~~6/15 court house hill on ss or like steaple of a curch~~
~~6/16 scots rock about 200 feet hi ss srping crick~~
~~6/17 k injin swing in a tree~~
~~6/18 James Cox grave 2 men drowned this day June 7 Van Buren ct to FL~~
~~6/19 staid all day at the Foart 6/20 wash day hail storm~~
~~6/25 gr Docter Wilkers of Iowa City 6/24/50~~
~~6/30 crosd the plat 2 graves~~

~~7/15 GR 350 for wag farage~~
~~7/18 Foarte Bridger 4 log houses withi picketing sitd in a valey at the head of Blacks Fork~~
~~7/26 Philip Schuylet died this afternoon~~
~~7/27 enters the City. . all Emagrants cpd 8 m north of the city~~
~~9/4 Cornel Rosten ? died in crosing the Desart~~
~~9/5 learn that ? Shanks or Shink Mrs. Allen and a boy that was trvs with us died on the even of the r thru canons~~
~~9/22 o to Colome~~

NOTE 1853 trip to Oregon in dim pencil, and quite threadbare of data

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CAT 473 William P. Thompson
 "W. P. Thompson. Diary 1850," of an ov j f SJ 4/30 to Sac 9/24; and his return ~~home~~ j fm Nevada City to the East by the Isthmus and NO 12/22/51 to 4/12/52
 50 pp. 14 1/2 cm original binding brown leather pencil but legible. w/ tt

~~4/30 left SJoseph for Ca tvd 5 miles~~
~~5/1 crossed MR tvd 8 m 5/2 and 3 laid by ditto thru 5/8~~
~~5/9 left M Bottom on the Territory side tv over broen prairie and incampt~~
~~5/16 BB incampt. on the prairie // tvd incampt tvd incampt////~~
~~5/25 passed Fort Kerny incampt on the river~~
~~6/2 crossed SP incampt 6/4 tvd 20 m up NP incampt~~
~~6/5 tvd 20 m up NP Incampt on prairie near River, in six miles of the Ch R~~
~~We went to the C H and also to the C R~~
~~6/10 crossed Laramie Cree and past Fourt Laramie~~
~~6/18 ferried over NP now Encamp~~
~~6/23 passed DG Samuel Wilson shot his hand off with a pistol~~
~~6/28 passed over the South Pass~~
~~6/30 drove all knight and the next day until 4 and got to GR 49 M~~
~~7/12 Sody Springs 7/16 pas.ed Fort Ioring at ten and Fourt Haul at noon~~
~~deaths along H-R Burnside, James Graym Andrew Blackley, Joshua Angel~~
~~7/15 Sink up Truckie river 7/25 by old Gabin that was bilt by the Es 4 years ago to ceep from perishing in the snow~~
~~7/27 on south fork of the eubah 8/2 to Nevada City 8/4 thru Rugh & Peady~~
~~8/5 Johnson Old Ranch 9/24 to Sac City~~

4/6 left no on Atlantei 12 ar sl 4/12 on stbt Prairie Bird nd arrived at La Grange ev of 13th. . .

is a tp w some whites & half breeds living there in indian stile & a bas. One man told me he had lived here 16 years //lots hasty puddings in his menus///
 6/9 5/10 met M m fm SL cd 5 m e FLs grass carace scarce there. . hear that the Is 1 kl ev white man who attempts to go thru SP, but now has come from the e and not f m the west

6/lw 12 to ford of L creek very deep for waggons. Packed over the grr part of r load then raised r box 6 inches . . quite a pleasant place & looks a little like civz put r letters in he express office

6/17 saw 2 bears today. there has bn sev mn kd by accident, 6 er drowned in the crossing of the Platt at f L on acct of the ferry boat bg washed away

6/19 upper P ferry 5. pwg some 5000 wgs v crossed this yr 5 or 6 ferry boats & they v all they can do to Mineral Spring and Willow Spring

6/21 Greasewood creek Rock I 3/4 m fm the ford

6/24 DG where river winds thru mts, an w awful lookg place

6/29 to summit. . . 6/30 take left hand or SL road 7/1 Tonight a train of St. Louis passenger pasenger waggons came up and camped near us. It csists of some 27 waggon, with 4 mules to a waggon Pasengers pay 200 each for passage & teamsters pay 100 for the privilege of gg. The fare they ay is hard, bg limited to a certain amt of bread meat ~~xxxxx~~ per day. . sev sick.

7/4 at G the Mississippi & Pacific pasengers train fm S L of 27 waggons came in with the american flag flying we gave 3 cheers for it ticks trsm tohrss

7/6 FB on blacks fork cposed of a few log hss & used only as a tp effort at stealing r hrss by Is and white man

7/13 into SIE Sac 803 mi acc to Deseret News for 15c //end of Book A

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CAT 529

William Wilson "Wm Wilson's Day Book, April 29, 1850. Van Buren Co. St of Iowa 104 pp. 15 cm original binding, brown leather no tt

the ms d kept by WW on his j ov fm 5/19 when he crossed M; during his stay in Ca until 1/10.51 when he left h mines for SF; during his pasg on the bark Hilena 7/17/51 to Panama and on the North American 3/24 to N.O. a,d up the Misip to SL and home 4/15/51

Wilson again kept his j fm 4/6/53 when he started for Oregon, over OT, reachg Albany Sept 21, and Marysville Sept 22. The entrais r ve brief, recording weathr cds of road and camps, distance, and graves passed. . fd by brief notes, acctd, e memoa of mileage, and numbers of Es.

ORIGINAL JOURNAL part ink coming thru both sides pf p part pencil

5/19 crossed the Mousra R- enc 5 m w thunder storm

~~xxxxxx~~ // many days gives miles only

29 wash day 30 20 m 1 grave 31 21 m 2 graves: but little timber on ~~xxxxx~~ wood crick fort carney at the head of grand Isl.

6/3 past the grave of ? Ward of Wis - died the 2 rainy night

6/4 iyr cattle about 11 o'c broke and run I think they were frightened at Bufflo lost 39 head of catle

6/5 hunted catl all day saw 75 Bu fflo

6/6 Slade with the blues they have 2 wagons broke and o loste 40 head catle

6/8 camped near the grave of Ge. W. Jorden of Debuc died May 1

6/9 c on N/ North Bluf fork 6/11 cam on woolf crick no timber 1 grave hear

6/12 camp near I town on plat 1 grave no timber

6/14 to crab creek camp on plat past coble hills olde Ruins

left Rochester 4/8 // fair handwriting, mainly legible // // // //

5/3 c near Canesville. . back from C- 3 mis is a M hut vg w sod chimneys

5/4 boat (the Cora) just arrived nd we went 4 mis fm t to the landing in hopes to find our corn, but it had not come

5/7 Duncan & Stetson started for Fort Kearney for corn

5/9 went to the steamboat landing the Saranac was in D & S in w sm corn

5/11 started for for Kearney // meaning old FK // valley unpeopled

5/12 to FK // 45 miles // We are behind everybody in geting off.

5/14 crossed over the Missouri tvd about 3 miles recd 2 letters from wife
The old fort Kearney is on a hill some 100 rods from the rv. It is not occupied by Soldiers at present but one family lives there. A nu of begg Is Visited our camp. . all in good health but not over joyful.

5/15 a sbt landed here this mg from below with Govt mules and waggons, baggage &c

5/16 started out w 8 waggons // ch he names. . from the Roch co Wis one Waggon & 3 horses A Whitman C. Stetson E G Duncan J H Hickox E Cady 2 waggons & horses.

Duncan chosen capt Whitman 1st assist B M Soule 2nd as sit Named Rochester Company No. 1 5/19 tent knocked down in storm, sleep in wagon

5/20 one of the men gave his boy 16 a severe shiping with a covered whip ch scared his face csid It was a barberous sight. He had mauled him first with a horse collar. . visited by some Ottoes

5/21 dense fog to Platte bottoms

5/22 passed an old I town nd a circle of horse heads (64) around something that appeared like a grave most all of them pierced w bullets

// good detail on route topog. . what they eat at each meal etc. // [chaty july]

5/25 come into the St. Joseph road lg crowd of ox teams most of the horse teams v passed. . arv F Key ab 5 o'c. . ss on elevated plain, has 2 12 lb & one

less ~~nix~~ sized brass cannon. . saw 12 yearling buffloes tamed. . heard of 3 men bg scalped on the S trail and another shot thru his cap while on Guard

5/26 trem thunders from storm hail seemed as if evthg d fly to pieces

5/27 grave of Mr. Cornwall of Waukeshaw d 6/10/49. . saw teams on the north side oth river for the first time. . storm last nite prostrated r tent again.

5/31 a g horse can easily run around Bs gr ov Moore

6/1 passed a perfect jamb of trains debate about tomorrow, Sabbath. . wounded B runs into somebodys wagon and breaks it. . roads equal to any McAdam road in the States

6/2 random B chases Capt Wilkinson Bone Ct, retrievethis horse

6/3 SP ford 3/4 mi (cross out . /2. . one steep descent to the /nf/ river

The place where we came to the bottom is called A E A h. . 76 head catl stampeded here by Is las nite the ame operation was performed on the oposite side oth rv Violent storm near camp, v to wade the stream, halt w sev other teams. . As we entered the bottom. . there is 2 graves, one a Mr. ? Farwell & the other a lday lady of eighteen, one on either side of the road.

6/4 passed a city of I wigwams The Express passed us today the northern emiegrat ion is in sight today but not numerous

6/5 and I town w 70 tents dog travois trade in moccasins

6/6 Duncan to the Rock but comes back /too far many graves but the letters on the head boards mostly with pencil and obliterated

6/7 to ch climb up to put names as thousands of others v done I procured a specimen of it the app of this part oth world is singular and grand the cr look s like a mighty old fashioned Eastern hay stack w a very tall chimney square but vg the app of poor broken mason work like glass work or chimneys in cities
6/13 enchanting views. . saw heads and horns of mt sheep. . at the springs is

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6/7 Mferry 100 teams awaitg transporta about 100 wgs thrown aside on this side oth rv. . after some detention we procured a ticket for r cvenyance, 4 pwg ther r 4 boats similar to our "broad horns" that descend the Ohio cstantly employed ferryg the wgs and teams over. . the prop has a lg box that he has devoted to carry letters back to the Sts for the acc oth Es

6/8 a rocky avenue 6/9 Greasewood creek

6/10 IR one oth most beau curs that we v behld on the trip ascended to its summit after a hard hour 's climb panoramic view ct 150 wgs in sight pluck flower ch we intend to press

6/11 he differentiates between M trail and Gregon Trail //along SW

6/15 SP 6/16 SL cut+off

6/19 to get ox over, have t rope his horns

6/22 old FB cposed of 4 log huts Adams ale from snow

6/29 (p. 104) city of GSL burst full to our view indispproofs oth industry & perseverance of its inhabs. . 10,000 inhabs. . stay at Deseret House

6/30 all went to ch to hear BY expiate on divine revelation

7/1 traded off r waggon ch cost 125 in St for an old one horse concern and gave 5 to boot 7/2 move on to Willow Springs

7/3 l tv w Windstanley, Hoper & Hicks Kings teams . . tr from Oquawka Ill near us to Blooming Grove 7/4 cross Webber Rv no celebr xcept walk 21 m

7/5 to Brownsville thru Ogden settlement 10 log hss

7/6 Bx Elder Creek Digger Utaws 7/7 Bear R

7/8 Sink c 7/9 ~~1/2~~ Deep C Pilot Springs 7/11 Casus creek to jc with FH road (ch passes first thru a ~~fix~~ fissure in Steeple Rocks

7/12 to Goose ck 7/14 Thous Sp valley 7/ 22 Marys R

7/24 came to the Lawson Rout where the road forks & takes off towards Oregon to the right. It appears t vbn m tvd /than/ the Carson rt. A gr number of Es last yr strayed off on this rt and either perished w hunger, were kd by Is or perished in the snows. . 400 miles further than Carson / rt. . I fear that many oth Es vbn deceived by the road bg so much plainer than the Carson rt

7/30 arr Big Meadows, to cut grass for the desert

8/1 this river has 3 names, Carson, Salmon Trout & Pilot river

8/7 CV M settlements, playg cards & drinkg liquor in fine stile

8/8/ into ~~xxxx~~ Kanyon thru ch flows the ST or C Rv 8/11 Leap Spr v

8/12 left hand road to Weaverville 8/13 into Pleasant Valley sev tps Ringold 1/4 mi beyond is Wv 30 log hss 2 hotells & 6 prov estqbx

vbn 110 days fm ~~SK~~ SJ

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CAT 522 Abial Whitman j o a ov j f Rochester, Wisc to Georgetown, Calif, April 8 to September 12, 1850, and a brief stay in the mines to Oct 3 1850 2 vols, 216/ pp 15 and 12 1/2 cm Original leather bindings, brown

j describes rt by Iowa City, Ganessville, FK along south bank ?? to the crossing south of AH, FB, GSL, M rt to H & C rvs, to Gt in An v Book A ctains the j fm April 8 to July 14, and Book B from July 14 to Oct 3. Many oth entre er orig in pencil nd vbn writtn over in ink. The first 29 pages of B ct acct's of Whitman and other members oth California Company / later the Rochester Ca Co. . note in B reads: "We left SF Oct 29, 1850. Abial died Thurs Octo 31 at 4 oc in mg."

ORIGINAL JOURNALS A

built of wood brot fm the States On the west side is the main plaza on ch
r planted sev large Brass pieces (48 pounders). The soldiers v taken the old
fort dobey for their quarters. There are sev eating houses, sitd about the
F for the cven of Es. . Henry Ashton & I found r way to one of them & had a
very fine repast. . sev hours lookg around. . there are about 12 dobey houses,
covd w thatched straw occ by fams

we started about 10 to overtake r team. . came up with them at noon. . catch
up with others from New Albany, was getting loneseom

5/13

5/12 turn wash woman for the day / cross Elumb ck 36 mis beyond FK now
5/14 v B meat sev of the B'hoys and I went in bathing ch refreshed us ve much
this is recommended by Fremont Bryant and others

5/15 & 5/16 now opp Bradleys Island what sounds like ctuwd springs
see many trains opp (he calls SP bf he gets there) Flatte Bluffs are higher
than formerly 5/18 SF crossing to NP 5/19 read Bibles

5/20 v boils on my face and neck

5/21 now we lv NP & ascend some ve high bluffs & strikg across the ct, ascendg
and descendg some ve steep hills for 11 mis, passby Cedar Bluffs & descending
a steep hill & tvd down a ravine for 4 mis and noon the the bank oth P

5/22 after tvg 6 mis we foud a splendid spring in the midst of a grove of
cedars at the foot of a limestone bluff. . water tvg 5 mis sandy road we lv th
river and ascend the steepest hill we have ascended as yet thus far and wind
around the summit of the ridge for 7 miles & descended a steep hill & entered
Ash Hollow che tvd down 3/4 mi, crossing Ash Creek nd camped under the foliage
of an ash tree

5/23 1 mi to FNP again IV of 50 wigwams nd 500 Is lng herd lg and noble
looking fellows. . fr to whites another IV same tribe

5/25 CH this stupendious work of nature well named B'hoys who hoofed it
to the CH got caught in a hail storm and were bruised up

5/26 Davis, Shingler & I started for CR and it kept receding top of the ch
there is a flaw and in a few yrs l crumble & moulder away you can ascend ab
40 feet perp, b foot and hand holes. . a very dangerous operation

5/28 at SBs there is a beau brook runs along th at the foot of the bluff, and
now we ascend a long & steep hill on the side of the Bluff on the summit of ch
is a bss, also sev I wigwams. . 2 fine springs. . name from circum many years
ago viz., man named of Scott AFC strayed fm his cpans & was murderd by Is near
this bluff and hence we have it, SBs. . Here we passed near the graves of some
of last years Es. . Two miles we came to Point Lookout Laramie Peak

5/29 At Ash Point tp kept by a Fr man who has been amonst the Is for 32 years

5/30 the road this mg excels any turnpike that I v seen. . up and down hills
to FL ford 3 rods wide and 3 1/2 deep to PO and sent 2 letters this is
a csid place. . 2 bss, 1 saw mill, 1 carpenter shop, 1 sutlers store and a
bakery the old fort is a ve rough lookg bldg and is in a ve decayed cd they
er bldg a new fort but it was not completed. I went to see Colonel Sanderson
to procure a way bill fm him of diff distances from one waterg place to another
che he gave me. He appeared to be much of a gman & a fine lookg officer. He
os chief in command oth F

On the main Plaza or pg er stationd 10 (48 pounders) pieces of artillery.
On the way from the main plaza my atten was attracted by an officer and his
lady who er takg a promenade, enjoyg the pleas ev breezes. . distance fm
SJ 620 ms, from FK 340, from the ford of SP 236

6/4 tr of el horse teams pass with flying colors keep running into the
Hoosier B'hoys

for SJ 3000 on the wharf to witness r departure 4 1/2 days SL up MR, aground numerous times B3hoys make themss v cspic by card plag nd drinkg 9 messes of came tothe cclusion to disembark at Liberty instead of gg to SJ) Liberty Landing and by dusk all r bgg wagons nd provs were strewed along the river bank. The remaing 18 messes started on up for Weston. . We intend to tv thru Mo and recruit r catl

4/9 ccluded to tv a few mis toward SJ arrived at & pasd thru Liberty, town of 1100 inhabs. . soon snoosg away at the rate of 8 knots to the hour

4/10 ccluded to remaing and recruit r catl

4/11 sev of the B3hoys started back to Liberty to purchase article forgotten

4/12 detained by xi rainstorm

4/13 yoke of catl for 65

4/14 b3 hoys putting on Sunday dudds for purp of attendg ct prayer meeting ??

4/16 my india rubber coat proved all a humbug some drunk on ould Monongahala

4/19 find myself at a loss as to the whereabouts of James G. Shields

4/22 orgd & elected the renowned Jerome Beers as Cap of the train. . on left oth road was McPike & Strothers passgr tr encamped. . composed of 30 spring passenger carriages and about 20 bag waggons. John W. Childs and McClure (his b-i-l) are pasngs on this train

4/23 reach SX SJ Beers made arngs to v r wgs ferried over early AM

4/24 ferry over poor concerns, somesimilar to r flat boats rowed by oars we paid 3. for r wgg nd swam r catl over

4/25 this mg startd for the land of gold where as some of the boys remak ed you can pick up the chunks

4/26 started crossg Wolf Cr on a bridge built by last years Es pass a govt sta cposed 6 or 7 log hss, a fine farm & store, last place of civz that greets r view for sev months block 100 wagons while we get extricated Is begging R about 1/2 clad and must lead a mis life our glorious captain leaves us in the mud and I think this is the last time we will see him until Ca

4/27 James Abbey came to r wgg & requested me to take a cut+off and overtake Beers, 4 mis in r advance. . got lost, hard time finding our own wagon

4/28 cdn move w/o a gr deal of pain a tr of 20 horse teams passed us this mg w teleg speed. . nose scles off, lips chapped and sore, ditto hands lips swelled up so that I looked more like a mulatto than anything else able to walk a

4/29 Ca teams passing r camp as if they expected to get to Ca tonight

4/30 cold norther north westerns. . sand loaned goggles to one of the ox drivrs as they v to stay near the thickest of the dust. . found a green berage veil which I divided amonsgt the boys sn answers a ve good purpose

5/2 after BB, nooned at Wood c hear of Beers deserting others Rowk Cr Creek grave of John Abbott funeral of child of Mr Young of Mo. (thats abbott of New Albany, age 73) Rocky Sandy C Govt tr esc by US soldiers fm FK to Fly passed 2 graves H. Depew, 62, and George Winston, 25, consumptions, from last yr. passed by 31 horse teams wrapped in arms of Morpheus. In whose arms you say

5/5 Sciota Wood creek 5/6 Little Blue Oak Orchard here sleeps one of Mr. Duncans nephews, Daniel Collins of Calloway ct, Mo, died last May with cholera 5/9 toward Platte 's Eluffs gr F. Wilson d 5/28/49 nooned opp GI FK plainly to view about 10 mis

5/10 rain and mud c 3 mi below FKey, fine grass po all hands writeletrs

5/11 started for F and in an hour were in the parade gr PO again, under Superintendance of a gman name James Neal from NY; he is a musician and has been in the U. S. Service 9yrs 1 g dscrip of FK it is a ve lg bldg, more like a farm house than a fort, and 2 1/2 stories hi and is surrd by 2 lg porches. fort princ

hi opnt

end of ny

Game

Veil's
gogge

Graves

FW

Intro

ailing most of the way
 5/17 strike waters oth P
 5/21 luxuriant verdure bespangled with brilliant flowers 00 ^{WLS} visited by
 Pawnee+loup Is. . their vg a few miles off other side oth r
 5/22 pained at waste of the B
 5/24 cross sf
 5/25 cd in a rich nd delightful bottom surrded except on the w by steep bluffs
 and its beau much ~~y~~ heightened by 20 or 30 trees princ of ash
 5/26 passed this day over a bluff still more rugged wild and beau than the one
 yesterday
 5/29 dined oposite a bluff called the ch of sing app. . rises in the form of a
~~xxx~~ pyramid and then shoots up perp in thape and app size f a chimney must be
 60 or 70 feet. .
 5/30 passed sm ve profound ravines. . passed SBs some of them extremely hi and
 resembg diff figures of bldgs, fortificas &c recd their name from a Capt
 Scott who went out w a co ~~o~~ t the mts some years ago. Diner near the bluss +
 Soon after resung r j overtakne by a vio shower

X alt

CR

SB

FL

6/1 arrivg at Laramy 's fork about noon. . This br of the P is so called fm the
 circums of a man by that name vg some years ago bn killed upon it b Is. . soti
 difficult to ford. now unusually low, so that we were soon all safely landed
 on the other side. Capt. W. in crossg here 2 yrs ago lost sev bails of goods
 & was obliged to build a raft which there was no ccasion for now the stream
 being fordable + Here we took dinner and parted with 3 of r trvg crans viz
 Shanks, Sutton and Oliver who r gg to trap in this vic + Mr. Sublett of SL
 a trader in the mts is bldg a ~~1/2~~ fort not far from here PM continued r/j journey

See memo

6/2 now jng among the bhs has tostand guard frequently ill
 6/8 2 grisley bears v also bn kd this day. . much grieved at the uneces
 profanity of the Sabbath
 6/15 SP

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CAP 423
 James G. Shields. Calif trip fm SJ to Sac 4/9 to 8/13 1850
 218 pp 17 1/2 cm with typed transcript red leather named stamped on ~~g~~ cover
 clear strong script

JGS of Floyd Ct, Ind was instd in a nu of Ohio Riv steamers. He servd durg the
 war carryg provs. . diary is vividly written. . party left New Albany 3/27 on
 the COURTLAND. Shileds and others landed at Liberty and proceeded ov to SJ.
 left there 4/25 fod tr to P and FK. . FB, EC SLC 6/29 the Mroute to HR by Pi
 lot Springs, the CR to Pleasant Valley and Weaverville 8/13

For a lg part oth j Shields mess tvd w or near another party from New Albany
 including James Abbey, whose j has been pubd.

TYPESCRIPT

THE ROUTE list of places or landmarks, but no distances
 PERSONNEL - Armstrong, James Abbey, Judge Hooper, Hicks, Knight, Kimble, Major
 Leslie, David Lindley, Millwalkie, McCollough, 1/2 Maggwiness, McWilliams,
 Nunemacher, Newbanks, Resinger, JGShields, Sutton, Washington, Wiliams,
 Winstandley, Willmot, Wilson etc. total of 54

3/27 to 4/8 1850 we started from NA on 27th across the planes to Ca there
 was 27 messes of us, ea numberg 5 men which makes 125 all told st Courtland

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CAT. 422

Cyrus Shepard j of tr ac the Pl w the Wyeth Exped in 1834 and his life and labors among Is of OT 3/3/34 to 12/20/35
213 pp 19 1/2 cs original board binding // type transcr w/ ^{13 copy found} ~~transcr~~

Intro

selectd by Board of For Miss oth ME Chu and the Rev Jason Lee to accp him to O. Party consistd of Jason Lee, nephew Daniel, Courtney M. Walker, Philip L. Edwards, and Shepard. They jd Capt Wyeth on his 2nd xed. . meetgin his party near I 4/27 and tvg w him until 7/30 when they left him near the sight of FH, and ctnd accd by Mr. McKay of HBC until 8/16 Arrrv FV 9/15 where S- remained when the rest oth party went on the W to found their mission. He took care oth school to 3/2/35 when he jd his assoca t the mission

thé j is carefully writte in ink opens w his departure Mass 3/4/34. note on flyleaf: CS bk purchd at SL 4/3 price 62 1/2 c there is a rough index on the flyleaf and back cover in a diff hand. . Part of the j is printed in S. A. Mudge, THE MISSIONARY TEACHER: A MEMOIR OF CYRUS SHEPARD NY 1848

BIOGRAPHICAL FOREWORD b Acton Mass 1798 1826 decl of faith j ME . . letter in Christian Advocate and Journal menti ed 4 Flathead Is to Wm Clark. . approp for estab of a mission in Ore ct made by ME Missionary Board, eng 2 missionaries Jason and Daniel Lee . . 1833 accid met Shepard on the stree in Boston, and reommended him as a Mis teacher

On 3/4 set forth Qitfit fo the missin had already ben sent b way of the Horn to mouth oth Columbia, and Cyrus to meet assors at Cincy. . there arrive 3/7, joined by Rev Jason Lee to SL 3/31 meet Daniel. . C to I; arr 4/12 on 22 the Lees arvd with Edwards and Walker, laymen on 26th jd Wyeths camp lv 28th

cross Ks Rv 5/3 PR 5/17 5/19 opp Chimney LF 6/1 to see beginning of Ft. William June 9 IR to Hams Fork of Green 6/19. This pt was the rendezvous of the fur traders for that year, and here W tried to deliver to Fitzp stock of goods contracted for previous summer. . Sublette beat him by 2 days. . result in FH

12 days spent at rendezvous resume j July 2 kaxhead of Portneuf to Snake R, reached 14th. . next day removed 5 mi down the rv to where Capt W is gg to build a fort." named after Henry Hall, oldest member of W 's co. . . 2 weeks in bldg the fort and hunting. . July 27 JL preached first sermon ev delivered by a Protes- tant w of FMS

On July 30, while W tarried, co resumed j, with Thomas McKay HBC thru Idaho and eastern Oregon to McKays mt rendezvous 8/16. . cting they met a part of Capt Bonneville's camp on the 27th and on 28 reached the Cayuse settlements. . to Fort WW Sept 1 4th down Columbis 15th to FV . . first time I v undressed and slept in a hs f 152 nights; vg s bn since we left the setlments 143 days; tvd 105 and rested in camp 35 days abandond Flathead pj and estab instead a mission among the Callapoewahs in WV C in feeble health, so remain FV + instructing 30 half-breed youth died in Oregon 1840

TRANSCRIPT journey pp. 1 - 122

4/4 left St. Lewis in stbt Ioway horrid oaths and imprecations 18 yr old slave caught in flywheel, crushed

4/28 there r in co about 200 animals of burden, viz, hrsse & mules, 18 or 20 head of horned catl and upwards of 60 men app on march remaind y of the vast caravans in Oriental nations . . Each man rides a horse and leads 2 others laden with merch and baggage side trip to Shawnee Mission the Kansas Is

5/8 Mrs. Sublett ' leaving toret to SL prob lose his leg or his life

St M
~~St M~~

~~at cost and carriage. . get cheese & pic les. . Here we leave the Platte bottom road and take the M trail thru the BHs.~~

~~6/2 Lawton very handy. . got lost from his tr nd Is took nearly all his clothes Armstrong with mt fever (6/3)~~

~~6.6 cross ferrt a littl diffic w Pomeroy's men~~

~~6/7 pass R IR an nemes datg back to 42~~

IR

~~6/8 to top of rock for better view of DG found it nec to haul r boots to make it anything like safe work to make the summit toss rockes down to hear edho. . an adv Kyian lost one of his boots over into the stream~~

~~6/9 cathc up with Lawton's train, , but we ~~o~~ keep him; they used him badly~~

?

~~6/11 last ford Sw the worst, wagons and carriages swept away hail like Bartridge eggs. . hrsses crazy camped at Pacific Springs~~

Ms

~~6/13 to GR v left the straight thru road and hd for SIC We are now ahead of the gr bulk of the Elon. . Armstrong still growing worse~~

~~6/14 Ms a GRF try to charge 86. We offer 50. .we found out fm an old mteeer that they had a Charter, refuse to show it, we take charge oth boats, backing our threat with Colts Regulators. . they produced charter. . paid 31.~~

~~6/15 ferry Blacks Fork at Bridgers ferry~~

FB

~~6/16 to FB 6/17 some buy suits of buckskin 25. . Bridger has been here 25 yrs. He looks 55 or 60, has plenty of money and no mistake, & a squaw wife. The Ms and him r bitter foes, but he has the rt side oth Is~~

~~6.19 start again. Armstrong getting worse~~

~~6/22 horrid steep mts, sidelin , stone, rocky, mud and mirey. . ruing teams~~

SLC
M

~~6/23 Ms v reasonable prices, are kind and accommodating . . dscrip of S:C sounds familiar. . few frame bldgd mostly sun dried brick called adobes. They are of a bluefish color. Most ofh Saints be in the Spiritual or plurality wife system but the better class are opposed to it. . I dont think any of them knows f certain how many BY has. . they tells all nus from 13 to 50 . . the sprit of insurrec is rife amongst them . soon rk of bldg the gr temple will begin. . The Deseret News stop and visit anywhere we feel like it~~

~~6/25 left City~~

~~6/29 left M settlement, 90 m n oth city, on to BR had to regulate th ferryman~~

HR X

~~7/3 to jew FH road 300 teams ahead of us here (cross Goose C (Columbia)~~

~~7/5 Armstonr g worse again Hot Spring V~~

~~7/13 now begin to suffer in earnest lips bleed ev time we speak mouths and throats sore from dust, heat and bad water. . most cro oked rv in the rld and cert the worst water 7/17 cross desert in gravel storm~~

~~7/19 burnt r cook wagon for fuel to cook grum to last us over the desert~~

~~7/20 Govt relief train one grand humbug good business lots speculators~~

~~7/21 Ragtown 20 canvas hss 7/24 road to CV 7/25 to Eagle Ranch, first cftble hs since SL. Armstrong near the end of his j 7/26 to M station 7/29 to the foot of rocky canyon into mts 8/1 mt lake valley bad roads unequalled~~

~~8/2 Leak Springs, 8/3 McCalles' tp 8/4 Sly Park 8/5 Weaverville 8.6~~

~~Diamond Sp Mud Springs Coloma Carson River house, 130 m from Sac~~

~~8/7 to Sac / City gotta have money on this trip we had 9 ferriages and 5 toll bridges we ad funds enough but hundreds did not~~

~~VALEDICTORY Armstrong died at the Eagle Ranch on 8/5 he was taken sick on the P 6/3 and we hauled him 1500 miles Pickerel remained and saw him decently buried In 53 he to states to bring stock 54. Mott in Marysville. Abby H mard and livg in Marysville. JH is Stewart on one of the river steamers. . The Rikers and Lich liters r min'ng on the Am River. . Mitchell has been the rounds with me, etc.~~

3/3/54

microscopic chirography vs. Clayton. . nd w the disc ov gold in Ca we quest forth to the diggings in the bks of Abbot and Goldsmith, but such is r suspicious, where the stakes r high, that we set watch upon them in the ms diaries of Newcomb and Swain. . the presnt such d j is another such instance.

Its disc affords us a collateral acct for the study of the Riker Overland Exped of 1852. . bed pub in Urbana in 1855, only known copy in Coe Collection .. the Riker party was a sm one, 18. One of the co died en route, and another was dangerously ill, off and on. Thus the ~~se~~ effectives was restricted to 14. It l be thus seen that any hope of a ctrib acct vg been written was tenuous. Nvtl, since hist is woven of innuyslender threads, and a def startg pt was at hand in Ricker's Roster of the Co, a search for pos descendants was instituted. In the Ohio homestead of the present day kin of their argonaut ancestor, Capt Snodgrass, the diary was located. EE

A cpaxison of his d with the Riker narr reveals certain identical passages, and at least one case of the ex of plagiarism is occlusive (not unusual on the pls). .the theft of his Platt & Slater guide is of melancholy interest. . the vol, under a mistaken authorship, has been the subject of unavailing search for many years. EE

ROSTER OF THE CO first mess Motts, Abigail Huntington, Am Bailey 2nd mess Skinner, Good, Riker Wyant, Lichliter, Aaron D. Riker (John F.) 3d mess Snodgrass, Mitchell, Taylor, Croner, Pckerell and John P. Armstrong

Outfit esisted of 6 hrss and 2 hrs wagon and 4 extra hrss etc and tvg cpanions

4/1 lv Indianapolis

4/20 SL with stock

4/23 wgs arvd today fm Cincy on Spar Hawk w John Huntington

4/24 Alton for STJ \$ 4/26 ss2 psgrs, of whom 210 for the plains measles

5/1 Lexington wreck of Saluda blew up 4/18 klgs 62 crippling & scalding 100 more result of vile temper and oath of the capt

5/2 past FLv Irish and Deck hands had fight, broken heads one chol death

5/3 dropped back to lv, perm to land the train errorin permitting myself to be elected cook, ditto Riker and JH cp 1/2 mi fm garrison sleep in r wgs

5/5 bloody flux Jayne's Caminative Balsam me sick [start of tax]

5/11 came into SJ road found it much worse than the F road, occd by the rain and immense Eon. . pass ordnance no firing of guns after sundown

5/13 passed IR Sx Is (60) gg to fite some naborg tribe south of them

// Turnbull's diary refers to guide book as by Pratt and Slater

5/17 found body of man most likely mrdrd by cpanions. Assisted in burial

5/18 cd 14 m below FK Saw the first Mirage

5/19 at fort repairs. 1700 teams and 20,000 head of stock ahead, lv poor feed behin

5/20 lt willow for fuel PR water color of yellow milk. . pass ov 100 teams today

5/22 kd some snipes & ducks cook wg hrss stampede

5/23 passed over 100 teams today more dead B than live ones

5/26 up P /crossed/earlier/ passed over the bluff 4 ms of steep sandy hill to go up & down H, and down AH to P. . sm tp in SH

5/27 CH & CRs land up here is perf worthless

5/28 app of mammoth chimney to a steam mill

5/30 cd 2 m e oth fur station nd 17 e FL (crossed 24th ~~st~~ sf, . pick up John Lawton, blacksmith, nearly starved

5/31 to F (L) got some blacksmithing done east of the middle fork. crossed it on a toll bridge . . By Act of Congress the F sells whatever surplus provs they have

L & C Hunter
Faulter

Wsl from 8/20 2nd J.

2.19
8/21-22
8/29

TYPESCRIPT

Accompanyg the Sullivan fam was Piersons, Mary Kinney 16, and Jack Boyle 25. outfit cstd of 1 heavy freight wg w 3 yoke oxen, loaded with provs for 1 yr. Eac fam had a lighte wg dran by 1 yoke oxen and one yoke of cows. Eac wg was equipd with a chicken coop on the hind endgate. on gg into camp the chickens er turned loose and allowed to forage for g+hoppers, bugs and worms

rain and mire in Iowa from CBs we er ferried across Mo R to Omaha. . there er a few houses on the west bank // but no orgd town or city

when we ferried at Shinn's Ferry we found the P ver y hi and the ferry not run+ ning. The cable had broken and anew one sent for. Capt Shinn was registerg the Es as they arrived so no confusion. . R party arrived early after the break nd the order of r wgs was 4, 5 nd 6. About 400 wgs arvd bf the cable was stretched. . Matters looked ominous for the first trip. Dan Switz, an es+pugilis arvd monag the last. He had a light rig and 4 courtezans. He refused to registe and swore he d g across the first trip. . bf bloodshed, the first/r/ trip of the boat came frm the West side with no load. Capt Shinn annc he wanted to test the cable and d take over the first load free to any one who d vol and not hold him resp for disaster; thus Dan over first. . . as it was this circum prolonged his life only a short time as he was shot and kd in Central City by Charley Harrison within a yrear

But the breakg of the cable resulted in a tragedy and my first exp w Judge Lynch. . ranchman knocks down E trying to take over cow. . E lying on the bottom of the boat pulled his pistol and shot the ranchman in heart. Capt Shinn called for a lynch court. . Verdict not guilty. . so the E, his cow, the corpse and the team of the deceased crossed on the same boat to p. 14

next is re crime in Colorado

p. 21 resume theme. R trip fm Shinn's Ferry to Dv pleasnat but uneventful. We met many Is who were peaceably tvg with their fams. travois bows, arrows, and perc cap guns. . At FK we laid over and the men went into the hills and got sev cedar poles, swung under the wgs as fuel. . we arrived in Dvr 6/5.62 and camp ed at west end of Laramie St. bridge. .

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CAT. 32x 432

R H P Snodgrass. " _____ Journal of the trip from Piqua, Ohio to Sac ac the Pls in 1852, w an appendix ctg prices current and news of various ~~obj~~ subjects. " March 28 to August 11, 1852 114 pp 12 /1/2 cm orig binding black leather/ types

S- accordg to surv fam, was kd in CW in ch he servd as capt of vols the j de scr the events on the way nd rt fod fm Piqua 3/28 by boat, train, and overland to SL, by the Alton to 1/4 FLV; the departure ov May 4 to FK, EB, SLC, June 23, the M rt to Raft River, the H and Crvs to Weaverville, the Am R to Sac 8/7 Auburn 11 It is preceded by a brief preface 1854 and a list of members, oth the co; and at the end r 2 pages of notes on what became oth members of the party 3/3/54

good legible script

TYPESCRIPT EDITORS NOTE: occ comes to liight a ctemp plains ms ch, aside from its inherent ints, is of spec val for oppo to comapre and chaeck the stms of a known and accepted diariest with those of another. . notes Stuart vs Irvings ASTORIA, Cyrus Shepart vs. Wyo1 Wb Wyeth Howard Egsn microscopic

in less than 3 or 4 days acct gr crowd. . swim catl across for grass. . one dn
 take the the watr nd had to bd dragged thru with a skiff vest 6 men drowned here,
 4 by upsetting of a skiff and 2 by swimming stock 125 yds wide, cold, d ep, swift .
 we hried a skiff at 2/50 ph, and 1 row s wgs over in mg
 7/1 did so, by dismantling (ferry dvcost 5 to 7. . this is ct of Snakes, many
 comically dressed in old clothes thrown away. . fuel wild sage as it has been
 since FL

7/4 celebrate at Quaking Asp Grove // the Balsam Fir Grove of Sawyer. here the tr
 crossed the divide septg the waters of the Pacific fm those of the Great Basin

7/7 no words to eulogise Bear Valley

7/8 Beer Sprrs and Steamboat Spring take HCO many Fr & Canadian half breeds

7/11 Violet Springs 7/12 Dry V Spr Provid nce Springs 7/14 Raft River, then
 intercept the Old Fort Hall Road. Very few v twd that rt this season. Bothwell

makes it in 6 days, capt of tr b FH g took 8 days//

7/15 City of Rocks 4 mils further Steeple Rocks, 500' hi. The passage between
 is just wide nough for a g wagon 7/16 Goose Creek many begging forprovs.

Would rather give then sell at exhorb price sick man forsaken by his co. A strange
 was waiting on hom, who said he d remain til he either died or recovered.

7.17 Goose Creek. . Deep Mud Creek. . Black Rock Canyon

7/18 Hot Springs Valley, midway between waters of Columbia and H-R ditto 7/19

7/21 HV good pasturage 7/22 gr of gman shot 7/2 by I while on guard, He was
 from Wisc + Canyon Fork Diggers bold ins g stealing 7/24 Current Creek

7/27 3 of r co left us today, walkin and packing their provs //note : this trio
 packed thru to Carson V, 288 miles in 7 1/2 days//

**enough wagon tires to make a Railway to Ca amazing dsturction

8/5 to the Slouth the grand Oasis of the H Desert haymaking beef from Groc
 ++water hauled by speculators at 1. pg // scel grasp of geography//

8// 11 singular beauty of narrow forest ch skirts Carson R

8/12 thous B lvg their wgs and packing last 200 mis Dr. Stephens and Capt Price
 put out this mg, packing upon horses, myself and W Price remaing w team

8/17 idyllic M settlement

8/26 Johnson ranch

8/28 found rrs in the sts of Hangtown mine at Weaver /Meber/ Creek Thus ends
 r lg j 200 mis or 110 days fm ST and 140 fm r home in Mo. . We v had unusual good
 luck, v all arrived at the West shore oth ctintin excel health, vg many cvens ch
 thous of others cdn get + for all of ch I feel thank ful to Him etd.

LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIA

THE CALIFORNIANS' GUIDE

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CAT 462 W W Sullivan. "Crossing the Plains in 1862" by uncle of William L.
 Simpson, Esq. of Cody, Wyoming. " type ms, 23 pp 21 cm

a brief acct, written in later yrs of j with father James nd family from Eden,
 Iowa to Co where they settled in Pleasant Park, now Bergens park. He was one of
 7 children. . st re Vigilance Com in CO, and later late.

FL during evg and visited the fort. It is a cleanly, nicely arranged place. . . in a beau / but rather barren v. . It is a welcome refuge for all Es who by sickness or other cs v bn so disabled. Estills & Co's Express mail line arvd her yet. They report vg passed no less than 7 or 8000 wgs bet St J and this pl. . mny horse & mule e temas lvg their wgs and fixing topack. . find mistake, we have to cross the NP after all, and then a 2nd time at the Ferry 130 miles above. A gr many will not believe but that there is a road leading up the NS /Editor: such a trail did exist but was not so gen travld. See Turnbull 1850 and Cummings 1859//

6/10 tr fm Quincy in tr at ferry acct rope broke. . boat sunk. . only 4 men aboar ~~none of whom cd swim~~ 1 cd swim, one made it w a plank, and 3 were sept down 6 miles toan Island where they er taken off next mg We are all gr misput by this accident, and plann how to cross this vexatious river. . cauled caulked one of r wg beds, made a pair oars, a d shall launch her in skiff style. . 40 or 50 v gibe up the ns. It is evident they l v to raft it at some upper pt, or return

6/11 by unlaoding nd taking the wgs apart etc. . animals swept back continually some near dñwnings of the men. . some oth boys unwell from their gr exposure for 1,000 dols we dn again be on the other side l cross again at Hickmans ferry

6/12 6/16 near Deer Creek 3 ferrys + temp ccerns got up by the Es + in opera, 4th one above. . Those who ctinued up the NS v made a road ~~we~~ and got along, where Major Sanderson of FL assured the Es a mt goat cd not make his way.

6/17 now at Upper PF. . all the way the Es er ferryg themss across in rude rafts & dugouts of their own cstruc. . there are about 300 wgs tb crossed bf r, turn wgs 5. 13 men ybn drowned here in 1 st few day vy / venturing too far in endeavoring to make their teams take water.

6/19 Rock Avenue evidence of terrible cvusl convulsions Prospect Hill

6/20 cattle foaming at the mouth, retching & writhing, poisnd by alkali. . we drenched them w vinegar & melted lard ch soon relieved them. . if this Sw weré skirted w timber it db a facsimile of the IB . . we v passed some time since FL McPike & Strothers Passenger train from Pike ct that left SJ 7 days bf we did. . now in the region of hardships & diffics . . some walkers are passing us. What men cannot do. . The Irishman w Wheelbarrow is now ahead and among the foremost h & m trs. . NS from FL l coubtless b main road fo futureE

IR 6/21 IR rightly named + nd l deserves so proud a title. May the I o r glorious ct ev rest on as firm a basis. . stroll to top. . granite so hard that steel, unless highly tempered, will batter ag it w/o makg a mark. . No man can form an idea of the mag of this massv struc w/o beholding it. . from here ctd 300 wgnsv mvg towestward along Sw meanders. . The road crosses this stream 1/2 beyond IR 5 mis fm the ford, brot us to DG compared to ch, in pt of curiosity, wonder and mag, IR vanishes into insig. .etc

6/22 saw large party Crow Is. Seemd fr; are quite decatful. . 6/23 many Es discrg on acct prob failure of their teams. It is evident that many must come short of the Ca mts. Ours hold up admirably

6/24 ~~2~~ Irishman passed us w nothing in the world but a milk cow apiece and a small sack of crackers they left \$ SJ May 8 nd r now ~~of~~ out+travlg ox teams.

6/26 SP

6/27 Estell & Co.s Express Mail Line now stationed here crosd 900 m SJ . . despite crowds have not seen a single f/g/y/ quarrel or fight yet. This, in a part oth ct where law cannot b put into execution in case of crime, argues much for the American character

6/28 SCO at the jc a half doz trs halted to b/ ~~debate~~ debate the merits of the diff routes. . many turned to get provs at the M City

6/29 soil a limelike dust. wind requires take off r wagon cover, clouds of into dust. . went 45 mis thru desert. . stedp hill at GR. . impos to cross in

- 4/12 Boonville interspersed letter to father
- 4/14 passed the residence of Dr. John Sappington of the anti fever pills
- 4/16 debate whether to go via SJ or a rt South of Independence
if we v not had a glimpse oth Elephant hi slef wev atleast seen showbill
- 4/20 //interspersed letters// sev stbts loaded with Cas and Ca wagons and animals. Lex present quite a poor appear frm the river. . crossed ferry here
- 4/22 take Plattsburg route to SJ (35 miles from SJ)
- 4/25 head one oth Cas remark that he had bn to SJ and seen the Elephant broadside broadside in the way of crowds and starvation. . ctradictory stments
- 4/26 sent 3 of r co to SJ to see how things r gg there
- 4/28 SJ ferry csists of 5 flatboats, the horse boat chws here vg sunk. . they r crossg the Cas as fast as pos and r now only 3 days behind (4/29). . am proud to say r Gold+hunting brethern r as civil a crowd as I ever saw. . upwards of 2,000 wgs on the plains. . Price & Stephens v gone to SJ today to get their likenesses taken to send to their better halves
- 4/30 intend to cross tomorrow and remain in bottom 8 or 10 days grazing. . an xpres from co FK informs Es there is no grass pn the pls, nor any feed tb had at any oth forts
- 5/1 cross, but not till 2 ntwstdg r tickets er taken out last Friday. . a steam ferry ard yest, but wl stay only a day or 2. She is bound for Big Platte ferry ferry r
- 5/2 or wg the Fulton Belle. . hrs & mule teams sneer at r ox teams. . we v pulled mule wagons out of the mud. . Geo Walton gambled, looks awful
- ~~mule wagons out of the mud~~
- 5/3 this Bottom is a City of wagons and tents. . not less than 4000. . Wm Price 1 g w us in place of J P Gibbs.
- 5/4 every conceivable cveyance, including foot. . old men, yg men, ministers, physicians, lawyers, mechanics, farmers etc etc
- 5/7 elements v entered into a compact with the Elephant. . snow & sleet
- 5/9 we are off. . only object to prairie road is crooked and irreg to keep dry
- 5/10 wolf creek db impos w/o the toll bridge 25c
- 5/11 now 5 wgs. . surprizg to see how many doctors r gg to Ca. Every train has 2 or 3
- 5/12 no powers of dscrip to carry a remote idea of the beauty of these boundless plains. . green ridges, like waves of a never ~~smxi~~ ending sea
- 5/12 by measurg the wagon+wheel and countg its rotations I find r rate of tvg tb in the mg 2 miles & 5 furlongs per hour, and of an evening when the teams are wearied, 2 mph. By noting the watch, & the gait of the team, I can come within the fraction of a mile of the distance tvd ea cay
- 5/13 gr with monument of Elkhorns, from 49. . tr lost 3 fine horses, thinking ti green to stand guard so near home. Some clever fellows who er tired of walking slipped up and rode them off note change in the car oth grass camp in Rattlesnake Hollow killed 6
- 5/14 Minewah 5/15 need umbrella from the sun; have goggles, of gr service. . aces bet trains r common and soti exciting. . wgs make a gr show, being winding. reminded me oth caravans that in ancient days, tracked the gr Sahara. . we are in advance of the majority meet retg Cas ev day at Jc IR hope to mkeet Boone and Callaway frs who seem al to v patronized the Southern startg points
- 5/16 exit by sunrise. . 20 mis back from BB the Flv road joins. . a co of U S Dragoons passed us here
- 5/17 9 mis fm BB passed Jc I & SJ rts. . the former not much traveled yet, the Eion fm I bg behind. . Posted card for r Galloway frs. . in co with Mc Cowan & Co. and an Indiana team but vn orgd a mess. . many horss stolen by white men. . Returnees try to avoid trains, cs they are pestered so much

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to halway

a vout 25 mi above the Sink sev thous acres of good grass, at ch place Es stop a few days to recruit their stock. . on the 40 mi desert there are sev wells but the water is so salty s to be unfit for use

fod Carson rv 100 mis and to the George Twn Gt+off, ch is forty or 50 miles nearer than the wagon road, bg about 120 mis over the mts

we arrived at Middle Fork of Am Rv 7/22 making the x trip thru in 77 days. The sufferg and death mst vbn ve gr in August on the plains, of ch I presume u vbn informed . . no gold

I was at Sac on 20th when the news of the Admission of Ca as a St arrived. The vessel that brot the news fired 130 guns The Lynch law is still in force; we can hear of one or two bg lynched ev week and strung toa limb. . a bad place for yg men who are easily led into gaming. In last 9 days deaths in the City were 164, princ fm Cholera

Joseph Summers.

ps please send me a paper ctng the official vote for the governor of Ohio //not in typescript//

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Fowler

410 James Folwer Rusling "Memoranda of Inspections fm F Lv Ks to GSL City U. T. 1866," 95 pp 14 1/2 cm original br leather binding // with typescript

notebk kept while on tour of inspec. . records ~~xxxxxx~~ cds at F Lv 8/1, Ft. Riley, Fort Kearney, Fort McPherson, Fort Sedgwick, CT, Fort Morgan, CT, Denver, Fort Bridger, UT and Campt Douglas UT near SLC Nov 2, 1866 and ends w notes on navigability of the Colo Rv

All these notes er incorp in the full reports submitted by Ft to QMG and pub in INSPECTIONS GY GENERALS RUSLING AND HAZEN. LETR FM THE SECY OF WAR TRANS* MITTING REPORTS OF INSPECTION MADE BY GENRALS R AND H (39th Congress, 2d Session, House Ex Doc No. 45, 1867)

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CAT. 409 William Renfro Rothwell. J of an ov trip fm Mo to Ca 1850; letters written en route and fm the mines; and a ms guide
3 vols, 289 pp, 25 cm. //looks 1 vol. journals, letters and guide.
ink on blue linen, bound + typed transcript

After his stay in Ca R retd home in Mo nc bcm member oth fac of Wm Jewell College . . W his letter to parents 11/23/50 ch he sent by his uncle, W. E. Stephens, he sent his "Notes of a journey" and "guide" for safekeeping with the thot they might be elpful to future Es etc.

the j, ltrs and guide give a detailed dscrip oth j ac the Pl from Fulton, Mo to Weber C, Ca in co with uncles W. E. Stephens and Capt Joseph Price, and his b-i-l J. Pemberton Gibbs who turned back 4/17. Reached SJ 4/27, crossed the Mo. xxx 5/1 and n 5/9 started west via. . SCO HCO, H and Carson rvrs to Hangtown, 8/28, and top mines on Weber Creek

ORIGINAL: NOTES OF A J TO CA IN THE SPR ND SUMR OF 1850 by Wm. R. Rothwell of CALLOWAY COUNTY, MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT: 4/8 after a gr deal o prep, expense & anxiety we r at length / in readiness to lv our homes. . f Sac V. we ~~mark~~ make r start tomorrow
LIST OF OUTFIT. my total 472.60 my 1/4 part 118.15 other 251.15
1/10 ~~xxx~~ roads in horrid cd. . to Columbia. . met Col Switzler, editor of MISSOURI STATESMAN.

B. B. L. C.

Y. S. S.

who

257.15
118.15
369.30

Arrived diggings 12th August the gold is found on Bear River

LETTER SAC CITY FEB 15, 1850 to Caroline Orvis Arcade, Wyo Co NY
in care of Israel Kibbe

have 800 dols in gold dust but expenses if I can stay here this season I think I can get home with 1500 or a thousand dollars on and that will make us comfortable.

vbn sick a day but I have suffered almost death coming over the plains. my iron constitution stood by me if it had not been for you and the children to think of is should of certainty of given up and dyed

original letter with Sac Cal postmark stamp

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CAT 463 JOSEPH SUMMERS LETTER TO HIS "ESTEEMED COMPANION" DRY TOWN
, October 30, 1850. Fed by an open letter describ'g briefly the over't and the mines 43 pp. 13 1/4 cm. w typed transcript

lettrs r writn across 2 pages in a sm notebook w glazed paper covers: MINERS' AND TRAVELLERS POCKET LETTER BOOK. DESIGNED EXPRESSLY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF MINERS AND TRAVELLERS TO THE MINES. by Jos. W. Gregory. NY 1850

the lettr, prob to wife (18 pp) tells o health, of his move m diggings on mf AR to Dry Twn where has partnership with John Gatherwood of Guernsey Ct. Ohio and lettr (25 pp) is same date is for pub if recipient wishes. . ov j from FTK May 6 to SIC, the H and carson rvers, the Georgetown Cut-off and the mf oth AR, 7/22, nd cds in the mines.

TYPESCRIPT (2nd letter) Dry Town Oct 30, 1850 / a few lines for the benefit of those who hve got the Ca fever. I lv it optionary w yourself to v it published or not

Since my departure fm home 3/28 v enjd remarkbly g health, except while in the City /Sac/ on 21st inst I had a short spell of Cholera Mrbus

We left Old Fort Key the 6th May, with 13 men & 10 mules. . we got along rapidly. . altho waters high we govt over them safely. The gr and only obstacle to us was the scarcity of grass.

On 19th June we arvd at City GSI. . This Vis singular in appearance and the most beau one I v ever seen describes city and farming intell and industrious people remnd in city for 2 days in order to lay in provs, but these er ard to get on acct of the scarcity

we left the city on 22nd cting r j up n s oth lake. Grass in abundance until we came to HR at head of this rv saw a man who was shot by an I, which was on 1st of July, named Samuel Oliver, of Michigan. He was on guard when shot, and died on the 4th. He was shot in the left breast about 3 inches above the heart. After he died he was opnd and a flint dart w as found near his eart.

The HR was ve hi, said by sm who tvd the rd last year to be 6 to 10 feet deeper than last yr. Its waters spread wide over the banks, drowning the grass and making it ve scarce.

On this river the Es saw hard times. . 300 mis bf it sinks the old road bg cvrd w water a new one was made. . freq obliged to swim the rv or wade a quarter of a mile nearly to r waists to get a few stalks of grass for animals. much Saleratus poisoning. .

6/9 to Bluff Crick 6/10 to Camp creek
 6/11 to San Hill Crick passed the Lone Tree some larettes was cut
 6/12 went 30 mis to ABR 6/13 33 mi to CR, at 40 miles
 6/14 to Spring creek 6/15 first timber for 200mis
 6/16 to Fort Laramie ford 6/17 6/17 crossed Laramie ford /NF/ and went 4 miles
 down ??? the river. Come in the road from I and S.J. There is af here built by
 the traders. Here we come to the BHs, near 85 mis across
 6/19 to la bonte river bullet wound all well as ever
 6/21 to Muddy Creek. . we are now over the BHs
 6/22 to Upper Platt ferry kept by Ms 3. pwg 6/23 left PR

6/24 went 26 to ~~DE~~ Forded Sw at Independance Rock a verry curious rock.
 The water at the DG passes throu a narrow gap in the mts. The rock is 400 ft perp
 6/28 through South /pass/ abd ti the Pacific Springs. . air so light throu this pa
rt oth Journey it is with defulty that a person can breath if thare is much dust.
One man died here with the Plurisy. He came here for his health; he was consomptive
 6/29 jc o Origon and Ca roads
 7/2 to FB, a tp kept by the mteers
 7/9 arv to City of GSL over 2. hi mts stopt here until the 10th (arrivd 7th)
 There was a gr many people here that sold th teams and packed

W /from here the j takes the form of a rem wherein the harrowing expers oth j fm SL
 r consolidated in a single lengthy entry. . a miracle that he did not eat the leather
 covers off his diary rather than that its pages went neglected during ordeal

~~7/10 to Nov 30: We /that is, the diarist/ and 9 remaining members oth co/ John &
 George stayed to sate for some acquaintance to pack. . ferry at Bear River the
 water was salt but I was epled to drink it or die. . it was dark and I was alone.
 The rest of th co had gon on a head.~~

The next day my horse gave out and I had to leave him and go a foot from here
 //he still retained his pack animal// I was a lone. The rest of the co went oj.
 It is every every one for him self. One days tv thru the hot sun brought me on
 the main road fm Ft. Hall. . fm here I tvd in co and in sight of teams and I cd
 camp every knight w wagons. I averagade 30 to 35 m a day. . . I passed throu Hot
 Spring vally in ~~at/~~ Snake or Root Digers ct, the worst Is on whole route.

from there thare I come on St. Marys R the land is pure gr /it/ and the
 dust is fm 8 to 12 inches deep. . 20 miles to Sink no water 45 miles acrossed
 the deasert to Trucky River I laide down to kick the bucket; but I thought
of home and it give me a lit more grit and would get up and stager along. I
 was so thirsty my tonge and lips cracked and bled but was able to get to the water
 and after drinking a little I felt better. Towards knight I took some grass and
 water in my kanteen back t the horse. . I poerd water on the grass and he eat and
 then he went to the river first rate. . In crossg the desert I saw 46 dead oxen and
 horses besides some live ones that cdn go any father. There was only 27 teams
 ahead of me and some 20 here. ~~It is now 30 miles~~

I went up the Truckee River ll the way 80 mis. I had to ford the rv 27 times.
 Co dn give ma any provs. . But when they eat brdfst in the mg I sat down and began
 to eat as hard as I cd for I had not anything since noon bf and not much then. They
 looked at me but sayed nothing. They was from Misourie. . I pretended to be half
 craisy and they sayed if I would leave in the mg they would sell me some flour and
 bacon. They did and I went on. . Some Packers overtook me and I tvd with them se
 days but my feet was so sore I cdn keep up so I had to v on alone but managed to
 stay every knight with some one some days 40 mis; some not more than 10

Bf crossing the pass I saw whare the Donner party was catch in the mts. . I saw
 the hss they made. We found a childs scull with some hare on

CAT. 367 ^ANDREW M. ORVIS J O A OV TR F LAKE MARIA & MARQUETTE CTG ~~WIS~~ WISC
 TO CA ND LIFE ~~TEXT~~ IN THE MINES 3/12/49 to 6/8/50
 87 pp ~~25 x 1/2 cm~~ 12 cm original black leather binding ink script legible
 and tw typescript

Letter to his wife. Sc City 2/15/50 4 pp 25 1/2 cm

The j records br the j fm Wis across Ill and Iowa to CBs, the nb Pand sw rvrs
 to SP, FB and SLC July 7+9. From July 10, when O started on alone, no entries
 er made until Nov 30, when he wrote briefly of his sufferings on the j from SL ove
 the M route to the H- and Truckee river and the Diggins 8/12, etc.. On Dec 1
 he again made entries almost daily until they break off on June 8 1850 in R
 Redwood ct. . the j is fod b 43 pp of mema, accts nd records of employm of helpers
 showg that Orvis y in 1858 was back on his farm in Wis.

TYPESCRIPT

INTRODUCTORY NOTE: AMO b NY 1819. . md engd in farming impos fo Caroline
 w 4 children and in poor health to go and imprac to remain in Wis and rk the
 farm. Acc, she retd to Michi and her kinfolk

Andrew set out 3/12 j is detailed, frank and for the mst part acc. . had copy
 of Claytons guide, therf took the ns. . Few oth gold+seekers had gone this way
 ??? and even fewer v left known js of this rtoue ????? From SL the diary
 becomes somewhat cfused. In the deserts A's horse foundered and he, unable
 to keep up with the tr, was abandoned by the train. . such heartless desertions
 seem to vbn commonplace. . Unlike others, A. won through and wrote the chronicle
 of his ordeal. The inartic voices of the hosts oth deserted speak in his pages.

On Aug reached land of gold. . prospecting tour. . found some gold succ vent
 ture in Sac real estate gay nite life of that wicked city on June 18 8, 1850
 he is mts busily trailg a band of maraudg Is killed so ld till 1895 + 76
 diary written in ink and ~~through~~ the chirography tho small is that of one more
 accustomed to wielding the scythe than the pen. The spelling is pic and really
 fascinating when one gets the swing of it E.E.

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3/12 left Lake Maria. etc.

4/14+5/28 we (3) went to Iowaville on the Desmoine R. . thru old Apecny or Ioway
 City. Then to Eddyville on the Desmois R. . Pisgah, a Mtown w 150 hss or hovels
 of small poles covrd with shakes and straw earth 120 ms. to Counsel Bluffs

5/5 arvd at Bluffs sold r wagon and bot horses, rided to pack, and orgd co of
 52 men and 104 horses and mules. We crossed the Missura R the 27th of May 70
 rods wide, ve muddy. . cb settled by a litle milk poured in it. . on 28th
 18 mi to Pappia ck.

5/29 went to PR and Libert Pole /the diarist is y tvg the M instead of the
 more gen used OT/ Crossg Elkhorn c had to ferry . revolver accid discharged
 and it lodged in my hip about 2 inches from the hip bone the musel by so near
 me as to set my shirt on fire I rode in a wagon in veryy much pain

5/30 Shell ck. . pistol ball cum out this knight in the knight.

5/31 6/1 went to upper ford of Loup Fork. Passed and old I Vg that had been
 burnt by the Scout band in the fall of 46. . we found a gr at the ford. A man
 /Roew?/ had been shot by Is shortly bf we arrived here. In much pain

6/3 still suffering 6/4 went 35 m to Elm creek

6/5 able to ride horseback again, slthou in pain to willow lake

6/7 went a hunting killed 2 Bufalow and one Antiloe i in co of 12

4/26 started from Beaver ck or the city of disappointment. . went to Bijou creek and cpd. . lot of men that come thru on the Smoky hill fork, come to us here and er almost dead with hunger. hey left some behind that they think is dead by tthis time

4/27 went past Freemonts orchard western humbug country

5/2 started for Bijou creek 5/9 still on Beaver Creek We bought a pine boz t today and some that tried to sail down Platt river and gave it up at the mouth of this creek. . .

5/9 turned our faces toward the East

5/13 we are on this side oth crossing about 10 mi and we meet a gr many of the cherry creek emigrants gg to california

5/17 met 132 teams gg to Calif and Utah and ve few gg to cherry creek

5/18 met 100 teams and 400 men gg to Calif

5/19 140 wgg to Calif and Utah dug a well 8 feet deep for water

5/20 119 teams gg to as all the rest are

5/21 to the fort turned r horses at noon to bait 125 wgs and 500 men

5/22 met 148 wgg and c 600 men, plus a few ladies

5/23 met 83 wgs and 332 men for Calif

5/24 114 waggons and 300 men and women ditto

5/26 met 173 wgs, 2 trains of ch was gg to SC with goods 3 m e Pvg

5/28 elm grove 6 men took up claims and land here and have got some of it ploughed.

this is the most beau part of the ct be MR and cherry creek they v named this place the city of Mahala 20 claims taken in all

5/29 10 mi to Shims Ferry crossed over Platte 4.50 cd on calif road

5/30 today passe 23 new log hss and one frame hs and a steam saw mill nu of wgs d exceed them gg on ss

5/31 cd on Elkhorn river at a sm place called Bridgeport passed

thru Fremont w about 50 inhabs

6/1 crossed the MOriver

6/28 home. . as well and safe as we were when we started and I think in a m healthy cd for I enjoyed the trip etc.

CAT [& ANDREW CRVIS J OF AN OV TR FM LAKE MARIA MARQUETTE CT WISCONSIN TO CAT ND LIFE IN THE MINES 3/12/49 to June 8, 1850 CAT 367

CAT 387 POWERS & MARY L. ROCKWOOD (Mrs. Americus Windsor) "The overland route, leaves fm the j of a Ca E," 1856. Ms copy signed at end: "Written by A. Field Richmond, 1859." 33 pp. 31 1/2 cm ink on blue linen

Dr. Americus Windsor Powers emigrated fm Vt to Wis in 1841, settled on a farm near Palmyra, and md Mary L. Rockwood. . later sold the farm to Warren Richmond, who had md into the Powers family, and in 1856 w wife and 3 chil std ov f Ca.

the ms dscrbs the j fm April 17 by tr fo Chi and Iowa City, nd ov by CBs, the P, FL, Malade River, R, Lassens Cut+off to the Sav v, with all hardship nd sufferg, and frlns of Mwomen, but gives few details of rt. 7 months on the j finalled settled in San Leandro

a note in pencil at end reads: "Mrs. Mary L. Powers died on May 1 1858.

The ms is preceded by a note addressed to the eds oth NORTH WESTERN HOME JOURNAL pub in Chi, 1856+1862. The ms was pub in full in THE AMATEUR BOOK COLLECTOR 9/50 to 1/51, Vol I, Nos. 1+5. The ed, W. B. Thorsen, has expanded the acct by insert pasgs fm ltrs of Mary Powers written to her mother, ch he quoted from SOME ANNALS OF THE POWERS FAMILY (WPowers, LA, 1924). Thorsen was unable to find that the mas was printed in the NORTH WESTERN HOME JOURNAL

CAT 386 GEORGE L. POPE "INCIDENTS OF TVG FM COLDWATER TO PP, 1859"
 March 7 to June 28 85 pp 15 cm original binding typed tr.

BR LEATHER

Pope w party of Mich men, left Coldwater, Branch ct, 3/7 for P. . to pt about 28 m west of Bijou creek. Many oth party had turned back at Beaver Creek discrd by reports from retg miners, on on May 2 Pope nd his cpans started back to Bijou c and the tr e by FK, Iowa City, and Dixon, retg to Coldwater June 28// wi the d is a photostat of a p frm NEBRASKA NEWS nebr city 3/12 w acct of arr at that town of the Michi co.

TYPESCRIPT

3/7 started from cold water at noon arry Chi. . by train
 3/10 from Hanible w frieght tr for SJ 3/12 got to sj Willow Grove ~~at~~ saloon
 3/13 handcart boys try to get passage with us. . many backpackers, some w carts, some w mules, some w oxen all cov and equiped as the law directs ???
 3/15 loaded up r things. harnesssed up horses, started for the boat. . loaded r traps on board of the Omaha City
 3/16 Amazonia, Notaway Island. Iowa Point, Forrest City, White Cloud
 3/17 sot on sand bar boundary line Ks and Neb Ruls landsing Hangtown, Winebago City, Arago, Brownsville
 3/18 Capt named Morrison. Sidney Landing Nebraska City unloaded our traps, got sot in the mud. got some oxen, got out, broke our wagon open, ran away. all gith now. slept in barn
 3/20 Bwkers co stopping at American House 60 c pd cold winds
 3/21 cherry creek miner, badnews about gold digging Sioux City brought passengers for Cherry Creek

3/22 depressed sprits got to see Elephant for ourselves Bowkers co swerving from the perpendicular altitude
 3/23 have engaged some papers called the Neb City News
 3/24 Bwkers and co giving up, seling out part of them tring to hire out to la Majors at 21 per month holster for my pistol and belt
 3/25 started for the mines broke 3 whiffletrees
 3/27 weeping water named from battle Goes and Rs, ancient tradition
 3/29 salt creek. 1500 Is in camp now co of 22
 4/1 snow and freezing elm creek 4/2 lay over as snow 2 feet deep this is best place for a ranch Elm grove

4/4 we are caught in the trap and now must get out of it we can
 4/6 remains of an ol p vg outnumberd by Sx 700 to 2000 circle of horses skulls
 61 in number nd remains of an old sod hs
 4/7 rv s shallow cnn hardly be used b a row boat
 4/9 went to the fort got some wood paid 50 ce for an armfull
 4/11 went to fort mended r wg and got 17 bus corn and 200 flour saw the flying artillery cmded by Lt Robinson 200 soldiers nd about 30 bldgs discd miners

4/12 to 22 mile point 4/23 to plum creek cd at 42 m pt Hastgins co shot B
 4/14 got to 52 m pt 4/15 2 m beyond cotton wood springs. . visit Xs camp. Huts made of poles ch si erect and tied at the top and covd with B skins sewed tog w sinews in a ve neat manr. In their habits they r ve filthy and their bodies nearly naked

4/16 passed Freemont Spring. . cd Gallens Bluffs near SF met mail from SL that co gets from the govt 250,000 per yr, SL to SJ
 4/18 / 4/23 cmd on Beaver creek some leave for home many begging their way back, clothes ragged etc. . we are now on a stand still and a day or 2 will tell whetehr we go or back.

now
 Boat

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roads divide we keeping the right hand one, ch shortly brings us to the NFP Camp SS P started for the F to see Col Hoffman ~~xxx~~ about selectg 3 officers to arbitrate the case (bet Magraw and Goodale). He apptd Capt Lovell, Dr. Getty, Surgeon, and Rev. Mr. Vaux the comtee met at 5 pm nd after hearng an ac of the diffic ccluded that the pro of Tim Goodale was a fair one ++ to give or take with a bonus of ?400 to the party sellg

FL most of time at Getty 's quarters. . meeting w Cpts Clark, Dickinson, Lovell, and Lt Smith, all int frs of William. . Col M desired me to tkae a further estimate from Beaudeau's Ranche to this Camp, ~~W~~ the road bg sadly in want of repairs

8/29 invitation to Church from Rev. Mr. Vaux. . Magraw beastly intxociated after visit with officers half the time since lvg I he has bn under the influence of brandy and sadly neglected tu duties assigned him b the Dept

8/30 Dick Poor, Long and I to fort, meeting Frank Clark, Dickerson, Villopegh and Livingston at the Sutlers store. . hailed by Maj Johnson in one of the adobe offices. . all hands but Getty concluded to attend church, ch was to be held in Rev. Vaux's house. He gave us a most beau sermon. . the best reader I can listen to after ch Maj Johnson invite me, Poor and Long to lunch. . visit Chey prisoner

8/31 affairs with Magraw & Goodale cmg to a focus. . former made some arrgs with Mess Ward & Geary Sutlers at FL, for them to buy the goods only paying the cost price at SL & he payg the freight to this pt amt to be paid Goodale 3617. . delays costing De t at least 1250. . including advance party at 250 pd

Mr. Mills Clark for Mess Ward and Geary spent part oth day with us
9/1 Magraw resigned the good to Mr. Mills clerk to Mess ~~W~~ Ward & Gearie
9/2 det to leave such a rasally Supt. . we call came to FL where Mr. Garie gave
9/2a room across the River and a storehouse for our effect O unfortable cct Is
9/3 in am preps for movg r quarters and finding eating houses about 3 Col Hoffma n ordred that tents be given us

Mr. Magraw to fort.. Poor passg the SS was hailed by Magraw he demands the barometer gets beastly drunk again he employed 2 men as engineers niehter of whom no anything of the duties one named Finley an Englishman the other O' Ne Neal the former tvd w the 10th Regiment of Inf from Lv, an incompetent we send an xpress to Lander hoping e l fall back on us and sustain all hands in this important move wne to board at Mrs. Johnsons

9/4 busy all day writing up the charges ch we prefer against Magraw we v not yet resigned only left the train acct Magraws brutality and bad mgmt.

9/5 still busy with writing up charges & preparg pvt letter to A H Campbell Eng Chief Supt of our Road

10th Reg of Inf left to Utah this mg . .

9/9 5th Reg of Inf left for Utah this am 9/11 aft at SS met a portion of Lt. Warrens command at the garrison. . called upon Col Hoffman and family

9/13 spent the mg at church Rev Mr. Vaux givg us a very good sermon

9/14 long walk up LR a most winding stream news band of 80 Cheys had attacked one of Russell & Waddell's trains loaded with Army supplies, a few mi e AE Kd 3 men nd captured 80 rifles and 2000 cartridges not an I was kd The mail ch left on th llth retd to the F today, fearing to continue to K

The Sx Tribe are grad drawing around the F. . fm apps they may winter here Mr. Garie Suter & I trader has sent over 12000 hides to the States (traded from Is) at a value of 4.50 per skin. . Invitation to Hoffmans for dinner visit to "Snooks+town" for my boiled shirt ?? . . at the Sutlers Col Hoffman cannot say when the mail will leave (w/ my charges)

9/17 express from FK had been attacked twice by Is Old Pa+pan the Trader ret t F from SB returned w skins horrible noises fm Sx acct baby dies. . old chief makes xcep to tree burials, digs whole in gr for child, stuck a big pole, a facsii mele of a barber sign, at the hadd of the grave, where it shines cspic

///penciled copy of charges//

& rejoined us. The man (soldier) who shot Young Kelly at Laramie is in irons at the fort waiting trial Maj Johnson informs me that a valley line can be had up the ~~BF~~ cutting thru bluff at AH and again at SBs ballast gv to west bank of Smiths fork No. 37

8/17 No. 38 26 mi fm B when it first present itself to our view (CR) tomorrow a g look at it, the road passg within 2 miles cross Lawrence Fork at noon. . splendid view of CR, Capitol Rock and Bs Major Johnson left us today. Capt Van Vliet and a det of 30 men meeting us at noon

8/18 Camp 39 re CR cone 100 ft, shaft at least 60 ft higher Old hunters say they c remember the time when the shaft was 40 or 50 ft higher. Mr. Bridger declares that a shaft of lightning knocked off a "quarter of a mile of it" for the first time since I we r vg a g view of mt ct getting to Cr rather lbaorious, numerous gopher holes, and canons fractures showing decay of this once very high column

8/19 No 40 reached Bluffs near sunset Col Magraw put the men to work as it required nearly 2 hours to make the road passable. . much labor lb required to make it a first rate road the dealy of a week or ten days with a large force is requitiste to complete the road per instructions DI bluff extends to the river, yet a suff space may be there to allow passage of rail+road

8/20 No 41 this mg Magraw wished to iron Henry Herndon, detailed to me in place of M M Long. . refused. . turned him adrift //the bastard// in the aft Magraw detailed me to go back 11 mi to the forks of road and take a recon up the upper road "Extracts from Rehrrers notes":

the work was cmnd at the descent into the ravine on the Eastern side - it consisted in wideng the road; easing the descent & making more room for the turn (in the bottoms) which is a very short one, etc.

There is a fine spring on the ~~7~~ e side oth Bs near the foot, about 1/2 mi to the right of the road. some lt work was done in making a basin or reservoir to receive the water. It is in the hard sandy clay, thro which the road is cut, whare it ap passes thro the gorge a reservoir might be cut here large enough o hold 15 to 20 hogsheds

. . csid work was done on the ascent from the ravine by cutting down the hill and widening the road. . double turn widened

Another spring, was s discd in the bottom oth ravine. . temp of Spring at the foot oth the Elffs was found to be 54. . elev oth road at its passage ~~thru~~ thro gorge to be 81 feet above this camp There are one or two points some 30 feet higher on the road west of the gorge that may be avoided The eh height to the summit or rather the highest accessible pt was 460 feet above this place one of the peaks to the South might be 30 feet higher

NICHOLS NOTES 8/21: news of fight between Col. Sum er & the Cheys nd that 70 o r 100 Is were kd & captured

8/22 23 waiting for Col Magraw

8/24 my birthday Capt 42 train came up to us and we cpd aoubt 1 m w Hrse Creek Crossing quarrel between Godale and Magraw +++ Reynolds n old trader Magraw procrastinates, probably scared of Ms

8/25 CO at L vg any amt of hay made at this point, parties who cut and stack it get 15. ton Reynolds Ranche or Lodge is just across the river from our camp. His squaw and 2 chil pay visit to Godale

8/26 Camp 44 made noon halt at Dips Ranche + Dips is an I trader and has bn cneted with this business for 30 yrs bf reaching D's r repairs r nec labor 25 men and 8 horses and carts 35 days for make a first rate road.

8/27 Camp 45 Capt Frank Clark Commissary Dept passed along with a cmdand of men & a few wgs en r for S.L. He did not at first recollect me. We crossed Laramie Fork 150 wide with a g rock bottom curr ve swift near this pt the

8/3 Camp No. 4 Major Johnson jd r xped intendg to g afa L he inspected the men and arms and taking 15 men as a "forlorn hope" started the train. . express from Gen Harney to Major J with letter from Col. Gummer

8/4 camp 25 more Cas retg w horses. . pass site of fight. . soldiers burying man, found with sca lp off and stuck on a pole face mutilated w tomahawk

8/5 No. 26. . B seen, but cant hunt on mules

8/6 8/8 No 28 Ctnwood Spring Creek hills a much bolder outline

8//8 Camp No. 9 S and NPs parallel for some 12 miles bf they make a jc . .

We passed / Look+Out+ Bitte a highconical shaped point of sand 26.9 miles Camp at Fremont Spring. . Goddale foments feuds between the Crogs & Magraw

8/9 No. 30 over O'Fallons bluffs, 3 1/2 miles Magraw refuse survey of forks

8/10 met one of Mr. Chiles' train returng fm L

8/11 No. 32 prepare crossing tr of Col Sumner under It R? He has Charge of 2 Chey prisoners. . Sioux pass, squaw and her child joining them ct passed over today, no repairs required. . only tree called Lone Tree we passed after tvg

6 miles. . Ev man crossg the pls has it ptd out to him. . grasshopper cloud

8/12 No. 33 after 2 mis we cross the / SFP take triangulations

8/13 N. 34 making for Ash Hollow the bug bear of the wagon road. . after gg 9 miles Mr. Lowe, wagonmaster for Col. A Sumner said he knew of a cut-off.

So Col Magraw decided to try it, detailing me with 3 others to follow the old road and join the train at the spring in the Hollow. When we had gone about 5 miles further one of the most enchanting sights presented itself to our eyes.

The Hollow was seen below us with numerous small rabines ravines. . in all imag shapes etcetc. it was a pix for a painter and really repays anyone for its numerous privations. . the great drawback of the Eion is AH, the entrance to ch is ve steep and precipitate one gr object in r coming is to try to find a new inlet by ch a gr s avg of stock and wagons may be derived. While resting in the Hollow, waiting for r tr, some returng Ca Es passes us among the number was one lady a Miss Sarah P & Pellet. . Col Magraw informs us she is a gr temperan ce x lecturer and was sent out by some Boston Co. to make or give breeches to the poor of Kansas.

After tvg 20.5 m Camp 34 was made within 1/2 m of right bank NF and west of "Fort G-attan" about one mile. The Fort is constructed of adobes, one story high. The ramparts r built of the same material about 5 ft hi by 2 1/2 thick 100 by 100 feet in area Immed opp the camp and nos rv was fought the battle of Blue Water + the western people call it the battle of the squaws as more women nd chi were kd than men. . some 70 lostthar lives, only 1/3 men

8/14 Camp 35 Col Magraw wishing to examine AH as to the prac of making a new road started the train off when he in co with Rehrer, myself and some few others made for the head of the Hollow + arirving there we made a thoro examination oth numerous ravines and their sources and at last decided upon one, which I had selected yesterday. It is to leave the main road about 800 feet back of the steep descent and making a detour to the right grad wind aroujd the hill a good road can be made with the labor of 20 men 1 month + After deciding upon the rt w the scep of Goodale and Eli Dufort, all started across the ct fog the lrg divide between the S & N Forks + After gg some 12 mis we struck a sm canon and keeping it we made the River not w/o some diffic as the route w as precip n ve rocky. Camp 35 was then e seen a mile ahead. . the mouth of the Ravine where we struck the V is called the "Devils Angle" the rocks forming grotesque figures and numers angles with each other. . We cdnv tvd less than 30 mis over a very rough ct . . aggrav b gopher holes

8/15 Camp 36 me squabble with Colonel Magraw who makes me walk, and unable to perform my engineer duties no obstacle in the way of a railroad R.R.

8/16 party of retg Cas, Tim Bromley one oth advance party, taken ill at FL retd

6/9 S & S unfurled to the breeze making a gr improvement in the app oth camp. Celebrations in town, and hangovers. 6/12 advance party all ready. Lander is the one who should be chief. Mr. Goodale is sutler of the expedition 6/15 advance party left town under Lander, Chief Engineer bf leaving placed the Corps in my charge. . . diagram of pentagon camp. . . Col Magraw in town Wagonmaster John Justice

6/26 Major Bridger, who formerly owned what wa s termed BF on Green River, paid Camp a visit. & is spending the nite with us. He was driven fr m his F or tp by the Ms who robbed him of his cattle, goods, etc. 3 years this fall. He will acc Genl Harney on his exped this summer. . . has spend 32 yrs on the Plains and is not satisfied with the modus operandi oth g people in the settlements is ve anxious to be once more leading a hunters life. . . arr of a I sqaw and papoose at camp, belong to a Fr trader, now in States, wants Capt Goddale to carry her back to Larimie. . . She of the Sx nation, not very pretty but remarkably fine figure. . . the chid quite handsome.

6/27 ~~X~~ 16 wgs packed and ready for the plains

6/29 20 wgs oth xped passed thro town about noon, presentg quite a fine pp

Sent my trunk to Hockadays store

7/2 lv Camp Goodale for the prairie. . . to Westport, crossing Little Blue River W etains about 1200 inhabs irreg laid out on rolling gr. . . 16 miles. . . later and via Mr. Lander dated 6/21 from Pattersons Ranch . . . he dg 40 mpd

7/3 7/4. . . drunk celeb. visit old Shawnee Mission house Camp No. 1

7/7 Kansas river, boundary of Shawnees and Delawares Camp No. 2 1 m w Chief

Johnny Cakes Ranche 7/9 discharge the Irish women Dr. Cooper, a humbug

7/8 portion of Genl Harneys train in sight, eating all the grass

7/12 side trip to Fort Lv introd to Genl Doniphan, Capt Anderson 2nd dragoons

7/14 to Mt. Pleasant . . . to right of Larimie Road

7/15 Camp No. 8 on Kickapoo Reserve 7/16 No. 9 Walnut Creek

7/17 7/18 Little Nemaha near t of Richmond No. 11

7/19 Escaped M train of 17 wgs Camp No. 12 Black V

7/20 Goodale discover Magraw cut-off, avoiding the ferryage at Marysville 3 mi s No. 13 west bank of BB level the banks

7/21 reach the govt or military road . . . Marysv inhabs furious at r detour

7/22 No. 15 Turkey Creek

7/22 Big Sandy, to Pattersons ranche l preparad for the Is, the hs bg palisaded camp on LB 1/4 m from Franche

7/24 day of rest for mules. Buy Hawkins Rifle for 75.

7/25 Col. Magraw in with mesr Hockaday and Liggit, bringing mules pass Russells catl en route for Utah, 600 head form corral

7/26 express from one of Russells trainsk that they had been attacked by 25 Cheys s and killed 5 of the redskins Col Magraw appt messes and guard

7/27 camp 19 returned Gas left Stockt n 5/27

7/28 No. 20 cross Pawnee fork. . . Ketchums cut+pf

7/30 Stansburys Coast of Nebraska No. 22 below FK P vg of 150 lodges, 600, on B hunt an inferior set of bgs use of ambulance

7/31 odometer measurement at flagstaff Camp 23

8/1 Pat least 1/2 mi wide, not the main ~~stream~~ stream, fork this side GI

W Rohrer visit Lt Marshall. not fm Krumbhaus, one of corps under Lt Bryant who is making surveys south of us, toward Fort Bridger

8/2 tents prostrated, all but our own Marquee, badly broken Magraw frm fort with news tr of 18 men, 4 wgs, 848 catl has bn attackd by 125 Cheys near Plum Creek. 1 mn kd, another badly ~~w~~ wounded

Is
 We pass their camps nearly every day. . beg for cloths and something to eat. . danger of an empty mess box. . cpd w some friehgter from Lv 5/16. . trains of 50 wagons, six yoke catl 300,000 lbs of freight for the mts. . almost useless to attempt to keep count oth teams we see bet O and Dvr

Cross
thru
 to jo oth N& S PRs. . Here we bought some wood +- long cedar logs and swing them under the wg. . I always say about so many miles for there are no means of telling the correct distance on the plains. .gues from the hours
 HERE IS THE THRILLING TALE. . cpd 1/2 mi from Lone Tree Ranch ch we vbn told is a reg den o theives. . r horses broke for the states 3 of us went to the ranch and hired a pony to go after his horses. . while we are distracted they attempt to steal horses, but are stood of in dark with shotgun

J.
!!!
 hand dressed in butternut hundreds of secech missourians on the road. They r nearly always dirty and m ignorant than the Is
 5/19 passed through Julesburg, a lt town of 5 or 6 hss. There is a road crosses the P here and goes to California. . 200 m fm Dvr
 5/20 struck what is called the "Sand" acct sandy roads. . but they are sodding the road now which helps it amazingly. We had to pay 75 c toll for gg over the new road

Rms
 5/22 come in sight of the *Rms* ~~Is~~. My language fails to describe the sublime scene pass sick family give them quinine. . pass jo of the river road and the cut-off, latters said to save 20 to 25 miles 5/23 went river road acct watr nd grass
 7/25 we came into the first settlement we had now left the Is we passed 4 tribes betw O and Dvr Ps, Sioux, Aians, and Pappahos. . into Denver.
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6/11 we left Denver to SC 600 miles.

CAT 361 Henry K Nichols. private. Journal. Cstruc of Ft. Kearny, SP and Hney Lake Wagon Road. Henry K. Nichols, (1857) "Fettsville, Penna." 94 pp. 25 1/2 cm. Original binding coming apart

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 HKN was first assistant eng oth xped under William M. Magraw, D.I., to cstruc that portion of the Pacific Wagon Road from FK through SP to Honkey Lake on the border of Calif. . assigned to the Eastern div under F. W. Lander, chief engineer, covg road from FK to IR

The j, prob begun about June 1, covers the j fm Phil 5/13 to I 5/23, 1857 and gives a daily acct oth xped until Sept 17, at Ex FL, where he left the tr under Magraw and was awaitg instruc fm Lander, who was w an advance party. A plan of the camp is drawn on p 14, June 20 br ink, blue paper, good script

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 ORIGINAL My object. . is to amuse myself at any future period
 5/13 left in co with Rich and Poor, my assistant (Richard L. Poor) train to opp St Lousi ferry to Planters House no room till 16th there Magraw Description of SL with dusty McAdamized streets. . here most oth E trains comple te their outfits. . w Mess Mallowney, Burcher Ficklin, Wagner, Chandler and myself take passage on the Morning Star lv 5/19. We met a portion of Lt Bryan' party on their way to Ft. Leavenworth. . land at Wayne City, stage to Nolan House. . I 3600, town itself not so allurg as the surrdg ct. . once all E trains centered here, but now the startg points are SJs and LvCity
 6/1 Magraw, Lander and Reher arrvd fm SL. . adv party csists of Landers, Burch, Mallowney, Ficklin and Chandler
 6/4 preps for gg into camp. M+ detailed to supervise transp of camp equipage
 6/6 Lander requested me to take the jr members and survey the road from town to the river. . attach Ometor 3 1/2 mis

CAT 391 M C Purviance, J of an ov tr fm Mrrristown, Henry Ct., Ill to California, April 13 to August 29, 1863
2 vols c. 208 pp original brown leather binding 15 cm

Mr. P, his bro Marsh J & Jonus Houghton set fm Ill to PP, arrivg May 25. From Dvr they tvd b Fort Hao/flock and FB to SL, thence to Sac 6/11+8/29 The j appe rs t vb written at intervals and not every day. It is pencil and so e passages are rubbed very faint.

ORIGINAL

4/13 started for P. . to Davenport for outfit //writing is good, but faded
4/30 within 2 days CBS. . the sun rose in magnificent splendor. The air was still and the little birds ~~xxx~~ seemed to take gr pleasure in singing for us
5/1 We drove into CBs. It is quite a sharp x city of 3 or 4000 inhabs. . stands about 3 miles back from the river. The land bet city and rv is so low and wet that the town lnb likely to ev extend to the river. . outfitting for Denver, California and all points west is the princ business. . crossed the Mo and camped for the nite in the suburbs of the beau city of O. . . O City is the most flourishing town I was ever in for the size of it. . 3000 inhabs The capitol of Nebr is situated on an eminence just back oth city. The view from the t steps in front of (the Capitol) is most picturesque and sub lime. . These two towns, espec Omaha, are destined ~~xxxx~~ some day to rank among the first cities of the West

5/3 we left the beau city of O. . . 3 violin players nd one guitar
5/4 to Fremont for the nite . . . 5/5 made up our minds to cross the ~~xxxxxx~~ Platte river at Lambs Ferry one mile from Fremont, ch obliged us to leave the trains that er gg to Ca as they all go on the ns. . ad formed sev acqs w whom we er loth to leave part with. . crossed. . the P is quite a lg stream th is csid water but not much river cs of shifting channels. . One days the ferry boat had 8 or 10 feet of water, the next day sticks on a bar

PV as level as a floor 5/6 up P all alone. . lonesome. nothi g to do but lay back in the wg and snooze. . go 30 miles and camped at Shinn 's Ferry, passing a camp of PIs. . begd something to eat. . out of the stiments. . about ev 5, 7 or 10 miles d cm to Ranch ch is gen nothing but a house built of sod. . make their livg off P. . preshet indics r ranch business l soon play out between Omaha and Denver. . pe ple buy what they need at the river

joins othrs. . we dirve when the train does, Sunday or no Sunday
5/11 fell in / cow w a tr o 12 wgs, 25 men and sev ladies (seems like everyone is from Iowa. . 6 violinists and lady on melodian, but they er gg to Calif and as the crossed at FK we parted. . Jonus / decides to go thru with the Cas

5/12 to PKey. If there is anything that cheers a person travelg in this wild un- settled ct it is to see the Stars and Stripes floating in the breeze. . perhaps 2 doz houses, store, po and ost of soldiers. believe Col Anderson has command of the post. Two miles from the fort is Kearney City, a small place of ~~aboutx~~ about dozen stores, bss, po and a few dwellings, nearly all built of sod. Seven miles from the town is where they ford the P. . .

No more alone. [no time scarcely that you can not see teams either gg or cong
5/30 ed with Missourians. . Secesh to the backbone Secesh songs hurrah hurrah for southern rights hurrah. . Hurrah for the bonny blue flag, that bears a single star. . we skedaddled. .

5/15 Cottonwood, about 300 mi from O, ditto Dvr. . er e lg camp Xious Is -- lazy, dirty, ragged pups. . not troublesome as feared acct M: nesota

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NOTE typescript and letters all in one lg volume.

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CAT 309 Alexander Love. D of an ov j fm Leesburg Penn to Ca mines, 3/20/49 to 8/23; expers in CA 1849-52; nd j home from Panama 52
235 pp. inc uding 2 maps. 12 1/2 - 16 1/2 cm. w tw transcript

the d is made up of 4 notebooks nd various sizes of letter paper sewed together in a homemade calf binding party left Lsgr by boat for SL and I, started ov 4/27. . SCO to FH, Ca Trail to HR and Truckee R to the Yuba and Bear RVs, Aug 23028. describes j west, prospecting in Sac V, trs w Is on Pitt River, and life at Major P. B. Reddings ranch 1851-52. . suf feyed fm chils and fever fm Oct 49 and at times the d is a mere record oth weather and his health. red 1852

ROSTER DEDUCED FROM THE TEXT Mess No. 1 Alexander Love, Henry Gamble (died en route or in California and 3 others. Of 15 others 5 died and Dr. Conduit "left the co."

3/20 left Leesburg Pa. . arr SL 4/1 reshirt fm Germantown to Alexander Hamilton

4/7 landed at I Landing. struck r tent in the rain

4/13 Galawy and Gossett came in with oxen from SL

4/17 Stevenson died this evening 4/17 start ag dreadful wind

4/28 beautifullest pararie eye ever behild

4/29 an old Elm; the tops are all cut ff it 5/3 crossd Canzes

5/5 camp amongst Wiendot Is 5/6 Vermilion, the line of the pantuwatomies & Ps

5/7 the Wakseruthia ///probably wrong, shdb south of Ks river///

5/10 crossed BR St. Joe Road 5/17 to Platt

5/13 drove past Ford Childs

5/26 to Lower Ford SB. . crossed over all same /// no AH///

6/1 Ch R 6/2 to Scots Bluffs

6/5 Larimies fork. . passed the Fort campd at White Stone Hills

6/6 Warm Springs

6// 11 crickets so thik: you are killing them w every step

6/12 at ferry. Capt Findley dn let us v his to cross on but cut them in too and sentt them afloat 6/13 got our ferry in order . . got over safe cd M ferry

Mighty structures of the Hand of God 6/17 Dr. Conduit left the train

6/22 Haild Oregon 6/25 drove all nite and now enc on GR 6/27 all confusion here in ferry rv; some w wg beds corked, some w rafts and ferry boats a making.

we are to cross in a sheetiron boat

7/5 Soda Mount grts curiosity on the J. . crossed BR ?? 7/9 FH 7/10 Am Falls

7/14 from Cassia Creek to s waters that run into the Great Bason 7/21 Steeple

Rock Walley 7/22 SL road comes in Goose Crick 7/24 Hbt Spring V 7/25

Boiling Springs 8/14 pass the Cinque 8/16 Trucky River 8/22 Trucky Lake. .

r camp 60 rods of the burnt cabbn where the unfortunat Donn Dona party perished

8/23 into Uber Valley 9/1 drove to Bear River, passed Johnsons. Heard a cock

crow first time 4 months 9/3 to Vernon City at mouth of Feather Riyer ~~xxxxxx~~

on the Sac

/// to p 65 of 171 typed pages

returng Es. . Yanke pedlars Capt Boscombs ox train good many returng w
 gloomy acct little grass 8000 waggons ahead
 6/5 visited by det of U S officers & men, a det sent to the states for sup-
 plies 6/6 Ps hunters bound for Arkansas river, up to 300
 6/8 enc of Sioux and Cvenine. . mustered out in full array with U. S. flag
 to receive us. . form line, block r progress. . some pilferg and exchanges. .
 a war party in pursuit of the Ps we had seen. . come to the P
 6/9 Col. Bonneville urges us not to go packing. . 1700 Sx v gone up the P

X } CAMP AT LARAMIE 6/30 left Key 10th ultimo, forks on 16th. v nv seen prettier
 flowers, worse water, & more mosquitoes. . luxurey of a rain most every day
 15th immense herd B. . the hunt. . stranded at nite with Is and wolves
 on 20th fight between Beach and Tibetts. . T fired at B. . the ball entrd 1 1/2 "
 fm the backbone & passed out at the pt of the ribs, dangerous wound. . Beach
 ran a few steps and fell. . cowardly & fiendish act. . T ran to his tent &
 brought out another rifle & tried to shoot him again & would v done so but for
 his own cowardice as 20 rifles dv fired at hm on the instant. This stoped us
 for the day. . Beche 's wound attended to by Dr. Smith of Col. Wilsons train. .
 In evening we took the vote oth co re Tibbitts, when'e was voted out oth co by
 a majority, I bg the only Kyian who voted for his bg punished. I desired that
 we shd take him to Larame & sent back to the States for trial or other
 wise death with. . We started him off on the instant, letting him take his two
 mules & pack ch it was no punishment at all. B' leavg the scoundrel expressed
 gr penitence & asked Beache's foregiveness, ch was gen accorded. . Place B in
 Col. Wilsons light spring carriage. . gr suffering

21st reached AH. . landmarks r described in my j. . visited CR 25th. I
 was richly repaid. . I climbed up as high as security d permit & engraved my
 name. I saw where others had gone higher but cdn make out the fools names
 I also engraved the names of my lady acquaintences

28th we reached FL. . vbn splittg up r co. Henderson boys v ccluded to pack. .
 some sold wgs for 10, threw away all but provs for 40 days. . example fod by
 Capt Poseys mess leave Beach who is recovering drew lots for a nurse
 I do not part w wagon until forced I reach Ca Sept 1

> FORT BRIDGER JULY 3d: at FL 8 of r co left us & packed have not heard of
 them since. . Now we r preparing to pack. . 40 lbs flour and 15 lbs bacon
 per man. . we v past nearly all the E & r now near the advance. . have been for
 4 days with U. S. rain for Orrigon, rendrd assistance in / crossg CR. Geo M.
 Crittenden commands one devision. . rode over the most barren God forsaken rode
 imaginable. . my beli belieif is at the subsiding of the e Deluge all the sins
 of the antedeluvians were washed in a pile here
 gr suffering reported on SCO. . wise to take the old route to this place

SAN FRANCISCO November 29. . health bad. . sound of hammer 35000 to 40000 inhabs
 of all nations and climes every steamer crwoded. . sail vessels to Panama
 dayly. . poor emaciated creatures advise all in the States to remain there. .
 Tut Eastin who was for some time sick in the Sac hospital has recoreded, & pro-
 cured a situa in rung a circular sawmill there. . Dr. Slaughter is dealing Monte
 in Sac

> LAST LETTER TO FAMILY FROM SF 1/30

SF 4/17 letter to Henry Lyne from James B Hine. . painful duty, death of your
 brother. . had recovrd his health entirely nd I had gotten him aitua-as super-
 cargo on a sm vellel between this city and Marysville. . fell overboard. . body
 recovered and decently interred on banks of the Sacramento

7/25 from Grubb praising his character

had passed over much worse road than those who came by FH and near 100 miles
 father, grass no better Goose Ck
 8/5 to Maries River
 9/3 Fremonts Pique Bear Rv V Uba Foad start diggg at Deer Creek

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CAT 312 James Lyne. . of Henderson, Ky, to family while en route Ca nd
 after his arrival in ~~W~~ SF. 4/22 49 to 1/30 50; and letrs written by James B.
 Hine and Samuel T. Grubb after L's death, 4/17 and 7/25/50
 12 letters 48 pp. 25-31 cm. w typescript

The letrs g a gen hist oth t pour fm SL 4/13 to FB 7/22, diffs, sickness, Is,
 att to Col Wilsons train, dissol at PL, nd ods in SF. Hine describes JL's death
 by drowning in Sac River. . laid in the vol are 3 leaves fm the Louisville
 COURIER-JOURNAL-MAGAZINE 1/25/1948 ctg 2 articles: "A Century of Old" and "Ken-
 tucky Gold Rusher". The latter is about the Henderson co and quotes fm a j
 oth trip kept b T. A. Eastin ch is now in the Library of the Filson Club
 of Louisville The j covers from I to a pt west of SL

TYPESCRIPT

> Roster 1st Mess: James Lyne, David Herndon, Edwin Hall S. N. Eastin,
 James Wilson. . 5 messes 19 men altogether Henderson, Kentucky Co.

> Galloway Ct April 22. . week out of SL. . whole ct thro ged w Es. .
 sent my minature to Sally fm SL

> Camp near Indapendence 5/4 harmony and g fellowship we v seen enough oth
 Elephant & d willingly return home but pride will not permit the thought. .
 c attached rss to a Col Wilsons train 60 my wonder is if any are left in the
 settlements

> Camp Near Blue River 5/9 left SL 4/13 arr I 5/1 camped 20 m fm I
 23 men 49 mules & 5 waggons. . w Wilson lb 75 men, near 200 mules & wgs in
 proportion. . I take 100 days and mus nec suffer one half the time
 /// trivia and sentiment, mostly, spacewise ///

> Camp on Kansas River 5/22 left camp at Boggs Spring Bull Ck the Woncanosas
 or Black Cbw ck chronic breaking of axels race with Pioneer Line whom we
 beat in spite of r delays. . kind of pasngr tr ch advrted to go thru in 60 days
 numbrg some 40 wgs and carrages upwards of 200 men They ave dubbed us
 the TELGRAPH LINE

Dr. Herndon and T. Eastin r now out hunting a new axel beaur parrarie
 but not 10 m of itimber in 100 miles D Kough village. . We v joined a l equipd
 co-cosed of Carolinians, Tennesseeans, and Louisianians. Col. Wilson is an
 old and experd frontier man, has passed much of his time among Is etc.

> Camp 100 m fm Platte 6/2: laying by acct David Lockett. . lost Mr. Woods
 of the Carolina @ at Big Pervilion. . discouragements. . Ben Floyd ls us

> FORT KEARNEY 6/9/49 ard 11 AM last chance to write: extract fm my journal
 6/3 Floyd leave, acc by Lockett & Ball. . all rodes g thru fm the Kansas, but
 each ravine and creek has mis crossgs. . Poseys team ran away. . muddy lagoon
 full of wiggle tails & bugs, and no wood
 6/4 breakfast a lick & a promise. . met mt raders w 5 wgs of furs, robes, &
 on their ay to the states. a more fav report of trip ahead than we had heard

now 35 m, 14 yr. 16 hrs, 1st of Bleg Rogers, USA of Shawshank
 refer to his book - Ruby v - (Mrs. Dell
 animal class on state property: stamp
 9/4 C @ A D - in center of I
 Back of track of P2 - near
 To Fox Church, near

can
gam

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1850

W. Wilson

William Wilson, "5 Day Book" - ^{Paul} April 104 H
 [... ..

This is a ~~...~~ ^{...} record only of ~~...~~ ^{...} written
 and
~~...~~ ^{...} ~~...~~ ^{...} ~~...~~ ^{...}
~~...~~ ^{...} ~~...~~ ^{...} ~~...~~ ^{...}
 as obtained on ~~...~~ ^{...} ~~...~~ ^{...} ~~...~~ ^{...}
 The "Museum" to the men, by 19
 The ~~...~~ ^{...} for collection of ~~...~~ ^{...} the
 family, the ~~...~~ ^{...} "Swamp ...", of ~~...~~ ^{...}
 "Park Camp" - "Fourth Bridge"

9/22
5/17

[President Lecture]

recollections
 Crane
 Ellery Bicknell ~~Crane~~ / An Oxford trip to Co. - to year 1860, "Proceedings of the
 Worcester Society of Antiquity" 17 (1900) pp 367-367 [speech]

In 1850 pop Cal was 92,600. In 1870, year in which visit St. was 280,000

Start
 Prep - 1 hour w/ 12', water-light, 3-4 osto ostra in house, x-tis, - 1 mile, d-b. Smt.
 gum, Celt's row, ostra-m. p. - bread, beer, bread, molasses & coffee

number
 1) marked for oxygen. Countermetal - drilled out of camp - outside dip tanks
 to lower to old of Chicago
 2) 1st ostra pile w/ O. Succeeded in digging some fine & return to top spread. near the
 town, stop in the east of welland, wound up in 25' depth - buried by getting hold the lilies

Start
 Grand Mump - Dubusua (for luncheon) - Platte scenery
 5 Lv O 6/8 - had ostra for dog, brass run w/ it, scattered

15 men
5 wgs 37 hours

7) Bridg'n gone or wood RWA pipe w/ babies, gull rope
 8) 6/15 fall on PR opp FR - spray fresher - Govt mail had not be able to cross p. -
 wish. Cha Garnett & 9 volenteer, take 2 tallest men, cross 10 channels require
 swimming, etc - B hunt - can outdistance horses - loose hot/amber

B
 2/21 Six Is on flat ground, was party of B, all the pump & ostra of a row of 6:3
 Is regular. No water of their own, but some is well described - another ostra pile

CR
 FL
 Castle Rocks on west ^{of the} road NS - 6/27 CR - ^{270'} feet h. - winter
 visited it, & local name base of ostra
 FL - to Sp in fery - one of us party near channel. I try to see of larva
 water of fermen was

stop
 IR of 1 man of Job C Funt 1842 - 1845 - thurston - SP, also all
 and, dirty or go him huge smokes

9) after SP, came to Singsis Hollow. Under ostra, all left of 70 goat wgs

MS
 Cup & bowl of MS 2 yrs of - M plate & Ostra, ostra pile
 1) Great view of GSi - record of 3 wgs
 2) Dried to go of Singsis Cut-off. exp'd of Lt Jan H Singsis, & had of PE
 3) I chief return ostra home

CAT 301 John F. Lewis. J o an ov j writn in fm of a letr to sister Sarah , begun at SJ 5/12 and ending at Deer Creek, Ca 12/31/49. . Tod by a ctin of j of JFL 1/1/52 to 10/31/54
 91 pp 8/ 33 1/2 cm. //type transcript for 1849

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j covers j fm Huntsville, Randolph Ct, Mo to S J, ov via FB, SL, M route to Goose Creeek and the H-, and the Truckee River rt to Donner Pass, Yuba River and Deer Creek. . life in mines to 12/31/49 "Ctinua lison farm, Mo.

FROM TYPESCRIPT

~~5/12~~ 5/12 SJ we vbn 15 days cmg fm Huntsvill, Randolph Ct to S.be. . reached ~~feary~~ feary 10 m above SJ 5/11, exhausted. . 5/12 crossed the feary 3 pm drove to Prarie Blufs ///some words and psages illegible///
 5/15 bark wigwams of natimves at Muscutoe Creek 7/// ~~as~~ paragraphs, . .///
 5/18 struck in with a military team of 200 wagons and sev cos of Es that were detained sev hours by them, after we er all strung out the wggs xtended 5 or 6 miles. .
 5/19 one of r men fatal with the cholera
 5/20 one gr w 3 bodies. . this was a little searious time.
 5/21 arose this mg in fine spirits !!!!!
 5/23 cross big blue. . met an old mouse-tamer, spent evening in skg questions
 5/27 r co separated, bg too large. . now have 20 men
 5/30 hitched up in gr haste to get ~~axand~~ bf a train
 5/31 cpd 3 miles beyond Fort

Continued ?

Fk

B

Dray

AH

Qms

SB

LFF

IR JP

S-c

6/1 saw B for first time but he was crippled and 6 or 7 men after him, I did not int errupt the poor fellow
 6/3 enc on plat, the moon is shing beau nd I am sitg by wg tongue writing by its light and the perfect stillness around adds gr to the pleas hrs of reflec, noth ng tb heard but the rumblg oth str and footsteps oth guard
 6/4 music fm fiddle and camp kettle
 6/6crossed s plat 12 miles above the fork 3/4 m w desert to nf, 2 1/2 ma
 6/8 ascended the bluff ch was steep, drove 5 miles and came to ash hollow. . beau adorned on one side w green brush & rose bushes in full bloom; on the other is a steep bluff of rock 150 ft hi. . IV 7 wigwams
 6/10-12-13 Castle Bluff oposit the coat house Q, CR, the tall pique ch extned fm a beau mound, ch seen 25 mis bf reaching it. . steaple of a ch
 6/14 muscutoes & B knats. . now in a gap between Scots and Main Bluffs. It is uselss for me to try to describe the beau of these piques. . at noon passed a spr ch gushed out oth bluff at the head of a little ravene. . There is a bass belongg to an I here when we left we ascended a long hill. etc.
 6/17 reached LR whare we had to hoist r wgg beds
 6/24 cross vic Deer Creek. . current near tear r raft in peaces
 6/24 passed upper feary willow spring 6/27 6/28 IR beatn smooth by hard rain
 6/29 coolish for me to try to describe
 7/5 cross ridge ch divides the waters oth westn-ctint 7/8 CR
 7/11 FB a tpoint occpd by sm french. . in a beau v on bks o Blacks Fork. . told by Mr. B that the road by Salt Lak was much the nearest & most pracable road for us. . leave letters with him /// much detail re exact meanderings///
 7/18 SIC rather idyllic pastoral scenes. . passed thru city capd ns 4 misq, c. 3000 inhabs. . Ms very sociable
 Weber River, last Mhouse flaterg acct oth gold regions in Ca. . Boxelder creek Casus creek 7/29 FH road Bridgers advice nogood, we had passed

to the mines , and thereafter

TYPESCRIPT

FOREWORD... ORIG. MS. WRITTEN ON TOUGH BLUE LINEN. LIGHT WEIGHT & WELL PRESERVED. blank ink somewhat faded brown, and blue with no fade. . handwriting small and delicate. . . some tremor shows rough expers. . . lived to 86 at Portsmouth

Line

4/12 left Portsmouth for Ca b. ov. rt w l wg etc on sbt Scioto. . . at Cincy re-ship on Midas // ~~does not name boat to I~~ 1852 stopped at F Lv up to Pontiac No 2 stuck and sunk on a snag. . . took what pasngrs wanted to go with us to I. . . 4/27 to St. . . met by Portsmouth boys

letter to wife 4/27

4/28 gr skimmers at St J 4/29 started to ferry / wind
4/30 got over river first trip 50c ea wg 25 c ea span
5/1 Bck I bridge 50c ea team I mission death John Bubo Dayton O
5/7 BE 3 pwg dogs frighten and stampede r team
5/15 down to Platt Prairie c 6 m fm Fort Carney

letter to wife River Platte, IT 5/16

writing to you in r wg wrapped up in blankets to keep arm. . lost son P boys
5/17 mail at fort 5/18 mirage of clear water
5/19 mistake to kill skunk 5/20 US Mail on back trip stop for dinner
5/25 crossed SBranch of R. Platte
5/26 steep gg down to AH. . grog tent at the spring 20c for whiskey
5/28 totop of Castle Rock for the view /prob GAR
5/30 Sabbath rest -- Is on war excursion
5/31 passed thru gap at SB

FL

6/2 pass sev tradg stations to FL--2. for crossing on a bridge. . Went up to the Garrison. Found abundance of evthg. . all the garrison health, some Es inhospital. . off cers obligg and polite. . ve little garden-made. . some peas some good frame hss, preps for bldg. . some brick bldgs, the brick was burnt
6/3 Es not allowed to camp within 1-mile --- supplies--bee, tallow bacon sides

BHs

6/7 indications of an eruption or earth-quake. . thru ceter of what seemed tvbr: a volcano or burning lake. . 33 300 acres in the basin
6/9 7/50 for ferridges, an imposition
6/12 to Sws 40c for rafting r wg over DGap for dinner
6/20 on the dividg o At and Pac waters it is a poor cy, desolate to look at. . gr many wgs cong into rest bf they entrd the 52 miles of a barren dry desert
6/21 at GR steep gg down 6.

Bokey

6/29 S or Beer Springs, worth tvrs time to stop nd see them. . I & Fr traders had from 800 to 1000 head of H & M for tradg to Es. this part oth ct has been viol thrown up by eruptions. . lv Oregon or PH road
7/4 gr variety of herbs and flowers in this part of Oregon. . wild wheat, wild senna, onions, mustard parsnips
7/7 jc SL road St. Marys River thieving Root Diggers
7/27 at Carson River sev groc or gambling grog shops call it Iron Rag-Town
7/31 too Scotts Out-off, first house since Iowa Mission 40 m fm SJ
8/8 Humbug Diggins / Letter to wife from here, same date to Grass Valley

Washo. L.

net 8 Sharp 52

*8/5
4/30*

5/23 wind blow victuals away bef I cd get it fm plate to mouth. . many turnbacks, had lost wives, husbands, children

5/26 came to PR Platt 16 m below Pkey. . 1 grave

BK

5/27 BK there are a couple o' hss, 4or5 mud huts, where Is live

6/8 crossed some sandy bluffs to AH (from lower crossing)

6/9 sandy bluffs. . waggons runs heavy, large Bluffs of nothing but sand Buffalo heads lay thick along Platt. . many antilopes. . run out of willow brush

clms

6/11 Mrs. Drake hat attack oth cholera, also yman, who fell off his horse. . he lost his reason and the man he was with hauled him to PL and left him. . Mrs D got over it in a few days, cholera do to alkali water

6/12 CHR cr gncs, pat cr 13th crossed Scoots Bluffs

I Pts

6/15 along Platt Cholera / raging. Is had a fight w some emegrants in there camp close to our camp; killed 3 whites; 9 Is got killed. There was several fights w Is in diff trs but they did not tr us much as we kept well armed

FL

6/16 FL soldiers here to keep the Is peaceable, , gr many Is here. . Some emigrant lost most of all there teams and cdn get any further, and I v heard since that there was so many had to stay that they run out of provs in the Winter and eat over 16 horses before the emigration of 1853 came along

6/17 left PL 6/18 had to shoe r oxen acct sharp stones

6/20 much I camps 6/21 crossed nf 15. for 2 canoes

6/25 stampede, kd catl, broke yokes, scatrd water degs, , wild catle the cause had to repair several wheels, and scavenge for parts

7/1 IR 4-6 wind blew over 3 waggons. . chained ours together & staked

7/7-9 SP 7/10-12 took S-L Trail

7/17-21 GR 3. 7/2 miles from SP

7/22-26 SS 7/27-9/18 at FH dead catl on road thick is die from cholera in Blue Mts the prarie was on fire, and timber was in fire. . some started down SR 300 m above FB, and a gr many got drowned

7/19 to 21st at D. down to Cs in I canoe. . sbt to Portland

9/22-24 arrived at Portland 12 mi below Ore City. . vessels fm ST

9/25-27 hired by saddler in Oregon City

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CAT

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TO NANCY A LEWIS PORTSMOUTH SCIOTO OHIO

Start over again

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CAT 302 Thomas Cotton Lewis "Memorandum or Notes of Thoms C. Lewis & Son April 12, 1852 to March 24, 1853, o'n ov j fm Portsmouth Ohio to Ca; Mr. L return by Panama in 1853, and 7 letters fm Mr. L to his wife Mrs. Nancy a Lewis, on road from Calif. April 27-Sept 29, 1852 she at Portsmouth Scioto Co Ohio // 94 pp 24 1/2 cm // typescript

TCL b Wales-1805, to Portsmouth 1832 in 1852 he and son Charles crossed the pls to the mines. . fore word by grddgr Frances Lewis and as an appendix an summary of expenses and random fittings, and list of psngrs on schooner 1852 . . Portsmouth to Cincy, SJ 4/29 SCO SCO H- to Carson Rv Scotts cutoff to

6/25 sam catl across GR wgs ferries 7.

6/29 Nelson Tice of Pine Creek, Ogle Co, Ill Diareah & womating cramp
Expired. this a very Solm Scene buried him in a Beautiful spot where r
written full of names, 1 m fm BR

7/2 SS Iv and sev traders

7/3 says SCO but means HCO 7/10 Steple or City Rocks a cluster of
monumental rocks xtendg upwars hundreds of feet w thousands of names cutt
or painted on them. also the jc SL road and SCO. this is 167 m w SL ..

Cross Goose Creek range of mts 7/14 hot springs 7/16 Marys or Humbolt R

7/28 ccluded to take the Shasta or Knowbles rout. . a new rout across the SH
& leads into the n mines & has nv bn tvd bf this yr

7/29 at the jc. . this follows the Lawson rout 54 miles

7/30 Rabbet hole well 7/ Black Rock Rock mt and boiling spring
many wgs left on this desert bones, bs tools, saw mill machinerys. here leav
the Lawson rt and turn left

8/2 boiling spring 8/4 monday lake

8/5 smoke creek 8/8/ willow creek

8/9 Honey Lake vally 8/11 into mts Is pincushion cattle; k 3 Is

8/13 enc at the Lauson road ag at Small lake 8/14 lv it again due west

8/15 move I arrow; 1 I killed. . we passed the black but to Bute or volcano;
this is a gr curiosity. . small lake. . to our left is the Lawson or Snow Peak
covered with everlasting snow. . here we met 5 men that er sent out by Gitz of

Shasta City to Pilate us through

8/22 Shasta City. . dinner at St. Charles hotel for the Es- ve Suntuos dinner
We er treated w gr respect as w was the first train tha ever come into Shsta
on the Shasta or Knowbles or route. . ve lucky and successfull Jurny

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CAT

290 Moses F. Laird. "Moses F. Lairds Book. a jo a few items of my life;
diff sits : Travels etc." from Ohio to Oregon in 1852; life in Ore to 1855
& a Chinook jargon vocab 131 pp. 13 cm // typescript

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Fog a br sk o hislife in Ohio bf leavg Zv 3/29 1852 for Ore, Laird gives a det
act of his trip. . Gg by the Muskingum, Missip and Mo Rvs, at SJ he jd a tr of
16 wgs nd d the NFP, SP and OT to PH, WB and TD, Sept. .

ORIGINAL Moses F. Lairds book Oregon Teritory July 23 1854

/other title on inside first page

TYPESCRIPT: b 1835 Ohio March 52 Mr. Thomson quit the saddlg businee . . on
foot to Zv. . 2 carpet sacks and packed up my tools, some clothes w a large oil
cloth to protect me fm the storms on the pls then 3/29 with 45. in pocket I
shouldred my carpet sacks and started alone from Norwich Ohio object C or Ore

3/29 arvd Zv stb Malta for SL arr SL 4/5 4/6 whar's crowded 6 x as many
stbts and drays as there was in Cincy. . left SL 4/7 on Clipper No. 2 . . 11
days to SJ. . day bf Lex Seluda arr SJ 4/17 . . E mobs. . . there was a gr
many Is come into town from the upper P. . There db whole trs of them. . ponys
packed w furs; 2 lg baskets on ponys

5/3 left SJ for Oregon with Drake family. . 16 wgs in r train

5/7 cross MF at Savannah landing, 16 mi above SJ. . couple of hss there. . flat
boat with cars. . catl jump off middle of the river. .

5/8 8 and 10 yoke of catle to get through the mud

5/10 Iowa Mission 5/11 r co cdn agree and we divided r tr. . down to 8 wgs
roling prarie roling prarie

Kainesville, Potowatamy Co, Iowa 5/1 1852 dear pnd frs
 news from Ca and origion mr favourable here than they ware where we start from
 v talked to some just back nd taking their fams through. There is many ladys
 gg thru this spring. . many of them r dressed the bloomer stile. They were
 short dresses and pantaloons and boots and hats; they look quite handsome

3/22 started from pine creek 3/22

4/23 arvd at Kainesville, Cousil Bluff. The first Curiosity we saw was a co
 of Is, This was Something for the boys. . The Emigrants nearly all lay over
 & buy there fitout here. The streets r Crowded that a person Can hardly get
 through them. It is called Counsil Bluff 15 miles up & down the Missou re
 River here. The po is 8 miles from here. . Sadler has measles

4/25 attended preaching

TRAVELS TO CALIFORNIA

from = Shute City
 Sirs: after injoying 8 days in town Kville on the 2nd May
 5/4 tvd 5 m to winter quarters, or mormen ferry. . wind too hi to cross

5/6 cross ferriage 2. for 1 wgg & 5 yoke

5/7 repaired the bridge so that we cd cross the ck //shorthand
 We repara Bridge

5/8 crossed Elkhorn rv on a g ferry 2. p wgg

5/9 co of Is stopped us & wanted some corn; gave them a lt & went on
 5/10 Shell Ck 100 Is had tore away the Bridge & were well armed & demanded
 Six head of cattle from team ahead, but they sent a man back to us & we hurried
 r teams up. When we got there the Is began to scatter. We build the Bridge
 & crossed. . jd by 2 other cos now v 16 wgg Is v robbed sm cos.

5/11 saw plenty of Woofles

5/12 crossed the Loop Fork on Platte R. ferriage 3. pw . Hear Is repeat their
 act at Shell Creek . . Es fired on them and killed 9 of them and the rest
 run

5/15 ct bluffy; road sandy. . storm capsized some wagons

5/19 cn see a gr many teams on the SL road 5/20 Elm Gk

5/22 Skunk ck 5/24 Pawnese swamps junc forks 5/26 north bluff rv

5/27 cd 1 m w Snake Creek and opp Cedar Bluffs

5/28 300 Is passed. . Sx better lookg than Powneese

5/29 passed the lone tree Cedar 2 1/2 ft in diam, not very high, the limbs mostly
 cut of & hundreds of names Cut & wrote on it. . Castle River. . a gr many
 r Crossing Pr fm SS to ns, thinking grass better

5/31 opp Court hous r, or Solitary tower

6/1 p sd Chimney peak ss 6/22 SB or City Bluff g

6/5 opp Fort Larana Larana. . here r sev g houses & one/store. Provs & goods of
 most ev dscript c b had at a reas price ///stay on ns//

6/11 passed the Bridge oh was built by the govt across the np in 1851. It has
 been Chopped down, Sposed to vbn done by those that own the ferrys above

6/12 tvd 20 m. passed the uper ferrys. . here is 3 boats 5. pwg . Here
 the St. Joseph and Counsil Bluff roads come together. . tp. . leave P
 Mineral Springs-ok if not sturd up. . it is poisenous

6/14 IR ir crossed Sw 6/15 Devels gate

6/18 a Gentleman passed us to day making his way to Ca w a Wheelbarrow. . He
 past us at a full trot shouting hurrah for Cal.

6/20 passed bss of tratg post on a br of Sw 8/ for shoeg ox

6/21 thru SP. cure catl alkali with bacon, vinegar, and gun Powder

6/22 Kinneys co. This is a new road that follows the SL road 3/4 mis, turnes to
 the right, escapes the Desert & comes in to the fort Hall road agin in 75 miles

FK

6/2 passed F Ky eat warm meal at FK a paid 50c 3 frame bldgs rest sod teams in both directions as far as could see script is reasonably legible and decently written had some pancakes at that, first rate breakfast

6/4 drove catl across the P to good feed [travel on a wheel]

6/5 Stone of Ky died of cholera, one of r co

6/10 tvd 15 mi crossed SF of PR diarea and quinine

6/12 Is chasing B, though our cattle were stampeding (on peninsula)

6/14 left river took to the bluffs steep in places hard on cattle road very sandy tvd over bluffs about 3 miles when came to AH a beau place

6/16 sand roads CHR pony ride to Rock, deceptive astonished at the size. a gr many names registered there I took the tr to register my name, cut it with my knife not stone but something like plaster paris

6/17 beyond R & band with one or 2 white man & some Comanches think they were preparing to meet another tribe

6/18 got to SBs spring about noon. I enc about the springs and BSS carried on by French - also a trading store some distance from the spring - Wilsons catl

got frightened at the catl turned round and run down the hills no damage done Xcellent watr at the springs

6/19 after Horse Creek another I settlement and trading store a mud bldg Is in the tents

6/20 got to Laramie fork about noon bothered in over hauling our loadins and crossg about 3 hrs quite hilly part of the road from whar we encd night bf to the fork - hail in r camp

6/21 Dr. advised Mr. Blair to do back to the fort as it might turn to bilious feve

thru BHs like coarse grind stone and coarse sand cemented together ve hard on catl feet and wg wheels locked

6/25 a final dpilation took place in the pm after the Division . . happiest day I had seen in a long time B soup for supper

6/26 enc at Platte creek nonparell river

6/28 Upper P ferry 5 pwg blowing sand and gravel as we took to the hills

6/30 Willow sprig catl look rant

7/1 IR grant vistas 7/4 B ham, stewed apls and goosberries pckls pickels

7/7 queer ct snowbanks 7/8 SP w/o any gorge-like appearance

7/9 take PH road SCO no more desert than the rest I call it all desert

7/11 7/12 to ferry wg GR 7/13 quinine for ague

HCO xt 90 mi fm PH to the intersection and 60 miles fm jc to PH

7/30 Rock Hollow look like bldgs

7/31 intersec sL road on H- River V. 1

v. 2 // this g-man had foresight to buy 2 notebooks ba k in Ohio
9/11 to Weaverville

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CAT

286 Kingery, Solomon. . 3 letters fm SK to parents and frs, givg n act o' his lvs to Ca. March 22 to April, 1852. 23 pp 24½-31½ cm. // transcript typed

Startg fm Pine Creek, Ogle Ct, Ill., Kingery with others tvd b--team across Iowa to Kv. . . Kinney's co and Ho and the Shasta and Nobeles Pass route, the first Extrain o arrive in Ca by this rt across the Sierrs Nevadas to Shasta City

fist 2 letters are re the crossing. . first sight women in bloomers and welcomg dinner by citz of Shasta City fot Es.

ink on blue linen, ledger size

CAT

274 John Lawrence Johnson // got at home // d oth ov j o the Rev. Neill J and fam
from April 1 to August 31, 1851 from Mt. Pleasant Iowa to Oregon
92 pp. 24 cm. Original binding red leather

IL b 11/15/30 in Pleasant Grove Ill. . Father was probate judge of Tazewell Ct,
Ill in 1838. to Cumberland Pres Ch in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. . later removing
wife and 10 children to Oregon, settled in Woodburn

The J party was fod the next yr 1852 ~~by~~ over prac the same rt frm SJ by Mr. J's
b-ill- John Tucker Scott and his family. ///but no mention of diary//
The d is headed J L Johnson, Woodburn, Ore . . breaks off on 8/31 after the
party had descended Laurel Hill with the help of WA Jack and T Ballen come to
meet them. .

The biog material and j. er written at a date after 1853, as Johnson mentions
his cousin "Abigail Scott (now Mrs. Duniway)" who was married in 1853, and
other later events.

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225 Goulding, Wm R. J oth Xped oth Knickerbocker Exploring Co. of the City
of New York fm Fort Smith overland to Calif 1849

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248 Hastings, Loren B. J of IBH while tvg fm LaHarpe, Hancock Ct, Ill
to Portland, CT 1847. typewritten copy 39 pp, 28 cm

Loren B. H settled first at Portland but in 1851 moved to Puget Sund
and took a claim near Port Townsend. . j written for his bros and sisters
in Vermont, describes the j from Ill to P, April 23-December 3. .
He jd his co near Carthage, overland to SJ, the I road to Platte, Pl and Sw,
PB rt to Soda S and PH and OT to TD Oct 20; made a boat for the rest
of the j, reaching V Nove 27; received news of the Whitman massacre. .
arrivd Portland Dec 3 ///Miller collection///

SEE TRANSACTIONS OPA L(1923

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CAT 288 Abram Krill D of an ov j fm I to Weaverville 5/14 - 9/11 1850
2 vols 153 pp. 15 cm 1 brown, o black leather binding NO TYPSCRIPT

Acc by a daguerrotype of Krill & Pambers groc and prov store near Hangtown

rt fod was by P, Sw, SCO, HCO H- & Carson r to Pleasant Valley and Weaverville
d written in pencil in rather narrative form with observs ϕ by the way, from 5/14
to 8/24 in a calf-bound notebook: "Abram Krills book. Residence Wash Township
Wood ct Ohio. . after /25 in Calif, accts, gold dug, and stuff. . memo also
ctains a note that Krill left Findley 4/19 arr I 5/8

PENCILLED DIARY

Started for Ca from I Tues May 14 1850 got to Ft. Lv 18th most of the way
good roads 5/24 struck the SJ road EB Indian creek 5/31 to Platt

Unusual
at

See write-up of Annual
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255 John Birney Hill D of an ov j fm SJ to Ca May 10 to Aug 11, 1850.
typewritten copy by Marian Adaire, granddaughter, 1940, from original

Preface. This is an exact copy of the remins of my gr grandfather d ch he kept when he made his trip to the GMs of Ca 1850. Sp and punc same Granpha Hill started out from Terre Haute, Indiana and the d starts en he crossed the MR near SJ. The cover of the little nb is gone but the front pages appear to be there. It is pos that he didnt keep a d until he reached SJ. The ending, CW

ow has bn lost. The pages are yellow with age. Written in ink, easy to read

CAT JBH born Indiana. In 1850 he jd a party for Ca fm Prairieton, Ind. with Dr. W. Ogle, Elijah Montgomery, and 3 others. Entries are brief. . Writer started from TH left SJ 3/10 d ends on the H- . A narr acct of the j fm SH, 6/14 to the Lewis Fork beyond Fort Hall about July 21 is printed in ANNUALS OF WYOMING 1935 IX 4 35-42 "Gold: A story of the Plains in 1850" It was evidently written from memory as he calls the CA Trail from Fort Hall SCO. . the story was ctrib by his s-i-l J B Lutz of Cheyenne

5/10 we crost the MRs 5/11 started for the Plains

5/20 prairy looks like a vast white field

5/28 come to Ft. Kearney, campd 1 mi W of the fort

6/1 in eve fn plenty of timber along the river 12 mi fm the road. . from 10 mi the other side of FK to where we are now (100 mi w o'h Ft) the road is the levelst and nicest - that I v ever seen in any ctry

6/2 the Platt-river v is a perfect Bone-yard. . lots of prairy-Wolves

6/5 road x run over the bluff again - a steep hill to climb- went a few mis and come to AH - then we come to the river again pt like it

6/10 re CR any person I know it as soon as they see it, for there i sn no other

6/12 past bss this mg. The Bs lives with the Is

6/14 LF ford. . many wagons upset. . About 1 1/2 mi w oth TF we had to go down quite a s steep hill, then road strikes the rv again, and follow up it 5 or 6 mis then it leaves the river

6/19 at Deer creek buy a wg for 10. .lv another

6/25 Independent ock Sv runs thru Devils gait

7/1 SP 7/4 this mg we struck the Desert ch is 53 mis wide. . start 4 pm

7/6 caried r wgs swan r oxen & mules rollercoaster hills Bms

7/13 Musquitoes v shap bills & can bite quick 7/16 take Oregon rt.

7/18 saw Ft. Towren 3 mis fm the road. . Ft. Hall on Lewis Fork

7/20 An Falls 7/22 here the Oregon Foad left ours I l give you a Synopsis of the Cut-off. . In all accts there is not much diff in the dist. . the C O has 2 steep hills. . some say they are the worst hills that they have found yet, and the grass is not as good as on the FH road. . 20 mi w/o water in the CO

7/24 eat dinner in Rock-Town naked rock of diff forms, size & height SL rd jc

7/25 up Goose Creek 7/29 Boiling Springs

8/11 on H River ///rest of bk lost///

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//////much succint. . many one liners

3/23 From Jefferson ~~xxx~~ 5/3 3 mi w West Nishnabotna
 5/4 to E of Ranseville
 5/5 Lay in camp. Went to Council Bluffs PO
 5/6 went to Kv 5/7 went to CBs for flour 1852
 5/8 went to a ferry by way of Kv
 5/9 cross MR at night 5/10 crossed oxen at night
 5/11 Left Mo to camps of road. Ferry boat sunk. Grass good. Papillion creek
 3 boats sunk; 4 men drown 5/14 to PR
 5/15 to Sheel Creek 5/16 to PV
 5/17 to Loup Fork Looking Glass Creek 30 m.
 5/18 to Beaver Creek. Plum Creek Mission Ash Creek Ford.
 || ruins of a fortified PIV near rv on opp side of road, lrg I field and
 remains of tp
 5/19 to Cedar Creek to Ford of Loup Fork where boat ascends ravine.
 Near Ford disc May 18 by the Dubuque Co. 40 m above L F Ferry
 5/20 5/21 Prairie Creek Ziba Davenport died at Noble Hills 109 m E FL ??
 5/25 el Elm Creek Buffalo Ck 5/26 B ck crossg Willow Lake
 5/29 to Carrion ck 5/31 / last timber for 200 miles Black Mid ck Blue pk
 6/1 Sand bluffs Petite creek Picnaminy Creek
 6/2 Goose creek Duck ck / Rattlesnake Creek Cedar bluffs Crooked Creek
 6/3 Wolf Ck Lone Tree Ash Hollow Castle River
 6/4 Castle Bluffs south of river Crab Tree shoal
 6/5 to Hobble Hill Ancient Bluff 6/6 //all mixed up about SBs on north side
 6/7 CR 6/8 SBs or Capitol Hills Spring ck 6/10 Rawhide creek
 6/12 to Beachs run to Calder Clump 6/13 tp on rv
 // leaves out ref to FL entirely //
 6/15 to lower ferry or bridge 6/17 to Upper Ferry Rock Avenue
 // mainly bare minimum on the route, streams, lanmarks, and distances //
 6/19 Prospect Hill Greasewood Creek
 6/20 in camp on Sw near IR 6/25 / to PS by way of Ford No. 9 Sw
 6/25 camp with Lawyer Smith of Jeff Wis, bound for home
 6/29 to Bridgers Ferry and GR
 7/8 To Soda Springs to Jc of Calif & Oregon Road 5 miles
 7/12 Ft. Hall the last 6 miles guard your stock well on acct of alkali & Is
 Burnt River GRV down the river in the boat Emigrant to Cascades
 8/26 arr Ft. van couver found my bro and family well

M. Kahlers diary Ohio to Jackson Co Oregon 1852 Ms.
93 pp. 14 1/2 cm original brown leather binding pencil

W K settled in Jacksonville, Ore on 8/4/53 the day of the murder of Richard Edwards by B, his house was entered and rifled, his name appears along with claimants

D in pencil records events of K's journey from McConnelville, Ohio 3/31 to a point on Oregon road beyond the turnoff for Shasta; it breaks off on Sept 14. The trip was by boat from St L to J, where he bought oxen, and over . . . H to the Oregon Road. H. W. Scott in his HISTORY OF THE OREGON COUNTRY, Cambridge, 1924, III, 235 passim cites the diary a number of times.

on board the Clipper for ST J [No. 2] // poor scribe, work to decipher. // lots of Es at Will Weston

17th arrived SJ My l. . intended to go up ~~the~~ side MR to opp Flk but cs roads are so poor occluded to cross 10 miles above SJ (Savannah) Robert has the measles . . wife is along Savannah acc by Springer family. . near drownings 10 waggons in r co chollery very bad on this road dozens of fresh graves 5/24 big blew r here is a bss and sort of store frenchmen in the party old mountaineers sev x to Ore and Calif and to Santifee seem like fine people can talk english very well

FK 6/3 stopped near New Fort Kearny Kerny Aligal Springer dies here dyed buried her in the graveyard at FK sermon preached by a piscopation at the fort Springer takes it very hard but they put their trust in the lord etc also a Hungarian in our company

6/7 started from FK no matter better than the platte river settle w corn meal 6/12 was in fine spirits till we seen this ford

SF hail 6/14 crost the sf 5 yoke of oxen to the wg 1 m wide 2 to 4 feet deep ve swift 6/17 hail to 6 inches . cattle panic to island w all o r stuff some places the hale was drifted to 6 feet

FL 6/26 to laramie river nr crossed on a bridge paid 4.50 for 2 teams here we seen 7 or 8 teams run off broke a waggon all tp peaces and one of the wgs run over a woman and a boy the woman was hurt very bad for larramé is about a mile above where the bridge is

7/2 Deer crick thousands of cattle recruiting here

7/4 currant pie, clam soup, B meat 25 persons

7/9 Indipe dence rock at noon. took dinner in the shade of the rock at least a million of knames of Es on the rock some in small tipe and some are ve large

7/16 packers say have met 100 wgs per day for 1st 35 days

7/18 lvd past where the SL road leaves our road SCO

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251 Hayden, Charles W. J of th trip ac the Pl fm Wis to Ore 3/23 1852
to January 8, 1853 82 pp. 14 cm. original brown leather binding pencil but not badly written; faded but still legible also typed transcript

entries are brief but gi details oth rt from Jefferson Wis by CBs. . Fort Hall Boise, Cascades, arriving at Vancouver 8/26 where he found his brother Gay Hayden. d continues thru 1/8/53 letrs written nd received, accounts, names and addresses etc.

- 2/16 rejocing over a general shave
 2/19 My boys who left here with John Penick 25th Nov last were at AH, 11 days ago. What a pleasnt time undersigned dv had wintering there with them. . .
 2/22 wine cellars of the fort dray as the desert of Sahara
 3/4 assist in invoice goods of Tutt & D
 3/6 Parson Vaux this day suspended b order of Conl H and charges made out to forward to Washgton. . backs down thru intervention
- 6/5 left L for the good old state of Pike. . 30 miles to Major Duff's house, ? where evthing had been in readiness for sev days. R party csistd of 30 wgs, 300 head of catle, internatl brigade of hands, and 3 ladies
 6/7 met first of emigration. Made fine drive to splendid camp at Beauvoir mins, the remaining portions of whose house served for camp fire. Chimney Rock in sight
 6/8 30 mis to Lorenz Fork. . Meet California emigration hourly
 6/9 made Rush Creek 10 m to brkfst Carlin and Mr. Elakely fm states, w mail 28 miles, cpl about 3 miles from Smiths Fork
 6/10 met my old fr Maj. Dripps. . met sev parties of Cas, and saw sev others gg up other side of the river. . camped at a late hour, 3 mi beyond AH
 6/11 started early, and soon rolled to and over AH. Took a nap while wagons were getting up the hill, then struck for the P. . storm while crossing
 6/12 very cold Eion falling off
 6/13 met Bull of the Woods Sumner in search of Is, and hungry for a fight. My friend E. S. E. Ward was along and gave me botls wine and brandy in ex for B tongues. . my maid Brown is an old soldier of 6 enlistments, a grand rascal
- 6/14 cpl Fremonts Springs. raised cache of guns b Penick last winter, found them badly injured by rust
 6/16 Ctnwod springs
 6/18 made P Key for dinner and had a glorious one of vegs with my old fr Manny Dyer. Plenty of whiseky here, 2/3 of the command drunk, and the co Conl Wharton nearly blind.
 6/19 strike for LB M express
 6/22 brkfst at Oak Grove report of Cheys. . surveyg party. . saw old fr Mitchell
 6/23 met Dan Patterson, drunken Indian ranchero, tradg in the Big Sandy. . Ps
 6/24 to Glenns rancho on Rock Creek. . found here tradg wagons of Dripps and Machette gg donw with robes in charge of Jack Wright. Met annuity goods for ~~MajxxxTwiss~~ agent Twiss 5 miles from Glenn's rancho
- 7/5 reached Lv City this date, vg parted with Wagons and Mc Cann at Nemaha. . Yankees in the ascendancy. . gr increase of Lv City during 14 months

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