

Lesson Co

and there by so equally divided that it was a tie but as C C and H Tucker er boat on the side in favour of going the neare way to the mines, as it was called, the opposing party yealded to their judgement, ch was much regreted by all the co long bf we reached the stlments

9/5 Rabbit Spring /Antelope S/ 9/6/ Rabbit Hole Springs Black Fock Spr

9/8/ mud Lake Es explorg killd by Is 2 from Gincy Shields kills Bently Dr. Shields and his f now devided the provs and team, and Shields joined another waggon and got off scot free. . Dr. Dorant remains w Bently

9/10 Bently died this mg 5 days after bg shot

9/12 Steep Rock Canyon

9/16 arrg w Mr. Carr fm Columbus to v 600 lbs of r freight carried thru ~~in~~ in his wg, and we er to tv thru w him . . also / fell in with Dr. Bradford of Ill and Alexander & McCoy of I, all v mules and in fine spirits

9/20 Warm Spring Valley 9/22 summit of SN 9/24 Goose Lake here we left the OT as it passed to the n, and the Ca trail to the S . . do on explorg xped under Captain Warner, looking out a pass for a rr said 260 mis to Lawson's Ranch. this we tried to disbelieve 9/25 Pitt River

I Tucker shot thru the groin accid McCoy has flour we c v untill the Wyandots overtake us

10/6 leared that Capt Warren kd a few days since with Bateau his guide diggers

10/11 Big Meadows Tucker on the mend

10/15 Wyandots fire off all their guns to firghter their enemies

10/19 Deep Hollow 10/22 to Lawsons where I found Long and S McCoy

10/25 Longs Bar on Feather Rver

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Bryan (p. Adams)

B. F adams letters, 1849 original ms. with typed transcripts

Cincy, 3/31/49 Well Ellen I am off for Ca we started from Painesville 3/26 my intention to v went to Pittsburg but on r arrival at Beaver we found a boat the Paris waiting etc. our co number 16 maj for Ca, gen intel and smart fellows tho there are exceptions. . deck hand fell overboard & was drowned but the officer and hands on the boat did not appear to mind it scarcely at all Gen Shield is on boats boat shakes, diffic to write

Frank Adams

Jefferson, 3/20 J. W Giddins to C. B. Adams Esq

I v given so many letrs to gmg gg to Ca that imd pretended to confirm them to indivs. . your brother shed he meet with Col. Freemon or his princ man Goody they will either of them know me. . Mr. Roster is from Pittsburg and I take pleasure in lending any aid to your bro in hispower

Samuel Mathes to Chas D. Adams Esq Painesville Lake Co Ohio

Opp GI on the PR KKey, IT 5/17 Sir

It becomes ~~in~~ our melancholy duty to cmunicate an event ch l cause you profound sorrow. Your brother Frank is no more. He expired on the 9th inst at 12 am after an illness of one week. He was quite sick on board the Boat on the Ohio R, but recorvd fully from it. He was taken, in his last sickness, with the symptom of ordinary bilious Fever. . Medicines er administred & the next day he was so much better that, afterconfing hi self to the waggon the succeedg day, he vol resumed acv duties. It is my op hthat the impulse of retg health + w/o corer strength + decidid him to his injury. In the moving of the 2nd day after his first attack, he sallied out very early with his gun, ' tvd pro 3 or 4 miles thru the wet grass before his return + besides tvg some thru the day & lying on the damp gr, altho cautioned at the time against it. That day he had an uncmn appeti ch he gratified w/o stint, . . At this time, altho flushed with the stimulus

of hope & buoyant spirits, his app did not indicate a well man. Towards mg he was seized with vomitg. . leavg him prostrated. . pains seized his stomach nausea etc (after some days. . str reduced I consider his disease inflamma othe stomach & bowels, wh uncmn degree of spasm o the caridar or upper orifice oth stomach ch made swallowg diffic and painful. .

his relapse was occd by the pm imprudent excercise and gratifs of his appetite in ch he indulged after his first attack. . We buried him within a few rods of the road ch is cstantly tvd. . 4 feet deep, in a vey hard earth of limestone & Clay/ We placed a long flat stone at the head of his grave, w inscription

we v taken a list of his things, most of ch l b sold & the proceeds preservd & returned to Painesville. . fog list of articles excepted from the order of sale, to be send, included gloves Daguerrotype miniature, 2 Registers & Journals , i pocket Bible, toothbrushes etc. cash on adn 60.

Geo C. Hubbard to C. D. Adams, Esq Painesville from Asthabula 6/19/49

Mr. Smith is the treas of the Ashtabula Co & is a man in whom we can upon the utio most confidence the ps is as follows viz:: "Will you say to Geo C. Hubbard that I passed the grave of our fr Benjamin F. Adams of Painesville on the 16th inst. It may be that his frs r not aware of his death. It appears fm the board uppl at his grave that he died on the 6th w inflammation of the bowels. He is buried about 4 miles fm the fork of the St Joseph & I Rads. "

Yuba River Ca 12/1349 Dear Sir ? unsigned urlet 7/9 did not get to us till a few days ago when I was down the river. . all letrs forwarded fm SF to Vernon, our nearest po Franks things ch had been n the hands of Chas Turner, our Captain, for sale, wereput in my care made 186 more about his last hours tells of the services one of 16 gone/ from us almost at the cmnctof r lg j

gr on ns oth rd & a few rods from it + in plain sight from it + on dry elevated gr about 4 m west of the jc. . there is a rough, hard, pointed stone at the head of the g, on ch r engraves his name, & prev place of residence age unknown

Sac City 10.4/50 Mr. Adams from W. Gregory enclose receipt by Hawley & Co who r in cnec w Admas and Co. Express of the States, fr 186, inus 14 deduc for freight and ins in gold dust worth 18. oz at the market

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H5535 Jasper Smith Hill letters original mssssssssss
S 928 photo portraits
announcement of THE LETTERS OF A YOUNG MINER John X Howell 15.

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K345 S1249 Benjamin Franklin Kendrick of Nashua, New Hampshire letters of April 1, 1849 to October 8, 1850 11 letters original ms. only
KENDRICK

b 1827

Philadelphia 4/1/49 Dear Father left Boston 1b slow boat to Pittsburgh

Missouri River on Steamer Belle Creole Apr 19, 1849 Dear Sister
urlet joyfully recd by me on arr SL on 17th // all with pmrkd envelopes// boat shakes so I cnn write w any comfort price from Bstn 17.50 to SL came down on the Dewitt Clinton stmr Winfield Scott had lost 6 of her steerage pasngrs cmg fm NO SL full of Es on their way to xax I v bot a Brobe and an

india rubber blanket also a mosquito bar

Booneville Mo 4/22 Bro Charles

Fort Kearney June 14 1849 Dear Father from V B Kendrick

u v reminded me of the fate of Fremont in his last enterprise and seemed to v doubts about the succ of r party. We v osulted w some ve respec people on the rt thus far, among whom is Col Gilpin of I who has himself been thru a number of x nd e vbn univ told that if there had been trice the no of persons gg that has gone this spring there db no tr in regard to feed for r animals and that we had no ~~cause~~ whatever to fear the Is. We v already been nearly a week in the P ct ch nation is cd the most trsom on the j and have not as yet seen a solitary I. We v met 2 trains of U. S. troops and quite a number of fur trains gg to the states but vg no letrs writn did not send b them

We arvd at the F yest aft as we v some repairs to make to r wgs. We learn that there is a war existing betwee the Sues & Pawness and that they v business enough of their own to attend to w/o trbg the Es and yest afrn a co o dragoons came into f bring with them a mother and child of the P tribe ch they took fm a party of Sues that had attacked the Bs I suppose. . we r nd tvg as fast as xpectd

The rd has bn tvd over so much this spr in wet wea her that it is ve much cut up and in places quite diffic to get over. . otehrwise a splendid road. The thund erstorms here are more terrific than we often see at home and they occur quite freq we v 3 watches a nite w 4 men on at a time nd as we v but 49 men since Mr Hodgins & wife left it comes my turn to watch once in 4 nights

the hss at the F w kecp of one are built of sods and I think I should rather be tvg towards Ca or any where else than live the same length f time at FKey. . M who met all the teams nd has now in his poss 1500 letters to attake to the Sta

PORT LARAMIE ??? Sunday July 1, 1849 Dear Mother

It is now 3 months since I left home I wrote to father at FK ch 1 prob reach Nash ua bf this We left there 3 weeks ago last Friday (15th) nc crossed the sFP on 20th. We crossed the f near its jc with the nf and it was at least 1/2 mi wide w a ve swift current found pack mule wagon stuck here weput 10 mules upon ea waggon. . mules d fall down . I waded the r 3 x leadg the mules and often fell myself hail storm as last wagon over

we vb bn in a co w a party fm Michigan sev x since we crossed the Ks Ks and. . they l cross ford higher up we came in contact w them again at AH they measrd hail 9 inches in circum came s such force as to cut thru the hides of their animals and quite a nu of the men er seen with long gashes in their heads kept in place by huge pieces of sticking plaster

on thurs night last we passed by the famous chimney rock and cd some 2 or 3 miles from it after supper I mounted my dapple grey and rode over to it in co w Bohannon of Wilmington Mass strange noise a small wind mill that some E had prob put there this spring and altho there was no air stirring at all at the base ot the rock the lt thing was buzzing away quite merrily shiwing that there was quit a breese away up there . . .

immense quan and variety of flowers next mail does not start from FL until the 26th of this month we are 26 miles from the Fort and expect to encamp about 3 miles this side tomorrow night.

to dear father On Deer Cree Cal 9/25/49 I arrvd here 4 days since after a j of 43 days from the SL by pack mules. Our Co. was divided into 5 parts on the platte river and the co that I was assoc w again divided on its arrival at SLC and I came on the rest ofh j in co with Mr. Varnum of Dracut Mass and a Mr. Loh man of Nashville who jd r co at SL I v not time to give you an particulars in re the route. . now ll6 mis from Sac City dry diggins better than wet ones. .

S-710 NOTE BOOK OF JNO A JOHNSON DURING HIS VOYAGE TO ANDRE AND RESIDENCE
IN CALIFORNIA 1849

left Lower Sanduskey (3/5) fro Ca as a member of Fort Stephenson Mining Association anticipating an absence of 18 months

the most tryg scens of my life was esxperienced by me this mg in taking lv o my beloved wife and children and such a one as I hope never again to si subjected to

May we broke up r encampment (since March 31) and moved off for Cal. rather irregularly as we had lost our Pny by slipping the bridle

May 5 det now to lay by and await the arr of Boren and Gal lagher and Headspeths company ~~for several days that had~~

learning at 2 oc that Headspeths train was on another road parallel with our we hastened on

May 27 Sabbath started early & tvd 28 m passing 230 teams most of whom were laying by for rest I felt as if we shd b doing the ame & was really ashamed

May 24 at Fort Keanry is the poorest part of the v 2 cos of US troops left the fort yesterday for Oregon

8/15 reached Johnson 8/15 reached Sac Y City

original ms journal here 5 inches brown leather g od clear script

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S-39 DIARIES AND LETTERS OF DR. JOSEPH MIDDLETON this authentic acct of a doctors ov j and lf in the mines is the germ fm ch the novel grew. The father of the titular hero, Jainie, is also a doctor, but this is the only resemblance between the real Dr. Middleton and the flamboyant Dr. Sardius McPheeters //this note in with the diaries which are 12 in number unbound, in pencil 4 "

tiny script

daguerrotype of Joseph M

sub sub-title : EMBRACING HIS TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS VIA THE LASSEN OR DEATH ROUTE CUTOFF etc. 1849-1850

TRANSCRIPT VOLUME I ~~100~~ 100 pp. from I to the Humboldt

FOREWORD BY E/ nativ of Scotland, served in batle of Waterloo was pny and surgeon in X Louisville, Ky letters a val adjunct to the J, givg sidelights on the ov j

lv L- late Nov 1848 jd to Metropolis, Ill skedhis dgtr to send news of Calif. next at I "immense number of oxen, wagons, gamblers and cut throats" here jd co o 33 Es, enlisting as a passenger rather than a member

in phys makeup the orig j is indeed extrorairndary, bg cposed of no less than 12 small hand+sewn vols of duodecimoe si-ze. It is writn in a neat but micro+scopic hand, so minute as to render its transcip a matr of csid diffic. One of the vols, dvrg period June 20 to July 16 is lacking. While this break is unfor, it is not of ve gr cseq since it covers the period of the oft described trek along the lower Platte. . miracle survived vics oth j and ultimate breakup oth xed and ~~at~~ vir all oth diarists other poss abandoned in the Sierra Nevada debacle.

M- aware of the imp of his chronicle set forth ev detail + minute or otherwise +f tr and ct fraversed, Vagaries oth rt, the graves, the natruel curios ities, the flora, the deaf oxen ++ 272 in one single day ++ the errors in the guide books (he demolishes Ware) all here find record. this is less the j of a gold seeker than it is the careful record of a scientific observer bent on holding a mirror to the trail for the benefit of ~~th~~ those who er later to essay the j

~~the hist imp oth narr b l b at once apparent en it is stated that the M-co tvd off and on wi the Wlverine Rangers and thus afford a col lateral acct and check on that j now in the press and pres tb pub b under e+ship of James S. Holliday. also one of only other accts of the terrible j via the ICO LCO ?????? Paden says "Yr by yr the maj of tr js do not mention LCO ??????"~~

This was the point of no return

~~other features oth j ch deserve sp mention r its acct oth wrk othe Govt Relief E ain sent out to rescue the party; its sev itineraries, with mileages, of the rts to the gms; its accts of Is, pat the Diggers who er on the rampage in 1849, often murdrd the unway B; its frank acct of the internal clashes, ill+feeling and eventual breakup of his own and numerous other trains; its caustic ~~exxx~~ accts of the unfeeling and almost cstant abuse of the worn and broken oxen, and finally its revealment of man himself in the raw, and away from the restraints of civz~~

~~and what a cast of chars play out their parts Smith t/e SF trader of the early 20s; Robinson the noted GR trap; Brown, the Bear River trader; Peg+leg Smith holding forth in l/ sol log+cabin grandeur on a br of Bear; Kanaka Davis on the Fearer; edwin bryand Peter Lassen inheritor o the Applegate route to Oregon and cseq eternal damnation~~

~~5 yrs in SF witnessed all the fires~~

MIDDLETONS JOURNAL

~~J¹¹ TVD L] MILES] MILES FM THE Ca~~

~~5/26 tvd 15 miesl. about 5 mis fmr the Ca crossed Muddy ck~~

~~5/27 lay by all day~~

~~5/28 crossed clear creek 15 mi fm big muddy little V 5 miles further on~~

~~6/6 arrived LB co of Cas returning 6 men lost oxen and 4 men a few miles ahead they er assailed by a gr nu of Shawnee Is who robbed them~~

~~6/7 McCoy has treated me ve meanly & insultingly that I was cpld to apply to sev oth co for protection.. neglect and insults of Mc Coy and 3 of his ~~exx~~ men in whose mess I was bf. . Dr. Thomson wanted me to j his mess~~

~~6/9 gr Richard Smith, Lebanon, Ky 6/5~~

~~6/10 Fort Carney ~~at~~ in camp 2 days~~

~~6/10 Co divided into 2 equal parts 26 oxen to ea party, 13 original owners on ea side. . McCoy, his bro Sam and their Uncle left us yesterday ++alone, the other co. refused him I sep from Dr. Thomson, they want a Dr in this tr now 14 including 7 Irishmen I am afraid we dl split again~~

~~6/19 approving the crossing looks like a broad turnpike water in deepest places a lt deeper than the ox' belly. . gr Dr. Boone of KY~~

brekk in the narrative

~~8 7/16 //nowon the upper Platte The Nebraska here and for some time back is a rather narrow stream 80 or 90 yards. . no graves, but in their place dead oxen, bacon, beans and ev other kind of wreckage~~

~~7/17 The Nebraska tastes of the soda impregnation here. . bowel complaint common. I was sick / from a suspended ac of th y liver. . got well, or else I fear i dv had dry shucking and soon bn a repast for wolves -this evg saw a woman walking thru the deep sand by the side of a wg drawn by 8 oxen and driven by 2 men. She seemed to v tranquillity and resolution depicted in her fair, tho sunbrunt face. Maybe the ancestor of a race of high dignataires + rich lords in California?~~

~~7/18 debate about getg rid of r sawmill bacon, camp kettles, deer+ts in trunk sale, a large cruble, split+bottom chair; am writing on it while I write this sentence need boots acct burs found U S Rife and a powder flask. . Two U S Dragoon deserters came to us here, begged old coats, and left th uniform ones they had worn. A short time ago 100 dragoons deserted from FLand set out for Ca. These er two of them that had left the Co to return to the States.~~

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woman

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silver bowie knife v to double teams on all hills came opp Upper Ferry
24 or 27 mis above the lower ferry at the mouth of Deer Creek We have left
the Nebraska forever

7/19 bot pair cow leather boots from the co. . very coarse and hurt my right
ankle abofe the maliolus internus road ~~xxx~~ seems to be well beaten and tvd
as the turnpike bet London and Edinburgh this mg we r passing a bluish
column of stone stratu ch is sing preserved erect, formg what is called "tthe
Chimney Rock ", like Soloko n's temple rent ro from top to bottom, and well
ere long fall down to follow the circumbient rock. .?????????

N OTE unknown editor bf p. 1 See the diary of Samuel F. McCoy of Chillicothe,
Ohio in PIONEERING ON THE PLAINS. I find that McCoy and Middleton set out from
I in the same co. McCoy 's d begins May 19, while M's first existing entry
is May 26. McCoy adds useful info as to the make-up of the co. . After June
12 when McCoy and his group leave the co the MCC and M diaries r no longer
to each other. McCoy travels much faster than M's group

J S Holliday 8/18/53

lanterns, candlesticks, stoves, iron hasps, water buckets, coffee pots, tea
ketls and many other notions. Ants and big fat crickets at Willow Springs
sheet+iron stove, side saddle, a wagon trees, botls, wheels, burnt wagons,
a jack screw, boots, shoes many encampments exhibit the app of an extensive
Fag+fair

7/20 Scotch mist a military jacket pick up ox of Dr. Jeromes train
Playing cards often seen about camps and along roadside

7/21 v reached Sw quenched parched throat. . washed my bronzed face and hands.
villaoinous tinge ch seem tb peculiar to all the tribs oth Mo. I now write
on the highest pt of Rock Independence a lg hulk Irish bully

7/22 am sitting on a lg block of granite in the heart of the gorge called DG

7/23 abandon one of r 4 wagons we v lost much by mismangament but nothing
l train fools into reason but experience by adversity DG another place
to overhaul and lighten up presumptuous captain full of presumption to over
flowing and knows everything says he has crossed these plains bf

7/24 Ottoway said saw Captain Duncan. . said 78 mis back from Sw ford 4 oth the
deserters went to a camp where they found a woman. They compelled her to open her
trunk and took all the money. Then they ravished her one after the other in
immediate succ then they left husband away herding cattle

Detachment of soldiers sent out to protect the Es er encampd not a gr distance
away. Dican, with 6 other men, dressed like private citizens, were on the spot
in 24 hours. The passed here after them last evening. Capt asked a man with
the Boston Co if he d assist him to take the 4 wretches ch he agreed to
more rag fairs bolter full of feathers, broken crystal glass large paneled
chest immense amt of valuables and rubbish

7/25 mule camp from Cincy called the Buckeye Company split a few days ago.
Half packed and alf ctinued withe the 2 wgs. the latter party came up to r cpg
gr on the afternoon of the 23d. the scavenge r abandoned wagon, including
Dr. Morgan and Mr. Van Bibber a dishonorable action as ~~wax~~ wheels dvbn of value
to some unfortunate trvr eternal hateful wormwood

7/26 old iron that I v seen c make a bs 's fortune occ a solitary wagon with
man, wife and children. The woman soti walking, soti helping to drive. God
bless her

7/27 abandond 4th wagon powder kegs all shrinking, gunpowder sifted thru;
gotta be carried in tins or cannisters wg boxes, an old shirt with fine
plaited bosom, leather portmanteau, wg wheels, half a wg sawed thru themiddle
wg covers, darriage equippage, crowbar, ox+chain hub hoops, beans, carpet, etc.
A low class of E slovelnly, dirty, suspicious appearances prob lice

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descends

Woman

descends

// very extensive detail on route as well as impressions of Es ////
 very length passages someti seve pages to one daily entry Z-M scavenging
 for iron he will not have to go far Sw ford No. 10 SP flanked by
 2 curious shaped hills

7/29 actual crossing SP 2 insulated trunated hills with horiz ntal tops
 gr G. Pitcher 7/28/49 No Rocky mt appearance here. It looks as if yu
 er in the middle of the Missouri plains vigorous charge from Pacific mosquitoes

7/30 cmp w dissetners from the Buekey Co more good wheels destroyed tho
 there is plenty of good wormwood around the pack mules r a pitiful set of
 slaves. They v to sit on their mules roasting in the sun all day (companies)
 The Cuekey co took nearl all our water take the right hand road

7/31 see good bricks abandoned destruction of fine willow trees, a sacrireligious
 act, by the \$ Big Sandy

8/1 ar GR drive 27 hours

8/2 a Fr C who lives with the Snakes sayd 65 mis er saved by taking SCO but that
 more was lost by the injury done to the oxen

8/3 Fontenelle cr. FrC trapper told me that SCO was Greenwoods ; that it is 175
 to FH; the Pioner line passed 8 or 10 days ago with ve poor mules

8/4 FrC playing a game of cards called Monte with money on red blanket. .
 one of them, Robinson, bot from him a red blanket he says Gr R runs into Colo
 tho our Capt sayd it emptied into GSL the Boston co man who was employed for
 100 to catch the 4 deserters told us that Capt Duncan had caught them somewhere
 between this ans was taking them back to the States; got 3 and shot the 4th. .
 one white here Lewis, and abandoned, unprincipled fellow

8/16 tvg w a co fm Chicago called the Wolverine Rangers, 21 wgs v the best wgs
 I v seen, made by P. Schuttler, Chi

8/12 Bear River runs with some spirit trdr by the name of Brown says not go
 by FH it id 180 miles / around b FH 90 the other way Pegleg his neighbor

8/14 split again down to 1 wg w 3 others

8/17 SS ungodly steep hills tvg to Ga is a heavy laborious undertaking. .
 if any idea . . not one tenth of those who go d v the courage toundertake it

8/25 reg rejoin FH road

8/26 we parted w poor Keanan and wife and 3 chil; the Co refused him 50 lbs of
 flour. May God be merciful. . Some of the Wolv Rangers v come up. . They seem to
 v shown more humanity to Mr. K than r co gave him a bag of meal

Amphitheatre with domes, turrets, monuments, urns, pyramids, colums, idols
 and astonishing randeur Ruins of the Desert after passg the south gate from the
 Ruins u see a singular cone, which is double Sand Reef or Twin Pyramids

A Boston mule co of 70 \$ destitute, is begging, or will take by force

8/28 the Boston Mule Co had a guide who led them astray -- too far north into
 the Wind River mts; they had to retrace their steps; threw their provs away pic ml
 got despondenet, neglected to picket their mules now in dejected state

VI ends at Hot Spring V

V II DOWN THE HUMBOLDT AND ACROSS THE BLACK ROCK DESERT TO CALIFORNIA AND THE MINE
 ("L L" OF 12 of Wolverine co left to pack on foot 9/20 Wolverines all gone
 cd on Mary River, 1 leave it entirely a mile further on, whereh the Oregon Road
 as we are gg a new and shorter rt to Feather R 9/25 Black Rock Hot Springs
 930 lg pack mule co, by way of Santa Fe, arvd. . started from Fort Smith 22, rest
 of 65 by the old rt. . Irish who dissolved from us lost their oxen in desert
 10/ Wolverines v lost 12 oxen grave of Daniel Wheeler a colored man bed tb a
 cache 10/10 Gov Smith Co has sent relief train Elisha Todd, Cmdr 10/10 to
 summit SN now in perf health tho a sickly invalid when I started 10.13 now
 packing, / apply to govt train. . abandon most of goods includg surgical instru
 ments. . 290 mis to Lassens 11/24 v at last arvd at mines on Feather R 171 days
 from I those who went right way arrived late August to Octl nd had time to prep
 for the winter but I got here with my life destitute

S-1028 Moses F. Little misc included calendar, j of a whaling voyage, ove trip to Califor and trip to Panama and California 58 items
No. 6 Jan 1, 1849 - March 31, 1850 j of ov tv fm Lynn, Mass over the Oregon Trail and thru SP, and mining in California

STATEMNTN FROM GOODSPEEDS B L'' [1893 lived most of 93 yrs in New Hampshire

Early in 1849 he jd the Sagamore Mining and Trading co of Lynn, Mass, and w that co ~~jd~~ went over the pls and Rockies to Sac, where they traded what they had left f r tools and ru turned to the surr hills and vs for gold

Goodspeed summary : OVERLAND NARRATIVE OF A FORTY-NINER

Little, Moses F. (of H1, New Hampshire). Ms day+byday+ j from 1/1/49 to 3/31/50 ctng a trip by mule team over the OT to Ca. 12 mo. 350 pp, cllse closely written in ink (first 20 pp badly damaged by fire not affectg overland narrative since L did not leave home till page 43, limp boards with leather back (worn, with part of front board burned away)

Stricken with gold fever at 25 L- jd the Sagamore and California Mining and Trading Co of Lynn on ~~3/6~~ 3/26 set out from Boston by, Phil and Pittsburg by steamer, train, ferry, and canal boat, the co took a river boat down the Ohio and up the Missip and Missouri to Booneville, a j-o-p 50 mis above Jeff City for the SF and Cs. . they

there they unloaded the baggage nd wagons and w their tr on May 7 hitched mules 20 mpd if road was good, and sleeping intents, the co forded the Kansas and reached the P 6 mi below FK 6/12. A pp the same rt taken by Edwin Bryant, sees under an old oak on a hill the grave of Mrs. Keyes

Keepg the P in sight, crossed sf along nf scaffold 4 fett fm the gr with poles and 3 bundles of skins and blankets w bodies. . also a lodge or hut with o ne body laid on skins and blankets. But the wolves ~~jd~~ or the hand of violence had torn down the hut

Vg dissolved the co on 6/24 but remained together, passed CH and Crs of ch Little made drawings in his j, and on July 12 left the P and struck out for SP

They left the OT at Goose Lake and turned s to the Sac Sutters Fort and Sac C where the disappointing reality of El Dorado began to dawn

Remaing third oth j is occ w buyg mining equipment

From begining to end, the j is remarkable for its long entires, even during the ctinental crossg, and its detailed reporting, such as naming other trains they passed or that passed them, among them the Rangers, Wolverines, and ~~Ex~~ Pioneers (prob Pacific Pioneers of Meriden, Connecticut) ????? No day was slighted, nothing was taken for granted, almost as if he knew we would want to know everthing over a hundred years later

ACTUAL ORIGINAL JOURNAL

by page I
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]''L(5/19 near Lone Jack we passed a co of 21 w 4 waggons fm Virginia. . Sheperdsto
an Mining co 5/22 r/Hudgins leaves acct of his wife passed the boundary line
stoped at a groc // gives grave inscrips // wgs to SF and Mexico silver mines
5/24 the Wakaloosa we all 10 waggons ~~jd~~ safe Wakealooss Shawnee houses
5/27 Capt Hooker rode to upper ferry saw members of the Boston Newton Co
5/28 ferries are 2 flat boats 1 carry 3 waggson or 12 mules many Is on ponies
decorated in fine shape potpwatamies about 800 waggons v crossed this place
5/29 The Star Co of Boston & the Boston & Newton Co of 26 members here, also
a lg co from Lexington, ~~Mo~~ Mo
5/30 5/31 cos from Jonesville, Ill, Tenn and Ohio grs of 6 from Tenn
6/1 cross V C by use of ropes and sagamores
6/2 Wolverine Rangers w 25 waggons w oxen
6/3 aroused all Sagamores at 3 oc crossed the BB pass SJ road met seve teams

of foot persons retg fm FL dn K those on foot broke down their teams nd r com-
pelled to return 3 wg loaded w b robes bd for SJ or I I reckon 28 miles
6/6 met U S Mail drawn by 4 mules guarded by 4 mt dragoons this mail from K to
I, the Oregon mail I think party of pack mules passed today

6/7 wg returning that had bn robbed by Is gg by Bryants route he was 2 days
earlier 7/8 On LB hear that 200 Is above ready to stop us

6/9 6/10 Sunday reading writing working most of the Sagamores dg the same

6/11 much catfish choose officers L W Hooker chosen capt carriage with
wounded Wolverine racing toward FK choose officers civil and military

6/12 reac the sandy hills that skirt the gr bottom of the Platte and Ill
co that is gg to Ca, not to mine, but to farm

FK 6/13 FK sev low hss of turn, the frame bg of ctwd store w lg assortment of goods
lg number of Dragoon tents of Co K 150 troops to keep the redskins straight they
er fixing a new fort they had been here but a few weeks stayed 2 hrs til wgs came
up some of soldiers visited us this evening

6/14 repacking and discarding

6/15 vote to tv tomorrow thus bidding defiance to the constitution

6/17 we encamped near the telegraph line ?????? meaning the company

6/18 6/20 cross sf give 3 hearty cheers 1/2 mi across left the Teleg co on the
opp site also the Ill co nd pack mules Wolverine Ranger go o upper ford
some 20 miles up the rv

6/21 up along the sf 6/22 6/23 divide up the company my mess of 9

6/27 can see CE graves from the western states

Sketch 6/28 sketch of C H R as seen from the road 5 miles
sketch of C H 350 feet above the level of the river I visited shows
dimensions of pillar 30 and 100 feet, with cleft thousands of names, etc.
CR is one of the grts curiosities I have met with the landscape as seen from midwaw
up the rock is grand springs at the head of gullies

6/29 Ill co with large hs on wheels

SB 6/30 fine spring a blacksmith has located himself a short distance from these
springs. He works at his trade for Es and trades w the Is He was a sqaw to do
his work. Two of r co had shoes put on their horses 1.50 pair fist sight EM LP

7/1 The Telegraph line passed us xl also 3 men from the fort retg to the States,
take r letrs for 25 c

FL 7/2 ascend the bluffs descend to the ^{LR} waters hi and rising the AFC are here
they have sold out their place to govt and lately re gg somewhere else Fort

? John is about a mile from FL both of them are bui lt of sunburnt bricks

stopped at the fort to get r teams shod postage to Flv one dime

7/4 Independence day fired a salute ch roused my neighbors up nicely divs no 3 and
4 are ahead they did not stop at FL Jones tr from Mo

Intro 7/5 crickets and goppers 7/6 /// fine thin paper like linen or rice paper
Deer creek favorite place for recruiting haymaking

7/11 M ferry [^] Louisiana co of mule teams ahead of us

7/12 understand on g authority that the 70 deserters from FL are up in the hills
here, all well armed

7/13 Firday 7/14 Summit Edge Greewood c the Scourge f the West is
encamped below us 7/15 Rock I

7/20 go thru the SP 7/21 go via SCO thus passed this day //repeating//
Pomeroy's train 4 hours ahead of us 7/24 by sev roadometers the distance 50 miles
at GR sev wgs registered before us ferry rsss 2. ea wg we found here the Pione
er Company 33 waggons 130 men & many other cos

7/25 pioner co took our route over the Pioneer co and Reeds r camped around us
their numerous fires make a grand app cheered by news of largr discoveries of gold

7/28 The Pioneer co, Redds and Virginia Co. in camp
 7/29 sev v passed also the 1st div of Mt. Dragoons USA w 30 waggon they
 come from Ft. Bridger
 8/1 a Mr. Eastman fm NH belongg to the Pioneer ~~line~~ train died last nite of
 consumption
 8/2 SS then turned to the westward we took the cutoff and old cratur
 8/9 strike the trail from FH
 8/13 Pioneer Co and Ohio co camp close by us in ~~housings~~ hot spring v
 8/16 P-line keeping up with us to hdwtrs of the H-
 8/18 passed sev camps the Rushville Co from Ill
 8/19 take a fine bath in the H- or Marys R P-line passed

8/21 nu of pack mule cos passed / bye us to day they are pushing bye us every
 day while ox teams are lagging behind

8/22 Martins fork 8/23

8/24 7 members of Sagamore Co overtook us and passed had bn to SLC

8/25 pack co from SL 3 more of the Sags came into r camp with p-mules

8/26 ll more of the Sags came along being the last division in the rear, leaving
 one of our Sags at SL McKay

8/21 pass Capt Waldos co of 50 wgs we get info that there is a cut off 40 miles
 from here ch eads to hdwtrs of FH 100 m nearer but 70 m w/o grass we think some
 of taking this trs for SL claiming to v 900 lbs of gold dust with them cheering

8/31 add another yr to my existence

9/1 came to forks of road about 4 oc & found as is customary a public PO of general
 info ccg the co Va co with mules

9/2 wgs deserted cattle dead, dying reading Hmers Illiade Illiade dry
 hole boiling spring Muddy creek springs we vbn misled re distances etc.

9/5 animals dying, a duel and one dead 9/8 mud lake

9/9/ shdb in Sac next Sabbath 9/11 cross the SNs passing many teams
 at Goose Lake head of Pitt river

9/13 explorg party of 30 w mules 150 miles to Col Lawsons the first settlement

9/28 arrived at last in the Great Valley at branch of Deer Creek we crossed the
 Rubicon now 140 ms to Capt Sutters

9/29 Lawsons Davis & Myers on hdwtrs Sac River bear soup just 6 months ago thi
 day we started from Boston for Ca but no one thinking of the fatigge privation &
 hardship we shd v to endure bf reach r destina

9/30 no big lumps big disappoi tment

// last 29 percent of bok re calif

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M 873 Charles G. Moxley 6X letters 1849+1850 //resumes by ?

original ms in, with pmd ~~envelopes~~ non+envelopes

> St. Louis 4/1749 to sister Emily, laurel MI reached SL on the Robert fulton and
 lvs tonite on the Alace for SJosephs the men well but complain of the water talk
 oth cholera Mr. Dietz just lost his son station^ed at Weston of cholera. . our objec
 to get out on the planes as s as pos. . rgard to sll thea ladies and tell them not
 to let their Beaux go to Calif

> Bluffs post office near Fort Kearney MO? /old FK/ now my own reading
 dear sister this bg the last of cvc h-d probs on steamer Alice detained in
 breakg the mules at SA over 3 weeks we v 13 six mule teams one six ox team one
 lg covered elliptic wagon for the sick and 2 mule ditto private wags of 2 mules ea
 and about 13 I ponies owned by men oth f this cprises the whole tr and it looks
 ve splendid indeed

the princ part of the emigration is ahead of us but I hope we will be in

time to pass the Sire Nevada bf winter which sets in about 15th Sept the Eion is truly immense acct fm the Digings is ve cheery occ visited by the red men of the woods but all fr as yet

Fort Childs on Platt River Sunday 6/17 1849 Dear Sister

aftermutch delay in cseq of a gr flood in the MR we succeeded in crossg near F FKarney 25 mi below the mouth oth P r first attempt at crossing this avalanch of water was an entire failure the vessel an entire loss the ferry man drowned sne sev of r men saved themss on drift wood and by swimming all of our party and property saved our second attempt was succ though attended wi gr labor so mutch than many sunk under the fatigue I nearly kicked the bucket frm drinking too mutch cold water

We left the Missouri river on the 4th June and arrived at this military post on the 16th being delayed one day on the road dist 250 miles and all prairie

We hve fairly entrd the gr western pls ch I am told extend south to the Gulf and west to the Rmountains these plains is truly a gr sea of grass had to cross Salt Creek by lowering and raising wagons with ropes. . a gr ditch

Fort Childs ctains one wood hous with about 10 or 12 built of mud or sods and is a ve solitary spot now repacking number of wgs kept here 5,000 (over) and they are still comg certain lb a gr deal of sufferg many lb caught in mts the glut of Es is ahead of us we hope to overtake th oxen w r mules grss diffie is quarrels and ctentions, agrav by hardships to ch they vbn strangers

the next port we expect t make is f L300 mis 3 weeks

San Francisco Dec 16, 1849 Alta Calif Dear Sisters;

arvd in Sac v 300 mi above this pl on Oct 26 bg 7 months on the way vg endured privation and suffering f so long a j. . lost on the SN desert ev I possessed x c my arms for my protec and one blanket and suit of indiff clothes on my back, r co taking the n or Oregon Trail which at best is a ve diffie rout there bg lit or no grass for r mules for 300 miles and no water but boiling sulpher and salt water at long interest of 40 and 80 miles apart and in cseq we lost 80 or 90 mules and hrss and was cpld to lv r wagons, goods and baggage on the plains and foot it as best we cd ~~thax~~

p aparty of ~~fix~~ five of us started ahead of the last 2 wgs we had to walk 150 miles w pound of hard bread apiece killed a crow acorns to Longs ~~Bar~~ Bar on Pether river etc etd.

// plus to more letter in California

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K5285 S-723 John Nevin King 16 pp journals and letter (says cat.)

//all one ledger size, unbound, ink on blue paper, and stitched

1850

I left hom^t (Erin) Bank near Berlin Sangamon Ct, Ill) Sat mg 4/27 and arrived in Jacksonville, Morgan ct same mg nd remained there till 4/30 when in co w Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Mcconner I started for SL vg arvd in Naples in due time to inter- cept the boat (Time & Tide) rung bet that point and SL I proceede next day

(5/1) to the wharf and engaged my pasg fm SL to SJs on board steam boat Kansas, cmded by Capt Jewett former cmdr of Rowena We arrivd in Western Mo 8th vg bn on board Knas 7 days Our tr vg been sent fm SL for SJ by land, we learned that it had not arrived there but was encd 9 m out fm Weston Alex & Hall ccluded that we d make Weston r startg place /// no paragraphing whatever/// on first pp//

5/9 to camp shoot quirels remained in camp (3 m from town) utnil 18th

5/19 removed camp 5/20 pulled up stakes and crossed MR on ferry boat rowed by hands cd witin 1/4 mi fm Fly a beau place 3 mi distant fm ferry

5/21 pass lv nad marched 11 miles had two runaways one wheel broken

5/24 tr divided into 2 divs one in ch o Hall and the other Martin Wilson

returnees who v lost to cholera

5/26 graves w inscriptions German in r tr with smallpox into SG road

5/27 at BB 250 waitg to cross over on log raft w ropes, one dunking

5/28 R .M. traders w 6 wgs loaded w furs runaway boy from Weston 13 or 15 had ~~gxxx~~ gun a liar traders taking him back to SJ

6/2 Is can scare or sta peded animals by coming within smellg distznce PR resembles the rio grande in sight of FK et to islands for wood v cholera sympts

6/3 passed FK but was so sick did not see it Hospital full of suc sick Our German left there w 15 days provs nd wg cover for tent. They dn receive him at the fort

6/4 young allen taken with symptoms (son of Col Allen of Benton Mo) dies

6/6 Allens brother now has the symptoms

6/7 second Allen died

6/8 B trails r innum crossg the road and leadt to theriwatering places Walker the new case of chol in r tr has just died by 3 in r div and all in same mess we buried Waler in an hour after he died his thumb twitching but pronounced dead by physician physician

6/9 6/10 crossed s P l oc ford good 1 1/2 mi wide

6/11 Hill in Halls train died yest up to Mr. Fostdr of SL who had lost all his hrss nd mules loaned him my n man to hunt them was found ~~at~~ back at ford after cross g PR the road runs along a high ridge road after crsg sf E an d t 11 miles you strike AH fr Is at mouth road sandy west

6/13 many ~~sr~~, with traders chr 6 not 1 L 1/2 Cr a beau mound etc. 100' hi

6/14 m Is between OR and SBs

6/15 passed Choteaus trading post and bss and stoped to noon. Grass poor Ceremenry for fatality in Halls div McCarty

6/16 passed 700 head catl from Pike Ct Mo belong to a mr Crow

6/17 crossed LF 3 1/2 to 4 feet deep, ve rapid 80 yds wide F 2 miles from crossing there saw a stm of E to 6/16: 24,930 men 422 women 480 chil, 6817 wgs, 19268 hrss, 6262 mules, 16844 oxen 1999 cows c/ saw Col Hoffman of 6th Inf who wished to be remembered to Maj Allen and Capt Fitzgerald of my acqu we remained at this place 1 1/2 hrs & left Ramsey (quite a youth) in charge of Dr. Moran? surgeono f place Ramsey had I Diorhea severely and had bn suffering some days at the ford somebody shot who I know not for why I kno not

6/22 Upper Ferry 4. pwg passed JKCaren of Jacksonv Ill

6/23 caught u w Hanson & Smiths tr passed Miles & Bennett tr

6/24 at the ford is IR 6/25 sev knocked down by electric shock

6/29 two others v died in Halls train Oates & Richard Ritchard

7/1 over SP Estill Express line gets 50c had brandy & cigars 1.50 and 10c

7/2 left the N trail or S Lrt takg the left hand road called SO????

7/3 of fill w everything that I hold water even used 4 hats reach E sunrise

7/4 pay 7 pwg man offers me 20 pd to stay with and help operate ferry gives me a present of a grizzly bear skin

7/8 Swiss shot h'mss accid while takg gun out of wg

7/11 tullicks ulicks fork Owens trading post w forge

7/15 Fort Hall 2 1/2 mis off road Maj Grant 7/7 Am Falls 7/18 RR here the OT begins gg over the Eluffs & the Ca T fos up the river ~~xxxxj~~ on the HCO a yg man named Hunter kd Williams of SL from Ireland 7/20 Pyramid Rocks

8/12 reach H Lake ch was not seen by last yrs Eion a little below where St. Marys diappeared 8/13 into Carson River desert av oid the Trucky route

5 to 600 wagons left on road some burning 2000 dead animals

8/17 pack through 8/19 M station the Canyon
 8/22 thru snow 12 feet or more 8/24 into Ringold Ringgold
 8/26 ~~Sax~~ 8/27 arrived i Sac in time for breakfast

letter to father dated ~~August 13~~ Sept 13, Beneicia to work for Maj Allen
 in charge of public animals Starr is dg a lg biz in Sac
 //is on 16th pages no other letters in sight

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G 759 S-707 Alexander T. Graham Letter from Council Bluffs Nebraska Tr
 May 19, 1850 to Dear Barlow 3 pp

this far on r way to Ca lt wg and 5 hrss co not yet orgd it will be
 called the Council Bluffs co Capt Beenois ? lotsof Is tryg toinsinuate themss
 into r g graces and steal all they can a hard set of rascals

left r father mother and sister in Geneseo. . Our oject is toendeavour to
 mksomething in Ca to as to sup ort them in their old days. . FINISH

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C 762 S-394 Michael Conner

City of the Great Salt Lake July 11, 1852 to folks 4 pp

am in slc or rather 40 m north of it we came in here last sunday there is only
 1 thing that hinders me from enjoyg myself and that is I cant eat enough so you
 may know I aint dangerously sick since I wrote to you from fort Larima we have
 had rather hard times death has snatched one from among us poor will Starkweather
 sleeps on the banks he died with the cholery june 17th and 125 miles above fort
 Larima he left evthing in my charge I was unwell when he died but I rode 5 miles
 after dark for a doc but it was of no use he was taken sick in 6 oc in the evg
 and died the next day at noon since we came among the mts I vbn as harty as a
 buck I am staying at Mrs. Shaws formaly Milly Dunn she is a first rate cook
 We start from here tomorrow for Ca ten chances to one you wont get this so I
 shall write much more in Ca have sent Deseret News they had a celeb the 4th
 of July it seemed like an old Vermont tavern they had 3 cannon that they kept
 oping away all day two bands of music heard a speech from BY and divers other
 things too numerous to mention withxxx w/o pm

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C615 S1220 William M. Cline original ms letter ^s to ~~Dear father~~
 Salem, O.T. August 23, 52 ink no pm 4 pp smudged up but legible

Am in fine ct w g health and resolution got here 8/17, that is in WV Geo and I
 l winter in Oregon We had what might be called a lucky trip but were rather
 longer on the road than we expected to be We were out from the Bluffs 85 days 20
 of ch we did not tv John & Richard had the mt fever Geo had the tooth ache ch
 swelled his face despearately I had the headache a day or 2 and Samuel had the Da
 Diarrhea none of us were unable to tv acct sickness alkali pois of r animals
 played hob with fast tvg some came thru some died and some we traded for I ponys
 animals worth much here Eion this yr very great some back in RMS are
 doomed to suffer on Plath R the Cholera was very fatal on Lewis or Snake rv
 the catl die off very fast some r left w/o teams perfume fills the air
 I'd as soon cross the plains on horseback as plow corn, but keep me from driving
 an ox team across And its all a hooks about cattle being the surest teams Good
 horses or mules are much more certain to live

toNancy & june: saw some sights but did not see the Elephant came to Orego
 cs we er told the road was betrn Ca but if so, I pity thepersons gg to Ca

The ~~is~~ is a grand sight (DG) IR RM snow Blue m's & Cascades pines
sm of the grandest scenery imaginable

from time I left CBS we had no kind of brea but flapjacks we threw away
r hard bread asa we found we cd buy flour never want to see another I'll
never marry a girl who knows how to make them

l / save story of the B hunt (thank heavens)

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S-288 H/22 George H. Hall. 6 ALS to his family 5/17/49 to 11/11/50
17 pp. with addresses written fm various places along the T and near Sac
Annie Hall AIS to her sister 12/22/49 St. J 2 pp
original mss no ttt

5/17/49 Dear May, Mary and Annie:

We v reached within 8 mi of eh Big P we r within 18 m of F Ky r camp duties
r s cing that Iv scarcely time to keep my j the man who l take this to SJ
came to camp from that place this evening he says that there / r no less than
2000 wgs between here and there; he also says that the Randolph Co. is between
the BB and this place. . r co now csists of 19 wgs but about half of ehse r
green hands and they v green oxen accordingly 9 wgs of us the best teams and
the most acv men v cluded that asa w reach F Key we will separate and see if
we cannot make better speed than when united

abundance of grass, a wood and water we are among the foremost trains not m
than 400 wgs ahead man tells / me he started from Ioway Point (a landing
about 30 miles above SJ) on the 3d of May ch was the same day that his b-i-1 start
ed fm Old F Key and he beat him to california 10 days //in 1848?//

It is not easy to rite a l tter on ones knee with an indifferent pen
and w no place to place the ink bottle. . GHH

Fort Laramy June 5, 1849 we v now tvd over 500 ms thru the I ct we v in
one month made one third of r j to Ca If we can make the FH by 7/4 or most
sanguine expetas lb realized FH is full 2/3 of the way my spirits are kept
from saging by occ meetg a party of Ms on their way to the settlements who all
report that r golden dreams lb realized they v lg quans o gold dust w them it
is in grains about the size of a scale of wheat bran t ey say they v made as
much as 700 dos per day suppose there is enough grass on this road for all the
catl in the rld and it is reported g throughout the j

We passed yest // no paragraphs// a part of the Hward co and we er somewhat
disapptd in not finding John etc. some ahead some behind v passed some
from Howard and Scotland counties

v seen ve few Is a party of Ps and a party of Sues about / 200 in number
er all we saw until we reached the Sue vg at the upper crossing FFP We v
passed a gr many mule trs Col Russel & Willock er two days ahead they er the
first mule trs that started We caught today the first ox team that started.
they are from ohio /// since we left the agency about 30 mis west SJ //

B are ve thin this season they vbn run so much by the forward / Es that they
v left the vic oth road. . At F K sold our pony to the Bitt Pittsburgh mule
train xpect to buy one or two ponies at the F ch we l reach tomorrow our
catle in good order we staid with the main co ch csists of Dr. Bower ? and
his mess Dr. Gore]? and his mess Judge Pool and his mess in all 10 wgs
shd reach SF by the middle of Septx August or Sept 1 be of good cheer I am
about to reach the Eldorado o h world

//to Mrs. Hatira ? P. Hall Huntsville, Randolph CO Mo.

Upper Platte Ferry 110 m fm FL June 13, 1849 Dear Ma, Mary, & Annie reached here 11th inst all well nd catl in good order much snow pine trees and game. We live on fresh meat mt sheep, blacktailed deer antelope and Buffalow r r cmn provs Robert ~~Howard~~ Brown of Howard Co drowned here his body has not bn discovered there r 500 wgons ahead of us We vnbn crowded nd we d not intend to be r teams the best none shall pass us v passed about 200 teams I mean wagons since we left the co. The co had a lettr written today ch they sent today to the Paris Mercury, was written by Thomas Vaughn

1849

September 27th/to Dear Willard St. Joseph Buchanan ct Mo from Sac oct 14 was taken sick shortly after reachg the yoth Sac, no recd suff to walk around camp the tr from Mo to this place was one of gr hardship. We er cneld to tv cstantly in order to hold our position. I contd in Capt Pool's co until we reached the hdwtr of Mary's River when I cluded that I cd do better by myself. I accor drove out of the tr nd v ny seen it since

We beat ev tr we came across. . half way down H- we came across a wg fm Ill w ch we tvd to Ca nd we are still tog together. There is a vast deal of sickness in this valley. . am now about 200 mis above Sutters Fort on the Sac The digins here vbn rich but they v bn for the most part dug out Hope the co can make 5000 ds by 25th Dec 1850 when expect to bid farewell to this ct accept for yourself Annie and the baby the love of your affec brother . .

Wever Diggings Dece 16 1849 to Dear Ma, Mary, Annie re Calif doings

Nov 11, 1850 to same expect to return to the state across the plains next sumr

2 letters from Annie oare irrelevant

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legible decent script

S 709 Richard Ness original/journal 1849 65 pp unbound 15 1/2 cm

START: One man of r co died oth colora about 200 miles from the Missouri River near ch place I found a white woman's scalp left by the Is. fell in with a ~~the~~ canadian who had / Come from Lower Ganda with a pony & cart on is way to the diggins he was in company with an ox train a few hundred miles above Laurime fell in with 3 men footing it to the diggins after this it was almost a daily occurence to see one man footing it & sometimes a dozen. ~~xxxxxxx~~ // no paragraphs whatever

One place for about 200 miles the grass was almost all burnt said to be done on purpose near the Serra Nevada saw the camp where a party of emigrants was caught in the snow & had to winter where they eat one another only a few survived. I believe about 40 perished

At Laurime saw an I child tied to the branch of a tree said to be the I custo m when they die saw the ~~xxx~~ Khimney rock Court house Independence rock the Devils Canyon where a man fell of some 400 feet high in searching for water. I saw the track of a Grisly Bear told the company several of them went up the Mountain found a Cave went in got well scared came to the camp in a hurry same night our horses stampeded

For some days travel in the wilderness we enc untered wirlwinds every hour in fact there was scarcely a minute but there was one or more in view there is an extensive dry lake on r the plains now covered with saleratus which we made use of for making our breat

At once place near the South Pass we foujd any quantityt of Ice by diggin a fe w feet below the gr the Ice is from 1 to 2 feet thick this ice is supposed to be chemically formed

made a declaration of naturalization at Chi March 14 1849 Cook Co.

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Left shop at ~~Brooklyn~~ ^{Brooklyn} Oct 16, 1848 left Brooklyn NY Dec 13, 1848 for Boston Mass Departed Dec 20 arrive at Chicago Ill Jan 4 1849 (and went through Canada) Left Chicago for U. ? California April 2nd with a span of Horses & Wagon with a party of 4 persons arrived at Council Bluffs May 4 after a very tedious journey we staid here about 3 weeks. sold our Horses and Wagon & for Indian Bnies for Packing ~~for~~ Riding & on the other side of the RR near r camp ~~are~~ are about 3000 Is csisting of Pawnees Omoes ? Otoes &c.

June 1 left the Missouri for our long j w a called the Express Company of 51 me men & 120 Horses accompanied by 4 Wagons ~~Drawn~~ Drawn by Mules saw a few Is cpd on the Platt River near a lg body of Is went through our exercises kept strict Military guard picket guard at nights & 1 man accid shot in the thigh since doing well sent a party of men to arrest one of the Company who started off with his company's ? Horses provis one &

arrived at Fort Laurime June 24 our party broke up I jd a co of 15 men & 31 Horses. I was all day getting my horses over the Platt at this place they d g 3/4 of the way over then turn & Swim Back

(the first Ford of the Platt is about a mile long & is full of quicksand that if a wagon or Horse stands still a moment they seem to sink right down a Mr. Rowe was shot at this place a few days before by the Is) ?????? changed a pony for a Mustang the pony was left bf we got to Laurime

heretofore we v had abundance of grass it is now getting scarce. abundance of Provisions scattered about in every Direction tons weight of Bacon at a heap same of Flour Lead Wagons guns in fact ~~every~~ everything of the kind that can be mentioned we did not pretend ? to carry provisions with us but when meal time came we selected such as we wanted killed some B Snatelope & 'c

one night in the Black Hills r Horses stampeded & 19 got away which delayed us 3 or 4 days a number of r Horses gave out & were left on the prairie we found cattle and Horses left daily on the upper platt

there are numbers of Peopel & animals drowned crossing the various Fords of the Platt all sorts of weather frost rain snow & sometime excessively hot with myriads of sand Flies & cotti in the mg we db layg sev inches of water a little bf leavg the Platt to October we had no rain

the person I traided Horses w was kd ~~for~~ for his money by a man he fell in company w. on the sweet water my mustang threw me of also 2 other persons & got away & was running all day on the Prairie was caught when we camped at night lost saddle clothing &

prairie dogs ch was very good eating

we staid to recruit 3 days at Bear River our party of 11 wagons camped among about 5000 Is (Snakes) who are ve fr between Laurimie & Salt Lake

I had the ~~mx~~ Mountain Fever twice

At ~~the~~ Salt Lake there are about 9000 inhabs staid a week at SL to recruit was there at the celeb o their first entering the valey July 24

at Goose creek r party again sepd the party I was with csisted of 4 & when we got to St. Mary's River another left us on this river I was sick our Horses stampeded they found all buy my two all hands sought for them nest day but did not find them before night

at the Slouth 10,000 acres of first rate grass we made hay to carry with us but my mustang kick hers of the distance I think is about 70 miles w/o grass & water except boiling water ch we put in vessels & c to cool for our horses we had only to put some coffee in a coffee pot and dip out some water from the Spring & hold the vessel in the Spring for a minute & it is done

pains in stomach such as I never had bf in grst agony I thought I would ha

d v died my water was like blood our party er all sim affected
arvd at Trucky River

came to the first gold diggins on Bear River Sept 1, 1849
//thats thru page 15x 14 the rest is re Calif
return to NY //8/ 11/8/50 accts

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how many pages ???

S-927 E. S. Owen origin ms journal black leather cover c 6"
written in form of to mother at Nelson creek 90 miles from Marysville 9/24/53
through brother George W. Owen after u v persued this letter pass it to father
& mother if they are living etc. etc.

Intro

Wandotte, Butte Ct Dear Mother About 18 months ago I wrote from Kainsville
Iowa to brother James informing him & you of my departure from that place (via)
the overland route for Ca. Of my arrival in Ca u nv v heard add v a long time
bn wondering what has become of East, fearing lest some evil has befallen him on
the way /// then he exists all the dire possibilities

Since we are through w this imaginary business & it is settled that I am in
Ca if you v patience to read I will detail of some of the circums ch occurred on
the j and also mention some oth natural curiosities etc.

Start

Our co consisting o 9 men 16 oxen and 3 waggons rrs provd for 4 months left
Kv May 10 1852 ~~was~~ after dinner and drove 2 1/2 mi to what is called the middle
ferry where we er detained until the evening of the 11th when we embarked on flat
boats in the night time and landed about 2 hours bf day in the Territory of Nebraska

Intro

//is paragraphing// good legibility// fair handwriting and spelling
a bout noon oth 11th while we er awaiting our turn to be ferried ~~er~~ one oth the
~~7/11~~ boats took on 33 head of horned cattle and shoved off and when she reached
the current she dipped water and sunk carryg down with her a yg man by the name
of Hill from Iowa who was drowned and now for the cmncment of a long tedious
tedious tier tier i tiresome perlious j

May 12, 1852 (AD) in the mg bf sunrise on the west side oth Mr 8 miles above
CBs we took up our line of march to a sm ck where the Is v a bridge built f
brush or small bushes for the purpose of collecting toll said bridge was superin
tended by a squaw camped of at the base of a high hill a place where a portion
oth Ms quartered one season while on their Pilgrimage to GSL

5/13 all hands proc eeded to take a farewell look at the United States
here every man is truly a sovereign and fully detd to sustain himself in his own
inherent rights etc etc we er not detained long ow in payg r respects to Uncle
Sam but facing bout resumed our march etc etc

O Is

5/14 overtook party of 8 men & 2 teams from fort Madison Iowa at Pappea now
on the western limits of the Territory claimed by the Omahas Is a small tribe &
poor but Savage and warlike in their app dest of clothing in Stature tall &
of dark tawny color their faces striped w red paint the ears of some were slitted
up and down nd hang with brass rings some of them Braves I suppose have the
lobe of the ear cut loose at the top and pealed down left hanging suspended from
..the lower part dangling about their shoulders after the fashion of long ear drops
worn by some of r civzd female gentry

the males a old and yg v the hair shaved fm the of heads except a smal spot on th
crown of each where it is left to grow to 5 or 6 inches in length and stands
nearly upright they r mostly armed with bows and arrows etc.

also a turf tombstone

at Elkhorn 1000 wagg v crossed here to this date this season

we are now in ter r claimed by the PIs they are low in stature generally not
above 5 feet 8 inches thick set and well propotioned dest of clothing and
wearing scalp locks like the Gs + and armed with bs and as, the arrows bg pointed
with iron the coplexn oth Rs is very dark they er striped with various colors
females have long straight black hair fall equally each way from the crown ot eh

P Is

head flowing loosely about the shoulders also covering the face & eyes so much that as they approach one they are ctin brushing the hair fm bf their eyes w one hand while w the other they r making jestures solliciting "soog" etc. for some "pappoose" the greatest beggars the rld has ever ~~xxxx~~ produced

After crossg Elkthorn we drove 8 mis to where the road joins Plat te R
///number of pages?????

Ps 16th at Shell ck appr of attack by Is hundreds of them were chargg about on horse back + whooping & yelling in savage style. . unite with 2 other cos of 5 wgs each formed r wagon into a crescent Is keep their distance

17th 18th to Loupe Fork while here we ascertained circums re the Battle of Shell Creek. . on the 13th inst a co of Es 10 or 12 in nu besides women & chil w 3 wgs had crossed the bridge (of I mfer) when a dispute arose between the head team and some 2 or 3 Is about payg nd collectg the toll the Is demanding & the teamster refusg to pay 25c the Is speakg in English cmdd him to halt - whc he refused to do + when one oth Is gava a yell and a suff nu of Es spuring sprung fm an ambuskade in the willows to surr the whole co & seizng the teams cm ncd plunderng the wgs when one oth Es fired a gun and the fight cmcd the Is discharged a volley of arrow at the Es, wounding 3, one mortally when seeing a heavy tr of Es approachg they broke & fled south to the PR whither they er pursued and 7 killed and some wounded E buried w side LF

20th r rt is along ss oth fork for 6 miles & then bears off South w towards the main P 20th remain in camp rain all day

re p-dogs ext detail of observations of their behaviour // csid detail re meanders and topography oth route Prairie Creek, 65 m fm LFF

25th wood ck 29th elm ck willow lake by the time u v rad this j through u l v found that it treats chiefly of cpg and driv and driv and cpg tedious to read more so to travel not writing a fictitious work for entertainment

5/30 Ptah Lake Dry Ck 500 wgs in sight cpl either side oth P after supper postg th guard when some one reported they er buryg a wman close by who had just died of cholera. . a short distance below here is a ford and the Es vbn crossg P 2 days bring with them cholera measles small pox &c and ere we are cpl in the midst of all manner of contagious diseases. . cries of Elephant Elephant after holding a council we yoked our teams and pull out of that crowd asap but where shall we stop for its all crowd for the next 500 miles

5/31 Skunk Creek Pawnee Swamp Mrs. Ashley from Wisc sick with chol/ dies

6/1 Mestager's creek? then 7 mis to what is termed the last timber acc to r guide only 1 tree next 200 miles process of gatherg B chips - in wet weather they are no go

6/2 black mud creek north bluff ck dust in perfect clouds cd B ck more cholera long faces who will be the next victim?

6/3 one of r co taken suddenly ill give Harry a dose medicine & roll out as fast a as we can to Shepherds ck Petite Ck Duck ck

6/4 rattlesnake/river on ss r cedar bluffs to camp ck Horns creek?

6/5 lone tree 200 yds s oth road 3 miles above the lone tree ss is a grove of ash timber nearly surrd with hi bluffs 3 miles fm here to castle river 8 rods wide 2 feet deep good crossing to Galm ck?

6/6 no water till Crab ck 21 mi 20' wide

6/7 ABR (using guide book)

6/8 cd op cr app of old+fashi nged stick chimney M guide wasy 175'

6/9 ss Capital Hills or SBs c at spring creek Me get the symptoms. have medicine cposed of spirits of rheubarb, laudanum, camphor and a cap-si-cum in equal proportions dose 25 drops take an overdose the cramping stopped, the vomiting and purging ceased in fact the remedy was so effectual that it came near stopng the breath and what happend for sev days I know but little about and whay I sufrd and endured in that ox wag for 8 days I l n attempt to describe

Medical
Cure

ill
 I lived through it and that is enough for the present I was taken i' sick
 55 miles below F L and passed the fort about 11 oc the 12th day of June/52
 FL sitd etc. . A short distance above the jc the road forks the left hand fork
 crossing the River running ? past the fort through the ? hills on the ss P
 to the upper ferry the right hand road and the one ch we tvd runs up along the
NSP and is the one chiefly tvd by the old mteers and Ms

B
 / lengthy dscrip of black hills
 6/18 now west of that inhosp region (repulsive) known as the BHs
 6/19 ss chase Bs our way running fight my dog Fough gets involved holds him at
 bay when the old ~~7~~/B fell pierced by as many bullets as Julius Caesar recd wounds
 at the hands of Roman conspirators
 6/20 to upper ferry halted at the jc oth roads in front of a grovery or groggery o
 or Dggery as usual ab such estabs we hear a most copious dispensa of news
 Since 1st 1500 wagons v crossed 9000 head of catle, allowing 3 yokes to wagon
 (and that is less than the average)
 Gossip item 2 men drownde swimbr catle 9 we also heard of some murdering
 and some hangings

min springs avenue rock alkali swamp
 6/22 willow springs some E wagon names "Uncle Sam for Californy" "Davy
 Crockett thru by day light" "Rough and ready Hell bent for Oregon." decide
 on r own name "Bob Tail Company Easy West." use red chalk

6/23 prospect hill stench
 6/24 IR stopped to take a view of it csid by some a gr natr curiosity - Howe-
 ever I see nothing ve remarkable about it only that it is an enormous smooth
 granite rock entirely bare lying pr the surface oth gr

One mi west forded the Ms river. . 5 miles from this o DG (ch is more like it)
 6/25 near split

6/27 Ice Springs a hoax cd find none
 6/29 strawberry and quaking ask creeks

7/2 now on the summit Ms v now tvd along the Nebraska or Platte and its tribs
 800 and 23 miles seem like not on summit of any mt whatever supposed tb between
 2 small hills about 60 feet hi most remarkbl feature is wind river mta
 Pacific springs marsh gr place to get catl mired

illness
 7/3 we take the Fort Hall road prep for 49 mile Desert arive forenoon of
 7/6 6 pwg 7/15 hams forks of the bear physician says my case a diffic one
part mt fever and part something else v not recovrd fully yet gives calomel am
burng alive with fever stretched at full length n an ox wagon over the highest
mt ever tvd b / man

7/19 no laying over for sickness in our co to ss /dog has disappeared
 7/14 ??? take SCO past old crater (does not name SCO pasrted from 3/4 oth Eion
 most takg the FH road to Oregon my stomach better but my ~~head~~ head worse
 7/19 walked some this day with my feet wrapped in rags swollen

7/22 jc of FH & Calif roads 7/23 Pyramid circle
 7/24 to jc o GSL & Calif roads post office of little sticks w upper ends plit and
 letter stuck in. . every man his own postmaster now on main track for Calif

 8/7 one leaf of my traveling i is lost, and I cannot correctly suply the ellipses
 8/12 to jc of the Lawson O or Rogue River or Oregon Route &c (dont take it)
 8/15 to Big Meadow oth H- beginng of the Sink not a well man in r co 3 unabl
 le to walk, myself w feet wraped in rags these r tolerable trying times 2 more
 weeks if we live so long l see us through my team was in the rea when we stred
 and we are now in the lead rt up the Truckee Beckwiths cut off
 8/29 drove thru and fetched up all standing in the An ft valley on the hdwatsr
 Feather River to Wyandott dry digins etc

8/29
 5/13

letter

W 529 S-104 C Westover Butte Co Calif to dear wife ink on linen
full size c 9 x 12 11/10/52 8 pp.
to Betsay Westover Marion Ripley Co Indiana

... I left I 5/1 the 2nd night we camped near an I settlement who were doing quite a farming bus //some blotted out or oblit by water spots// 40 miles from the Walkarusha & 1 1/2 m fm the Kaw or Kansas river this town contained about 200 soles Americans and Indians ford came to the cathol catholic mission an other it town where csid trading is dun w Is

KS

no diffie w Is tho they are plenty any quantity of wolfs holing & barking within 20 or 30 steps of r waggons stake the cattle at dark and loos them at daybreak big Vermillion verry bad to cross on acct of the steepness of its banks and raing at the time made them verry slipery rendered it abslute nessary to hitch rops to the hinde end of tour waggons & take a turn around a small tree and let them in that way

Spelly

now in midst of the Pawneeses the most dangerous tribe quancaquently we had t keep a good watch then the blue river mentions also Shawnees, Pottawatomys, Osages and Ps bg proccupied w ?

F's

the next stream we came to was little sandy whare an emagrnt had put up a bss for a while and about 3 miles from here 90 or 100 Is warryers the Osages had been out and had a battle with the Ps and wur returning back they ware all on horseback and drosed in war apparl and that is simply naked except a cloth or skin around the wast and thare arms such as beaus & arrow & knife and war club I saw but one gun

F's

now getting in among the Band antilopes of grate numbers and ten t ousand woolfs 40 miles from big sandy we cae to little blue creek wind blue almost a hurrycane found Tucker that mg campted within ten rods of us they ware all sick with the measels measels & a yg man by the name of rice that was with them who afterwards died

measels

5/16 left camp 12 Oc Sunday to Fort Kerny just as we come to the river bottoms a woman lost a childre about 1 yr old & buried it on the bluffs this rv is 1 to 3 miles wide emagrants v t rely soly upon this river for watter . . cooking with Bmanure

shot a black eagle on its perch eagle on a seder tree it meshered 6 feet across at its wings into ash hollow (first over the bluffs about 4 miles)

here some trains forded platt river & crosed over on the ns on acct oth deep sand on the ss wee v passed hundreds of graves but we campted one neight ~~xx~~ here right by a grave with a seder headbord which must have been got some 5 or 6 miles from the grave enscribed thareon In Memory of William P. Taylor who died July 2 1850, aged 12 years b in Franklin Co Mo and Elen ? his sister aged 17 yrs died same day with Cholera we left this camp 5/30

at

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about 50 miles further we came to the lone tower or solatary cort hous so ca kald it stands about 6 miles from the road next day cr 500 ' like chimney of a house all torn away through a gap of what is cled Colsts bluffs making a cut-off from the old road

June 3 Hors creek 3 year old ~~xx~~ orphan here to Larma emptying in to platt bridge 2.d ? here is Fort Larma 18 miles from deer creek we came to the crossing of platt river here we found a ferry boat 2 boats 5. pwg

FL

here is where the Ms get all their salareturns IR these mt are verry peculiar pacular to the eye dividing ridge here is where the origan territory comes next 47 mis to GR kept on M or sl rout about 29 miles // we took the Kinneys cutof. 6 mills to GR June 25 ~~xxxxxxxaltxlakextxwinterxxx~~ //HCO// a rg of mts that nutch resemble Citys or the ruins of ld castels with the chimneys left standing sum resmelbing towers or steeles etc. into gold diggins 8/7 bg 99 days from the State line. 100 fm Marysville and 140 frm SacCity

to th

Pyramid
Cave

94 pp

S-795 J S Wilson. A Trip across the plains by. . 1859

NOTE BY PETER DECKER. an extremely interestg ov d o 94 pages write in ink in a legible hand. . Westport to Yreka and Shasta, 3 to 11. / A native of Wheeling, WV he with 2 partners set ~~xxx~~ forth from Mo 3/29. . This is one of the few diaries that we know of describing incidents and changes along t OT in 1859 X ????? milk and eggs as far west as Wyoming

ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT DIARY bound in red m orocco record book, c. 8 inches

3/29 Wheeling arriving SJ 3/29 April 9 we crossed the river and struck out to make the prarie it bg out fm the river some 5 miles

4/10 altho Sunday acct threat of rain cd near Wathena, a sm vg

4/11 u v no idea of the prarie how beau it is gently rolling. . as though it had bn made by the hands of man nd w the intention of vg ev foot of it made produtive 4/13 pitch tents on snow, not a very good foundation

4/15 vg of Wenona 4/18 intent to dr to Harris creek to ~~xxx~~ lay over wait for grass super for 25 c at a farm hs and attended a dance but still wolves

4/20 Harris ck the road here presents mor thn pp of some gr thoroughfare than an ordainry road away out in a far west territory get rd of Wood by pay him 100. keep his gun, carpet bag and blanket / obnoxious character

~~25x~~ 4/25 to Marysville 40 miles (starts toward same)

4/26 V creek a store first sight of Is quite a sensation to mv

4/27 town a disap csists of 2 stores 2 bss and a whisky hole and 3 or 4 dwelling hss ferry 2.50 pwg cluded to ford

4/28 to cg at 17 mile point (what it is called)

4/29 sore feet we are in a crowd string as far as the eye can see mainly oxen sm 6 or 8 girls in the crowd, some gg to the Peak and some for Ca csid excitement fm B grazing on a ridge, only they turned out tb ponies attended by a party of Is who on discovery the white men immed set the prarie on fire to prevent their nearer approach

arrv at Rock Creek NT banks lined with wgs and tents sotl for half a mile

4/30 Big Sandy 15 days ago a fight here bet Sx and Rs in ch quite a number er kd this mg as a P was ccoming out of the ranch ch is a tp where he had bn stayg all night he was seen by a Sx / squaw She immed started back to her tent a copule miles where there was 5 warriors they mtd their ponies met the P just outside of the pallisades and shot him 3 x and then ran him through with a speak and scalped him bf he fell and er on their ponies and gone again / in a few minutes in fact bf the people / fm the ranch could interfere they gathered him up and buried him

5/1 //like others, has to tell what he eats . . bean soup and apple pie

5/2 rain take in one trudger for PP for the nite

5/3 shot plover tired of salt meet now that water is scarce / strike the LB more timber 5/14 I beggars powers of gormandizing

5/6 backtrackers P all humbug believe none of them vbn to the Peak

5/8 reach P / 5/9 reach fort PO closed on Sunday

5/10 gather willdow and B chips as the cmnder oth F had reserved 10 miles each way up and down the river for the use of the fort and will now allow a single stick cut so that the Elon have to depend on the willows growing on the bottoms scarce larger than a man 's thumb

5/11 from F heard of John Morrow bg above the F about a half mile so we went up and seen him we are to move up to J Morrrows tomorrow I scarcely know how to give you a discription oth F as it is such a small fry to what I expected hœver I il try it consists of a number of bldgs built in a hollow square the hollow used asa pg flanked by mounted canon The bldgs occupid b the officers nd for govt

are frame and look very well at least away out here the soldiers that have families live in sod houses walls 2 feet thick ditto roof warm and comfortable but not very sub their powder mag is also in one of these sod houses their main stables r of frame they v a sawmill

5/12 move up to Jack Morrow he has given us the privilege of camp in one of his houses the use of his wood pile and a man to tend to our cattle John seems to be doing very well here he is in partnership with a man by the name of Rankin. They have quite a store

5/13 conclude to go to Ca unless we get something better by the time we reach FL

5/14 trade wgs w Jack Morrow for a lighter one barrel of hard biscuit

5/15 5/16 cattle v disappeared delay one day

5/17 made 17 mile point first place for getting wood after leaving the F

hear of yg men stealing from his his employers and selling to footmen drew his revolver and knife but before he could use them the other one shot him died next day and buried here

5/18 to 24 nothing worthy of note this evening we reached the crossing of the SP

5/25 this morning concluded to try the ford and alone as we were trying w left us at FK

that we would take half our load over at a time our wgs stuck in river, tipped over, leaving McKnight and myself on one side, Lockhard and Chapline on the other

5/26 extricated some Persians coming back and was out of provisions so we give them some flour and meat and they boated our things across, etc.

5/27 started for north of distance some 26 miles

5/28 I horse and dog travois men think it a disgrace to walk 20+ man lodges

6/1 in sight of CHR like a large stone house square built with a dome on the top of it 6/2 or a single column of sand rock some 250 ft high overtaken by

6/3 with 3 women in Elömer costume did not receive a very cordial reception from the ladies in our party notwithstanding our fatigue we got up a dance

6/4 no sight of fort as land is bluffly crossed within 4 miles

6/5 6/6 cross IR bridged the toll is 2.50 passed the F it resembles FK

very much but rather has the advantage of it in point of view and surrounding scenery. The bridges to present a much more imposing appearance by larger and all white washed

some similar to those at K several of us went into the store to see if there was any mail for us on asking the store keeper he pointed over in the corner and told us to look for ourselves here was 2 store boxes about half full of letters, it was quite diverting to see the boys reaching in the box and taking out a hand full of letters looking. . .

6/7 6/11 camp at Deer Creek, get oxen shod each lost us 20. . . ferage is 2.50 a team the bridge is some 25 miles further up the river

6/13 river not quite half a mile wide but swift and deep could take but one wagon at a time had to make 12 trips for 6 wagons and teams

6/15 identifies people in his company Skimmers Seward Dr. Watts, who spent the winter at Fort Kearny

6/17 where there is a bridge about 20 yards wide toll 50c first camp of the RMs it is called the rattle snake chain and consists of nothing but rocks piled on rocks

6/18 IR stretch of 40 miles away from the Sw river

6/23 calf is born contrary to usual custom, keep it for the first ranch

6/24 the calf being unable to travel and not very room in our wagon we were compelled to kill it; nail tail to end of wagon by which means we got the cow along without any trouble Dr. Watts elects to stay with a sick man Fremonts peak

6/25 SP 5/26 Sunday passed as usual in resting

6/29 meet cavalcade of Shakes, mainly white and colored men at war with the Utahs

Shoshones he says Shoshones 2000 ponies ferry 3/

6/30 passed place where the Indians burnt a government train of wagons to Blacks Fork

7/2 to near EB eaten up by mosquitoes Fort Bridger pass

7/3 passed the fort

FB

7/3 pass thru the F ch place I like the app of much betern either K or L the bldgs oth officers residences are ll new vg bn mostly built last fall the Fort is a lg stone bldg surr/ a/ed/ by a ~~large~~ stone wall there is now about 500 soldiers and the place presents quite a lively app Doc Watts overtook us here making r co number about 50 men

Kanyan the Weber east Kanyan Big Mt little mt

SL

7/12 intend to stay in city as we all v more or less business to do in the way of ox shoeing buying flour and grow. . camp near the heart of the city and in the open st in front of the livry stable description 10,000 inhabs Lion house

7/13 yesterday Hbrace Greeley editor of NY Tribune ar fm the Peak enrout

7/14 15 for shoeing depart via sulphur spring

7/15 rent grass for 20 c a head 7/19 Box Elder

7/21 mosquitoes like rain drops 7/22 Blue springs

7/23 Hensells spring deep creek 7/24 still laying over on Sunday

7/25 pilotspring 7/26 casure creek De Casure Creek

7/27 jc of SL and FH roads 7/28 Goose creek mts

8/2 hdters marys river of the H-

8/20 the traders ~~at~~ is very hard cases

8/23 still 30 miles to Hney Lake settlements

8/25 soldiers under Lt Carr of Wheeling his men out killing Indians in retrib

he gave us a guide of the road 8/26 comcd climbing lose cattle

8/30 ~~xxx~~ Fort Crook Pitt river 94 abound foot of Shasta Mountain

generally called Shasta Bute expressmen for Yreka says volunteers v kd 50 Is

9/ 6 election day in Yreka

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John C. Burch et. al, pub comm. FIRST ANNUAL OF THE TERRITORIAL PIONEERS OF CA ctg the history oth orga, cstitution etc. SF 1877

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Hope

Edmund Verney GOOD WORDS June 1, 1866 "An Overland J fm SF to NY by way of Salt Lake. . .

~~xxxx~~ mag section, unbound

/ goes by way of Bridgers Pass, fort Halleck and Denver most re Yosemite V and SL

8/1/1865 I left for Atchison. . Mr. Reynolds at parting gave me letters to his subordinates at different stations, ch proved val credentials. R j was chiefly thru rollg prairies, ~~xxxx~~ w/ but little variety -- all soon to be brot under cultva sooner or later. . At Dvr we heard by teleg that a body of 1500 Sx had attacked sm troops at Flatte Bridge, near F L, about 70 miles fm the stage road, and defeated them w a loss of one officer and 26 pvts kd, and 16 wounded. Along the road we found the teleg operators and station-keepers on some alarm. . ? 4 days prev two wgs tvg near this place er attacked by Sx, occupants killed and shockingly mutila ted, the wgs burned, and their contents carried, f the team of hrss

On the 4th we passed Fort Kearney where is a small village. In the afternoon we stopped at a home statin, where we picked up another passenger, who tvd in the coach for a few miles. . Drunk insults me cs I had asked for a second place off ch to eat my tart. Instead of using the same one I had for my meat, . . saw roughest men I eve saw in my life. . no more degraded and rep lsive men as some of the shop-keepers on this road. 2 or 3 gen live together; they are unmarried - (~~xxxxxx~~)

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and rarely see a woman. They nv get hold of a bk or a newspaper

At Big Blue have to wade across or rather on raft via rope with coach waiting on the far side to Athletics 8/11 Fifth Ave Hotel ny

START On May 13 my 3 yrs cmd of her Majesty's gunboat Grappler in the Pacific colonies terminated, recd perm to select my own route for retg to England start thru big trees of Talaveras ct

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~~LIFE AND ADVENTURES~~ BASIL G PARKER Plano Ca 1902

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Rev Andrew Shiland. NY, 1892 FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN (railroad 1892)

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S-694 Dr. George W. Davis. ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPH LETTER FROM THE DIGGINGS DESCRIBING THE EVICTION OF 1849 WITH ADVICE TO THE COMES AND COMMENTS ON THE GUIDEBOOKS from Secret City on the American 12/6/50

TYPESCRIPT ~~ONLY~~ original 4 letter included w/ ++

Secret City on the divid between Bearriver & the North fork of the American 75 mis fm Sac ++ 10 miles above Illinois Town

The Eion was immense ++ exceeding the largest calculations in the spring . . from 2 to 4 thousand were burried on the Platte river + often from 6 to 9 in a grave. I prescribed for about 300 cases of cholera or diarrhoea, only 2 of which (as far as I know) died ++ it ceased not entirely until across the sierro nevada though a mountain fever & dystntery prevailed the latter part of the route.

No sickness was known among the Es who tvd North of the Big Platte or Nebraska River. On the south it was death. The E shd use the river water ++ miles when he arrived now & then at a good spring which he will always know. But he must not drink none out of the 10,000 little wells or holes dug in the Platte bottom from 1 to 4 feet. Also avoid the alkaline water (stagnant) it will kill all your stock. Except good spring water, u shd use no water but running water for yourself or stock while in the alkaline ct, ch begins on the P but 10 worse in the mts. Read what Fremont has written on the subject.

Your work cattle l need shoes of leather or iron or raw hide, many days bf you reach Fort Laramie ' & worse afterwards. The heavy roads & deep hot sand spoken of by Birnet as making his cattle's hoofs tough & their not needing shoes ++ r things 5 years behind the times.

The sand has all been blown out of the road b the strong west winds & the gravel has been ground up till good Madamised roads exist much of the way & if a shower makes the top of the gr slippery ur catl l slip &, as on an excellent grindstone, l soon grind their hoof to the quick, or nerve. . .

From S J to the divide on the SN 8/10 of the road is excellant, the best natural road for its length in the U. States. The remaining 2/10 is either sandy (including dust) hilly, or rocky In short I saw no very bad road after I left Missouri TO WALTERS WATKINS' LIBERTY CLAY CO MISSOURIE

D2193/S-52 A I Davis Ex Portland, Oregon Territory Sanjy 8, 1853 to
Wm B. zz Hazen 4 p mss w tt

since last writing I v seen a gr amount of barren ct, w ~~have~~ here and there a small ~~oasi~~ oasis left Lockport on the 18th April. Crossed the Missouri at Kanerville (9CBs) on the first day of June. Arrived at FL 7/2, had a ~~celebration~~ celebration on the 3d. Arrived here on 10/10 but I dvbn at least one month later only I packed from Fort Boise, a distance of 500 ms. You are aware that I started for Cal but there was a ve heavy Eion, and many Californians turned Oregonians because they heard a gr noise about the abundance of grass and water on the Oregon routes, but the latter part oth Eion suffered a gr deal, while those that went to Ca got through well

Portland is sitd w bank WR 12 mi below CC and 15 fm its mouth it is the comercl capital metropolis of Oregon, and largest town. . . 1000 inhabitance

Reprints. X X X X X

ANDREW J CHAMBERS' ACCOUNT OF A TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS April 1, 1845
reprinted from the COLLEGE INDEPENDENT 1904+1905 by the WASHINGTON STANDARD
Olympia, Washington *[Morgan Ct, incense to St George to the Dalles, Oregon]*

My fathers reading Lewis and Clarke's J was the cause of r crossg the plains.
We strated the first of ~~20th~~ April, 1845 w my family We started from Morgan
Ct. Mo and crossed the ~~at~~ at St. Joe. From this place we tvd the old E road pn
the PR

(Big Blue?)

We crsossed the Kaw River about 40 mis fm St. Joe on a fery ~~ferry~~ ~~?????????~~
after that we forded all the streams to ch we came. . the first day we saw B o
the SP it was B as far as the eye could see. We camped and kd 15 that evening.
Bu and antelope er plentiful for 12 or 1500 miles

(Saw?) *(Saw?)*
Opposite AH we crossed the P river, ch tho wide and shallow was difficult to ford
on acct quicksand. CR we cd see this landmark for a number of days

At FL on the NP measles broke out in r family we had to lay by 15 days about
1000 wagons passed us and most of r co left us ~~and~~ to join others. . . fall
behind some stampeders, thats what saved us

this recalls the first Is we saw. Father was captain oth co. He ordered ~~the~~ the
wgs into 2 lines, the womn nd chil to ~~stay~~ stay in the wgs xcept those who cd
carry guns. I can recollect seeg mother marching along carryg a rifle. All the
hrss nd catl w er driven into an enclosure made by the wgs. . We never stopped but
marched along with the wgs in 2 lines and the horses and catl in between
Father stepped out to meet the chief who was coming toward ud they want
tobacco

caught fish on the Sw

From Fort Hall we tvd to Fort Bridgers ch was 200 miles north f SL. It
was really no fort at all. A man by the name of B X was loc here nd carrd on a tr
w Is and Es. From here we went to Salmon Falls

The fords er always prospected technique for crossing 10 or 12 yoke catl,
and wgs fastened together w chains

At Umatilla v Mary Jane a comely girl about 16 I chiefs offered father 50
hrss and a hundred blankets for her; they didnt care whether the girl was willing,
they wanted a white klooohman. . she stays under cover

Oct 15 at The Dalles winter qtrs on creek 2 miles from Methodist Mission
bld huts and corrals of logs

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NORTHWEST COAST OF AMERICA May 15, 1826

REPORT: The Comm re estab of a Mil Post at the mouth of Columbia River,
and the expedience y of providing for the more pfect exploring of the NW
Coast of America

Intsg info fm Samuel Adams Ruddock, who, in the year 1821, performed a journey
by land fm the CBs to the mouth oth Columbia river

Ruddock was one of a trading party which left CBs after the 12th of May. The
party er mounted on Indian horses. Keeping near the Platte on its Nrth bank,
they reached the Paunee village on the 18th of May, and then pursuing a course
due West 200 miles, they crossed the Platte immediately below its forks on the
26th of May; and then keeping a course S. by W. 350 miles, reached the ravines
oth hi mts of New Mexico on the 6th of June, through ch they passed, and, after
a further j of 60 miles, arrvd at Santa Fee on the 8th

On the 9th of June this party crossed the Rio del Norte and, pursuing a North+
west direc on the N bank of the river Chamas, and over the mts, reached Lake
Trinidad; and then pursuing the same direc across the upper branches of the
Rio Colorado of California, reached Lake Timpanagos, ch is interded by the
42 parallel of latitude, the boundary between the U S of A, and the U S of
Mexico. This lake is the princ source of the river Timpanagos, the Multnomah
of Lewis and Clarke. They then fod the course of this river to its jc w the
Columb Columbia, and reached the mouth of the Columbia on the first day of
August, completing the j fm CBs in 79 days.

It tvd by Ruddock to SL	853
SL to SF	850
SF to mouth of Columb	1260

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OVERLAND ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA "Mark Tapscott's Overland route to California
in 2 parts ELIZA COOK'S JOURNAL 12/13 to 12/20 1851 fiction

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W. A. Goulder, REMINISCENCES: INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF A PIONEER IN OREGON
AND IDAHO Boise, Idaho, 1909 376 pp

pp. 80-136

1844

Glasgow to St J on Missouri Mail among those present Thomas H. Fenton; Hbn
John C Edwards, Gov of Missouri, Jule Robidoux, and Major Beatty proprietor oth
~~st. charles~~ Htel Jefferson in STJ

EARLY HISTORY OF ST JOE J Robidoux b SL 1783 in trapping hdwtrs of ME site
first occ as a tp in December 1826 AFC ctd in charge till 1837 when the Is
er removed, and then became what was called a squatter on the land, and in
1843, after the survey of the public lands in that region, he laid out the town
upon his preemp claim of 160 acres oldtimers congregated around the old
log store-house and tradg sta, then used as dwelling by R, subjecto of name.
old Charles Steward, or Old Zip Coon Well boys, we v a SL, aste Genevi eve,
a St. Charles, and why not a St. Joseph This lastrame acted like a magnet

name streets after children . . . Mr. died at the residence of his son July 5/27/68 at 85 lived to see 30,000

in 1843 Major Beatty bot the old Robidou tradg estab ch needed repairs and additions, he converted into the Hotel Jefferson finally removed in 1844 it rained incessantly. . rained on Eion all the way to FL

Eion of 1845 had sev pts of departure. Ours cross MR at a pt ~~ix~~ 15 miles above SJ, near mouth of Nbdaway some crossed at SJ but all rendezvoused at Wolf Creek crossed 5/1 left rendexvous 5/5 r co when collectd csisted of 66 wgs dr by oxen and 200 m, w & c stretch out a mile

E of 45 more fortunate, not so wet. . on on main P rv betto cpletely covrd with immense herds of B often obliged to call a halt until a gap d occur between the oving herds

Kearnys troops overtook and passed our co on the NP and went on to FL where a halt was made until we came up and cpd at that point. . next day, June 15, found sev thous Is collectd at and around FL a fierce snow storm was raging during the day troops on to SF then s to Arkansas. This left us w/o protec

6/28 at IR inscriptions dance by moonlight byond here meet some 44 Es to Oregon returning for their fams

rafts over GR cdnb returned; had tomake new one for each crossing to FB to SS 8/15 we far in advance of the rest oth migration

FH 8/20 thence s bank of Snake to a pt below Salmon Falls, known as 3 Islands, ford tenorth side at this pt we left Snake R and id across the Sage Plains to Boise River F Boise a lg quadrangular struc, adobe HBC

Stephen Meek bro of Joseph L, overtook us down the Boise Valley, aced by wife he met on the road and Nathan Olney fod old HBC route to Burnt River and GR V Blue Mts to Umatilla. . At FB Meek told us we cd avoid T trouble by takg a rt over ch e od guide us to TD up Malheur Rand across low interveng ridges. . to Des Chutes, thence to Dalles. This d give the Cayuse and WW ct a wide berth A bargain was made w Meek to guide over this rt ~~pad~~ paid 50 and keep

from EB up the Malheur lost and suffering Meek lost like everone else aided by Is and Black Harris. Frm Dalles ~~xxxxxGolumbiainxlograftsxxd~~ to ~~FBxxafterTdx Octxix~~ to FV rafts to Cascades, oxen to below, HBC boats

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BIOGRAPHY OF ELAM BROWN of Lafayette, Contra Costa ct, ca Martinez 1879

1837 from Ill to Flatte Purchase early in ^{mo} spring of 1846 co of 14 families, 16 wgs er arad, with Brown captain

on first day of May 1846 co crossed the rv at SJ to try the roughness oth plains at the Forks oth P cattle stampede acct Bs delay of one week in rounding up all but 120 head. . make adjustments among 30 wagons

within a few mis of FL brown with 5 cpans started ahead of the tr to make arrgs for more oxen, nd to v some bs work done. 300 well mounted Is meet, form a circle, provide tobacco

Fr trader said Is wanted a feeast provide for mob, only ll slaw up. . Is er on their way to see the Crows

At Fort B had to leave his son Warren, typhoid fever. Between Snake and the H- they buried the heads of 2 fams Allan and Adams on sink buried a woman to 88 mile desert after crossing H- 27 x preceded donnors by a few days (Gov Bggs in this train - wagons hoisted up and down across SNs womn changed to fine pparel but at Johnson they found a dirty little hut, and J to be a rough sailor surrd by a horde of /snaked Is to ~~Sax~~ rancho, Sutters Fort to Santa lara and becomes quic ly involved in ~~Fremonts xxxxxxxx of xxx Salkix~~ takeover from Sp

O M Fringle Magic River Deschutes n...n.d pb

poetry ~~xxxx~~ EXPERIENCE OF AN E BOY IN 1846

It was on 4/15 1846 fam of 9 left Warren Ct Mo w 2 ox team and provd for 6 months Virgil ~~xxxx~~ K and Pherna T. Pringle and children including Octavius the writer

On frontiers of Mo my grmother Mrs. Tabitha Brown and others, making 16 wgs. . later swelled to 69 wgs manned by 150 men me but 14
 ///~~xxxx~~ almost nothing until they get to oregon

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G M HUNT A HISTORY OF THE U HUNT FAMILY *up and*

LIVE IN Indiana father John S. married Temperance ^EEstap encouraged to go to Oregon by Henry Clay and Thomas Benton assuring him the and will d pass the next Congress

now emcd preps for Oregon. . started on 3/5 from Smithfield, Ind steamer Fort Wayne for SL buy salmon hooks, bar lead, powder left on Meteor for SJ. . 300 boats lying at SL when we left

at Island No. 7 below Lexington r boat burst her boilers. . bought oxen, to I, bot flour for trip at Blue Mills take in a Texan Elijah Patterso, to cplete r outfit

fm I to I Grove here Patterson elected captin of 21 wgs, and we rolled out for Ore we crossed Kaw River where present KC now stands

on sprv a $\frac{1}{4}$ square of 8 or 10 miles of B

the Ms crossed us over NP in a rather loose affair called a ferry John Thomas and Me out hunting surrd by Crows, kept prisoner nearly all day, escaped by refusg to give up r guns and breaking thru a weak place in the ring. The is nearly tore off my coat-tails in trying to hold me that nite the Is stole sev horses fm r tr

While making the Hams fork cutoff Gen. Kearney passed us wih his dragoons, on his way back to the States from the ~~State~~ West of Calif

at Rande R Grand Bone V I traded my big B $\frac{1}{4}$ rifle to an I for a good horse. The I fod us 2 or 3 days, and finally stole the horse. my name on barrel of a Cayuse is, mayvbn used against Whitman

where we passed the Am Falls or Salmon Falls Is try to hold us up demanding a fat ox. we present arms, and whips, got through. . looking back, we saw ~~xxx~~ Dodsons co just coming over the hill about a mile behind us which, perhaps, saved us //what happened to Dobso Dodson?// Here the Clark family er murdered two yers later while tvg allone

When we arrived at Barlow's gate we found cpd there men with fresh oxen from Waldo Hills waiting to help their frs on. . only they didnt help us, and we lost half r catl in a snow storm in Cascades we last ~~xx~~ wg to cross mts that season to Waldo Hills

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W. F. Swasey THE EARLY DAYS AND MEN OF CALIFORNIA / Oakland, 1891

after bg robbed by his partner while trapping in Mo. . early fall of 1843
 fell in w a party of RM trappers from FL (at SL) they consented to my gg to FL
 with them (Swasey a New England boy) I procured letter from Mr.
 Tharpee, head of the ARC, to Colonel Hamilton, then in charge of the co 's
 affairs at Laramie

We reached the fort in due time, w/o any untoward event. We kd many B on r way
 up the PR. The exercise and invog atmosphere had a wonderful effect on me, and when
 I reached LI felt like a new man

At that time FL was the rendezvous and base of supplies for the trappers. .
 Actg on advice of Colonel Hamilton occluded to g wit a Fr Canadian trapper called
 Chaumie winter 1843+44 Chaumie and later myself prisoners of Araps C burned
 at the stake me adopted

found after escape by Joe Walker on pr Sol. Sublette remained with the
 hunters till Sept 1844 back / to FL

early 1844 party from Ca to FL to states. Farwell for medical treatment
 for his eyes. letter of intro to W. D. M. Howard

spring 1845 det to go to Ca. . the Eion at that time was wholly toward Gre
 As the Eion to Oregon began to arrive at Laramie I ~~canned y interviewg.~~ the
 first day I found among them an old fr fm SL Dr. M. B. Gildea, a dentist. He
 quickly cse to join me later 10 others including J. R. Snyder, W. Scott

Early in June with pack animals we left FL for FH via FB Capt Grant skeptical
 of us trying to go to Ca find Birham bull, get flour from Grant Emgrant
 Stewart claims the bull vindicated by court of inquiry including Reg Leg Smith

To Thous Spring Valley John Greenwood Jr. vols as guide drive him frm
 camp after he kills and I tvd on the Truckee no trail to follow 14 days
 incrossing the Sierras reach Johnson Ranch on Bear River 2 days after
 Sept 23, 1845 we reached Sutters Fort pp 1-35 of 406 pp.

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Luella Dickenson REMINISCENCES OF A TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS IN 1846 and
 EARLY DAYS IN CALIFORNIA SF 1904 117 pp pp

for many yrs I v jotted down cversa w my husband in ref his trip across the pls
 nothing has given m more pleasure than his reminiscences He left I with his
 parents and 5 o ther children, bg 15 a party of Es consisting of 500, w 100
 wgs by oxen met at the rendezvous choosing father G. D. Dickenson, Captain
 start 5/1 many induced to cr thepl to regain their health Am ng th
 invalids was mr. Hicklen and wife, consumptives both die, leave 2 children,
 cared for in turns by the co all w the way over grave obliterated
 once on the P gr herds of B husband hunts////forchritsake what was
 his name????????//// trade with Is, only a few allod in camp
 noise like thunder. . the Es had not more th n time to get in the wgs en
 the B struck the line, knocking down the cattle and jumping over the wagons, ent
 dangering the lives rth occupants, who mirac escaped wi only a few bruises. .

crossing the P, current beats them downriver sev hundred yards
 to Middle Platte at FL ferryboat made of logs, tied together with ropes
 made of B hide. . FB . . SS PH Marys River, now called the H- Battle It. .
 another invalid Mrs. Withcock dies at Hot Springs up the Truckee the
 Reed and Donier party were a short distance behind (2 men with Ben Lippincott kd
 w poisoned arrows bf reaching the Sink)

What's from

B ||

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Dickenson party overtook by snow James Smith dies from exposre reaching Johnson cattle ranch to SF an adobe bldg 30 and 15 walls 9 fet in ht, tile rroof in center was cows hide, pn ch was placed the joint of a whales vertebra, substituted for chairs to p. 29 from p. 7

back up: May 1, 1846 when Es ex a short distance from I, they er over taken by a yg man w about 25 who remained sev weeks. . James Savage, discoverr of Yosemite Valley went toregon, married and Indian, killed 1854 at Campbells Ferry on Kings River pp. 49 she says Judge D had two sons, James and William pp 73 in 1854 she says aparty visiting Yosemite valley included JJ and WL Dickenson ???

NO PLACE DOES SHE NAME HER HUSBAND. . A DICKENSON? BUT WHICH ONE ?

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John Hale, CALIFORNIA AS IT IS: BEING A DESCRIPTIO OF A TOUR B THE OVERLAND ROUTE AND SOUTH PASS OF THE RMS etc. Rochester 1851

pk 1-26

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1849

penciled note on flyleaf says "unrecorded. unknown to Wagner. not in Sabin

I started from North Bloomfield, Ontario Co., NY 4/18 and arrvid I 5/5 soon after arrv there I joined funds w three men to purchase a team and outfit for j to Ca. They er Steele, Hinman and O'Connell

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dscrip of I and Santa Fe wagons ~~xxxx~~ drawn by 18 or 20 Mexican mules. . cholera graves averaged 1 to every 5 miles saw men murdrd in SL and I, nobody paying attention even cholera does not bring them to suitable reflections. .

brutality of drivers totheir oxen using goads and whips : God damn ye" I be that a part of the catl lefton the pls died in cseq of these blows. . i succeeded in bridlingthe mules and breakg them to harness

6/2 start me sick acct overwork Steels a gr lazy coward doctor from I helps me with my erysipelas SF road finally turns to FK

had to drive in bad places my cpans as green in drivg mules as in bldg wags ready to quit when wg plunges into ravine, but cpans refuse tp near Kansas ferry. Is inlog house

the next settlment we came to Fort Kearny, 350 mis from I made it in 15 days prairies covered with beau flowers there was an attempt to raise corn at FK on 6/22 the corn was up about 4 inches, lkg yellow, showg that it db a perfect failure

FK

at FK r lg nu of soldrs and offers, sup ord'd by their govt. I saw a few white women there, but most of the females are squaws. I cannot conceive wherein this establishment is of use. It afford no protec to the Es, neither to r frontier settlments. Where is the propriety of hiring a fuard when there is ntg to protect?

men in tent who had all their hrss stolen by Is anc er waiting to get a change to convey their bagg tothe F when e arvd at the f we overtook the govt treams, ab ut 20, tvg fm FLv to FH, loaded with groc and provs. We tvd with this train from FK to the sfprr the inducement that kept them /partners/ with the train was that the teamsters belongg to the tr, kept suff watch nights, ch relieved them of the trouble.

Govt men hunt B succ on fleet horses, the only kind

75 mi e FLwe came to CHR vg two domes similar to those on the capitol at Washington CR Scotts' Bluff. . the sunkm summit exhibits rocks of various shapes Scotts versions left in boat, not buried on bank as advertised

FL

At FL Sx fattening little dogs in willow cages FL sun dried brick here is another sta of soldiers there was a number of private groceries about the Fort, who sold their goods very high. .

We had tvd in co w 30 Es, mostly horse teams, 8 wgs while here a gr ctention among them and a general break-up of companies. . the Es true character was here devd all moral restraint thwon off . Ge stole coat from he ch he was wearing in SP Many r so depra depraved they d set fire to the grass between ere and the SNs I clcuded that I must lv m the men . in order to pass the SN bf the pass was blockaded with snow they refused I applied to the General at the fort; he decided that I shdv a division I concluded I db my own boss the remainder oth j and v none but myself to contend with. Made a light cart, 350 lbs

I started from FL the 25th July The men I dissolved partnership w lost their team, and er obliged to tv on foot thru the snows to Lawson's ranche cs of a rise of Hrse+shoe creek I am separated from my goods; friends throw gear over tied to a rock

cross P nu of Red Butes of Venitian red IR note some passed June 5 this is very discouraging to me, here it is August 5

bf arrivg at SP ai overtook two men w light wg and 4 hrss. I tvd with them 300 mis, ch brought us into the Great Basin ignoramuses decide to float odown ~~of~~ GR, partners not hindering them; willing that 3 ~~lives~~ lives be lost for the sake of relieving their team of the burden of one man his baggage; showing the depravity of the human heart.

beyond SS take SCO /HCO/ v to stand off Is with rifle

to Rabbit Springs, wher e is formerly Cherokee cutoff, now Lawsons Cut off I saw the false advertisement not shor ter but 200 miles further Black Rock Boiling Spring Hi rock canyon relief train willing to ~~let~~ let me starve final to Long's Barr to p 25

JOURNEY HOME BY THE ITHSMUS p 40 end

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HJ and WB Crumpton ADVENTURES OF TWO ALABAMA BOYS (southern route)

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Grant Foreman: Adventures of James Collier (southern route)

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Christian Girl. HUMAN DEPRAVITY; or 62 Years of My life, showing thr trials and persecutions of a once happy family, etc. Dedatur, Ill 1888

283 pp pp 11 to

After spendg 3 yes in the Hoosier state and sufferg w w chills and ~~fever~~ fever for at least one half of the time, I decided to go to Ca I chopped cord wood for 20 c a cord. A g axeman c chop 2 1/2 cords a day by rkg very hard and keeping at it for 12 hours I soon struck an old fox hunter who was gg nd made arrgmts w him We ~~talked~~ talked over plans and decided to start in March 1850 he agreed to take me and I shd rk in the mines for 2 years and give him one-half my earnings

had a Canadian pony ~~of~~ first of March to SL where ~~we~~ we shipped r goods and stock to Lv there we camped for 3 weeks jd a co and orgd

on PR herds of B maybe 10,000 feast on B veal while waiting for ~~the~~ herd to pass saw occ grizzly bear in mts

Near the ~~Sw~~ S W River in Utah terr we passed what is called CR, a tall natural pillar of stone, hundreds of feet hi. Some oth Es climbed as hi as they cd to carve their names on this grand column

had to rope wagons from behind to prevent them from turning somersault we reached the summits about mid July mt fever Just after we got down off the RMs we struck

the HR when we reached the 3 roads leading to Ca I remember that the old fox hunter. wanted to go to FH, about 100 miles out of the way, for provs. separate made arngmt w couple of Missourians to carry me thru from there. Same deal (gave the other guy my horse)

We started on the j at once, by the way of ~~Sutler's~~ Sutler's cut off through the Thousand Spring Valley on H met some Government Relief Companies, who claimed to be sent out by the USG but they sold evthing so high that few could afford to buy Most Es er w/o money & provs nd er cpeld to get along half+starved some d trade off their horses for provs to those sharpers. sotimlet horses f1go for 25 dol, when they cdv realized 200 at t he mines

I had some diffic w the "Fukes" w whom I was tvg. We er almost starved out. Those traders wanted a man to help them awhile ~~xxxx~~, then they er gg to Ca. They ofrd me 4. a day and g boarding I get kicked in the head picked up by some Iowans overnite, loaned shotgun, tb retd to Hngtown

Here I was out in the wilderness w/ a cent or a mouthful to eat eat frogs narrow escape from Is on summit surprised to find one of my cousins from Indiana who was w a co of 12. invited me to accompany to Hngtown to pp 27

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Jos. Brown, CROSSING THE PLAINS IN L' 1849. Marysville, Ca 1916
38 pp. paperback pp. 1-10

w co of 500 including my f, m and 6 chil started 5/15 110 wagons, mostly new, all covrd w white canvas, forming a line 2 miles in length

to PR fog it a nu of days, and crossing it sev times back and forth ??????? On one occ Bran right through r train, stampeding som of r cattle etc.

///these recollects are from 66 years back///

train splits in half, some wanting to go faster

In Nov we reached HR 2 days bf reachign ~~R+H~~ Battle Mt the Is attacked the tr ahead of us, driving off a nu of the best catl, besides killg 3 of the party nd woundg others. 18 or 20 Is er kd in the batle, lasted 2 or 3 hours. Had the Es not bn partly protected by their wgs, they undoubtedly dvbn mrdred. this was on September 10 . . Arrows almost covered the / gr

After fod the rv f a nu of days we came to Lassen Meadows where we found notices of Es totake the ~~Lasson~~ Lasson Cut, a very dim road, or trail, turning directly west, as the nearest and best road, etc. The fog mg r party divdd again, some fog the H to the Sink to follow the "Henis Pass Route." Ether took the LCO . .

this required that in a nu of places r wgs had to be let down b ropes into canyons, requing 3 or 4 teams to draw them out on the opp bank

I attacks and campfires reduced to 6 families 25 or 30 AB men cd expect but feeble resistance ag 3 or 400 Is in retal for 3 or 4 Is kd

reach Pitt River fod it down to Lassen Ranch Lassen had bot catl stolen by Is the LCO at least 130 mis out of r way a d a worse road cdnb found in the SNs. . take flour from L when he resufes to sell

wind up at Table Mountain where we made r first mine camp Oct 25 Mr. Bidwell giving everybody advice. this to p. 10

RECOLLECTIONS OF A GRANDFATHER ? PP. N.D. 48 pp to p. 20

FOREWARD by Elizabeth H. Ball. Oak Park, Ill

These recollections of my father, Thomas Wakeman Hall, are told to my children in the winter evenings

V consented to write out such incidents etc. from Ohio

In spring of 1848 I worked in Wisconsin, saved 470

In the spring of 1849 I gave my wife all the money we had, excepting enough to buy a wagon and some provisions; I found a cow a man who had two pair of oxen. We started 3/17 for California reached I mid April no white inhabitants further west than 12 miles west of I at the forts and Ms at SL, who are more dangerous to Gentile Es than the Is.

5/2 to cross GAD By FK up west side of Platt river, to Big Springs near which we crossed the N Platt near its junction with the South Platt ????? in the valley of P we saw thousands of Sx Is coyotes would steal anything that smelled of grease ~~Max~~ In crossing the river the lid of our cupboard (hind end of wagon) fell open and all our dishes, knives and forks and spoon fell into the river

100 miles above Ft L we crossed river in boats made of wagon boxes, using long ropes for cables and swing r cattle

reach Ft near Iron Point HR sinks out of sight and no one knows where it goes to Truckee River some of men's tongues so swollen from thirst that they stuck out of their mouths pass Donnan party remains later became acquainted with two ladies of Marysville who had lost their toes. .

to Deep Hollow on Barr River then to Roses Bar on Yuba River 9/18

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John Majors. COMMON SENSE OF A PLAIN MAN etc. 1878 pb 60 pp
pp. 42 to 48

in the spring of 1849 I started to California I will give a few sketches of my travels I started with a company of Es who are moving there to make a home drove ox team 6 months

When we reached the Waukarus 2 K Indians came near our camp and stole 2 oxen have to give up our pursuit at Ks river a little ferry flat that could carry one wagon at a time.

It had no banister to carry stock had to form a line to swim r cattle, one deep part had to be rescued with a ~~pole~~ pole

on PR Is advancing on main F formed in close column, on horseback, with tomahawks against nose and breast they wanted pay for crossing their land pay them with tobacco and other goods dead Is in almost all ~~the~~ the few scattered conifers they are placed horizontally in the top of the tree, wrapped in red blanket and tied to branches

water spout so thick darkness equal to night covered the face of the earth water a foot deep all over the face of the land it appeared like one great ocean all running toward the Platte

EMs correctly named some of the appearance of growing up out of the ground like a mushroom. IR 60 feet high 60 yards wide and 4 miles long. named from trappers celeb 7/4 there are many that are greater curiosities than this one -- the CHR, the CR

We now come to SS near here is Three Hollow Stones next object of interest is the Well Springs, near head of HR

After traveling about 400 miles down HR we turned to the right and traveled in a circuitous way around Cape Lawson as it was called. This routeled through SE Oregon. Between the H and the SNs we discovered gold and various indications of exhausted volcanoes, such as

black glass lying promiscuously over the

in mts I mostly naked except women, who wore a little grass apron the
hss er little hollow mounds. Lived much like hogs, on acorns, wild raw weeks, seed
bugs, crickets, grasshoppers and whatever game they cd k with b & a they v
stone mortars to beat the acorns in, making meal of them, baking on hot sand

I went thru to California in Hudspeth's train, and drove one of the first
wagons that went thru HCO. I passed thru the gold mines, and visited Sc City,
and SF, and found them little thriving towns. etc.

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John McWilliams, RECOLLECTIONS OF _____ HIS YOUTH EXPERIENCES IN
CALIFORNIA AND THE CIVIL WAR Princeton U P no date 186 pp.
covers 46 to 70

from Griggsville, Pike Ct Illinois me 17 w chills and fever w 3 others
wg and 4 yoke oxen lv 4/9 snow storms all the way to SJ we drove; father
went to SL on steamer and bot out outfit and shipped it up the Mis, gg along
w it on the same steamer to meet us at SJ he got to SJ a day or 2 bf we did, ,
he stayed w us 2 or 3 days, after failing to persuade me t return he home
on sbt I found a shroud in my trunk, but I was not sick another day I owed
my life to a change of climate and livingk and to fat bacon instead of c-1 oil.
we left SJ on 5/7. we had to move r wgs by hand for 2 or 3 days to get them
to the ferry; and we had to keep r cattle way back in the open spaces in the st
ch was miles long. . all the wgs were canvas-backed, crammed to the ash+bows; nd
they er so close together the wg-tongues ran each under the wagon preceding it.
Many had sheet-iron stoves lashed on behind also water pails and tar buckets
dangling beneath

no stopping day or nite, and a nu of sbts er used ~~to~~ as ferries

or co from Pike ct, Densmore capt 25 wgs, each numbered, rotation
had bacon, sugar, coffee, rice, beans, cornmeal, medicine chest with quinine,
calomel and Lees and Brandes pills picks shoves, gold pans and axes . .
big skillet, iron pot, fry pans, and utensils each of us had a butcher-knife ch e
always carried in his belt. . not a fork in the mess
had 3 suits of satinette half wool and half cotton, thick 2 pairs boots and
one pair shoes ignorant of need for more temp in hi altitudes, so hard beans
always corralled always picketed oxen trenches around tents
seti catld stampede and break through the circle of wgs and smash everthing
in sight

a trip across the pls was a g opportunity for a man to develop any ugly
traits he might have yellow streaks d appear one man said he d abandon his
religion until he got back to Gods country. . our mess never quarrelled, lean
on bro Abner the oldest at 23 he was never angry --- nnn cousin Abner
the rt nothing new here at F Key two trails united here, one ~~xx~~ from Omaha
and the other the St Jo road; and all up and down the river we cd see trains of wgs
encamped. . . crossed the SF at Ash Hollow queer formations to Pike Ct boys
at GR I made one of my side trips went to explore didnt quite get there on
acct of the deception good roads until we reached Fort Hall in August walked
almost all the day unless we er sick cholera right behind us, never caught up ith
us only death in r train a man of 60

so many Es that the game was scared away an endless procession only I
camp, Sx squaw strangled a pup, threw it on the fire and singed it, scraped it,
and cut it up to put in pot

SP 7/4 cele at ~~ES~~ at GR make boat out of ctnwd logs, fastening them
together with stringers. We sharp end the upstream ends so they dn catch so much
water. . rope across river

date?
1849

SP/any
2xw

just

in BR mts found big E tr from C, known as Hudspeiths train, w 150 wgs . .
 probls of overloading. . . a co from Pittsburg had purchased heavy army wagons
 at SJ, tried to haul them w little mules

Is: plenty of grass for whoa haws, but no water for the God damns
 after we got Hudspeith's bacon to SS, where mosquitoes er dreadful

At FH Capt Grant told ~~ix~~ us it was impos for Es to get thr ough to Calif.
 of the 25 wgs ch left SJ tog 16 decided to go to Ca (9 including r ccluded to
 go to Oregon, stay there during the winter, and go to Ca the nest spring. . .
 so we to ~~Sonora River~~ Burnt River, Powder R GR there had courtesy of
 Chief Alikot of the Cayuse ~~xxx~~ Nation, afterward tried and hanged for his partic
 in the murder of Whitman and Rogers. . ~~after~~ take fancy to me. . if I d marry his
 daughter he d give me 100 horses. . joke on me
 to the D and struck the Barlow Trail around Mr. Hood to Fosters, on the
 Clackamas, about 12 mis from OC in WV

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Narrative

George Edward Hayes, A Memorial. ed by Charles Wells Hayes
 Buffalo NY 1882

in 1857 recd D in Dental Surgery from Baltimore. . health impaired to Ca for
 his health, not for gold

the party of 16 including ygr bro Henry O. left B 3/2 /New York/ 1849
 w team for Warren, Pa, thence by steamer to Pittsburg, Cincy and SJ
 week spent at SJ "St. Jo" in breaking animals lv 5/10

// reference to letters and Journal both quoted from in part //

mules need driver and also so a man on horseback on each side holds a stong
 slack+rope, fastened to the bit of each leader, to hold back on attempts to run,
 or to guide as required. . my health is improved. , beau wild flowers

party crossed the Missouri at Old FK 5/23 and reached Fort Child 250 mis w, 6/3.
 Another 100 mis brought them to the ford at the jc of P where, attempting to cross
 in a furious storm of rain and hail, they narrowly escaped wreck and ruin by riding
 horses and mules ashore, lvg wgs and good sof the fnight in the quicksands of the
 riv which fortun ately had not risen next day etc.

diary indicates here had buffalo steaks at AH 6/17 at a spring flowing far
 beneath the rocky cliff we got some water beau clear, a gr luxury after the muddy
 rv water we have had to use. Our kegs were filled, and v wood. What more do
 we need?

"Teams in sight as far as the eye can reach on both sides oth River. Mquitores
 ver large and trsome. Passed CHR June 19

The next 4 days, on the borders of Nbr and Wyo er full of disaster and suffering
 of body and mind On the 21st 3 mi below CR one of the party Dr. M'Beth, was taken
 w cholera and in less than 24 hrs was dead 8 miles beyond SBS, Woming two
 more er stricken, both dygin early mg 6/24 Exp Col. Fay the capt died in the
 afternoon of the same day Dr. Hayes himself was gr prostrated, but found relief
 fm repeated draughts of hot tea fog upon the opium and mercury ch seem to vb bn
 the princil remedies employed //this was brother of the writer/// the two yg men
 Albert Hayden and Henry Hayes, er buried in one grave, on eh e bank of a small
 stream comg into the PR fm the south, 8 miles above SBS The spot is now in
 Laramie Co Wyo some 5 miles west of the Neb boundary line ???????

The first hot oth survivors on reaching FL 25th was to give up their xpedition
 and return home ASAP But after a day's anxious csulta they agreed that the safer
 and wiser course was to go on in co with other Es They setout on the 28th and

and went on well unt 1 they had on 7/12 passed E IR where Dr. Hayes was prostrated again with cholera, and for sev days unable to tv, unconscious and delirious. On the 21st they left camp again; and on 26+27 crossed the long desert pass of 50 m SCO

on 8/4 encamped for Sunday on Bear River in the naborhood of the celb SS, 125 mis beyond GR; and after 45 ~~xxxx~~ days of more labor and peril reached Sept 19, the N. Branch of Feather or Sac River. . . On the 27th, vg crossed anotehr desert and fled from a prairie on fire, they peaced Lawsons Ranche. . Here the remnants of the B co septd, nd Dr. Hayes made his way on horseback, leading another horse w his baggage, t Sac City, then a mining camp in canvas, 10/2
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LECTURE ON THE OVERLAND ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA delivered on 1/22/50 for the benefit of the Orpahn Asylum by Dr. George . Hayes start p 51
(got back on boat ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~)

ladies and gmen :

~~crossed the Mo 5/23 v oth P a broad prairie bottom 5 to 15 m w, w parallel bluffs of reaching Fort C we passed a deserted Ivq. But one old man remained. it ctained about 200 huts. . dscrip of architecture the place had bn attacked a short time bf by a hostile tr, sev kd, about 20 huts destroyed, and most oth cmunity driven to the ns oth P Near by is a mound, app the gr of some noted personage, surrd by a gr number of horses skulls his whole herd was slain and thir heads fern a ghostly rampard~~

~~6/2 at Fort Child and informed by C6 that 4500 wgs had passed, nd continued to arrv at rate of 100 a day~~

dissertation on geology of the ct CHR a monument of diluvial waters ascend my means of circular path or stariway to the dome CR At a place called SBs the road enters a ravine ch expands into one of the most lovely and pic lit vs on the whole rt a small nea ly dry watercourse meandered thru its centre. . carpet of the greenest turf. . architecture of ev cceivabl formation Here I made the acq of a lady who was takg dscrips of this scenery, intended evn for publica

these strata r undoubtedly members of the gr / coal formation of the Misip V. . Above FL these rocks are thrown into gr disorder, bg tilted up at an angle of 45* Lp seems tvbn the center of this upheave

4th of July at Deer Creek cross NFP at this place at the S-W grass in abundance paid r respects to IR and DG, a narrow pass where range has bn broken intxx through, allowg passg for the stream and the wag PSN mts to right

Steeple valley Rabbit Hole Springs //dscribs geology all the way//
Mud Lake High Rock Canon gigantic trees and Ivs
Sutters Ranch now a hospital // // to page 78

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Dr. Joseph Truesdale, THE WESTERN CHRONICLE Warren, Trubull ct, Ohio
October 24, 1849 original copy p. 2

ASitters Mills Ca 8/13.49 to Dr. Joseph Truesdale from C. Truesdale

~~Cur sm party of 10 arvd here on 5th inst, all well , and in xcelt spirits ++ making a long laborious trip of 2100 measured miles in 84 days, including all stoppages nd delays ++ making also as quick a trip, and rather quicker, than has ever been made w waggons over the same road~~

~~we started im SJ's with a team of 6 mules, and worked all of these every minute we tvd, until anding here in the "diggins" and not one of them ever showed the slightest sign of giving out something ve remarkable indeed.) Two of them I sold the other day for 200. and cd get 500 for the other 4~~

Fitch's father has, I presume, recd a letter from him written and sent back from Fort Harinie, in case of some Ms gg back to the States, if so, you are

acquainted w our progress up to that time. I will therefore commence, and giving you a few of the items occurring fm that time till now

6/4 found us encpd one mi fm the fort, in co with 3 wgs fm Illinois and 2 fm Ky -- came to the wise conclusion r loads er too large -- went to rk, threw evthg in the shape of a box out, 100 lbs of lead, crackers, corn meal, an old gun, and in fact, evthing that we did not deem essential -- got our load down to about 1500 lbs -- one oc left the fort, tvd 12 miles, came to a large spring cmg out of the foot of the blue hills, filled r water casks . . . and v got fairly into the blue mts.

6/6/ 3 Ms v estb a ferry nd it csisted of 3 logs hollowed out and pined tog, hardly large enough for one wg and 3 m3n to stand upon crossed 4 waggons an hr, charged 5. ea

6/10 this mg about 200 wgs had arvd; it soon resembled a small town. Had csid diffie and xcitement swing r oxen and mules; one poor fellow in attempting to swim a mule over, got into the crowd, became frightened, fell off, and sank to rise no more. No search was made for him, deeming it useless

6/112 to 13 in sight IR any number of names, mostly 1849 DG 10 mi above. . where the river pass s thru and cuts off a point from the main body of Granite mts

6/16 reached head of Sw; vg passed thru the day drifts of snow, axle teep. Here we found an encampment of Fr mteers; Fitch bought a horse

6/17 finest road I ever saw 10 oc thru SP

6/18 left hand road the old Fremont road the other new Lublets CO despite m s givings take the latter, ch saved 5 to 6 days time to in sev placec cpld t let r wagons down by ropes ?? ?? over steep pitches and ledges

6/20 to GR or Colorado to BR in 3 days mt fever, a mild form of congestive, requiring tonics and stimulus from the onset

6/25 on Smiths fork of the Bear R

6/30 Fort Hall at cf of Snake and Port Neuf. . the most human place we saw. . a live Yankee had estald a dairy, had 40 cows, sold cheese and butter we tvd from FL to FH in 26 days, a distance of 550 miles.

from FH to Raft River ~~200~~ 50 miles and 180 m in in sw direction tohdtwatrs of H- or Marys River 300 miles not a single stream entering, of runing water that is alkali incrustation. . had to tv by nights

As Fitch is now writing to his father, and is givg the pats of what ocured on the last part oth j, I l close by givg you a few of the items since arrv in Ca. . We reached the first settlment on the 5th inst

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A STRANGE STORY same nsp , same page

Some time in June last Col. McKay was ordred to FL // from Ft lv 9/19// escorted by Lt Geo Evans and 10 dragoons, and aced by his 13 yrs old s son., Capt C. A. Easton, Tr. Russel USA, Dr. George B. Parks of Boston, and R Rev John Robertson, a Scotch gman, tvg for pleasure. Capt Easton had under his charge a box ctng a few thous dols ch e was to cvey to FK, and the Sergeant oth Co vg got wind of it, immed proposed to make gmen of the 9 dragoons under his charge. H rep td tothem that the box ctnd 150,000 and that by a lit operation those gmn cdb made much happier by bg sent to Haven expeditiously, and they would enjoy earth with plenty of money. . a man was detailed by the Serg tb at the door of each gmans tent at a certain hr oth night, armed with their pistols, and cargines, and at a givn signal to place the pistol at their heads and fire; the Sergthimself, armed with a revolver, t take care oth Colonel and his son. . but bf the night had set in, one of the men repented, and xposed the whole affair. . Col took no notice after questioning. . unt l they reached this place. The sergeant is now under arrest, and y the whole affair lb investigated soon.

Joseph Sedgley / OVERLAND TO CALIFORNIA IN (1849) Oakland, 1877

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3/29/49 The Sagamore and California Mining and Trading Co of Lynn, Mass
 ROSTER includes Stillman Churchill c 50

lv in cars for Boston reced by the Bay St co, also bound for Ca via Cape Horn. . cars to Stonington steamer via Long Island Sound for NY

3/31 kv NY steamer John Potter to Amboy to Camden ferry / over Delaware to Philadelphia Columbia RR to Penn and Ohio Canal to Holidaysburg

4/6 cars over the Alleghany mts canal boat for Pittsburg

4/9 boat De Witt Clinton for SL buy wgs here

4/17 arr SL

4/18 sw slaves sold at auction in front of the CH take Creole Belle for Boonville

4/19 takes pasngers from the Saludy, her machinery vg broken down

4/20 off at Boonville break mules J A Wilkins and S. Cummings hurt by mules each mess to take care of own mules

5/1 saw the Dedham Mechanics' Association from Mass

5/3 the Satuna was lost in the river, 400 Cas, only 1 drowned

5/5 steamer Mary stopped and buried 18 who had died of cholera

5/8 lv Ry after vg camped there 16 days A Varnum kicked by ml

5/14 officers include L. W. Baker, Captain

5/21 over Little Blue committe to I, to carry letters and get info re route.

5/22 ford Big Blue crossed Missouri St Line cpd in IT

5/23 passed the Land Elm sev deserted I huts cholera raging

5/24 Fusewashe River I settlement of Shawnee tribe cos fm NY and Maryland

5/25 news of batl between NY company and Is, in ch latter victorious

5/28 Ks ferry run by Is of Shawnee tribe, l. Mission of ME church

5/29 Pots to trade, at Soldiers Creek overtook Boston & Newton party of Mass numbering 18 men and 6 wgs. . also Mo companies

5/30 31 cos from Ill and Missip, united for mutual protection 6 in common C from Asheville C ND

6/1 Big V in rear of us are the Wolverine Rangers of Michigan, 73 v lost r to chol Capt McMulty oth Colony Guard, leg broken fm ml

6/3 the Telegraph Co. of Missouri x 6 wagons 33 men a co of Lexington Ky passed us on pack mules

6/4 BB here is G of woman died in 1846, age 70 and new G beside it

6/5 ford BB co from Louisiana and Wis// traders from FL //he notes most everyone coming and going //

6/6 yg man escaped from the Sx G man from New Albany 78

6/7 retrnees vg been robbed by Is

6/8/ 10 traders from the RMs who had been absent 10 months valu info re route

6/12 met US soldiers ed by Maj Sanderson said sev hundred armed Is a few miles ahead came to bluffs oth PR wnet 45 mis today

6/13 to PKey 140 here under Col. Doniphan r Es here accid shot: one w arm ampu tated in cseq of the bite of a rattlesnake

6/14 graves graves cholera B& N co again //names sev graves///

Joseph Hunter of Ohio, A. Parks of Mass, Caldwell and Bradshaw of Mo. etc.

6/18 Teleg co of Missouri shot some B graves of BFRoger of Va, R Lee of Ill, and A Conner of Mo.

6/19 in B hunt Varnum thrown fm horse and badly injured G Capt C. of Texas

6/20 crossing SF wg stuck in river, remain exposed to hailstrom for r r 5 or 6 hours 1 mile wide

Dist

observes

Comp

Gs

FK

6/21 to nf (lower crossing) Gs of several identified find bodies of sev Is
lyg on the gr in gr cfusion. The Ps and Sx r at war, nd these fellows er doubt+
lessly surprised while asleep and killed.

6/23 messmates include 9 Merrill Bradley . from Lynn, ~~xxx~~ Quincy and Maine
G of β Geo Stover, killed in a duel

6/25 . after tvg 5 mis and ascending the bluffs we soon descended into a hollow
/with timber/ 2 miles further a spring. . We then ascended the bluffs, and had a
fine view of the ct; then descending into AH from the crossing of the SF to AH
is 64 miles find man lost from Salem, Mass lost fm his co, with cow, susb
subsisting on milk Castle Bluffs. 2 graves; one that of a girl 18

6/26 β G J G Kendall of Michiagn plus boy 12 passed a wagon and party bound
on a trading xped to the mt; also a lone tree with a dead Indians sleeping
among its topmost branches

6/27 Smiths fork Dry Creek and ~~xxx~~ came to the H+H or Church
grave of John Stevens of Mo

6/28 Passed graves of J P Towle of Mo, Jno. Campbell accid shot, and Rebu
Reuben Scroggan of Ky, 18 CR like church steeple 1/4 mi fm Ch is a fountain of
pure water, sitd in what is called CR Ravine known as CR Spring; it is one hun-
dred yards up the bluff, in a stone formation. It is hollowed out as if by art
carved r names, broke off a pi ce of the rock for a relic
graves of Wm Fay of Mo G S Ferguson and Dr. Macbeth of Buffalo NY

6/29 ~~xxxxxxx~~ near summit SBs spring. Here is a wigwam occ pd by a Frman who
married a squaw. on seeing LP give one grand hurrah more and more Gs

6/30 v to wear veils acct mosquitoes and gnats more Gs w inscriptions

7/1 L ford. . . 2 men drowned here FL is a rude cstructi n, built of mud. .

75 soldiers here , under Maj Sanderson

7/5 lower P ferry, crossed in boats dug out of logs rope stretched wagons upset,
men barely escaping; we ccluded to tv 3 miles to the upper ferry

7/8 came up w Pioneer Line with 40 wagons β vlost 30 men by sickness

7/9 G W Gallagher of Mo Willow springs

7/10 co of mtd men passed us, on their way to Oregon. They had lost 100 men by
desertion, and 25 by sickness

7/11 β l ctinue j with 7 men and one wg IR DG where river forces itself thru mts

7/12 overcoats cfortabl G β Frederick Riche of Mo.

7/13 2 men passed us on foot, bound for Ca; also, a man lot all his catl at
Saleratus creek 7/15 some Crow+foot Indians

7/16 to the mt pass PS

7/17 take SCO stick with 30 cards, fr m an many diff cos saw 210 wgs in the
v prep to crss the Colorado Desert

7/18 cross in 2nd day many hills almost to perp cross river all at once

7/19 BR sey hundred Snakes sell r horse for a pint of brandy

7/27 SS take HCO /does not name/ another split stick, with cards

8/2 FH trail comes in J Hildreth of New Hampshire, joins; a packer, who had
been shot at by Is

8/3 Steeple Rox here the M trai comes in

8/4 a div of the Roxbury Co of Mass 8/6 Spring Valley

8/7 valley of the Warm Springs on H some Boston frs, some destitute

8/17 Hawkes and Iv ccludd to pack the rest oth j, jd b Hildreth

8/25 here a cut-off At the forks of the road there was a kind of P-o, with crds
nd letrs of cos who had taken ths supposed c-o ch proved to us tb the very
opposite, and nearly caused us to starve passed the g of Mary Jane McLeland, 3
50 miles this side of the Sink. . Rabbit Springs

8/26 tygmen fm NJ died 8/27 12 govt wagons bound to Fort Hall Muc C V

9/1 Mud Lake G John Fisher of Ill 9/2 Goose Lake River

9/3 Pitt River Pit 4 bears
 9/11 Spring V met an explorg party under Capt Lassen Capt Warren and
 a guide er kd today 9/13 me sick and crazy head of Fetther R
 9/15 v of Feather Rv
 9/22 Davis & Lassen's ranch, the first settlement head of Sac river
 10/1 to Sac City 2 mis from Sutters fort sick and feeble
 written at S Francisco 2/ 77

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE MEYER OREGON MISSOURI ACROSS THE PLAINS WITH AN
 O TEAM IN 1849. for from memory at 81 3/5/1908 Shenandoah, Iowa 1908
 29 pp. pb

md in Baden Germany / that is Andrew ^{Peter} ~~Waltch~~ 1834 to Wayne Co Ohio Geo
 over at 7 1851 married Holt Co Ms

age 22 r home ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ Oregon, in Holt Ct ^{was} persuade miller 1300 lbs flour
 started from home thru Oregon a mere vg but 3 stores and a few dwellings had
 5 yoke of catl Brother Andrew and Mr. McIntyre

drive to Iowa Point. Here we had to dig the banks on each side o MR in
 order to get r wagons to the flat boat, r boat bg the first to cross then drove
 to a point where Highland, Ks now is in Sac Reserv, where was I mission
 at I mission jd by 4 others w 2 wagons start 5/1 for weal or for wee
 follow the divide bet the Wolf and Nemaha very crooked but level

5/3 cross Nemaha 5/6 cross BB where Maryville now is to LB where
 Hanover now is

fod up Platt to a pt beyond Plum Hollow herd of 40 or 50 B cross in
 front of r wagon at crossing sev other wgs mired but we dared not stop
 cs we had r hands full to AH here kd first antelope and B

in NPV many strange rocks chimney rocks and court house rocks (many of them)
 here joined by others from Holt Ct, who had crossed at Iowa Point

6/2 FL stop half day did not see much a few sols and a few bldgs
 we r now nearg the Black Hills cross R where Custer now stands ??????????

At S P catch a suspicious I some vote to kill maj vote to send him free
 get jump at GRF by offering to cross at nite 17 w.s. while the 100 others
 er still waiting

7/2 Fort Hall myriads of mosquitoes to Am Falls mt fever
 to H - Turkey and Carson rivers up Carson John Elair succumbs
 Hangtown August 13 to p. 17

8/13
 5/1
 3+12

Leonard Matthews, A LONG LIFE IN REVIEW PP L" L(12/1928
w authors perm in anticipation of his 100th bd St. Louis ?
174 pp. start p 25x 32

near Hannibal Mo borrowed 200 fm father nd bot an outfit s Thomas Cleaver
and nephew Will w nd / hrss Uncle Tom had negro boy f 20 along

3/49 started for CBs where we met othersk 13 in all We crossed
the M at Old Fort Kearney left there 4/25 into the Great Unexplored Region
Our captain Harry Brolaski, had bn across bf 21 wagons upon acquittal
of one for an infraction Brolaski announced si disollu dissolution dissolution
of the St. Louis Telegraph Train so we orgd a sep co called themselves
the Advance Guard of the S TT

8/3
5/21
2+2
4/25
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crossed SP on May 21 on 30th at FL 6/13 SP 6/26 FH 7/27 the Canyon
of the SNMs 8/3 at the gold diggins and on r/ 5 at Sutters Mills.

We arrived sev days bf the Rear Guard of the SLT vg passed them sev times
on the way
usual tv 25 m a day
one day we met 3 PIs all 3 P scalps taken by 150 Cheys that nite we
reached new FK and gave the news of the battle" to the c0 of the Fort who sent
out a squad to capture the Cheys // we in the middle of this affair//
me no md but called upon for help negro with buckshot in chest from accid
on one / occ// to accouch a woman

one Sunday mg r wag n tire broke we kd a B, took his green hide, cut it in
strips, and rapt it arnd the tire and felloe; when it shrunk i// as it dried it
held well until we got a a bs about 50 mis off

some of I tree burials had horse heads hanging nearby seldom used tents after
a few days out; merely pulling X off r boots; b robes, we slept soundly as
babes in the cradle
arrd on An Fork of Sac R 8/3 Missouri Bar 25 mis fm Sac City

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THE ROBINSON - ROSENBERGER JOURNEY TO THE GOLD FIELDS OF CALIFORNIA
1849-1850 The Diary of Zirkle D. Robinson ed with an introduc by
Frances Coleman Rosenberger The Prairie Press Iowa City 1966

INTRODUCTION ON [""""? (3/28/49 3 native Virginians from Shendoah Valley
Zirkle R, his brother Joseph and his b-i-l Wesley Allen R- set out from
the town of Virginia, in Cass Ct, Ill, for the gfs of Ca //says editor,
Dale L Morgans JP the u summit of gold rush editorial scholarhsip///
Z kept a daily record eventually ret'd to Shendoah v
Mrs. Rice, dgtr of ZD and Malinda Ann, carefully preserved her fathers
orig diary, / and in her 80th yrs, made a copy. Both original and copy (part
paraphrase and part amplifica) er gen made available to the editor in 1956 by
Mrs. Rice's granddaughter, Mrs. Jeanie Sheaks of New Market (Rice)
remained in Ca until May 1850 only summary entries for Ca period
did return with some gold dust - gold dust ex for coins at NO
b. New Market Va 1810 md Malinda Ann R in 1834
It was in Cass Ct Ill they lived when news of gold in Ca (princeton)

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1914 copy mentions first wagon Thomas Deal, Wesley Rosenberger, Charles
Brady, Joseph Robinson, Dr. Fred Schoo y, Z D R ///Dale Morgan finds in the
Springfield Ill Journal for 4/6/49 re Cass Cts for Ca: inclues ZDR, Samuel
Leeper, Dr. Wm Clark, Charles Brady, Henry Ingalls, Michad Dusenberryy, etc.

the j is a pocket note book, 6", btown leather, back cover missing. .
28 1/2 pp of ms in ink, plus 2 1/2 addl in pencil inked over small
neat handwriting, still quite legible spelling faulty

Dale M the first to bring the sizeable body of g r diaries under
scholarly discipline

After crossing Misip R near Warsaw, Ill, R- and his fts ascnd the
Desmoines R, fod the M Trail of 1846 across that State to Chariton River,
then fod a southerly road to SJ . . . new SCO used Wares \checkmark guide for he
exhibits Wares mistaken info about the Ca road west of GR, espec tribbs of
Bear River takes old trail to FH reached HR near present Wells, Nev
and descnded H- all the way to its Sink, near ~~ex~~ Lovelock. Here he chose
to take, not the older E route via the Truckee R and Donner Pass, but one first
tvd the previous yrs, of the Forty Mile Desert to the Carson River, and up

THE DIARY

3/28 left Virginia Ill for Ca to SJ 4/22 crost 25 we wore camp on
Musketoe Creek. . the place looks like a camp meeting

5/2 ato SJ to see if our Things had come. There was 5 Boats at SJ and
the officers. The U S Troops was gg up the River and gg out to FH There
was 200 on the boat . . some coffins drest in Black velvet. . s m persons
supposed to v 1 died with the colery

5/3 one of r co Died. . maybe 400 ahead of us

5/4 road from SJ Exciting You might see as many as 75 wgs at one time.
//no paraphrasing whatever//

5/12 into road that leads from Independance. Teams in a Bundance we had
18 wgs Bacon and flower for nothing

5/18 elk and antelopes Playing in one herd together. . struk for the Plat

5/20 left for Fort Charles ed 1/2 mi fm the f it appeared ~~as~~ Like we d
look up hill to see water. . 30 wagons in sight. It looked like a town

5/24 used B chips for first time. . I cald it Puke camp for one certain reason.

5/27 sedre the Prairie look like some old field that has Bin Pastered for
many years 5/28 crso cross the river

5/31 Ash Hollow the Bluffs is very hansom here the rocks on the hills is
a splendid sean

6/2 what is cald the cort house chimney rock Names cut on the Rock some
500 feet hi 6/4 suds Suds Bluff grand Vues

6/5 to Scots Springs, 20 miles from the River. Between the B uffs and the
Rvr Where the wolves is as thick as Dogs in the states. Here is a Bss and a
store 5/6 count 150 teams crossing Horse creek. All crosing at once

6/7 Laramas Fort B ought a Boat wagon for 25 see fine wgs sell for 5 dols
It look like destruction here warm springs many persons washing cloths

6/14 we launchd our Boat to ferry the river. some 7 persons got Drowned.
We all got across safe with heard labor. .

6/16 to Mineral Springs some hills that looks like they were Burnt

6/17 whole earth is white with salaratus ct not fit for man nor Beast
Willow Springs

6/18 IR Deavals Gate 6/23 summit of the Rocky Muntain and by O oc we got
on the top. We vb bin Blest so fare with good Luck

6/27 /no problem with his wagon boat. . here one man had kild another and
was a bout to be Tride for his life. And on the same day he was Releast

7/4 went Down a mt where we had to let the wagon Down with Ropes the musketoe
d Bit us so Bad we d v to nock them of. . .fired of our guns

7/7 SS 7/11 to Fort Hall it is cald 750 mis fm here to Sutters Fort we
crost the Nuce river and Moond so dusty u cdn see the lead cattle

FL

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7/15 16 camp on what is cald Goos Creek. here we saw many Butiful seanrys formed of rocks Mormens cmg back with gold the Canyon the Most Dredful Place I Ever saw and the worst road Eny man Ever saw. into Sirenavada Ms

American Lake a furd Tree that was Dead and it was full of limbs about 100 feet high and we sot it on fire and the Blase run up in the are a most splendid sight.

7/26 to the first mines on Saturday. . 27th made for Sacramento city

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STORY OF THE GRAND RIVER COUNTRY: MEMOIRS OF MAJ JOSEPH H MCGEE
Gallatin, Mo, 1909 pages unnumbered pb

b 1821 Richmond Mo leaves 2nd wife in family identifies spans
lv 14th May fr John madely in love writes letters faithfully at each
oppor (me amanuensis) to find that his flame married within 1 months of his depar-
ture and he was writing to another mans wife (1850)
crossed mo r at Iowa Point see herder drown tryg to herd catl across MR.
we crossed in a ferry boat to territory of Kansas 5/20 did rest every Lords Day
BB swollen, cross in raft left LB 6 or 7 mis fm the now splendid city
of Hastings then nothing but banks of sand mirage assumes the form of our
train advancing, everythin mirror image

to Ft. Kearney, cposed ent of adobe houses devastating storm, sleeping
in sev inches of water

n Noth Platte ctinually passing tents with dead bodies in them one tent we
passed had 12 bodies in it between the MR and Ft. Laramie a distance of 600
miles there had been made 3000 fresh graves, 5 for every mile. . Robert Cravens
and I careful to take down in our diaries thename and address of every fresh G
we passed while taking notes, noted stench: that night he took the cholera
and came near dying. (notes CH rock and the cr000

crsoing over the south fork /// got all this backwards/// problems
with one 10 / ft deep hole to AH that nite herd of B pass gang of B wolves

6/20 FL now ahead of the cholera only place devoid of cactus was overhead
Sx camp of 1,000 warriors, It was said to be Sitting Bulls camp. I did not see him
now on the nsnt lv rv 75 m to IR 7/4

7/6 Three Crossings Great Ice Springs

SP after the Twin Mounds as we were from Daviess ct Mo and er yn there when
the Ms er made to leave the state, we chose the Fort Hall route .. cross desert
at night perp hills at GR locked all the wheels, put one yoke of oxen in front
to guide the wg, hitched 3 yoke behind it to hold it back ?5. to cross

BR mts the roughest j we had yet made
go to Fort Hall rather HCO since that is the largest road at Fort Loreoring
an outpost of M we procured a pint of brandy mosquito horrors goodbye to
Oregonians Thous SV grave of Grantham of this ct

Stampede oxen cpletely tired out run like calves raising the tail the signal
up Carson valley 3 of us pack ahead from CV

into Hangtown, broke and starving borrows 10 dol gold piece from negro slave
he knew at home later got his free papers for 1000 fro master Grundy Miller
reach Hangtown Sept 5 went back to mo bought his wife and child, nd his own
xlave to go to Calif same terms.

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Autos

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MEMOIRS OF JOHN MARSHALL NEWTON L(L[NP 1913 np pb 91 pp

v. 24 I left Section Ten (Ohio) 4/1/1850 and went to Quincy to take pass on the Ohio r f SL on my way to California. . . trusted to luck to fall in w/ a party in whose co I cd cross the pls. . . Belle of the West. . . boat on fire, barely escapes, women and children perish

catch a 2nd boat yg artist on board whose name was Waugh. . . who urged me into partnership with him, he to paint a Panorama of the Upper Mississippi for his part, and I to lecture. I declined this proposition as it was not gg to the mines

At SL we took another boat for Fort I met leader of the party. nd struck a bargain with him to be taken to Ca as a pasngr with mmeals for 100. . . party of 15 fm Richland Ct, Ohio, mostly mechanics of B Ditch descent, good+ natured enough, but excessively stupid after 2 weeks, on the boundless prairie

Gen tvd about 16 mpd on level plains. wg w 4 yoke oxen, and 3 hacks, each drawn by 2 mules, . . . 100 miles out Sloane said I had my choice of driving or cooking, I object acct not in the deal. . . tough, so forced to work as cook

like the moving of a gr nation. . . stop for meal or bait our animals (thousands d pass us.) . . . When we pitched r tents at night hundreds of tents wd rise around us. . . "Where do you hail from" If "Pike Ct No" we d quickly turn away." Spectacle of Is in camp, in travois, and blackstriped for war

Contagion of a stampede, one train to another. . . heavy wagons shooting obliquely as if a reather's weight

Also, learned the hard way not to pitch camp on B trails

The enchanting part of r trip lasted for a couple of months, until we got beyond the SP, then when r provs became scarce. . . there came privations and change in r tempers. . . almost every day we had a fight

The worst and most abominable actions er those done by parties from the sunny south. I v seen a chivalric southerner shoot down his own brother, another, a Kentuckian, left his old father to die of cholera on the side of the trail, with no shelter from the burning rays, while the son carried off in his wagon a good tent. . . an unnatural monster

We er 4 months in crsg the pls, enduring in the last 6 weeks ~~gr~~ gr hardships. . . Worst of all was the GAD brackish water dust decayg carcasses

Lost in desert. . . trust to sagacity of cattle, find their way to Carson

R Vicinity of SS meets 1/2 breed daughter of an English nobleman of Montreal Hangtown by way of Sonoma? sick and penniless

to pg 32

seems to v survived to a ripe old age anyhow

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Recollections in

OVERLAND TRIP TO CALIFORNIA in 1850 by Abraham Given, Frankfort, Indiana n.d. unpagd pb

Wooster, Ohio man named Dennison to Calif in 1849, came home exhibit nuggets Spring 3/11/50 265 from Wooster lv for Ca, after marching around the city amid the booming of cannon and a band of music, including me

In mess of 5 includin bro David E. and John Brown. . . had to go overland rt, all berths by steamer engaged for 3 months ahead

at SL took El Paso for SJ arrv 3/27 lv 4/6 for Duncans landing 4/8 ferried across in odd flat boat 10 mules to ea wg to climb the bluff

some 700 miles y fm SJ we came to Ft. Carney, bot 1 00 lbs flour paid 8. in gold made boats out of r wg beds, w ropes

Wooster, Ohio to Duncans Landing To Hangtown, Calif

at AH comes 200 Is ponies and lg dogs all loaded w their goods. .their leader was a Frman w squaw. H demanded a money ctrib or the Is d kill us that night defied him, not molested

10,000 Bs on nort platte mountain lion, decide to leave it alone Ft. Larimy sm blacksmithing some fishing

on we went over the Black Hills, now where Deadwood is ??????

7/4 arr Placerville or nickname Hangtown

// addl dope re Ca

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Charles D. Ferguson, EXPERIENCES OF A FORTY-NINER DURING 34 YEARS' RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA AND AUSTRALIA. ed. Frederick T. Wallace Cleveland, 1888 507 pp. start p. 9 - 114

debris variety

Ohio Sept 1849 age 17 to Cleveland, steamer A D Patchen for Chi. . to Ottawa, Ill to visit bro w 3 others lv 3/14/1850 for Peru, take steamer Ocean Wave to SL arrive 3/18

On Orient with set of bums and thieves, mainly off at I . . only other place on map was Old FK, 100 miles up. . All the gr interior passed under the gen name of Nebraska // to St. Jo. . up river east side for CBs, 150 mis The reason for taking this northern rt. . was that there er some settlements on that side of the river, and we cd obtain hay and corn of the farmers much cheapr than St. Jo

CFK

To Lebanon after bg drowned out. . cross there to join co of 20, fine yg men, all doomed within 9 months. . E new camp csisted of sm abandoned log huts, orig blt during the Mexican War, Old FK. There was a dozen or more of them; we took up quarters in one, and stabled our ponies in another

4/1 pulled out. . carried horse feed, grass retarded . . On the 2nd day we camped on Salt Creek where Lincoln now stands. . comes post rider from Santa Fe??? says Ps fr, ch we found tb f true. . meeting w Is, use my limited knowledge of the Bx language. . my stature is enhanced by shooting a deer

Have Canuck horses, superior hardhood.

On 8th day FKey. . in process of building

FK

the mg we left MoRa man started out w a wheelbarrow a to cross the pls; his cargo a bushel of parched corn and a blanket gives out, gets employment at FK. . v heard of such crossing ctinent but dont believe it

leave FK 4/9 B thick, had to stop oce to let them pass 4/14 near the Forks a heavy snow storm; had to burn 3 wagons to keep from perishing. . slow progress thru snow+drifts. . Is show us proper place to ford SP. . Ps warn against Sx as liars and robbers, ch we found to be true

rv 1/2 mile wide, but 2 b the time we zigzagged. . . the place we crossed is now Gallala ///these are recollections/////

Cross North Platte at Ash Hollow Is beat breasts in token of frship Arrd FL 4/29 vg made 700 miles in 29 days CO says built for protec of Ee nd cvenience oth dragoons that patrol the road bet FH in Oregon and FLv . It was built on a vast plain in the midst of thousand of acres of cactuses, so rank and thick it was impos to approach except by road ?????? F possessed 2 cannon of ample calibre, on wheels

As we er out of flour the commissary told us we cd have it at cost to the govt, including freightage, 16 per 100 lbs lv 5/2

a few days bf a soldier had stolen the colonel 's horse and struck out for Ca a band of Crw

5 Snow
Is - 4/23/2

No!

FL?

FL
 A band of Crows came down on him and took his provs, every stitch of his clothing, gave him the B rug, some jerked B meat, and told him to go back. The Crows call this swapping.

Sx misbehaviours they d rush and snatch the food we er ~~cookg~~ / have to brain one with a hot frying pan

Fur
 At La Bont creek fell in with party of Canadian Fr trappers and fur dealers. They had 4 wgs loaded with bales of fur, bound for St. Jo. . had bn fm the frontier 12 months

CR
 We now come to a place called C-H R when approached no such resemblance CR app of an old dilapidated chimney. . from its top. . men looked like toddling children and the horses not more than a foot high; yet all cd seen as plain and distinct as if they had been within 200 yds, while in fact they er 7 or 8 miles away

Day after CR visited by a band of Crow Is, rode around us 2 or 3 x, and drawing their bows, and charge in and out We take a prisoner K?????? treaty of peace negotiated swapping thus ended the Crow war

IR
 We next came to IR named by Col Fremont who stopped there 4th July it is one solid grand boulder, prob the largest in the rld

decide for SLC though a diversion of 200 miles, object to rest and replenish r stock of provisos Is help cross GR; I women beasts of burden & slaves

FB blt 27 yrs bf wouldnt let us in acct too early in the season; had to show him St. Louis nsps He ad a sqay and 2 children, boy and girl, half casts, 14 and 16. Madam Bridger. . He said the name by ch he was known was an assumed one, that he was a native of Va. at 16 in disgrace, ran away. Claimed tb very rich from trade with Ms

5/19 into SLC our early arrival unprecedented hospitality unbounded BT priest, prophet and king oth M faith, . visited r camp and cversed wth us on r j. . I shall ever feel kindly towards the M people

death of one of party by bg kicked by a horse

222 Lv Bear rv r t rt bore nw up a gradual rise for 150 miles until we reached SCO. . where we made a diversion from the most direct line to go down to SL. . Here was Fort Hall, and also some soda springs. . now find a party 2 days ahead of us catch up with party from Ohio strike HR near its source , near present Elko

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 I advised taking the Oregon route but majority for more southerly route, more directly to California, but involving desert ct. . by not fog my advice, the majority lost their lives getlost Is kill 3, wound 4 more // more or less a massacre, in part Oregonians told us that the tribe were Goose Lake Indians retaliation party

p 114 arrive at Lessen's ranch 125 mi above Sac City

FREDERICK REHWINKEL AUTOBIOGRAPHY ms legal size 399 pp.
 missing of r pages 315 to 318 excellent ~~handwriting~~ bold handwriting
 # 319-382

... a few days after reaching Post Cottonwood Nebrs (named after a grove of cottonwood trees close by, from the various limbs of cottonwood suspended in mid-air quite a number of Indian corpses securely ensconced in B-skins) my for the time being designated company Headquarters, I was ordered by Colonel Baumann of the 1st Nebraska Cavalry commanding Post, to send one Sergeant and ten men of my Company to each of the three ranches between Cottonwood and Plum-creek, a distance of 40 miles, to protect those places against the hostile Sioux Indians, at the same time to escort the overland Stages by a detail of two of my men riding on the top of the Stage, in addition to 3 mounted men of the 1st Nebraska Cavalry from one ranch to another, while Captain Richmond commanding Company of my Regiment was ordered to send a like detail to perform the same duty at and between the next 3 ranches towards Julesburg. Colonel McNally very unavoidably been detained on important duty at St. Louis longer than Captains Kenney, Fisher and myself (the latter 2 officers formerly also of the 3d U S Cavalry) when traveling by the Overland Stage en route to Julesburg Nebraska his Regimental Headquarters, arriving at Post Cottonwood about mid-night the Colonel

caused the stage driver to halt at the gate of the adobe wall surrounding the post, requesting a member of the guard to arouse me out of bed, and state, that the Colonel wished to see me, so after a mutually welcome meeting and cordial shake of the hand interspersed by a few questions and answers in regard to Captain Richmond's and my Company, and after supplying the Colonel with a blanket to wind around his legs and feet, which were chilled riding so long, by the cold night air at that season of the year, the Stage coach proceeded onward, while I retired to my quarters to finish my night's rest. My relations with the officers at Post Cottonwood were all that could be desired, cordial, yet respectful, particularly so with Lt Col Levi Ruggles Post Quartermaster and Commissary, and Major O'Brien of the 1st Nebraska Cavalry, the latter succeeding his Colonel on being ordered to other fields of duty, in command of the Post about 2 weeks. . . ~~Capt. Osborne~~

Corporal Osborne Capt Kuhl of the 1st Nebraska Cavalry Lt Col Ruggles. . chop cedar wood for charcoal

//no paragraphing // The Sioux Indians continuing to commit numerous depredations and murders along the overland route, no immigrants or freight trains were in conformity to Department orders, allowed to pass any fort, or military post, unless such train could muster 30 well armed men for self-protection between the intermediate garrisons, and commanded by a duly elected Captain, whose duty it was to keep all the wagons of his train at all times well . . etc. duly countersigned by the next garrison

On a sunny afternoon forenoon that 3 men of my Company one acting as teamster while the other 2 rode in the wagon, and a Sergeant of the 1st Nebraska Cavalry, all stationed at Gillmans ranch, the first one of the 3 ranches garrisoned by my men, and about 15 miles from Post Cottonwood, started with a 4 mule team from said ranch to provision the other 2 ranches with fresh beef, en route to Dan Smith's ranch, a distance of 12 miles from Gillmans, where a relay of 4 overland stage horses were kept, and when about half way there to, a party of 30 well mounted Sioux Indians . . came charging and yelling like only Indians can yell, on the seemingly doomed party of 4 as brave soldiers as ever stood the brunt of battle. My Regiment being armed with muzzle-loading Springfield muskets, I had, guided by my former experience in Indian warfare, instructed my Company that if ever in my absence attacked by a superior force of Indians, only half of their number should fire at one time, the rest to reserve their fire until those who fired first, had reloaded their

muskets, and never to fire unless sure to hit and I, hence when these 4 brave men saw the hostiles swoop down upon them, the teamster dismounted from off his saddle mule, while the other two jumped out of the wagon, all 3 of them taking cover behind the huge wagon bed on the opposite side of from where the Is came chargg at full speed, while the Sergeant kept in the saddle only partly protected near the tail gate of the wg, and when sure of their mar. . 2 of them fired emptyg 2 saddles which gr surprised the Is who dashed on some distance bf they wheeled about returng to care for their 2 wounded, or dead, comrades; but alas! the brave Sergeant reeled from off his horse a corpse, while all 3 of my men had received only slight arrow wounds, likewise 2 mules, but lots of arrows er stic ing in the wagon bed. As soon as they had reloaded their muskets they quickly lifted the Sergeants corpse into the wagon, then tying his horse to the tail gate of the wagon, they started the team on a trot, again taking shelter as before when the redskins came chargg past them the second time, but a more respectful distance. . ch accounted for their arrows missing the brave men and team. . while 20 of y men the third reserving his fire emptied two more I saddles, and is took some time for the Is to recover from their fright and charge and tying their dead, or wounded on the saddle of their ponies, my men in the

meantime keeping the team on the trot, the Is vg to charge a longer distance, but kept up the running fight without any further harm to both men and team to witin about 2 miles of Dan Smith's ranch, from where, on espying Smith's cattle grazing on the open prairie plain near the hills about amile distant from the ranch, the cowardly rascals struck out for the cattle. Sergeant Reel, in command of my men at Smith's ranch, on seeing the Is g fo Smith's cattle, requested the man in charge of the four relay stage horses to let him m unt them with three of his men

to 335 when he is mustered out of service
to 354 arrival in SLC
to 371 arrival in Oregon

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WESTERN RESERVE CHRONICLE Warren, Ohio 7/11/1849

From the Trumbull County Whig
Highlands near Plate River June 5, 1849 from D. Jagger

Today, meeting an escort of soldiers from Fort Charles to Fort Lv, on the Missouri, the officer kindly offered to take a letter to the States for us. I borrowed a pen long enough to back the same, and here goes the "pencilings by the way" -- the saddle my table, and the ground a broad seat. We are all well and in fine spirits, and are moving at the rate of 20, 25 and 30 miles a day. We had a hard time from St. Louis to Independence, on a Cholera boat. --

From I to Kansas river (110 miles) we had the hardest times I ever saw or ~~rk~~ heard of. The road was soft and muddy, and it rained almost constantly. A rain on a prairie prarie, 10 or 15 miles from any wood, where you cannot find a rock or bank to break its fury, is a rain. -- We er soti obliged to ford 3 or 4 csid streams each day. Take it in all, it was a tedious and wearisome affair. Added to that, the Cholera was in almost every camp, and with such treatment as cdb afforded in that place, nearly all died

Mr. Steel, one of the 3 that went from Fland Poland, died with the Cholera, and was buried on the banks of the Little Vermilion. During the first 170 miles of our j, we must v averaged 4 new graves daily; but we have seen none now for

for days, and we are breathing as pure an atmosphere as ever floated over the Green Mountains. Although we moved slow in the first part of the trip, we are now making it up with all ease. No team has passed us since we left I; on the contrary we v passed over 400 wagons and 2000 men since we left. I have heard nothing of King or McCleery. By notices left at their encampment last night, we are only 5 or 6 hours behind the Farmington Company, which left r place 4 weeks before us. We shall prob pass them today. Young Kibbee they left at the Kansas, to take care of one of their number who had the Cholera, and he has not come up yet.

No tr w the Is. That story of their vg surprised and killed 70 Cas 80 or 100 miles from the Kansa r river, is all a hoax.

Mr. Soule is in fine health; so is Mr. Sutliff. Reeves writes a line home now, and is well. A Mr. Hall feels fine. The Niles Company are all well. James Abell also sends a line home

Yours, in haste,

D. Jagger

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WESTERN RESERVE CHRONICLE WARREN & TRUMBULL CT OHIO August 22, 1849

Daniel Rowell FARMINGTON CALIFORNIA COMPANY on the plains June 23, 1849

Nothing of note occurred until the 14th, when we had a gr time crossing the sf o PR, ch we came to a 3 oc Fm, where about 50 wagons er crossing and waiting. The river is 3/4 of mile wide, and not more than 3 feet deep, runs very rapid, and the bottom all quicksand; and if a team stops, they mire in sand. We waited an hour and commenced crossing by doubling teams, leaving one half the number of wagons, and went ahead, 3 of us wadg and driving one team. We got the last wg over at 6 oc, all safe except the Captains ' wagon, ch we turned over en driving down down the bank into the water, but we soon righted up, and went on 3 miles, and encamped about sundown, half way between the 2 forks PR.

About 10 oc on the 16th as we were drivg on a rise of g, we came pn 7 buffalos, ch er lyg down. Eight men on hb immed gave chase, and came up to them in running 100 rods. Asa the men com up with them they separated, one ran towards our wgs. We all stopped our teams, every one took his rifle and started to meet the B. Fitch and myself er ahead~ we ran about 50 rods, and met him, and when wit in 5 rods of him Fitch fired, his ball struck him just back of the shoulder but rather too high up, he stopped -- I fired, hit him 4 inches lower, and he fell. Inv had any idea that Bs er as large as they are. . 1200 lbs dressed -- it is as good as the best tame beef. The last 5 days we vbn in sight of them ctinly.

On the 19th we came up with Young, Mattoon &c. They er much pleased to see us, but en informed of the death of James Holly, and John Moore returng home, sick, er much affected. After talkg 2 hrs we left them, and xpect we shall not see them again till we get to California. The night after we left them we burned r small wg and put our load and team on one lg wagon.

We pass daily tires, hubs, wheels and whole wagons, besides bacon, flour, beans, and all sorts of provs . . If I had gold worth of all the property that lb lost gg gettg to Ca there db no need of gg farther

The capt of r co is a man of g judgmtn; and has been through as far as Ft. Hall twice. We v 17 hrss in r c ch we take turns in riding.

On the 21st we passed Court Huse rock, which is 100 feet hi. . Sherburn and myself ascended to the top and cut our names, with town, ct and state -- the highest of any. Three ladies er there from SL, and had their names cut in the rock, ch is

soft as slate. . . CR 250 'hi we ascended the rock 150 feet -- no one can get higher, it raises up 100 feet hi perp. . saw hundreds of names from the Buckeye state; among them the names of many ladies; so you can see the Buckeye girls love to climb. We cd 3 miles from the rock.

Left camp Friday at 7. For 5 mis the roads er good. We then came to sand, the wind blew very hard ad we er much the worse off for vg eyes. At 12 oc we came on to turf, and drove hard to get to Willow Springs. At 3 oc we passed Sb 300 'hi perp, nd r the grandest sight I ever beheld, in all shapes you can imagine, but called one bluff. We reached the springs at 7 Ppmm plenty of cedar that washed down the bluffs

A White man who has 2 Sx squaws for wives, has lived here 13 yrs, is a bs; he buys all lame cattle and wagons. One co sold him a g wagon for 2.50 and 2 quts whiskey. We passed several lg trains today, and fetched water 6 miles to cook supper w. . Musquetoos r very thick. . Rickley Bear

June 24, 4 pm . . If we did not keep a g lookout we shdn know when Sunday comes here. We camped at 3 to give time to wash and rest a little. We r now within 8 mis of Ft. Larime, and 630 from the United States, and v averaged 20 mpd since we left FK, v bn from home 3 months, and if we get through in two more we shall do well.

If ever you start for Ca, take oxen for they out travel mules, and do not take too much provs. Take at least 4 yoke of oxen to a wg and not over 1600 wt. We shall sell at the F 140 lbs bacon, 60 lbs lead, 25 lbs powder, 100 lbs flour and 100 lbs of sugar, and if we cannot sell shall throw away, if you want you can come and get it.

We v thrown away all r dishes but one cup and spoon apiece, we v no plates nd but two case knives in r co. We drink coffee, eat rice from one cup, take r bacon on a piece of bread and eat w our bowie knives, and get along as well as befroe for we ave no dishes to wash.

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Fort Larime, June 25. We find no sale for powder, lead and bacon. -- can sell flour at one cent per pound, sugar 15 cts. We shall sell some and throw away some. - all well but Cotton, who has been unwell but is now better. If we find we shall be too late to cross the California Mts, we shall winter in Oregon, but expect to get through. If anyne gets over we r the boys that can. You may expect in about 9 months adraft on the Reserve for 10,000 /dols/

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WESTERN RESERVE CHRONICLE October 10, 1849

INTERESTING CALIFORNIA LETTER we vbn favored by a fr with the fog interstg extracts fr m a letter recd by him yesterday, fr m a member of Captain Ankrim's Pittsburgh California Co from John B. Chamberlain Mormon City C 7/22/1849

We arrivd at t s town on Sat eveng, the 21st. I v had scel health ever since we left SJoseph, nd I vbn gaing wsd in weight, vg attened up amazingly on pork and crackers. I suppose you r aware that we er cpld to ly r big wg at Fort Childs. We bot a light wagon there, reduced our personal baggage to 40 lbs, ch made r load 20 cwt, and got along very well, as we had 8 mules until we got to CR, where two of mules er drowned in crossing. Since that time we v had some tr, as only 5 r in rkg order. We got along tolerably, ow till we came to FB, wich is 113 miles from this place, but from that pt the roads vbn the worst I ever saw. The fatigue of drawg the wgs has nearly kd the mules, so that we l v to lie here somtime to recruit - The road between this pl nd Ca is much worse, and grass a gr deal scarcer. We l lv r wg here as we can get 25 dols for it. We l v each to take

one mule, and pack r clothg nd provs pn him, and walk through. We v provs for 30 days, nd r cpeld to g thru as quickly as pos.

Captain Ankrim, Charles Officer, and I l g tog ++ the rest go singly. . I dread walking over the Sandy Desert, as w w v to g 45 mis w/o water do not want to g back to Old Pitt until I v seen the elephant A gr many perons are packing from this city. . .

Charges of ev kind are enormous. Every ferry, if it is not more than 25 ' across, charges 3. a wg, and then u v to swim the mules over. We also paid 2. a mule for getting them shod. . The ferries r all in the hands oth Ms

p talk of gold in Utah

I shall nv forget the first sight of this v. It shall ever remain on my mind as the most beau spec I ever beheld they build their houses of s d brix. Their city occupies m gr than Pittsburg 10,000 Ms to church announcement of upcoming anniversary feast I expect to do ample justice to the dinner. . I l also v a dance w a M girl, merely for the novelty oth thing

they r very strict with criminals severity of fines

The mail carrier in this place l take to Mb some 15,000 wgs letters/ He is a lawyer and is gg to Washgt to get a territ govt established here.

with ove to all, believe me yours truly

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WESTERN RESERVE CHRONICLE November 21, 1849

The fog lettr fm Ca lb read w interest. The writer left here last spring.

S. M. Sitliff to Dear Uncles. San Fran 9/17

After a long nd tedious j I v at length arrvd ere, and am as near used up as any person c l b and b alive. I stood the j v l, in fact betrn the av of r co, until 3 or 4 days bf we got to the gold diggins, about 200 miles from here, en I was takn w the dysentery. . about 4 weeks ago. I lay there sick about 2 weeks, when, by the advice of Mr. Jagger, I started for this place, in hopes that the sea breeze might help me. .

as for a Physician, you cant get one to feel your pulse short of an independent income. .

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ditto 2/27/1850

lettr from Josiah Sole Jr. health has returned. . re cds in Ca

ditto 4/3/1850 re cds in Ca and SF fire

Young Sitliff who went to Sandwich Islands has not been heard from: . When I came to this city, I left Joseph Hall at the Bear Creek diggins with Russell, whose son came in co. with Mr. Jagger and John Reeves as far as Sac city. . At that place I left them and v not heard from them since

ditto 4/17

ditto 5/22

~~Frank~~ Verna Irene Shupe THE ARGONATUS AND PIONEERS Pocatello, Id
1916 1st ed 1931 2nd ed 65 pp pb

after rush to Ca had subsided, there fod the gold excitement in Idaho in Aug 1860, when the Gro Fino mines er discrd by Capt E. D. Pierce, ch increased in 1862 pn the disc of gold in the Boise Basin and was at itz zenith for the next 3 yrs

p 12 to 14

A FORTY-NINERS DIARY ??????

12/1/49 the gfs of Ca r attractg mn of my frs nd I am preprg to g w w them
4/4/ 50 I am w a party of Iowa Es fm eastern Iowa and we v started across the ctinent to the Ca g fs
4/26 last night we cpd on the Mshna botany rv nd encntr m wolves than at any previous time. They howled and growled but r rousg camp fire kept them away. .
5/7 we v cd on the MR for more than a week others Iowas joined us here, orgd etc. 20 ox teams in r q Iowa co.
5/9 r co cmnced crossg the rv at 3 oc this mg and at midnight we er all across
5/23 we r campg on the PR at the edge of GI opp OFK ????? pesky Ps, wanting us to donate any old thing — in fact, they wanted evthing in sight

5/26 immense herds of B

6/25 we arrived at the summit of the SP then to PS, on the mail line. When the mail arrvsm the states the same is forwarded on to Ca by teams and hb the rates on ltrs fm here to Sts is 50c and the mail lvs for the Sts the first oth month
8/8 arrvd at the Sink oth R. Rushes v grown up near the banks oth rv and it is cvrd w a salty crust, emitting amost disagreeable odor
8/9 water tocarry us across the desert. . one oxen fell in the road
8/10 must reach Carson City today for the grass or hay for the oxen and r food, both r almost gone //prob means Carson river
8/16 this evening arvd at Lake Tahoe at summit of SNs
8/19 this ev arvd at Hacerville. . gen topic of the miners is about the gold they v cradled away /// that is all, re trip to p. 14 (returns 1853)

all else is popular re-hash

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~~J. W. Cooper~~ A PASTORAL PRINCE: THE HISTORY AND REMINISCENCES OF _____
by Frank Sands Santa Barbara, 1893 190 pp 6-16 + 51-63

Rocheport, Boone Ct, Mo. in April 1850 w others began j to Golden West. .
arvd Sac 8/26 few Is only 3 B all this was changed when Cooper crossed the plains in 1851, and again in 1858. In those yrs there er lit millions of B

3/51 w fr back home 5/13/51 to Boonville recmndd to Peters & McMahon who er gatherng up a band of sheep for Ca 8/ per month, payment at Ca 12,000 sheep 3 wgs w ox teams 22 men 25 h & m this is bed to vbn the first band of sheep ever driven across the pls to Ca

pass Forts K and L on the way first roads were yielding and wet, and the sheep began to v soft feet. . later on, the road grew hard, and the sheep became so lame that hundreds of them er unable to walk at all

since poor prospect of reaching Ca same yr, Cooper with 2 others bade train good+bye at DG and started for Ca on 8/27

durng first day out met cavalcade of 1100 Crows gg to FL to make a treaty w Govt to SIC, 15 days. . BY lecture abusing the American people

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problem
when

get up party of 14 plus w and c xchange hrss nd pack saddles for 2 yoke oxen and an old wagon Cooper chosen capt on HR met band of Ms who said Is had ambushed and attacked them the night bf, 3 Ms kd evade ambush at Carson City the co disbanded. Cooper, Mills Mills and Holmes traded their outfit to man named Jameson who carried the mail fm that point to Sac Holmes and Cooper went to Diamond City Springs 10/31/51 pp 6-10 and 55 to p. 63

pp 87 to re 1858

Cooper intends to work for Majors Russel and Waddle. . asks Col Peters for a recommend (of P and MM of 1851) Peters in with J Hubbard Hollister to send sheep to Ca commissioned to buy sheep total 12,000 25 h & m, 100 hd catl 22 men including the 3 proprietors of whom Cooper one

7/1 1858 start via Santa Fe Trail

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Hon D A Shaw. / ^{recalls} ELDORADO OR CALIFORNIA AS SEEN BY A PIONEER 1850-1900
 K La 1900 Los Angeles 1900 313 pp. 11-72-72

start p. 17 w 4 others left fathers home at Marengo, Ill 4/19/1850 w 2 cvrd wgs and 3 hrss

after arrivg CBs -- then a mil post - nd gg into camp on rv bottom, we er jd by other cos of ov Es fm Ill nd Wisc and ord we er tb known as Wild Fovers w J D Hardy of Wis as captain

Is d attempt to stampeded by shakg B robes cross Elkhorn by rope nd wg boats tr of 20 wgs 1853 also

Is with recommends one in black coat and tall plug hat lone tree there in 1850, gone in 1853

no man permitted to ride unless he was sick at lone try don life preserver to intervie Es ss ?

many women from Mo and Ark attempting the journey on foot ???? (// this gman really rambles in his dissertation)

Castle and Chimney rocks acres of petrified forest seen bf reachg the BHs

after lvg lone tree, 2 couples, one man shoots another, chased, put on trial with Capt Hardy as judge me defense lawyer I secured both women as witnesses for my client, who put up a strong case against the supposed dying man, and I so far won the suit that the verdict of the jury was that the prisoner be taken to FL and delivrd up to mil authorities to be sent home for trial. This was done. At the fort we found a party who had known my client in Christian ct, Ill, as a notorious horse+thief and counterfeiter. Wounded man still alive, decided to leave the whole outfit at the fort. While bg taken back to the States the prisoner made his escape bf reaching Fort Leavenworth. Three yrs later I met both men at Hangtown, where they er partners in rung a bss. . When at FL in 1853 I inquired about the women, said both married soldiers, then at FLv

while at L met Kit Carson from FL had 10 men 4 wgs including Dr. Kirkbride Assoc w IR memories . . lines of tv to Cre nd Ca cvergd at this point, that from Mo and Ark, by way of Forts I and K, and that from the NW, via CBs and the north bank oth P names that of Gen Fremont nd the large cross he imprinted pn the smooth surface er written w tar and melted rubber

Dr. K-- dies from cholera after visiting DG had jd us on lower P, knew nothing of his family or address, only that he was fm Iowa lv wagons, estruct packsadls; based on vg observd Kit Carson mending his at FL

SP 7/3 & 7/4 small celeb with shots, cheers, singing of America
and from Greenlands icy mt
a few er takg the old CT by way of FH but a larger nu er gg by wat a way
of SCO to SL and Ca ??????

7/5 decided to go Mrt by way of GR, FB and Echo canyon
keeps //// interrupting his narrative with editorial comment and history ////

7/6 lv LSandy meet Araps who threaten but leave us alone, not worthy?
make profit by buyg boat and operating ferry a few days at GR

BA a small adobe structure Crow Is here a southern rt & up the Ark rv
nd crossg the mts near its hdwtrs jd the E road here lv 7/12

journey 1853 begins p. 72 rather meagre has to do with taking horses to Ca

the whole book badly confused, keeps injecting Fremont

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DIARY OF JAMES WOODWORTH: across the pls to Ca in 1853 61 pp
Lane Ct Historical Society Eugene, Oregon 1972

for the first time a diary has bn chosen ch was writn by a yg man who was
bound for Dalifornia not Oregon. d- disc in a fine old family home occupied
by Geo Bailey, grandson of E of same name. Woodworth a cousin diary owned
by Paul E. Bailey of Denver

one of th most interstg and l-written accts of pls tv his dscription of
adverse circums under ch entries soti made. . Wonder how they persisted in
their self+apptd tasks. .

a yg unmarried man mst vbn a person of education and sensitivty, showing
humor and compassion comedies and tragedies

diff also in that the W- party chosed mules and horses to pull wgs

ABOVE REPLACED BY REVISED INTRODUCTION

JW b Misip 3/27/29 and was 23 he was for many years Chaplain at the San
Quentin prison ded 1904 SF

wrote when I could one blank for 18 days soti I cd sit down upon the end of
a box, or on a camp stool, and use the camp table for a writing dest. . but
often I had to site down on a bucket, or flat on the gr, face downward, recling
on my left arm. Soti I had twilight, or a flickering candle, or the light of the
camp+fire. . soti I was cold, soti exhausted with fatigue, soti almost ready
to fall asleep, and soti sick. . all things put tog l acct for the bad
chyrography, blunders of all kinds. . .made copy for better reading, but kept
original also //// these are remarks on the copy ////

4/23 left SL with Rev Hummer on El Paso for SJ arrv SJ 29th on 5/5 take
steamer Honduras for Kansas where I learned by teleg and letter that Dr.
Donaldson was We lay at Weston at night, next day Kansas /Landing?/ went to
Westport 4 mis out of K 5/9 purchase mules, 1 v t b broken

5/16 w myself drivg wagon (the rest bg mounted on mules) set out on r j. . the
Dr. taking the place of general supt. . at Westport pass state line 2 1/2 fm
W camp s from the baptist mission house

5.18 tr now csists of 3 cos, each vg a wagon. First, Mesrs Bowman & Overton, wit
about 20 or 30 fine horses, ch they r takg to Ca on spec. . and mules, ch the
men ride second r co, xix csistg of Dr. Donaldson and 2 sons, Mr. Mack

Woodworth cont

and myself. we v 4 mules, 2 hrss tent for 6 Whitaker, Reed, Capt Fe Jeffries, Watt, Mack and myself r expected to lodge, the rest sleepg in wgs

more idtneifications of pepople and equipment //meticulous detail re items of equipment and food Turkish smoking tobacco demijohn of best Old Bourbon Whiskey, just in case of sickness box of medicine fro drug store ch Dr. and I owned in S L

5/19 the Wrackalusa 5/20 Union village
5/22 sabbath: hutning, fishing and bathing
5/23 cant cross at Union town. . go to Baptist Mission, wait some more
5/24 cross Kansas R on flat boat w pulleys to Catholic Mission
much stampeding of horses on a minor scale

6/2 passed sev trs and droves of sheep one of ch was said to contain 10,000
6/5 fort 7 cb seen in dist 7 1/2 miles
6/6 perm fm Captain ~~Wharton~~ Wharton to camp near the fort. . acc to the rule we cdn camp within 3 miles but as Dr. D and Mr. B had become acq w Capt W on their trip last yr we er perm tted to transgress the rules band of Araps to the ford
6/7 had a fine swim in the river scrosg to an island the water bg too deep to wade had fine messes of mutton for all hands
6/10 ctuwd spr, the most romantic part of the Platte bluffs
6/11 first fresh grave Alfred Wither 5/25

6/13 in crossing the P turn over our ox wagon loaded w flour, while gg down the bank

X 6/15 ascended a lg steep sandy hill to the top of the bluffs and passg over a rough ct for a feu miles came to Ash hollow to get wood had to climb among the rock and get what cedar we could

6/17 pass Adams and co of illinois

6/18 band of Sx of 100 or 2 camped op R CR d not trade for pony

6/19 passed a trading lodge kept by Fobidoux We arrvd SBs about noon and stopped near the top of the spring ch ran down a shady ravine about 300 yards, to get wood & water

6/20 from a trader learned of some diffic ch had ocrd at the post with some oth Is but I cant anthing in relation to it until we arr at the fort. .

6/21 passed train of Benet of SL ar fort 4 oc found we cdn crsoss the rv until Thurs there bg a gr many wg ahead of us who v the pref

6/22 Mr. Bowman got his horses shod at the shop though at a hi price . .want 30. to straighten an axletree cross wagons on ferry //what happend to bridge?// Indian horses panic papoose landed on Terra firma w/o injury

6/23 at fort get pencil for 20c dv cost 2 cents in the states the difficult at the fort seems tvbn as w1// fos Indians seize boat, shoot at corporal w arrows info bg sent to Lunt the co a co of 20 men dispatched to the spot who fired into the Is kg 3 or 4 and wounding sev chiefs came to the fort the next day and had a talk. . but Es think they are not satisfied this as a band of Sx whose hunting grounds are on the Missouri river

6/24 bss at Warm Springs

6/25 passed the wg of a trader where the road joins "the Middle Road" from L (this east of La Bonte river)

7/1 men report mt sheep an grizly bears kill sev elk

7/5 pass IR where Es had a celebr the day bf

7/6 ~~maxx~~ meet retg tr of Cas who er packg nd reprtd vg left Sac 5/25

7/7 9 SP take a short cut to Sandy, saves 15 or 20 miles