

to
 7/13 cpd in sight FB near a tr fm Ark who had just buried ~~the~~ dead one of whom they said they found sick on the road a vg bn aband by his camrades.
 7/14 passed B and a lg drove catl belong to Shorb of Arkansas ch extending for nearly 2 miles along the road
 7/19 Canon jammed with trs pushing into Salt Lak
 7/20 City swarmg w Es making purchases
 v tooth pulled me sick mouth getting sore in cseq of the blue moss
 what II v taken
 8/4 pass last settlement about 60 mn of the city nooned on Bear R Capt Jeffries come near to drown catch by hari as sinking the last time
 8/10 passed Pyramid Circle thru ch Sublettes Cut of runs and where it js with the GSL road up Goose Creek mts
 8/12 Thous spr V
 9/4 take Truckee road at the Sink
 9/10 lv Truckee for the last time Peavnine Springs
 9/11 to summit of SN we are no in Ca
 9/12 to Beckwiths house Grizzly mts Sherwins Ranch first rail fence
 9/24 to Sacramento

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Mary E. Ackley: CROSSING THE PLAINS XM AND EARLY DAYS IN CA
 SF 1928 63 pp

INTRO B. Mo 1842 father and mother and 5 chil plus 4 men of naborhood er members of a party of 90 that started from Winchester, Clark Ct, Mo in April 1852 Mrs. Medleys health she one of first w cholera buried her among the wild roses in June 1857 Mary Medley md Warren Ackley of Sac

v wgs made in Kookuk on 3/25 the gr auction sale took place farm rented as we xpected to return. No one on those days expected to make Q his perm. home. ready to start on 4/22/52 4 men paying for their passage to CBs had to register for turn to be ferried over MR had to wait 3 weeks of r time came formed train of 20 wagons from Mo

fires in trench, crane for pot and kettle, bred in dutch oven coarse cloth on gr to protect fm dust and prickly pears
 father gets into fight over possession of catle
 B hunt lanter ns hung on a high pole so they cd find their way back

mother dies at 4 oc haunted by roses since wagon wheel ~~xxxxxx~~ run over bro Johns leg, thrown out by bump; saved by deep sand; in wg rest of j names all the landmarks in one short paragraph when father looking for ox, saved from Indians by a pack train of doze n men on mules

camp for week near SLC 24th celeb they er commemorating a gr event but I forget what it was Sister Annie 17 takescare of John, her suitors walking along side. . our mixture of fashions faces burnt brown a ludicrous site on H- at nite, think we hear birds. . they are I arrows take Carson route doz wagon oxen to one wagon heavy chains held by men, as brakes heroic Dick and Berry bro Jim had mt fever and when he record his f hair all fell out. . my face sore from alkali dust, could not open my mouth w/o pain

Sac 9.20

PPP 13 to 34. .

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George Benson Kuykendall. ^{recalls} HISTORY OF THE KUYKENDALL FAMILY
Portland, 1919. 645 pp.

starts p. 361 - 385

the writer was among those who cross the continent in 1852 and tho but a lad of 9 and 10 recalls er deeply graven a full acct has been written, but it db too lengthy for this vol. This was often called "the hard year" cs of gr amt of sickness and sufferg here actual expers of the authors own father and uncles are given, incidents and events of ch the author heard or was a witness etc.

4/3 at Monroe, Wis long row of white mvg wagons, 4 yoke ea the Kuykendall Co, all being Ks and relatives mud all the way thru Iowa 1 child 1 r old died, buried at Newton, Iowa. . some stayed to p pioneer in Iowa

reached Mo r in balmy May weather MR in flood no ferry boat, cpeld to go down the rv to CBs at Canesville gr jam old sidewheeler steamer no wharf, the steamer fastened to trees on the shore or by ropes and stakes. Precarious gngt gangways er thrown out over ch wgs, stock and hh stuff er bg passed. Burly negros w tremendous yellg, swarg, sweatg and cudgelg er urging the terrified catl nd horses on the boat. . price extorted from E was 10 ~~px~~ pwg

Is beggarly thieves, fondness for dogs

At Elkhorn jd by train of fev Robert Booth with wg box boat

P-dog vlgs we learned that this was German peace, and that the prairie dogs tol the snakes and owls cs they cant help themss, and both intruders eat the yg dogs, both takg them raw, and the snakes swallowg them whole

Bs in g number learned to cook with Indian coal

Soon discard tents and sleep in the open

whirlwinds someti e many at one time

At wood river grand exhibition of fury of the elements camp a shambles everything scatrd over the plain oxen that er lame now ran like wild zebras. . cattle found 12 miels away. . some items never found me with measles Grasshoppers like the locusts of Egypt appear after the storm

7/4 at IR IR among names those of Lewis and Clark yg folks dance on top of IR graves commonplace many funerals mt fever to Columbia Rver

SP looked like a sag or low place

cases of nerves and nervous breakdowns my father was not one of these water the worst problem what we had to drink sometime

Gr river so swift, wg boxes often turned around and upset

children had to walk to save oxen barefoot thru sand and cactus alkali dust caused their feet o chap and their toes to crack and bleed

make ox shoes from scrap iron. . (were they not shod in the first place) he says we were compelled to resort to shoeing them

thru carelessness one E boy goes over the falls Salmon

we had a champion cusser whose volleys came in handy at times

we crossed ~~Malheur~~ river to get back on the side we had left, and come into the Owyhee and Malheur ct father sick, cattle down, mother in tears sister dies at ID by steamer to WR opp Portland Oct 19 father recovers end 385

Records -
 Elisha Brooks: / A PIONEER MOTHER OF CALIFORNIA. SF 1922 61 pp

INTRO: EB of Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz Ct Ca has entertained many audiences w accts of his trip. . he boy of 11 might arouse a spirit of emulation in any a youth now drifting idly into useless manhood

In 1850 my father caught th gf rag ng over Christendom and crossed th pls to Ca. . 2 yrs later, ~~vg record his death in a measure he wrote back that if~~ were there he d make his home in Ca; so on 4/28~~8~~ 1852 just 2 weeks after recg this letter, my mother loaded all her worldly poss into cvd wg drawn by 4 yoke oxen; and w her family of 5 boys ~~4 to 11~~ and one girl, ~~13~~ she bad goodbye to old cabin home and the surrdg malarial swamps in SJ Michigan, and took up her march. . a man engage to drive nd we jd a co 2 cows and 2 hens in a coop gr quan dried apples, an economical diet; they swell when you drink

once -19 below zero, saved by fire in farmhouse
 cross Missip rv lt ferrby boats, operated by a treadmill
 in Iowa all of us in row with measles, icicles on the trees
 at CS Is under wg in abject terror they eld out peaceful hands to beg
 air thick at CBs with tales of I massacres, starvati n an pestilence
 Mother keeps eyes toward the sunset, like Iots wife *despite some trial mldy driv
 profane & greedy*

in a week or so fell in with another co tho loaned us a man to drive the team,
 turns out to be a poltroon who kills r chicken for a banquet w his boon crans
 32 Gs in one days. . big hurry watchers some buries bf life extinct
 E herd storms across the river toward us by gesticulating and firing we succeeded
 in sheering them off a little to one side, only dstruc of a tent
 saw Is chasing them like thunder
 lost boy, co moves on all but parents, horseman finds under a sage bush

at the nfp r trail crossed to the ss, but the ferry had been washed away by a
 flood. . one effort led to drowning 2 Ms build a boat, demand confiscatory price.
 We cpromised the matter by posting a guard of r roughs over them with cocked
 rifles, while we ferried rss across as an offset to our work on the boat; then
 treating these profance ferrymen to a bath in the Platee we drove off

I whips my ox anxious to buy white children, a pony for a boy and two for a girl.
 mother bot a pony for a blanket and pint of sugar. . takes me into camp of aborigenes
 after performd g ghost dance aro nd me, escorted back by red boys

get rid of profane teamster by giving blankets etc. . . alone thrown to the
 rear of the Eion along Sw accompanied by Crows IR an a enormous Rosetta stone
 some names dy required bg lowered by rope from top find fathers name from 2 yea rs
 bf in Bear River ct were Blackfeet warriors, red demons looking down on us

N of SL harassed by hostile Shoshones spurred on by the Ms (10 men and a boy
 in pursuit of stock) just as starvation looms, comes father on a mule with
 stores to replenish on Truckee River to Beckwith's Meadows

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JOURNAL OF JOHN WOOD while traveling from c ncinatti to the gold diggings
 in California in the spring and summer of 1850. Chillicothe, 1852 76 pp pb

Greenfield, Ohio 1850 estimated 80,000 migrated lg tr w ox teams, princi owned
 by J. H. Robinson and A. M. Ogle, from Fayette Ct., Ohio, left the Missouri
 River on 5/19 17 teams and 72 men gives roster ~~xxxx~~ me with McLeans
 co Mess No. 1, include Wm H. Boggs, James H. Eluck, Hbrace & Geo Sites
 the grr part of this co met at Cincy 4/3 nd left on 5th on steamer
 James Millinger, for SJ 10,000 at ~~xxxxxx~~ SJ where we arrived 4/17

now 10,000 Es in th s place. . some have thoughts of their wives or lovers
 enter / their noddle and they set up a howl and strike a bee line for home. .
 here never out of sight or hearing of wrangling of some kind, except when asleep
 v ccluded to move up the rv 40 miles acct contagion, nd recruit stock
 lv 4/23 to Brown's Mills, for 12 days

on the 15th at Hawk's Ferry to cross in a boat rowed by hand (this is
 afetr crossing Nbdaway River

5/19 start for Eldorado. . Grd. Henry Burnett Captain, now amongst the
Ottoo tribe of Is, seem civd

5/21 to Nimehaw river had to dig down banks storm catl into corral

5/14 to Salt Creek Ash creek

5/25 cross th s stream in a large yawl, che we hauled along for such purpos
 Camped on the bank of Salt Creek // some confusion here//

5/26 cottonwood creek w bridge

5/27 flood+gates of heaven

5/28 reach PR bottom

5/29 grass short, the maj of Es bg bf us summoned to relief of tr besieged
 by Is thd we saw the Elephant a false alarm today we passed an old P village
ch was deserted

6/2 a Platte Bottom thunderstorm, oceans of rain

6/3 New FK hs of earth and plank upon the whole I csdrd it a nuisance ++
 stampede of all 30 teams this is ily the telephants tail, whisking a little

6/4 more storm and more stampede Now methinks I see the elephant with
unbeclouded eyes

6/5 make one wagon out of 2 broken ones

6/7 Flumb creek; gloom acct stampeded plus cholera

6/8 David Wright dead, next John Glenn meets king of terrors buried at PC
 Next Ellis Dixon demoralization turnarounds employ Dr. Fackler of Mo

6/10 seem to be tvg thru a graveyard new graves from every point long
list of sick Robert Duncan finally dies, after sev days buried in blanket
like standing on slippery rocks not-knowgg how soon we may fall . . . death of
Robert Hendrickson Now tvg over the best road I ever saw

6/10 from the forks 1 tv up SF 3 days bf crossing

6/14 stampeded with sick inside but gr bg level did not upset

6/15 the crossing some wagons upset doublings ropes around horns othleader
 Jackson Stuart dead

6/16 descend a ve steep and winding hill into AH -- an old I battleground.
 enraptured by the scene ///interspersed poetry and verse, for the occasion//
 cd at Fr and I tp of long standing

7/17 buryg gr of the Sue tribe

7/18 death Leslie Mahan after xtreme sufferg f sev days

7/19 more Missourians than ~~anybody~~ from any other 2 states, nd they seem
 more subject to the cholera CHR gr many graves

7/20 CR Col Fremont tried to ascend to the top, but cd not. It is fast
 mouldering to ruins and if you dont look sharp, my frs, u l nv see it

7/21 passed 2 Fr & I tps of 16 yrs standing. They live on game, princ, nd
 r not pat what kind. As we passed today they kd a lg dog, ch was very fat.
 They made soup of him. It was held by the men while the women beat it to death
 with clubs. They all theh dragge it to a lg fire and singed the a hair off. .
 It was soon in pieces and in the pot, cooking

7/23 cross LR beau loc for a f Far better lookg place than FK Here
Capt Robinson gave in a list of the number of men, cattle and wagons, in r co,
and also the number of deaths + which is a customary thing with all cos

7/24 warm springs, where a man died, lvg hiw wife and chil in lnd of stranger
 The task of keepg my j is now intol nd I soti almost cclude to give it up me sick

No name for me must any of difficulties

6 | 7/26 some who had bn on point of death are now out of danger
 7/27 double shot of calomel to A. J. Jeffries
 7.29 some shoe their cattle with shoe leather threw sev of r cattle and nailed sole leather on their feet

7 | 8/2 NP ferry kept by some Es 5. pwg v made an endless fortune thousands assembled here another burying ground

7 | 8/4 cattle give another exhibition of their fleetness Lone Rock
 7/5 IR a gnc u l see it laid down on the map of the U.S. sublimity and grandeur of DG is indescribable

7/6 health of Es has got better as we approach the mts thous of log chains

7/12 PS the large t springs in the RMs

7/13 we take left hand road to Ca via the GSL and City of the Desert

7/16 David Ricketz is no more, buried on banks of Big Sandy

7/17 at GR a stag dance; sev violins gg all night and the boys merry as crickets under hearth stones all hands helping ferryman

7/19 on the way to P Ophir Black Fork FB occpd by Fr & Is of Snake tr; the only place I v seen for many hundred miles that is fit for the abode of man

7/20 100 lodges I to exhibit 5,000 horses, a prize from the Utahs //did not stay to SL some of the worst roads imaginable

7/26 thru the city of the desert

7/27 Ms sociable, kind and accommodating

7/29 clude to take Hastings cuo-off, intersecting th FH road 400 miles rom here Utah court hears quazrel between two Es

8/1 mow grass for the desert scenes of desolation and perishing sm men selling water l. pg desert 93 miles instead of 75 some cannot speak; anther drinking his urine basis of Mound Springs

8/14 valley of a thousand springs 8/15 Fountain valley

I depredations and skirmishes

8/21 gives rollcall at this point of 21

8/23 kill 15 Is, with force of 35 men eat last of r beef, a few maggots in it

8/27 the H king of rivers for desolation and destitution Es dying from hunger est 30000 wgs on the desert no one know how many Gs

9/4 on banks of Salmon Trout or Carson r now among thieves and robbers mts 16000 feet hi cannot be worse than the scorchg plains of Sarie, as we vbn dandled, as it were, on the tusks of the huge animal, we are not afraid now to march up to him again and play with his proboscis

9/11 on Devils Ladder 9/13 Tragical or Leak Springs at head of Onion V

9/15 Pleasant V 9/16 into Ringgold a sunny little vg of 600 inhab . . end of j nothing but the hand of nothing but the intervention of Gods providence has ever saved me imagine my tiresome task of keep this journal cites Biblical lessons confirmed

Never cross the Plains while there is a path on the high eas I retrd by sea in 38 days, a pleasure voyage in cpars w my 4 months march

On reverse cover TABLE OF DISTANCES Westport to Oregon City 2040 ????

TYPED PROSPECTUS price 1375 w/o record and unknown to biblio. For an acct oth disc of this hitherto unknown vol (only two known here and at HL see Quarterly of Ca H VI 360-63 by H. R. Wagner yr 1850 prob the most dis astrs in history of the gr at Carson but 2 of original co remained of original co of 72 men / / 10 percent had died c cholera bf reaching RMs - 10

man give in mind ever of diff's sufferings

no narr gives a mo vivid acct f diffic and suffergs record of prices paid for food

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VINCENT JOURNAL 23 pp np nd

PREFACE BY T. EMERY BRAY re the Bray family

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ONE OF THE PEOPLE by George Smith

page 9 start THE GREAT AMERICAN TRAIL

This is the substance of the story as told by Eliza Vincent to her nephew T. Emery Bray, during his early childhood

spring 1851 party of gskers left Wis from Galana Ill including Captain William Vincent, then 28, wife Eliza and baby Henry. w them er her brother John Bray John Rush and (later) John Tregelgus of Dodgeville Wis who gave some of the details to the writer

ten yrs fog disc g the main road acrs the ct was the Platte River route. Startg fm CBs the advrs crossed the Mo by a rope ferry and clambered up a steep slippery bank to site of O. The only bldg of csid dimensions in the early fifties was a lg unpainted barn-like structure ch they er proudly told was tb the capitol of Terr of Nebr. . . at other end, to Honey Lake V where they once more caught sight of civs
avg outfit 500

After reaching their destination they located at Grass V. . Wm Vincent ran a boarding house and hotel while John Bray and John Rush er teamsters
//there is really nothing here a vague generalization//

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? large scrap book of nsp clippings re corres of Edward Allen
LETTERS FROM THE OREGON TRAIL (in sequence)

Camped on the Upper Side oth P, 3 miles beyond FL 6/30/52

My last letr was dated from "Prairiedom 122 mis this side of FL has sliced off 400 mis of 1920 between CBs and OC

I. } Our route on north side oth Nebraska prairies marshes sandy ridges - ecstatic about beauty of the prairies on the shadowy side er Platte storms
5th day out halted by 60 mt ~~of~~ "P-I food" of which their tawny faces and fierce cunning eyes gave unequivocal denial horses missing that evening pass I tomb, sitting posture, with all his furnishings Es display spirit of good will and cooperation

Between FL and IR n.d.

Eliza Gelter, age 50 Mestayers creek Bluff creek wolves

ditto, n.d. For the Pittsburg Daily Dispatch

now in advance of th emigration Bull Creek///lots of rhetoric here///

X } our party all from Iowa, Ohio and Mo seeking free homes in fertile valleys of Oregon the Lone Tree under the shade of the only live limb I wrote the last letter sickness bad on ss side, but more graves showing up on r side; in sight of CR, its shadow stretching far over the plain pause at funeral o mother of 5 children

Between FL and IR ctinued n.d.

from CR to alkali springs picked up a piece of quartz rock with a piece of gold in it CR seems to hang over us all day

to SBs or Capitol Hills + a range of sand hills ch in the dist look not unlike the Capitol Bldgs in Washington City pendant crags and dilapidated ruins

Spring creek comew and escapee from 4 Indians on one otheir horses ???
 cpd at the Ferry 2 mis beyond FL v tvd 522 mis in 25 days all yr party in good shape as is wagon -- hi enough to cross all streams w/o blocking up helped by advice from Gen and Ex-Governor Lane in DC
 hope to write by Blodget's Express

Camp Beyond the Willow Springs within 20 miles of IR June 23 1852 "sic/

Next mg (in FL) made for the ferry on the way seeg an I suspended from on high. We er much too early to squit the even of the half breed who kept the ferry had cloud of matted hair and a tawny face. but singing Irish

The F the first hs since MR Old F still standing but ruinous more modern bldgs are city-like frame and clapboard, # in all about 10 houses. The public bldgs csist of bs and wg-shop, bakery, store, and Post-office -- and a tan yard.

// refers to "Knickerbocker tourist" // bought ~~ox~~ paper of tacks to shoe r oxen with, and some buffalo tongues

Fortunate to catch the ferry just gg back our Hibernian charon in hi g humor

In BHs my services as a physician called into requisition //confesses not a real doctor but others imagine my skill equal to any mishap short of a broken back flintstones hills like climbing up a house

Between FL and IR . n.d.

//feels obliged to insert classic verse occ//

wg on ch painted "Dr. Wickersham

gr of man murdered, found by others with bullet in chest and throat slit

tent groc kept by half breed

the crazy man // suspected linked with the murdered man aforementioned

//vague about places

LETTERS FROM THE OT

Between F: and IR for the Pittsburg daily dispatch

try to buy a horse at the Ferry leave the P Willow Springs

6/24 reached IR stood on its summit in driving pelting rain and hail -- towers like a huge tortoise of the fabled 4 that (in Heathen Mythology) suported the earth. Altho almost perp the sides r so rough no diffic in ascending

Pittsburg Pa Jan 21, 1853 "Letters from the Oregon Trail," we v on hand some 40 closely written pages, in ctinua oth acct of anE trip to Oregon, already pubd ch we v laid over for a short time, until we procure more legible type. These well written sketches r fm the pen of r townsman and yg fr Mr. Edw Allen

Between IR and DG by Edward J. Allen

sent by Bodget's express ch brings you up to June 25 and me 727 miles

We l reach SC O by 4th July

From Devils Gap to Bear Lake Camped on GR 905 mis fm CBs 7/6/52

LAST LETTER FROM devils gap by Blodgets Express where to mail? returning packers such an equivocal looking set dont trust them w letters at DG bought I pony and B robe for a saddle, rope in mouth for a bridle ri

road thru SP smooth as a turnpike symptoms of mt fever

From Devils Gap to Bear Lake by Edward J. Allen
SP about 10 mi long feelings like Balboa in Oregon!

ditto (concluded)

GR 6. let ~~of~~ catl run to same
 grave M. Beal, a native of Kentucky shot by L. Balsly whether by accidetr
 or intenti n I was left to conjecture have learned of some courts, ch aummarily
 hung the offenders

at Harris fork, some é Nez Perces lg specimen of mosquito gallipressers,
 hills like woodpeckers

In a Floating Scow of our own make

Mailed a letr 7/22 fm FH, o go in the HBC mail to SJ, via SL and I be I
 left off 7/15 at BR visit to Snake camp men gambling, women cooking ground
 aquirrels, entralls and all, into embers w/o skinning

Thomas Fork where we must either pay an exhorb ferriage or go 8 miles around

ditto Descending Snake River to Fort Boise 8/3/52

ditto 8/3/52

hear of man edemned to hang for shooting his opan in "hunting trip"
 hanged despite pleas of wife and child American falls, name derived from Am
 trpprs dorned here, all but one

ditto 8/8

below Salmon falls, my reso ution made I'd walk no more but bad ankle
 200 mis above FB fix up scow

Allen & Cos. Pennsylvania Ferry crossing of Lewis River, over against Fort
Boise 400 miles from TD, 1416 mi sfrom CBs Sept 12, 1852

12 of us in all floating down in sev wagon boats island of Robinson Crusoe

ditto

unload around falls Mr. Kountz has his family

ditto

ditto

ditto

ditto

Fort Boise smaller and infinitely dirtier landed to get info-re below
 The Fort is deserted; no trapping done in the ct since the Ore mines vbn discd
 Mrs. Kountz and family sent on w a train/ / / we become a ferry operation

ditto

Cayuse and El Daso Is in to trade next letr lb fm Fortland

2 more of the same sold out

letter thereafter from Fortland, from Cincinnati Daily Nonpareil 3/17 53
 and Pittsburg Daily Dispatch

more LETTERS FROM OREGON TRAIL in Pittsburg Daily Dispatch, re trip from
 FB to Portland // the guy just went quit// and life in Oregon
 COVER WITH imprint EDDIE'S LETTERS

CROSSING THE PLAINS IN '53. aA BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR TRIP ACROSS THE
PLAINS WITH OX TEAMS IN 1853. by Remembrance Hughes Campbell

b. 1839 Mt. Pleasant Iowa me born 1839 Uncle Campbell set about to form a co
in r town in 1849. . Spring 1850 father went ditto, father returned winter
winter of 51 and 52 turn around and w entire family go in 53 6 children,
including brand new twins.

us w 2 wagons, another family ditto, looked like circus starting out from its
winter quarters lv 4 3/22/53 reach Kanessville 4/25 had supposed it was
a real town, but disaptd. It csisted of one store, built of logs, and a
lot of corrals where trappers and I traders and Is came from the RMS to sell
their furs and supplies. . ????

100 wagons waitg for the steam ferry; crossing 12 miles up big crush
see the Bloomer train had gui de book (whatever guide book this was,
Carson V if the old Hangtown road was ~~xxxx~~ tvd . . some entered by the Truckee
River, the rt known as the Downieville & ~~the~~ route. There was alos a route called
Siblett's cutoff, ch led to the north of Salt Lake and came into the SL road near the
hear of HR. The old FE road leading up the ss P from SJ jd with the NS road
near the jc of the N & S P rvers. ????????

more from Posy Ct, Indiana and Pike Ct. Mo than anoty other sections

take t e Downie route ch brot us into Ca by Webber Lake from there down the ridge
between the two forks of North Suba river to Downieville

this book is zilch all generalities at Elkhorn River, w g w I ferry and
new ferry danger of w & C bg swept into the river gunfire aboided

bad roads, Indians, Salt Lake

Unpublished

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has manuscript, collected by
 MARY MURDOCK COMPTON by Henria Packer Compton
 1953 np 27 pp. pb sp. 1-15

Send to Aunt - T Mayfield Co.

acct o her pioner life direct from Ireland stayed in Cincy until bro
 Hance cd round up wgs and 500 head of cattle

about 1 yrs after arrival in NO tr left I 3/23/53 It took 7 months and 20
 days to make the j to Ca 16 wgs 27 men, most free passage in return for
 helping with livestock, 500 head cattle plus oxen to pull wgs had the flying U
 brand

Mary started with 10 pair of shoes and wore all of them out finally had
 to go bareboof barefoot; but d always put on shoes when come to fort or tp
 at R crossing, scare from hundreds of Is, Ps who had been on foray into
 Sx territory; ow they er fr. . SP two miles wide. . the Indians helped them.
 They d showed the white people how to caulk their wagons and attach ctwd
 logs, so they d float in the t stream. Non-swimmers held on to tails

they crossed R at Independence Landing (Wayne City) by ferry
~~xxxxxx~~ 2 days out of FK hear of skinning incident. . yg man shot squaw
 yg, dgtr of the chief. The Is appeared from nowhere and surrded the wagons.
 Give him up or massacre skinned alive etc (Irene Padin says 1850, says author)

SB was on the north side of the river ????? she born 1827
 the SW V had miles and miles of brilliant colors, like a gr flowered carpet
~~xxxxxx~~ vivid memory of Jim Bridger
 not bothered by Mormons
 via Dough and Ready into Marysville arrived 11/13 53

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Harriett & Scott Palmer
 CROSSING OVER THE GREAT PLAINS BY OX-TEXAS WAGONS NPND (9 pp pb

me 11 we er 6 months home Ill, in early fifties father John Tucker Scott
 determened to go, despite mothers fragility

April 1852 over Ijl rive in ferry stopped at SJ to get r provs
 negro huts, negro babies and muddy roads

crossed into Nebraska wide stretch of plain single file of Pottowatomies
 the PR didnt seem to v any banks all tucked into the wagons loud bo
 voices of the drivers, jogging thru surg ng waters and quicksands there er
 9 of us children, r to 19

mother a victim to cholera at Ft Laramie a feather bed as a coffin
 and gr heaped with stones, then covered with roses. Her grave is lost.

at Snake river crossing lose two yg men to drowning and 3d stranded
 on island and sunburned and almost insane. . chasing after strayed cattle

bro Willie gies out at Burnt River put in cavit cut in Burnt River
 Mt, a real tomb

in straving cdi when we came to the old Barlow road at Barlows Gate
 Lauel Laurel Hill a mile long ///pretty thin stuff///

Sarah Bixby-Smith ADOBE DAYS. Cedar Rapids, Iowa 1925
208 pp pp 54 - 68

me b. on sheep ranch near San Juan Bautista

how cousins came to California

It was May 21, 1851 when Amasa and Llewellyn Bixby and Dr. Thomas Flint left their Maine homes and for the two other seekers. . boat to Chagres by boat to SF thence to Volcano Diggings, where as where was bro Benjamin, a Forty Niner

After 1 1/2 yrs ~~th~~ my father and Flints det to unite their fortunes for the undertaking of brgg to Ca sheep and cattle, more for the trip than profit. On Christmas day, 1852 they left for home, thru snow return with gold by Chagres (help negro slave get his freedom in Panama) to Phil mint

DRIVING SHEEP ACROSS THE PLAINS

3/8/52 "the cousins" began the long ret j by rail, hb, E wg and foot that ended just 10 months later at San Gabriel, in SC reference Flints diary

//this is just a boiled down version of the Flint diary, which see//

in spring 54 they moved northward, thru Ventura and Santa Barbara. . to San Jose . . 55 to Monterey ct, bought from Francisco Perez Pacheco the Rancho San Justo, half of ch they sold to fr Co. Hollister (where city of Hollister now stands)

w the purchase of the first land, the Rancho San Ju sto, Flint Bixby & Co. were def located, and for 40 yrs San u Juan Bautista was their hdqts

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LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF COL. L. A. NORTON writte by himself
Oakland, 1887 492 pp.

start 243 DEPARTURE FOR CALIFORNIA

attorney in Illinois (Mexican war veteran) St. Charles

JOURNEY AS FAR AS CARSON VALLEY

had 2 4-horse wgs. . Fough & Ready Co, me captain. At Traders Point an immense crowd, d take 6 weeks. . have 13 wagons trouble at the landing we hve to build our own boat, and others try to take it over, thru duplicity of Stokes the ferryman

hemmedⁿ in by Is at Shell Creek I refuse to pay toll, scatter with flat of my sword, had 30 men with cocked rifles

jumps to Carson River: we ctinued our weary march across the pls w the usual expers that vbn written and rewritten. . etc.

at Carson River meet relief train under Gen James Estel, with Gen J. W. Denver and Gen Price. . make out requisition

there is nothing much here..../////

FORT YRS ON THE FRONTIER as seen in the Js of and Rems of Granville Stuart
ed Paul C. Phillips Cleveland, 1925 V. I 23-52

b. ~~spring~~ 1834 in Va. start p. 23

father take off in 49 with 3 others took Larson short cut returned 51
kept a ~~1~~ but destroyed ~~7/7~~ when r house burned down.

in spr 1852 w father, bro James and ~~job~~ jovial Irish known as Fayal Thomas
Reilly fm vg of West Libdrt, Muscatine ct, Iowa

outfit 2 light spring wgs each drawn by 4 good horses sleep in wgs
to W Kv, mostly Welsh and English 12 to 15 one-story log cabins. .

10. for crossing on a flat scow, w oars, they pull . . on w side found a csid
town of log hss, but ev hs was dismantled, called "Far West."

Up P for 200 mis ~~xxxx~~ we saw only one lone tree ch the Es had destroyed ++
not even a willow by this strangest of all rivers, yellowish water

Cholera rampant 5 abandoned wagons, fresh graves, one thin dog which I
take up out of compassion he d save my life next year/. . the chol did not ex
tend above FL as soon as we struck the mts we felt safe from it

on I R fathers name Robert Stuart, 1849 (July 29)

//P. Phillips thinks naming goes back to Ashely, based on Chittenden//

After Strawberry creek, Rocky Ridge. // these are recollections //

at jc instead of SCO, take lh road for Fort Bridger and GRC a GR
lower ford or ferry FB like FL was not a military post ????? there was a
stockade w cabins inside

Muddy creek, Sulphur ck. Quaking Asp Hill is the eastern rim of the Great
Basin (between the 2 streams) Bear River first river in basin to W Red Fork
of Weber River is mostly thru Echo Canyon Beauchemin fork to ~~Six Canyon Creek~~
Big mt and Big Canyon creek

stayed SL sev weeks, kindly treated lived with Apostle John Taylor, who suc
ceeded Brigham Yg as head of NC, lived with him and wife No. 1, bed bugs run
us out of the house (the entire valley swarmed with them)

At Qden mt fever ch laid me on my back in the wg until we reached the SNs
Goose Creek Thous Springs Valley from H we took Truckee Rvier after
crossg 45 mi desert source at Lake Tahoe crossed SN by way of Beckwith Pass,
old Jim living there. . ungrateful Es ch he saved failed to reimburse, to he had
resume a roving life. . later to Montana, among the Crows

halted at American ranch, end of wagon road, as 50 miles to Bidwell's Bar had
not yet bn cstructed so have to pak pack to BB, cross on ferry, first orange
tree to Neals Ranch in Sac v 9/26/52 end p. 56

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J G BRUFF ds, js nd notebooks of J. Goldsborough Bluff, Captain of the Washing
t n city and California Mining Assoc. April 2, 1849 to December 14 1850.
16 vols. 1415 pp. 14 1/2 - 22 cms.

b in Washington 1804, 2 yrs at West Point and sm yrs in Navy. Draftsman in
the Bureau of Topog Engineer when he orgd the ov xped. . returng E was was employed
the govt diaries written on the road journals written up later from diaries . .

B ds and ntbks er formerly prop of Mrs. W. J. Procter of DC, granddgtr. The HL
has 2 other journals, August 28- November 5, 1849, and 3/17-Oct 9, 1850 coverg the
same period as the ds. HL also has his acct fm 4/2/49 until his return to DC
7/20/51 hopg t v it published 1944 ed includes everything 1949 ed does not int
clude the Procter-Coe diaries or the material in the Pppences of the 1844 ed;
but does include the Procter journals 1 to 6

CAT. 55 Burch, John Chilton " Mo to Ca in 1850. The autobiog of Hon John Chilton Burch. etc. A transcript oth orig writn for the Association of Territorial Pioneers of California, 1879." typed manuscript 60 pp.

b. Mo. 1826 Boone ct. secy to Gov Edwards of Mo., raised troops for Mexc War. became prominent in affairs of Ca after trip there 1850
1847 admitted to the bar

March 1850 I crossed the St of Mo to Ca //// much biographical data otherwise start p. 12 // when you cut thru his verbiage// not a helluva lot orgd co of 70 wagons 300 persons William Patters of my co and wagon who had been to Santa Fe with the Doniphan regiment elected Colonel me orderly sergeant me charge with rollcall, corralling, stationing of the guard etc. too much for one man didnt last long

I ad to proclaim the grand army disbanded now with 7 wagons on July 24 1850 arrived at Pacific Springs. General M. Estell and his train were there. He had an express which ret'd letter to the States next to the sweet water ?????? big deal about swap flour for bread arrived at Hngtown latter part of August 1850 /and sleep under a wagon
end page 25

not much here, either

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orig ms. found, 208 No w/ JT

CAT 203x 203. Samuel Dexter Francis Jdscrib life in Vermont, travels in the midwest and stay in Illinois; and deaily record of trip to Oregon, 1852+1862 209 pp. 32 cm. with typed transcript 229 pp. ink fading, but legible

IL 1/5
In April 1852 Francis, wife and 5 chil in co w Wilson & Sheppard fams, began their wg trip to Gre, across Ill to Misip, to Des Moines, Kanessville, SLRoad, FBoise, o Oregon City, arriv 10/15/52 later entries laconic

Autos
4/20/52 Myself, wife and 5 chil in co w Whipple and fam nd 5 men started in the rain for Oregon (new son day previous)

4/24 this g Wilson & co for Calif & Shepard for Oregon overtook us.. cross Misip at Fulton to Lyons Iowa

5/26 started for Kanavill and the Ferry

5/27 corst the Misoura, landed on I gr midle ford some Umahaws

5/30 Is I understand ketch a an and stript him of his cloths..

6/2 at Lower Ferry, Loup Fork, which is new finish today we helpt launnh the boat and put the rope acost

Wood River Elm Creek Buffalow creek Skunk creek Mestayers creek

Black Mad North Eluff creek 6/15 Rattlesnake river

6/16 past Lone Tree and Ash Hollow south oth Platt Castle river

6/18 Crab Creek som curi us looking bluffs north of the road

6/19 CR and CH curious looking works of art

6/21 past Capital Hills south of the Platt

6/23 Fort Iaramie op. . I did not go over but it appd tb a plesant place

6/27 What a place the road to Oregon is. All religion and principle is thrown aside, nothing but rush ahead. no more Sabbath

7/1 Willow Sp, Harpers. Creek Prospect Hill

7/2 Rock Independence Sunday, July 4 we must worship alone

6/10 SP 7/11 to SLRoad 7/24 Soda Springs

6/24 more timber on the Bise river than I v seen since I left Ioway

7/27 walked to Fort Fourt Bise only one man there, emploid by HBC ferry

Burnt Powder Grand Rond Blue mts Lees encampment Umattilla IA 9/16

9/24 left and road to Gate of Caskades Mts (after John Days ford past mt Hood and down to Fosters and camped in Clackmus bottoms

orig. no 7. 2 vols. 240 pp

242 Francis A. Hardy. 1 "J of F A H, Piqua Mar 25, 1850" to Saturday August 31, 1850 at Auburn, Ca
2 vols, 240 pp 15 1/2 cm bl-1 good legibility w/ tt 142 pp

son of poor New H. farmer. to Piqua Ohio as journeyman cooper vol in Mexican war. . the j, written neatly in ink, does not appear tvbn written on the road

TYPESCRIPT

from guide
3/25/50

rich detailed vignettes

LEFT FOR Cincy. . left Cincy on Gladiator 4/1 left SL on Saranak
Weston 4/9, fare 18.25 many Gas on the river

4/13 oxteams loaded with hemp

4/14 not many church-goers where slavery exists

4/24 crossed the ferry 1 mile below town enc 1/2 m fm FLV

4/25 lb detained 2 or 3 weeks longer than last year, grass retarded v seen
Wyandotts, Kickpoes, Delawares, Stockbridges &

4/26 walk around Lv no reg fort but sev ve strong blockhouses govt bldgs
all white washed lg square used as pg govt reserve 6 miles around

/// lots detail about his cooking and menus

5/5 r co so far v paid m regard to the Sab nd v bn noted for g cduct m than
any co I v seen or heard of

6/6 start pastoral scenes r co 37 men Yankee measurement is guessing mileage

5/11 draw up laws of the Piqua Independent California Company David Silvers
capt for 2 weeks (too many Grasshopper creeks)

5/15 to St. Josephs road

5/16 BB had fine bathing here a gr many notices stuck on the trees at the
crossing, some written on paper & nailed up, some wrote with a pencil where the
bark was off, some cut into the wood mainly notices of passage

5/17 immense sea of green, most beau I ever beheld, but my iron quill fails
when I attempt to describe . . . junc of I and sj roads spectacle of hundreds
of wgs; wmn and chil mainly for Oregon

5/18 boy of 12 returning to S co broke down, turn to packing no horse for him

5/19 see work of beavers // along LB//

5/22 man barefoot w his outfit on his back ++ some oxteams 1 to 7 yoke, horses

2 to 6 head mules 2 to 7 5/26 B hunt on the LB

5/28 F Key 4 or 5 lg frame two-story bldgs and nu of one story sods from the
praraie. . walls 2' thick. . sods in squares foot or more & 4 inches thick. .
roofs of poles covrd w small bushes and a thick layer of praraie grass

roofs extend sev feet over the walls a sod block house mile from the rv
THE COUNCIL BLUFFS ROAD runs the other side of the river & is much traveled

//csid detail on route, and everything

6/3 to Lower crossing here one of the most stiring and novel scenes river very
high. . swarming w men and teams yelling as tho all the wild beasts & Injuns in he
west were holding a grand melee. . the confusion of tongues at Babel was no touch
to it

6/6 road leaves the river & strikes over the bluffs 2 miles to AH. . the road
from the upper crossing comes in down AH saw an ol gman from Pittsfield ILL
age 60 gg to the gold diggins. . he said he was yg beside some who er gg. . He
said man from same co (Pike) 90 yrs old Benj Barney drivg his wn horse team. .

he enlisted in the Revolutionary War as a teamster in 1776 has a boy with
him only 40 yrs old. born Baltimore 1760

150 x Is dscrip of their camp and modesoof dress & travel trade with dried
B meat I smoke the pipe of peace with a warrior squaws ride astride very artistic

Is

paintings past Castle bluffs today

6/8 opp CHR many bluffs of singular form calctd to fill the mind with wonder at the extent and beauty of the works of the Great Architect

6/10 CR dscrip sm r cut out pretty high up the column ch was acced by cutg places for the hands & feet & climbing up. I climbed up pretty well up & cut one letter en my hat blew off and lodged below. a rifle fired off fm here echos longer & louder than at any place I know of

6/11 SB scenery sublime at springsbss here w a sma encmptn of Is He charges pretty near Ca prices for work

6/12 20 mi e FL passed sm I vg where there is a white trader located

FL 6/13 L a bold, dashing stream 50 yds x 3 feet. . raise wg beds. . 2 miles farther cae came to FL former a tp, now the princ fortifica. There is one lg two story frame house, also one small one, besides a large frame in progress of erec. . sev one story hss built of wood, stone or sun-dried brick, also 2 or 3 ve lg frame stables & a saw mill rked with mule power

3 6/20 crossed nfp in a flat boat 5 flats here, 3 owned by a co fm Mo., one by a co of Ms, and the other by the 2 cos. together. . unique system on each side large posts set deep and firmly braced. . windlass, ropes, pulleys, boats in angling position determine direction those who ford v risk. . 14 drowned in last 11 days many others lost below

6/22 IR 6/23 view from top is magnificent a noble elmen of r glorious republic, indep of its neighbors as is r ch. . besides its base is broad & firm, like the base of rcstitution etc. 6/24 M a field is here opened to painter & artist

6/28 SP we take SCO

7/4 GR upper ferry 7.

7/6 saw man name of Sharp from Ill buried, first I v seen on the road

7/11 on BR saw man from Mo name of S C Lock buried - diarrhea 7/12 SS

7/13 take Hedspeith's Cut-Off volcanic fissures //elaborate detail on trail topog///

7/19 v just had a falling out w my mess for hauling my provs from MoR, want 500. . 7/20 left r camp on RR with my pack on my back bro helps me back but stays with the train

7/21 Castle Rocks, near js of S L & FH roads Castle Valley glad to be taken in by a other co, pretty hard work to pack 45 or 50 lbs Panack tribe

Goose Cr Thous Spr V

8/4 make hay on the Sabbath to cross the Desert

8/15 8 pages for this day alone///// Co with a number of Indians (m,w & c) to California, on horseback see women lugging small children thru the sand. . ry called Carson, Elot & Salmon Trout by diff tfers grass plenty in CV

8/19 up the kanyon to Carsons mt Red Lake

8/20 summit of Snowy Ridge to Leek SpringsValley, a forest fit for fairies .. to Camp creek 8/22 take road to Weavertown, (instea d of Sac)

8/31 to Augurn

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CAT 258: Wilhelm Hoffman "Reise Skizzen Wilhelm Hoffmann." Acct of an ov j fm SL and experiences in Calif, 3/30/49 to 10/8 50 when he sailed for the Sand+ wich Islands. 32 pp. 24 1/2 cm. w typed translation of j + calif

36 pp
the mas is written in German script in a fine, neat hand, 2 columns to a page. the j and Ca expers occ 27 1/2 -p. Wilhelm H- w Bernhard Schneider, John Gelhausser and Dietrich and Paull Hoffman, left SL w their wg and oxen 3/30 to Lassens route to Sac V and Lassens on Deer Creek 9/27

4 copy

TYPED TRANSLATION

had big wg w square wg-box w wooden bows, oil soaked canvas. . . list of kitchen utensils, provisions, equipment, tools plus 4 trunks of under clothes awa r bedding c consistd of a B cover and sev carpets firearms and cutlass decide to drive to SJ. d give training, but did ship provs

kv 3/30 blue wg box, red wheels and yellow canvas top 4 yoke oxen cross MR at St. Charles 4/28 into SJ life as at a fair hills peppered w tents, many argd in military order one Wash co of 20 tents some with 60 or more wagons, such as the St. Louis Pioneer Line, the Springfield co, the Wild Yankee co, the Hanibal co, &c

vg gr cfid in the money in store for them in Ca spent freely we estimated 20,000 Es had passed thru the town. . send trunkful of unnecessary hings back to SL

lv 5/4 7 mis north to Savannah Landing mire so had need 18 oxen to move Monday passed over MR and slept on 1 gr had 2 wgs w 10 men jus, Germans and Swiss. Jolly evening singing rounds and declaiming, drinks finally v 5 wgs, 22 men, German, Swiss and French Germans hang together the Fr left us at BRV

5/8 over the bluffs ctinus stream wgs, all colors and form. Sm had the shape of a flatboat, some of tin, some were nice omnibusses. . many men on foot, w firearms. . yg-grass restful to the eye
vg of Kickapoos. . mostly naked, wrapped in colord blankets

daily routein . . us accpd 15 mpd in emerg 20 to 30; once 50 in 24 hrs first 14 days had cholera accom anyg us names of departed on boards Mission belong to Presb faith, sell some supplies

// all of a sudden// on the Little Blue on PV huge elk horns FK made of sod hss and tents ix and is naturally no Gibraltar. . in this region we met a lg govt ox-tr ch was escortd by a co of mtd artillery, headed for Ca. The soldiers struck up an acq with us to get sothing to drink. . were w them to FL so we went to bed and er awakend by the trumpet throwaways . . evthing to furnish a house . . the only things never thrown away: brandy and sugar

sev days beyond the f celebtd the feast of Pentecost -- gives menu fo same, includg Westphalian ham, cooked tongue, cakes baked with liqueur

met some trappers retg to Sts w sev wgs loaded with pelts. frm FL they are for th most part Fr and still speak the language o their fathers. They are weather+ beaten and us v I wives

at the crossing, Sx. . d accept anyth ng but bacon

I vg at AH (which he doesnt name) forests of wild roses and grape dscript of lodges. . for most part, only wmn, chil and old men chief had the biggest wigwam and outside on a rack hung his war regalia marvelous artistic skill + ferocious lookg dogs

Sbs now in sight. The tr left the rv and turned behind the bluffs thru a desolate region. Here one evng as we made camp we had an intermezzo among the Ermen. Knives flew from their belst, rifles er taken in hand until we intervened.

/up a ravine/ heard hammerings of a bs, but it didnt seem pos out ix here in the distant mts. . around a hill sev small blockhouses, one of ch awas the work+ shop of a smith. . crowd of Es there to v work done

the outside walls of the hss er plastered with paper so that the E passing by cd inform his frs who er comg after, . that they er well, etc.

A few days tv to FL, the main depot of AFC on this side RMs. . it is big and built of sundried bricks painted white. . There er sev cos of soldiers stationed here. . from here the gr chain of the R Ms was visible. from SJ this was 672 miles

At Deer Creek no ferry. . make our w^g boxes tighter. . Our big boat floated like a swan. . assing 2 for rowing and one for steering 2 days of hard work oxen very reluctant to swim

PMs not so beau as those of Switzerland mts seem to be blocks of bare stone rolled on top of one another Ir and B noted

character analysis of his companions

GR animals show even m reluctance; had to ^{swim} some across behind the boat, ch cost us 75c eac sun terribly hot, water icy cold

BRV most beau and has richest grass

60 miles before the lake or Sink, we believe the signpost and turn right 9/27 first settlement in S^v belonged to a German, Lassen, on Deer Creek, a mi fm its jc w the Sac on to Sac

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1853

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELIAS JOHNSON DPAPER (Fresno, 1904) pb 76 pp

7-32

b. Vandalia City, in Wayne ct, Indiana 1830 move to Grant ct near Marion, Indiana 2 bros arrvd fm Ca said if I cd find a suitable ~~loc~~ situa to sell goods he d furnish the money for the stock, for one half of the profits. . I tho that was a good popr so I rigged up a team and started 9/52 . . . later brother George W. Erlan, who crossed the plains in 1846, persuaded me to go to Calif. . agreed to set me up in business in Ca if I l drive team and cook. . wife's mother agrees, and my folks want to go too

On Jan 15 1853 w started from Marion on sleds to cnect w railway take us to Indianapolis. . train for Fort Maddison on Ohio r. . E mail steamship to Louisville, then the Fashin for SL . . By Banner State to Lexington

with bro George round up cattle 250 head ferry drive to CBs drive up 12 miles to old MFerry crossed river on the Patrick Henry. . there was another ferry called Sarpees ch ran the boats w horse power and d land you on e ther side oth R, but it was not a safe investment crossed over on 5/10 tr of 5 wgs hear of one man try to cross 5,000 sheep to ns, lose all but 1500

cattle escape to other side of river 3 naked boys, one almost drown Fman provides blankets, boats them back for 5. have to leave catl go this reduced r wagons to 3

a mt stream called Wood River // topogrphy is pretty hazy// hail storm etc. the shock of the evening produced a miscarriage

pass thru Ft. Bridger. . a beau little fort bu ilt of small logs. . we struck the North Platte a few miles this side of the fort ?????? // has this confused with FL the skirmish at FL is mentioned, boatman refuses, etc one fire wounds one Indian, hosted white flag and surrendered, etc.

in the BH a Fr tp 3 squaws here 12 yrs had hidden ranch d steal stock. . d use blacksnake on the squaws.

at Summit Lvel 7/4 women put on their white dresses and we marched in mil style, beating on an old tin bucket for a drum. . potpie

to SC mud fort at Ragtown mn named Blankenship to be tried by a jury for killing a man crooked lawyer gets him off in ex for his stock, has mock trial at Hngtown, where there r no witnesses against the man

Diamond springs French Camp wind up in Stockton on road 6 months 10/3 I wore out my shoes in the mts and was barefoot made sandals out of saddle skirt pp 7 to 32

Any ms. found

Charles L'Hommedieu Long. D of an ov j fm Cincy to Ca 3/10 to 8/14 1849
 w an entry of 9/1/50 of his sailg fm SF for Panama
 165 pp. 9 1/2 x 16 cm oblong

boat d Ohio, ov from I, 4/23 to SCO Truckee & to 8/14 at Johnson's Ranch
 Table of Distances is dated 11/12/49

ORIGINAL DIARY in poor cd: binding unravelled but mainly fair writing & legible
 much water-stained

//first legible part// 3/22/49 reached Wayne City a poor place

3/24 left for eg 1 1/2 mi beyond I

4/3 today is election day elect civil officers and form a mil org . . .

unshot J H Levering Pres H. Help Captain etc.

4/14 as far as the Wakaroosha to reconnoitre for grass find refuge with mr.
 Lipscomb and comely dgtr.

4/19 4/23 start late on Santa Fe ~~road~~ road

4/24 reached Mr. Lipscombs about 500 yds east of the M St line

4/25 lay all day at L's shelling corn and making sacks to carry it in

4/27 we started again nd bid farewell to civa tr esisted of 10 wagons drawn by
 mules plus oxen plus riding mules to lone elm eg

1/30 Potawatamies, on ponies usual predilection of Is for showy ornaments

5/2 crossing Kansas by ferry owned by 2 Is Soldier creek from dumping whiskey

5/9 ford BB saw grave of Mrs. Keyes alongside fresh grave of a Ca g hunter,
 kd by accid discharge of his rifle, member of Capt Pauls co to jc w SJ road

5/10 gr B F Adams 21 inflamm of bowels, from Ohio//family tr 40 wgs for Oregon

5/11 Cav Is at the Sandy stick message Beware of Pawnees--19 mules stolen and
 3 men badly wounded by them 5/7

5/12 another bulletin saying that S W Russell and Elias Guthrie had passed. . on LB

5/13 5/14 Indians turn out to be stumps of trees lightning storm with keg of
 powder for my pillow oxen v the advantage on slippery roads
 too many messages, on sticks and bones

5/15 Alton train gives assistance to a small train, annoyed by Ps

5/17 to U S post named Fort Childs or New Fort Kearney a little places w a
 half doz mud houses, and co of mounted Rifles. . moved on about a mile as there
 was a ~~st~~ notice posted orderg Es not to encamp within a mile. . on level plains
 within a mile of the P post . . sitd on a level plain within a mile oth P. . we
 no ned about a mile from it. . . at the post had good supper, at a Mormon named
 Knowlton and he had a pretty daughter too. . there is a party just from Ca, they
 left in September last. They had 150,000 dollars worth of gold with them. It was
 in particles of the size of from a grain of rice to a bean. There were 20 of
 them

5/18 voted to get more harness and put 8 mules to our wgs, sent a committee for
 that purpose to the post. . our captain and 1st lt v gone out of business and I
 am in command

5/19 big prairie fire, put out by unequalled storm we passed today inward bound
 4 or 5 wgs blngg to AC loaded w B robes, fm FL say they v passed about 700 wgs

5/20 "hitch up boys, the ox trains coming"

5/21 me afoot acct my riding mule has been put to the team. . we ven running a
 race up the P for some days with a tr from CBs on the opp side of the river. .

5/26 to the crossing oth P squaws on I ponies begg for anything, esp buttons on
 r coats. . hundreds of wgs waiting for impudence the Sx unequalled river 3/4
 mile wide. . Sx camp opp side, but on east side begging. .

5/27 passed thr ough today a ve beau gorge in the mts called Ash Hollow

5/31 CH came in view it seemed perfect in its architec proportions--resembled draw-
 ings of Dumbarton Castle

noon directly opp G. . . Capt Helm resigned and the mil org was entirely abrogated as unrec appt wg master, sergeant of guard and commissary for 20 days
 6/2 behind SB wildest scenery I v ev seen. . . cd near one of the coolest and most delicious springs that I v ever partaken of surrd by ruins of ev descrip
 about 10 other trains cpd here. . . there is at this place a bss and a store, but as I v no money they do not interest me, except to see this remote region inhabited. . . called Ss bs from the fact that a noted mteer of that name vg attempted to take a lot of boats down the NF o P falling sick w a disease that rendered him perfectly helpless, bg left deserted by his men, who reported that he had died, nd that they had buried him on the banks oth R rv, but a skeleton was found some yrs after by some hunters ch was recognized by the clotheses and papers to be that of Scott, and it was supposed that he had recovered suff to get up into the bluffs and there had starved to death.

6/4 Nooned today where Fort Bernard was, but it had been burned down some yrs ago, nd there is nothing left but a few charred sticks. . . cpd for night on a high ridge 2 mis from FL. . . the disorganizers I carry the day

6/5 c on L F det to make equal distrib oth property

6/7 meeting called and resolution passed that we dissolve at 12 oc detd still to tv together, and re-elect John Bell wg master ????? stop F short time . .

I am much disaptd in the app of FL. It is a small square bldg, built on the same plan that the Mexicans build their houses with a court in the center. . . had xpectd to see thousands of Is, and that it was a busy post, but instead the plain around it is bleak and desolate. Not an I to be seen . . . hundreds of wgs laying aro nd the fort and on the road that v bn thwon away or xchgd for a lighter one. . . Our co threw away the 2 boat wgs, 1 spring wagon, and 3 of the Carthage, besdies a gr amt of provs, clothing, medicines &c we must lighten up or lay r bones on the plains.

6/8 6/9 Bitter Cottonwood spoken of in the Prairie Bird as vg bn the scene of a severe skirmish bet the Indians and a party of whites under the cmnd of the far famed Kit Carson. . .

6/13 Upper ferry 250 wgs waiting fboat csisted of a couple of dugouts fastnd tog and puncheons laid across. . . they r able to ferry about 75 wgs a day, if the wind is fav., otherwise not more than ro 40 or 50

6/14 4 men drwoned attempting to swim stock. Bryants pack Packs came in today

6/15 cross 6/16 Rocky avenue

6/17 Willow spr Prospect Hill Greasewood creek

6/18 passed IR stop and visit and lv name

6/21 camped within bounds of the South Pass 6/22 rolled on this g and passing bet the twin mounds passed Pacific Spring and creek

6/24 start across SCO 50 miles lv t wait 3 or 4 days act nu of wgs ferry dugouts with puncheons and sweeps 150 wagons

7/2 give r wg away and pack Mosquito camp on BR

7/4 was ushered in with firing of pistols and guns, and beating of drums. . . busy all day finking mosquitoes, answering questions of the numerous passers by, and driving off Is

7/5 7/6 now each man a tr by himself 7/7 bear springs

7/11 reached Fort Hall tp HBC surrd by I lodges Delaware I gives an old man his horse rolled on this mg rolled on this mg etc.

7/14 switches to pencil, becomes quite difficult to read // // // //

7/31 resumes ink 8/2 to Sink of Marys river 8/3 reach Truckie 's river. . . I veril believe the rv was lowered sev inches bf we er done with it. . . these coming in said sev had laid down to die, and others had bn put in the wagons nearly crazy from sun and thirst I pity the thous that r cmg after us 8/9 pass the cannibal cabins many human bones, includg skeletons of 2 chil

8/14 reach Johnston's stations send others for prov to Sac. .

ONLY ONE OTHER ENTRY 9/1/50 left SF on steamer republic for Panama

recollections =

5-11
JUL

YU 176 175

John I. Lewis mp 1907 / MY GARDEN OF ROSES 45 pp. pb

Indiana 34 Warren ct. Ohio

2/15/53 Martin & Daniel Mc Dade and myself strtd ac the pl to Ca we crosse
we crossed the Missouri River the first of May 2222

Gg up the FR the season was very wet. The Elk Horn fork was overflowed; we
made 3 canoes of the small timber on the banks, and bolted them tog, w a rope tied
to a tree either side. half way across the boat turned turtle and 2 men drowned. .

ve large migration that yr thousands of catl in droves same on ss
I think I saw more than a million B they came from the s, crossed the river and
tvd north. We saw only a few above L

by an agreement with the McDade brothes we walked all the way across the
pls to save r team we drove team one day on, two days off ??????

would hunt in the hills, often not back until 12 oc wolves d surround
us and tv along with us, a dozen or more together; they had a way of cracking
their teeth that made the night hideous

fm ev state in the Union we r fellow tvrs that created a sort of Freemasonry,
in passg and repassg we became acqtd w a gr many people. . often dance cotillions
on the green

Is d come in for a fr salute once 500 Sx, on sort of dress parade; they
looked as near alike as so many shot dropped from the same tower; six feet tall
with Roman features, and no care for the morrow.

We v passed Laramie and the wet season that makes r picnic more pleasant. .
IR named by Captain King on 7/4/49 it is a sort of porphyry, easy carved with
a jack-knife when we passed there in 1860 ?? the surface was covered with names
and dates. . If time has not effaced these names I l proposed to the assoc for
the preserv of old land marks to petition President Roosevelt to set it aside for
a national museum

Arter SP two roads diverge. . Rachel your people r gg to Oregon; my people r
gg to Calif. We v t walked m than a thous miles tog. Yes we can correspond. .
Good+by Rachel. . I address this page to Rachel Miller, Oregon

At SL we met the Mormon and his two wives, as they glided around at their
domestic affairs. I wondered what they are thinking about

to the City Rocks . . that shows the freaks in nature
at Garson river we met the enterprising Vankee. . fenced off grass, charge
12 1/2 for a pound of hay. . Carson Canyon the roughest road. . Hangtown

I was a beardless youth in that proud throng of fair women and bearded men
page 5 to 11

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A TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS IN 1853 by Mrs. M. A. Looney who was but 11 yrs old
at the time. . dgtr of Manuel Gunsaulus of Jefferson Oregon pb 7 pp

1853 October 52 started from Lafayette, Stark ct, Ill for Iowa to winter,
cross Misip at Burlington, spent winter 10 mis from CBs, 5 mis fm MR

4/28 leave cross in stbt tms and wgs as far as we cd see aiting for turn
cross on May 2, 1853 Illinois crowd included family of George Hines, secy of
Oregon HS identifies company

toll bridge at Paw Paw creek kept by an intelligent squaw. She made a
gr deal of money

climbed over Ir, that immense Fock streams would swell overnite from
storms one camp ground looked like a sea in the mg

Elk river wait 2 or 3 days Es looked like a lg city rope across. .
some tock, fasten halters to ring on the rope, to hold their heads above water

Loup Fork then Green River, 2 ferries there we paid 5.

Wahns
Omead
Is

Handwritten scribbles

Is fr, tho begging

BR SS on the Umatill, wild horses coming to water over Cascades, live on potatoes from I, an salal berries salmon at Clackams river. . . landed at my uncles on September 23

Jefferson Oregon. . . printed for relatives

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NARRATIVE OF GEO. J. KELLOGG from 1849 to 1915 pp 36 pp.
note by John Thomas Lee, Chicago this narr first appeared in the Janesville Wisconsin Gazette, and later was issued in pamphlet form

3/15/49 I left Southport // George Josiah // (Kenosha) by stage to Joe Davies ct, Ill. Joined team of 5 yoke of cattle. 4/5 to Fulton, cross Missip, 62 Ca ahead of us

5/19 at Traders' Point, laid in flour at 6. cwt

5/23 crossed the Mo; swam r cattle and no small job; found Omaha only an I tp; hundreds of Is; a thieving set, but not hostile drove 45 miles to "All Camp;" forged a co 42 wgs, 4 divs, each to lead 10 days, each wg one day

5/24 cold enough for 2 overcoats. . the Is are Os

5/29 passed the Osceola co who had lost 14 head catl, run off by Is

5/31 came to the Loup; had to raise r wg beds 40 rods wide; lay by to dry

6/2 express co passed us

6/4 saw 40 Is

6/7 passed the head of GI our 40 wg co was too big; we broke up and finally got down to two wagons. . see gr many wgs on the ss

6/9 285 mis out, 1st B

6/12 psd gr ET Williams, cholera

6/16 391 1/4 mis, passed Lone Tree. . I bury places 6 feet above gr at 400 mi passed g of H M Shackelford from Ill

6/17 psd 12 cos who er unpacked and laying by to recruit CR at 463 3/4 mis

6/26 535 1/4 mis ferried across the Prv; swam r catl and drove up to FL. . see evthing abandoned down to writing paper

6/28 passed a Mo co who had a runaway, a number hurt perp red banks

7/1 met one team going back to America. plenty of horned toads

7/23 bot the ferry ahead made of logs. . buy it out and sell it to the next co

7/8 hardest sw wind. . in co w U S troops. R co split: took last swim in PR

7/9 saw B, 7 rattlesnakes and grisley bear

7/10 saw 8 catl struck by lightning in their yokes and changed to the wagon, desrtd

7/11 IR some names include Southport isinglass in river looks like gold

7/16 SP 20 mis more pass jc of Ca and Or and SL roads. . after this we v to guess at the distancè we make family from Gilmore, Mo father, mother and son, died of cholera leaving 3 orphans

7/31 GR ferry 1. and we do all the work

7/26 hills at 45 degrees angle. . saw Pikes Peak to south, Fremonts to north

7/30 passed M grocery, who reported 140 Is left, 7 fearing the govt troops

8/2 crossed Relief river 3/8 went hunting grisley bears

8/11 thru rock perp and by Castle rock

8/12 wg down by ropes. Dust bad and grass all gone to Ca. Sutton and hiw wife drove 2 yoke oxen. They quarreled, cut the wagon box in 2 and made 2 carts. Each took one yoke of ox and had a divorce right there w/o judge or jury, or even a lawyer.

Miles
f miles

damn

8/19 struck H R 1331 mis from Omaha

8/22 I arrows, in and out thru the paunch oxen behind wgs to Ca

~~8/xxx~~

9/3 took the right hand road as notice put up said that it was hundreds of miles nearer to the mines, but the reverse proved true object, to buy poor call r for nothing rabbit springs

9/10 Mid Lake never away from smell of dead cattle man shot, case of murder

9/11 let wgs down by ropes

9/13 Turner boys lose most of cattle to Is. . sent 6 men to the mts, and those men never heard from

9/21 Pitt river 1777 miles from Omaha US troop out to protect tvrs and recover stolen property

10/3 to little Goose Lake man in grave, shot by accid, partner suposed he was an indian

10/7 Feather river, Uncle Whitcomb preach to quite a congregation

10/18 to Deer Creek, to Lawsons to camp on banks of Sac rv 2066 miles from Omaha in 146 days, over 14 mpd, os 2 oxen last week end page 11

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THE DIARY OF ANDREW S. MCCLURE reprod by the Lane Ct Pioneer+Historical Society, Eugene, 1959 (from a typed copy of the original ch is deposited in the collection of the Oregon HS 135 bp)

By-laws of the McClure Clan Knox Ct., Indiana 4/3/1853

Vincent S. McClure, Capt; James F. McClure Lt. singers include William and Allen Bond, and Adrew S. McClure, single man ~~St. Joe 2~~

May, 1853 crossed the Big Blue this mg. . aim for 8 mile creek called Snake Creek grave penetrated by the wolves

5/8 there are now 4 or 5 thousand head of cattle before us and I suppose the princ position of the Eion is behind. . grass is barely sufficient already

5/9 creek supposed to be Turkey C or the Big Sandy // Mrs. Bond sickly

5/10 v tvd 8 hrs and I suppose came about 12 miles. crossed BS, cleanest and best looking water we v seen. . not a road but a track

5/12 //heavy preocc with road, grass, water; nu graves but none this yerar

5/13 trains in rapid succession

5/15 v now bn tvg 2 weeks, lb another week to FK, 200 mis from Weston. At this rate it l take us about 400 days or more than a year to cclude r j

5/16 continual wrangling. . a want of proper spirit among us

5/18 immense droves of cattle and sheep. . the immensity of cattle chis flowing westward goes to show the excitability of mankind. . the wonder is still greater when we consider that more than half ot eh Eion gen starts from "The Bluffs " and Savannah landing.

5/19 drwoend out the cattle r passing in immense droves and every thing that can raise a dime is gg to Ca to speculate // almost hr by hr dscr ipt of road //

5/20 Platte seems to answer the dscr ip of the Nile

5/21 from the register at the fort, 4161 men, 1030 women 1393 children, 2162 hrss, 845 mules, 41406 head of cattle / 1596 wagons and 2600 cheep. These r the returns fm the register ch was posted on last evening

5/22 Started 8 oc and as Iv said bf, we know no Sabbath. . this shdntb the case.

5/25 passed by a tr this eve ch among other novelties had a buggy drawn by a single ox. . we v an absentee, Mr. ~~Cumtrey~~ Thoroughman

There are many people on the road who seem to be cra zy and c think of / naught but dashing to California and beco ing rich in a single year. Rachel Bond seems to be regaining her health. . women seem to stand the trip well, gain in health

something in a life of exposure that seems strengthening to the lungs

5/26 cattle with foot evil many encampments on the other side oth rv

5/27 the v of this stream is ve rich and db a fine grain producing ct. .

grave of Charles Macy, son of a doctor well known to r crowd

5/29 crosses SP. . PV at the jc o these streams is beau beyond dscrition

5/30 ceaseless contrariness. . Near relations shd ty to agree no wood along North branch sl also the lady of W. Thoroughman is sick

6/4 copying Walkers guide . into AH Platte river ~~sxk~~ storm, with hail

6/5 first Sunday we v not moved since leavg the MR

6/17 another storm, animals moving off under full sail // B kill

I method of dispatching B. . Crossed Court House creek, like a cascade. . opp CHH give up after walking half way

6/8 @ like a monument amidst Grecian ruins

6/9 Sx carped, beg sugar, coffee, bread, tobac, or whatever

6/10 passed some Canadian French who, I suppose, had married squaws and etc. . the Is in this part r quite civil and come out to the road to parade their ponies and show their antics

6/11 long strings of Es on other side oth rv. . When we all get together from FL to the SP we l v pretty thick times

6/13 ~~Ferrying~~ ferry is crowded with a half weeks work ahead Indians thick, begging. . many lodges and sod houses habitable by white men who c cm to trade in stock and barter with the Is

6/14 drove down to the ferry ch we founded crowded with 100 wagois. . We found the register destroyed and all commenced on a new scale. . swim over r catl. . the ferry boat is small and unsafe without care. The men n charge are not so worthy of admiration as those at FK. Another ferry is being rigged below this one. . Ferrying to night and, from the noise, the ferrymen are all drunk.

6/15 recd some letters from home yest. . Wrote till 12 last nite ans as long as I was up there was a continuous buzz at the ferry and the voices of drunken ferrymen er heard above all other noises

More than 80 wagons here this mg. There is not much courtesy here. These heavy trains of freight v men ch next to Irish deck hands, are most detestable. Spaniards, Mexicans, Negroes.

the men at the fort received the news of the death of Mr. King and hoisted their flat at half mast

preceded by a tr of heavy wagons freighted for SL, most oth day spent in ferrying them. Had one or two rows today. . The ferry boat broke the main cable and the boat drifted down when 2 Is swam in and brought out a cable by ch the boat was drawn ashore. In an attempt to draw the wagon ashore the boat ~~v/s~~ tipped, filled with water and a sank. . Paid 25^c a piece ferriage for footmen at the lower ferry.

quite a stir among the Is today. A little difficulty with the Es on the north side. One or 2 Es killed. A detachment has been sent out to protect them. the fort here musters about 75 soldiers. A mere bite for the Is in the vicinity.

6/16 Evthing at the ferry is confusion. Gmnd crossing th tr about 11 oc am Underway and encpd near a pool in the prairie, 8 miles fm the fort. . Jaramie is built partly of plank, partly brick and partly sod. The fortress is built of sod or sun dried brick and l serve as protec fm arrows and rifle balls.

6/17 to Warm Springs, 12 mis from FL. . Bf coming ~~down~~ to this stream y descend a steep hill and down a hollow. etcetc. . Warm Springs to Bitterwood Creek, 8 miles. . Emigrants Harbor

Horseshoe Creek La Bonta La Prele 6/20 had a smal row today between 2 of the boys (Mr S and Mr. H in ch they drew their ponderous butcher knives from ther

heretofore quiet rest in their scabbards and the thunder rolled etc. . . Fortunately interposition was made by a silver haired member of the tr whose locks er whitened by 45 winters etc. etc.

6/24 ~~Dreak~~ creek, 10 m fm Forche Bise . . in sight of the Council Bluffs road again and to r surpsie found vey few Es tvg on it. A rumor states that they r ce^t detained by a late rise in the rv ch has obstructed their road

6/26 came to the bridge, drove right over 6. pwg. for each personk teamsters excepted 12 1/2 cents. . the bridge was aimed to substantial, but from the quick & sand in the bottom, it is hard to erect abutments that will stand. The abutments r built of wood in the shape of a diamond and filled with stone. . bridge has dreeled and twisted csid -- l not stand another sie rise

Encd opp the site of the old Mormon Ferry. This site is 5 miles from the bridge, 10 miles to Alkalai Lake

6/27 Rocky Avenue 6/28 Willow Springs Prospect Hill Greasewood to Sw is 11 miles

6/30 ~~McKrack~~ IR co of A Fr came out here last winter and erected a bridge but the high water carried away one of the piers and rendrd it impassable . . D one of the strange scenes & in nature (DG)

7/1 doctoring cattle some drenching, some boreing cows horns, some stuffing them with fat bacon

7/3 Wm McClure ccluded to go to California instead of Oregon. . r & crowd divided, leaving 17 souls and seven men, including myself

7/4 men discharging revolvers and striving in a fe eble manner to commemorate

7/6 W Twin Munds at SP

7/7 Pacific Springs diff than xpected instead of bg flush, gushing springs they are seeps ch supply a marsh, dangerous to stock ///very lengthy daily passages //

7/11 across the Desert 7/13 GR Ferry 8/ men grim from the pressure

6 miles from SS to jc of Ca and FH roads

7/2 toll bridge at Port Neuf 25c low lifed Fr Canadian mixing their blood w savgs Fort Hall is now a point of little note. . soldiers left 3 yrs ago HMC new tp

7/26 Benjamin F. Owen is the worst sick. Fort Boise ferry 8. pwg fort blt of clay, small and has i^r suffered from the spring rise. . now rebuilding

7/31 at the Malheur the tp of Mr. Turner

8/1 after some delib, r men come to cclusion to follow Elliott on the old Meeks trail 67 wagons altogether, strung out

9/10 4 men sent ahead to examine the ct. . agreed that V McClure and Dening shd return and Mr. Owen and must myself go ahead to settlements // some starvation signs. . woman dies. . & guides Clark and Tandy ascended a hi-ridge ~~and~~ mound and saw the Three Sisters. . strike for Diamonds Peak much diarrhea and all weak from want of provisions our guides conclude that we did not pass around the foot of Diamonds Peak as intended, but bg mistaken, passed between two of the Sisters and north of the intended pass 40 to 50 miles

Our crowd now consists of 5 men: B. F. Owen of Mo, Joe Denning of Indiana, Calvin Bland of Mo, and Robert Tandy of Oregon and myself

10/12 encamped in the fork oth rv w we v ccluded is McKenzies Fork of the W. .

10/13 out from r train just one months mg. . We are very weary. . over aken by 5 men who left the Elliott train at Deschutes

NOTE: HERE THIS diary ends. On Oct 20 Isaac Briggs, settler at site of Springfield Ore, who had been alerted to the cd of McClure, Owen and the others by the stronger men ahead, came up the McK and met them. He had provs and men paid by him to come and look for the starving men // See diy of BF Owen

BROADSIDES RINGWOOD ROVER COMPANY
 THE CLINTON REPUBLICAN WILMINGTON OHIO 5/19/1850

No. 1 "Ringwood Rover Company". St. Louis, April 9, 1850

Arrivdd safely in the Queen City on the evg of the next day after lvg Wilmington. We shipped on board the Jas Milligan for SJ. 200 Cas aboard // reams and reams of journalistic twaddle //

Letter No. 2 ROVER COMPANY Platte City, Mo. 4/23/50 (bus 5724)

Messrs Corwin and Fisher. . We r resting on the borders of civz, and waiting for grass on the 16th we arv at Weston, full and running over, so boarding at Platte City. Slaves r gen kindly treated but I v seen a Lady used the cow-hide. Negro catching is the best business at this time — many of the poor fellows are fired with the glow ng descriptions of the El Drado, and r taking up the line of march. One poor fellow was brought to our Hotel a few nights since, by two men-catchers. . "My master gave ?450 for me. I have worked hard for him for 25 years + and I wanted to be free before I died." But it would no do, — and he awaits the coming of his master. the odious system

Capt J. W. Denver has a company of 18 men — if it is agretable rs l more than likely joing them, for mutual protec

U l perhaps hear from us again when we arrive the south pass

O. W. N.

Friend Editors: Here are a few lines of poetry written for O. W. Nixon, by one of his scholars at Harveysburg. "We wish thee well."

CLINTON REPUBLICAN MAY 31 from the Rover Co. Ft. Leavenworth May 5

here with victim of revolver misuse, at post hospital
 We jd the co of Major Fellows of Illinois, numbering 40 men

CLINTON REPUBLICAN OCTOBER 4

LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIA No. 4 ROVER COMPANY

Messrs Corwin & Fisher: After a tv of 1000 mis over Prairies, Plains and Mounts it is w pleasure that I l turn my st scatrd thought for a time to you

Lvg Flv the mg I last wrote you we made a hard drive hop'ng to reach r encampment but failed. .

On May 7 the prairie was covered with snow this disc prospect caused a number to give up and return to the states prairies somewhat monotonous by the time we reached Fort Kearney. . creeks generally sluggish on prs. The big Blue and little Blue -- and the leaping dancing Newasea are exceptions to this. Ft. Kearney is a hard looking place. There r 2 or 3 frame houses unfinished, nd the rest are made of turf. From 6 to 9 soldiers r on duty and not much even for them to do.

Learning that Uncle Sam had a bellows and anvil we lay by for 2 days, burned a coal pit and set our tire. . re P R its gravity is much above the standard. . cpled to drink out of puddles an Ohio frog d bashedm to be caught in — + you learn to love its appearance (at first most uninviting). . just like you despite the ugly camel till you learns only his feet can trod the sands. So with the Platte. . You w/ find yourself looking out for steamboats; but start in and you can go to its middle witout its coming above your high top boots ; .

The roads along the Pare the finest I ever tvd over. . at the S P more than a mile wide. . train behind us had two wagons sinking in loose sand, up to their bows in winter water

R road lay ac oss a / barren ridge for 22 miles, down a very steep hill we were in Ash Hollow. Passing so suddenly fr m a dreary waste to a beau garden was almost intoxicating. A spring of clear water was tricleng among the rocks beneath the shadwo of great ash trees, whose tops v all benn been blown off with

with winds and give them a singular app. You stop and drink -- you gather an armfull of flowers; your lungs expand with the pure and fragrant air -- you open your eyes to the beauty, and your ear to the music of humming insects

Emerg from this heavy sand pulling You r now among the Sx Is. They crowd around your tents and wgs and beg for food. . men are a lazy set. . there is no sign of cultivating the soil. Men hunt and lounge about while the women do the labor, and carry on a brisk trade with the Es, by sel ing B skins, moccasins, &c Their prop is princ dosg dogs and ponies. . experd riders and tr throw the lasso lasso with certainty. . Poles fan out and serve to place all moveables/ / senator-like Grey Eagle Chief

The Cheys are the finest looking Chynnes all need Christianity Civz is fast crowding them -- they are fast bg initiated into its vices. . missionaries needed here as much as in China and India

ROCKY MOUTANINS June 16, 1850 O W N

CLINTON REPUBLICAN October 11

LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIA No. 5 Rover Company. Messrs Corwin & Fisher:

After lvg the Sx lx you e next come into the ct oth Crow and Snake tribes, but you see nothing of them. . remarkable bluffs . Court House visited less by tvrs than many others on acct of the gr nu of rattlesnakes. On this Rock last season 2 men er attacked by the Camanche Is ++ one was kd and the other died from over exertion soon after reaching the wgs. .

plenty of wild gameone of r boys kd 3 Bs. . Antelopes, Prairie and sage hens make a fine dish. . occ v a feast on dogs. The Pups are fine. . among the curious things we see here are rats w bushy tails and frogs with horns and tails. . ~~Ex~~ Rising to the top of Sbs you behold Laramie 's Peak of the B FBS RMs. Nothing of intx occurs now until you arrive at F., 600 miles from Weston

Here we met with Kit Carson, the celebtd mteer. He learned that 10,000 men, 130 women and 99 children er ahead of us. Nothing exciting occurred till we came to the Ferry of the NFP. . There er 5 boats running and the stream narrow; yet from a thousand to 1500 head of stock was waiting. . day bf a man was drowned, Wood from Ohio. Another was sinking for the last time when an old Negro rescued him. . Nobody else was willing except the poor old slave who was a stranger to the man. Four others er drowned the evening after we left. . in swimming their oxen across. (happens when oxen turn around. If any poor fellow shdb in the way his fate is doubtful

after crossg the rv you tv over a most dreary part of the world ticks B gnats 1 stick their poisonous snouts into your face Alkaline Springs and Lakes

Astor shd build a rr to her from MR, and give every old lady a free ticket once in 10- yrs to come out and make soap. Plenty of dead mules, etc. and nothing to do but to fill up the kettles

has been but three cases of cholera that I v heard of good morale. . if a mule kicks us down we get u and kick him right back

O. W. N.

Rocky Moutains, June 16, 1850

SAME ISSUE SINK OF HUMBOLDT RIVER 287 mis from Sac City 7/20 # 6

Here I am most happy that I v seen this dirty crooked river sink into the gr Weared but not discouraged -- a little depressed but not cast down on the 5th sent 2 of Rover co on to Sac to make arrng ments for our comfort when arrive thought to make it in 15 days, but in 14 days still 300 miles away hungry etc. . .

CLINTON REPUBLICAN NOVEMBER 1 # 7

Letters from California 2 other letters by ch it l b seen they v all arrived in the land of promise

Auburn, September 2, 1850

Nine days after we ar v d at the meadow we er gratified by seeing r train roll in, and all the boys wd well and in good spirits our Dr. removed barbs of two arrows

Sacramento City Sept 7, 1850

rescue of

rescue of West Williams in the desert from Mascatine Iowa found near death
with face to the sun had bn robbed also a regular stampede of elephants
to a new Fort erected by Ms on 8/11
came into the mining region 8/19

also in CLINTON REPUBLICAN

12/20 - 10/22 / See cut

12/27 2 way obstacle

5/30/51 3/22/51 Milwaukee Oregon

8/1/51 6/10/51 ✓

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A TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS IN 1854 by James H. Hickey pb Hickey Ca 1908
8 pp

left my home in Ill our co of 10 from Iowa and ill
at MR ferry cattle on the ferry boat "The Flint Hills" // Missip River//
some fell off, swam across anyhow, beat the boat

short distance into Mo, then west to MR, up this river to St Marys,
12 mi below O, where we cpd a few days waiting to be ferried across the rv. On
the 28th of April Hopper's train jd us here, where we had r first sight of Is,
200 or more of the O tribe, all gr beggars.

4/29 we left the settlements, .at GI saw first P Is, much finer looking
than the Os and ve fr but few Bs

later landmarks. . FL 5/25 first chance to mail letter first
last

first bldg after lvg O. Strahn crossed the river at the fort

Up the road to the north crossing where the road fm the south crosses to the n
and jd the road on ch we ex tvg fm FL, 100 miles

Here we left the Platte and crossed to the Sweet Water, t still on the
Oregon Trail met the h Cheye tribe down to hunt B and fight Ps. A trader
said there was about 5,000 m w & c. . travo's

horses stampeded for 10 miles, catch one (Strahn does)
IR, DG, Ice Fields

6/10 dinner at Pacific springs GR Desert 14 ferry boats 5. w/o any team.
Bukk 30. ch we paid in bacon at 50c lb use guns to get our cattle to an island
over objections. . . tp at SS

R next pt is the Humbolt. After lvg SS 6 mi we wth OE ch goes north. We took
the sublet cut-off ch goes sw into Goose Creek mts volcanic ct rock resembling
broken glass bottles Thous Sp V divide between R and H July 3, cmg to main H,
Gravelley Ford Sink Truckee Desert Hg Meadows took Beck with road, into
the valley 7/29, just 3 months from MR
got to Dwiesville on the 3d day.

AN OVERLAND TRIP FROM IOWA TO CALIFORNIA in 1854 John Allen Welch
 personal memorais PERSONAL MEMOIRS OF JOHN ALLEN WELCH Hutchinson, Ks, 1920
 125 pp/ pb

b. 1834 living in Marion Ct., Iowa
 start p. 36 A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA 1854+1857

while on bus trip bro Isaiah met men gg to Oregon who wanted two men. he and Harrison Elder prepare. . jd by me and bro James me 19 it was only our inexper that made us so quick for the undertaking dangers including colds, bilious attacks, scurvy, cholera and mt fever also "bing alkalied" from inhaling alkali dust. . symptoms irritation oth throat, swelling of tongue and throat . . nearly every person in ev cmunity had relatv or frs that had made the trip

start 4/21 r plan was to start out on foot w expecta of meetg w some parties that wanted help to drive either their teams or loose stock etc. . . there was heavy migration across the plains that season, so r chances seemed good. . my horse panics at the outset and go without him. join Hufford family train we had only a verbal contract, jd by 2 other families crsoss MR when se set foot on west bank. . not a habitation or structure of any kind. . beyond the restraints of Civ l law wagons in circle with tongues outside in case of stampeded, getahead and lead them in a circle. . always one natural leader with a herd, all d follow. . first half tvdw co fm Mo that had started with over 300 head Arkansa catelc

Mr. Hufford, the model citizen, switches to profanity rest of the trip. . a demon in poss of him the mirage tvd 7 full days with R C R in plain view Others in swimming. . I dive in and have a concussion, sand like solid rock Our elders doubt that the valley d ever be inhabited

No settlement from Missouri Iver until we came to a Stage Station called Mormon Station, in CRV

Send letter to mother by putting it into a stake, hoping a stage driver would take it. . It was delivered

FL. . a few yrs later this fort was captured by Is and if memory serves me correctly every soldier within the fort at the time was slain

Dr. asked me to ride over to the fort with him for more medicine Captains boy 6 or 7 run over by wg, just below the ribs 2500 lbs. . to the surprise and delight og all he brightened up and ate a little food at supper time that eve, and was ready for his reg mmeals the nex 11 next day, and seemingly never sufrd any incven fom it afterwards

to SP 6/15/1854 ///these are better than average recollections, tho rambling/// in 500 old Hufford start to come after us with a knife, changed his mind At CR we join another camp, name of Hawkins. . he had made one or 2 trips ov bf this He had crossed over in 1843 w Freemont. . at the time all of the ct west of the MR was called the plains, it was always "crossing the P lains. " SS //no dates///
 //confuses with Thous / Spring V//

enroute to HR Strawberry V. . Sp trader w 2 I wives, all livg tog in one tent, one flathead, 1 Shonone. . horses missing, recovered, prob trick oth trader . . a digger i inherits cast off silk stovepipe hat water 10c a pint dead animals mummified Ragtown to Mstation Hawkins decides to herd his animals here a month or two feet sore and inflamed into Old Hangtown, 3d / day after lvg E tr at M Sta to page 86

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Gwinn Harris Heap. CENTRAL ROUTE TO THE PACIFIC journal oth exped
of E F Beale, Supt of IA in Ca, and G H H, fr m Missouri to Californi
in 1853 Phi ladelphia 1854 116 pp

Westport o mouth Huerfano River to Coochatope Pass to Las Vegas to Santa Clara

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NOTES CONCERNING THE KELLOGGS by M G Kellogg, MD (Battle Creek, 1927)

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for Mrs. Clara Butler and Mrs. Emma Kellogg, Battle Creek Mich
from M. G. K. at Haldsburg, Ca xxx 3/17/15

I l now redeem my promise to write you an acct of my tr ov fr m BC to Marysville
Ca in 1859. . am near blind, and use mechanical aid rent a freight car for
Chi by way of Adrian and Michigan Souther RR over bridge to Davenport . .
unload at Iowa City. . all the talk about PP. . try for job on rr pushing
toward CBs find contract has abandoned the job. decided to ctinue as far
as Elk Horn City, 16 mi west of Omaha where wife had a bro William Rawson
who had got gold in Ca

ride across Iowa a weary one near CBs a regular blizzard, nearly lose teams
reached CBs and crossed MoR on the steam ferry, there bg no bridge, and landed
in Om, then a ve small place . . broke and w family o5 but provs for 1 week. . .

at Elk Horn, the so-called city csisted of only 3 one+story cottages of only
2 rooms ea. . b-i-l had joined the rush for PP 2 weeks prev. . return to O. .
A B Parks sells hotel. . he and Mr. Van Dusen gg to PP and they wanted 800 lbs
of food and other supplies taken through: they d pay 10c lb to have it freighted
thru, allowing 40 per waggon . . sell my wagon, have 60. in hand

cross EHR o a govt built bridge. . camp Rawhide Creek "The Overland Guide"
gives story of how it got named. . cd see strings of white cvd wgs on both
sides oth river. . b-i-l Wm Rawson hurryg back to EHC, reporting rush to PP was
premature. . me drive to Columbus, wait for owners

cpact not to tv on Saturday as that was the Sabbath day. . boss drives on
while me meditate on an island. . always able to catch up SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
hail 9 inches in circumference

Maine co ruined by the cyclone. . one of r party finds his money, and hat
one of my wheels is broken. . from turnarounds buy 12 pick handles plus handles
of my hickory adz and surveyors compass etc. .

son breaks collar bone, fallg fm the wg. . wife gets foot caught under the
front end of the wg box. . lowering of the front of the box and raising the wg
tongue made a trap in ch her foot was caught, and badly crushed. . out of comm
for 4 weeks

no / further mishaps until within 2 days drive L of all parties returning with
doleful tales of PP, none had gone there before turning back most turnarounds
er on the ss we cd see many of them turning around, as many as 100 in 1 day. /
but we had made up r minds to go to Ca if we cd buy off r ctract for P

make arrngts with party to take us to Ca in ex for my two yoke of oxen, and
pay cash for foodstuffs. . draw up ctract to be ratified at L; me to do no work. .
Van Dusen got a bottle from retg PPer and went on a reg carousal, drinkg and
gambling all day with the PP retreaters. Next mg said he dn tv on Sunday. .
Had to start cutting the tent on shares to get him and others to move

Reach FL more than a thousand me planning whether to g to PP, or return,
or go to Ca. . found Capt Parks behind a whiskey barrel selling same. . He arranges
a trial to show there is a law out here on the plains, even if there are no

settlers livg here. . the crowd now became an excited mob, all eager to see some fun, and u der the influence. . sheriff selected and jury of 12 . . I told how Parks and Van Dusen had violated the ctract y takg poss of the team on my Sabbath and had lost the only x ax I had

jury says Mr. K's team must g on with the freight to PP. he must fulfill his contract. . " Neither my family nor myself r gg any nearer to PP than e r now." wife, still lame, pipes up ditto

finally Van Dusen says, has found a mn to take the freight for 30. . my teams and supplies turned over to Fisher and Shelton for Ca new out fit 40 men plus few women and children 15 wagons 40 yoke catl

North Platte Bridge Shelton threatens helper with a gun. . Mr. Fisher told S- he dntv w a man that d draw a pistol on a fellow \$/ tvr. . divide up the teams etc. We left to go with Shelton. . more work for me pancakes and molasses 3 x a day .

Get captain to put Shelton enz away from wagon. . me threatened with gun, saved by Mr. He, with long rope

kill 3 grizzlies pegs come out of shoes go barefood for sev hundred miles have squaw make moccasins out of bear skin

SP ~~7/10~~ 7/10 take landers cutoff accid death of Henry Langdon, buckshot stand off Indian threat . . same Is cut off tr of 12 men, kd one man, took 26 oxen ditto with another small co ditto 3d time, 4 men killed. . women runs with baby, thrown in clump of sage brush. . found alive. . buried the 5 dead men, and took in w and c. . confirmed by George W. Mills, a member of one of 3 cos

put on a pair of wild Texas steers, in the middle story of boy ~~was~~ 18 who killed girls uncle for chastising him for improper be haviour. . trial rangled from upraised wg tongues. . confirmed by man who did the hanging.

my wife goes to help yg mother in confirement ditto on the R. . 21 yrs later at my Sanitarium at St. Helen recognize mother No. 1

assaulted by ~~Selto~~ Shelton to Susanville stage to Marysville 12AM n.d. to 116

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JOURNAL OF AN OVERLAND TRAVEL kept by William Gregg McPherson, ~~by his dgr~~ Clara P McPherson Jones ORANGE CALIFORNIA NEWS Aug 6-12 1887 nsp clippings mt in blank book

pioneer of Orange ct, left w his dgr 5 sm js covering his life from 1852 to 1876.

One v covers a 6 months trip from Oregon, Orle Ct. Ill to Downieville, Ca. .

//nsp photo is 1859///

4 yg men started from Ill and walked tog across the plains. . no harsh words between them dn throw away cookstove or copy of poems by Byron did not tv on the Sabbath starvg Is cut up fallen animals and eat w/o cooking started for PP, to Ca instead

in view of the variety of opini ncluded to go and investigate the thing for myself left 4/28/1859

5/27 drove to the Bluffs. . roads g until within 4 miles of town. The it was steep ~~walking~~ bluffs and hard pulling. . CBs a small town sitd in a ravine or opening in the bluffs

5/31 crossed M

6/2 passed 7 2 P villages and Fremont in the mg. .

6/3 left the Ca road 3 miles from Shinns Ferry, 70 mis fm Omaha

6/4 crossed the P this mg a bad stream to ferry wide and quick sand bottom the current changes sev x a day so there is no depending on where they ferried the day bf. the south bank 30 feet hi ct sparsely settled, and here on Elm Creek there is one

one sod house, sev living in tents. . camp on Elm Creek, 10 m frm ferry.
road on ns runs right along the rv, and there r teams strung along as far
as we can see about 2/3 of the Calif Eion takes that side of the river.
passed remains of an Ivg near the road, upwards of 50 hrss arrgd in a
circle, prob surrdg remains of some chief 's favorite pony mosquitoes awful
 6/8 6/11 FKey camp 3 mis beyond s 25 bldgs in square. Inside is
 another square mtd with cannon. . but 4 good dwelling hss sitd about 1/2 way
 between river and the bluff while camped here govt train of 156 wgs 180 men
 and 1872 oxen for Utah. . largest crowd goes to Ca, ch 1 prob amt to 50,000
persons Bs very thick

rd cpletely lined wit B carcasses that vbn kd for sport it is fine sport
hunting them, they r so tenacious of life. . l turn and fight

6.17 Ctnwd Sp, 85 m fm Kearny

6/18 Freemont springs. . OFallins bluffs sf mingles with main P a little
 below FS. . 1/2 mile wide.

6/21 gold at PP like angels visits, few and far between

6/22 drove up to crossing at 9 oc. 45 mis from O'Fallons Bluffs and 165 fm K
ferry charge exhorbitant price so we had nothing to do but try the ford. . raised
the ob on B skulls, doubled teams

6/23 struck across to the North Platte. . into a rvaine nearly perp. After
 lockg both wheels it d drive the wg onto the catl. The ravine is called AH,
 on either side is roug craggy rocks main P about double the width of sf and
 equally as swift and muddy and full of sand bars

6/27 roads sandy and heavy wheeling passed ch r

6/28 greatest curiosity is cr it looked as large when we first saw it as it
did when we were within a mile, then it seemed to expand all at once and show its
rough unhewn points to g adv dscrip there is a crevice rung fm side to side,
and en standg pn the highest bench looks as though it was hangg over r heads
and just ready to tumble down. While x standg pn the upper bench (ch has to be
climbed by means of grooves cut for both hands and feet) and ctempatg the column
above and the vast distance below a person is struck more w a feelg of wonder and
awe than en lookg down the abyss at Niagara falls. If it was in the states
where it cb cdb visited by wa railway or steamboat it would be thronged w visitrs.

6/29 passed over Scotts bluffs. They r ve high and abrupt, the road winds about in
 the gullys worn by the water ch has left knobs sa scatrd about like huge rocks

6/30 lots dead catle

7/2 crossed Lf on a bridge. . drove 8 mis beyond the f and layg over on good feed.
 at the f there are 2 good trading establishments, one g dwelling hs, but most of
 the rest r gove n government

7/4 turned out at 7 oc and fired a salute of 35 guns. . in B's coarse gravel hard
 on oxens feet. . good cpg gr on bitter Cotton-Wood springs

7/5 Horse shoe creek shot ox with leather

la bonte box Elder ck many catl alkaliad

7/12 crossed the Platte bridge 125 mis fm L

7/13 cpl on F at Red Butte for the last time 7/14 Willow Springs

7/15 Independent rock, outskirts of FMs in these ranges numerous peaks rearing
 their heads to the clouds and seemingly pointg to the gr creator as the supreme
 architect of the universe DG csidered the grandest sight along the rt

7/19 crossed the S W 3 x in a pass between 2 high rocky ranges

7/22 new road the govt cut off. It is the northern rt and 240 miles to the
 cut off. . right at the foot oth Wind river range

7/23 passed summit of FMs just bf reaching Little Sandy

7/26 camp on New Fork of GR

7/31 drove to wiktin 1 mi of Fort Snyder

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 find ?

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Louis CO

8/1 La Barge ck Smiths creek
 8/3 c salt creek valley
 8/8 Blackfoot creek
 8/11 nooned on the Old Fort Hall road the end of our 240 mis on Gilbert's c-o
 8/12 camped on Lewis or snake river
 8/15 American Falls
 8/18 Raft creek. . . We r within 8 miles of Sublett's cutoff It l take just
 4 weeks on the new road of about 840 mis and laid over 8 1/2 days. . . passed a gr
at ic oth road of a boy of 17 who was hanged at the end of a wagon tongue for murder.
soldiers had a fight with the Is and kd 30 here. . . another wg train 4 kid, and man
and a woman wounded

8/20 Goose Creek mts into SL Road near Steeple Rocks / came into SL road after
 coming into SCO
 8/23 Thous springs hills sidling (above) 2/ 8/25 Boiling springs
 8/27 St. Marys Wells

9/12 to Lawson's meadows to Rabbit Hole springs Boiling springs
 9/15 Granite creek 9/18 F Deep Springs 9/20 B springs
 9/21 Smoky creek 9/22 Mud springs
 9/23 Honey Lake valley worst road on whole route cplete paved with cobble stone
 9/24 Susans cree. . . start with pack on my back to d Downieville 9/28

Omaha to c Honey Lake Valley 1697 thence to Marysville 180
47 pages . . .

COVERED WAGON PIONEERS by Charles Frederick True ed by Sally Ralson True
 Madison, Wisc. 1966 pb 107 pp.

Spring 1856 me 13 family (Ira Marshall and Elizabeth True) moved Maine to Ohio
 1857 to Minnesota Owatonna

acqtd w John Warren, had crossd the plains as early as 1850 return 1855 mothers
 brother Jefferson Tarr living there we go in 1859 to escape blizzards

wg wooden axles, light me 16 detailed scription of arrangements of wg
 from CBS ride on an antiquated side-wheel ferry boat

Omaha a little town other than a few remotesly scattere hss the landscape was un-
 occupied. . . 10 miles per day thru Iowa but streets crowded with medly Es and Is. . .
feed in the shade of 2 story brick bldg under cstruction, tb the Castiol Hldg
organize list of males 14 and above 8 wgs in r party
the Ps a hard looking lot. . . faces smeared with streaks of coloring. . . every
cobl manner of dress the worst beggars of all the Is Fremont & Columbus

while passing FK on ss, turned at my mothers terrified call to see the near forward
wheel pass over the legs of my 4 yr old sister Carro, who had fallen out of the wg.
By acting promptly I dragged her fm the pathway of the hind wheel. . . leg below
knee broken no doctor present / father devises willows for splints screams
drives mother to hysteria. How to transport w/o jolting? man gives up his
spring seat Mothers plan proved a success from the start keeps wet bandages on
she was strapped in for 7 weeks bones grew together perfectly
ltl dog goes all the way across feet bleed put him in with Carroy
B hunters warned off by Is; have the good sense to bak off from confrontation
EL the mecca after 0 try to reach it 7/3 make it, opp
Impos to cross account high water; animals refuse no grazing for r stock

drive distant hills for grass . . . stampede out of sight the horses we had ridden had gone with the rest we were the most surprised two night guards on the GAD . . . camp aroused . . . everyone on foot . . . found 10 miles away, str tendency to go on permanent strik . . . some 4th of July

swim stock across the river to feed

2 Is who seem to drop noiselessly fm the cloudless sky surrounded by 4 pipe of peace warning by a Fr-Canadian trapper surrd by Is like a flock of blackbirds large band on horseback pass us by we are spared

IR a leviathan mass vg the app of bg dropped there names in lamp-black and oil, axle grease, paint how did some reach high positions found names of Fremont, BY, Kit Carson met mt sheep at de DG

Sp tp where one cd mail a letter Eon over this rt very heavy road wide nd looks like a street in a village expect to meet Elizabeth's brother, Jefferson at or near the Sink of the H . . . He is cmg from Sutter Creek, Anador Ct // this from fathers letter to his father from SP july 24// sev such letters interspersed accid slug through my cap

take newly opened landers c-o at GR a g road w g grass In 1858 gangs of rirs had cleared the way north of SCO. We arrived the summer the ew trail was open fod trail laid out by KC up Carson V past Genoa, and up Carson Canyon . . . into Hope Valley Lake Tahoe toll road, Lake Va to Placerville

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Diary
CROSSING THE PLAINS: ADVENTURES OF EDWARD JAMES MATHEWS IN '59
pp n.p.n.d. 91 pp.

Started for PP fm Iowa City 4/7 2 wgs 5 yoke catl
5/11 got to the Bluffs 5/12 took drinks at Pacific House
5/13 5/15 Peakers dont know what to do, for reports are bad everyone blue
6/20 camped on Popien creek 12 mi west of O // heavy preoccupation with what each one of his acquaintances is doing. also frequent drinking
5/21 Elk Horn city and bridge 5/23 Fremont some to Ca from Boone Co
5/24 our destination is Ca 5/26 got to Columbus ia ferry very bad. Pearce said he d cross t at the M trail, so we started after him
5/27 z M ferry at Genoa. old fellow that owned had 6 wives
// heavy preoccupation with what each individual is doing, fishing, or whatnot
6/1 to Wood River M settlement. . 15 mis from FK //mainly personal trivia//
6/2 stop at a lg hs 8 mis from FK, bss. . cpd 4 mis w FK shot at a B
6/9 Pawnee Springs. . sm ck called Metadayers
6/12 fine bath in the P 6/13 Rattlesnake R
6/14 Patterson 's wg upset, threw out Mrs P, Mrs. S and little girl
6/17 SCH CHR opp 6/18 opp CR, made sketch of it
I 6/21 camp Sx Is. . White man living with them 15 yrs. Rather dirty way of living, did not admire the style much

6/22 ferry close by to go to FL
6/30 passed tp and ferry, 70 mi e IR for crossing bridge 2/
7/3 have debate on "Intemperance." We won
7/7 met some boys from Wisc who had turned abourn dfor PP on what Horace Greeley said. . saw 3 men take out 250. in gold dust one day
7/8 lots of Ms and returned Cas 7/10 to Pacific side bss shop
trade keg of powder for shoeing oxen
7/12 saw lg tr of Uncle s wagons and boys, 52, 200 boys hb, wgs drawn by mules,

some had wmn and children with them. The Ms killed their parents at Salt Lake in '57

7/15 ferry GR for 50c pwg passed 2 places where Ms had destroyed trains

7/18 Millersville play euchre

7/19 took dinner close to FB. . 200 of Uncle S boys Bldg a great deal

7/24 gr many stone forts on tops of mts

7/28 at SLC went to auctioneer about sellg r eatl as we decided to setout and hire r passage to Ca charge 5 percent 7/29 p/ tents pitched in the street. . on a little bust, saw some gambling

7/31 heard Brigham preach light cplexion, about my height

boys split up 8/8/ see Read about takg us to Sac, 75.

8/10 to Camp Floyd, 30 mis, Frogtown opp // this thing chopped up into little pieces//

// take the direct desert route west to Carson Lake to Ragtown (place names unfamiliar, i.e. Johnson's Pass, Porter Valley Capins p/ springs Rush springs Antelope valley Blackhead mts Ca Macoby's range Carson City to Virginia city to c take charge of bldg 3 stone houses. . etc came out rich by May, 1860. . Indian trs commenced. Stocks went down. Owed 75.

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Emeline L. Fuller. LEFT BY THE INDIANS. STORY OF MY LIFE pb 40 pp.

~~n.p.n.d~~ Preface at Marshfield, Wis, *n.d.*

~~INTRODUCTION~~ by Jas. Hughes (Mt. Vernon, Ia 1891) such a terrible experience

me born 1847, Christopher 1850 Libbie 1852 moved to Keokuk, back to Wis.

1858 mother married Elijah Utter . . decide to go to Oregon 5/1/1860 me then

13 join others we fept falling in w E stea teams, and by the time we reached FL we hade quite a train sep from the Ca train at FH request soldiers

soldiers left us at the edge of danger comes into campa 3 Is and 2 squaws, all agreed the leader a white man, hax had beard old white hat, crown gone intercepted at Salmon Falls cattle stolen find grave of a previous E dug up and exposed

attacked 9/9/60 9 wagons 26 men coba 5 women 21 children Elijah Utter and wife with 10; Myers & wife w 5, Var Vanorams w 5 they kill 3 drivers discharged soldiers escape w our horses, leavg us to our fate after seve al killings, including her father and sister leaving r wea wagons we started, each one for himself

mother refused to go me w. nursing babe of one year, and 4 others chil ^{1/3} cd see fire of r burning wagons we were tracked, tvg by nite ate the dogs //

came to Oyhee river. . had cow meat cold hungry barefoot jd by Mr. Myers and his family so eone notified soldiers at ~~Flx~~ FW all of Myers family escape, and only 3 of ours

stay at W with family of Lt A. J. Anderson, who rescued us at Oyhee river near old Fort Boysee

recalls
CROSSING THE PLAINS IN '49 by E. Goughnour

ACROSS THE PLAINS IN 49 np 1908

Emanuel

On 4/16/1849 w 4 other men, including my father, I started frm the vg of Libertyville Iowa for the land of gold 4 yoke oxen, 1 wag, convert cows to leaders. . after a tedious trip of over a month we arvd at Cainsville, now called CBs 10 mis north of west fm this pt we crossed MR to M winterquarters they had ferry v co of 20 teams we quit in order to observe the Sabbath we passed all others. . made the entire trip with all of our stock, xcept 2 kd by Is

[Libertyville, Iowa to CBs to Hastings]

B stamped by Is, we make a narrow escape behind a rocky cliff. . w Is traded buckskins for ammunition.

At point where Sidney is now located we came in sight of PP. . finally reached first crossing of the RR, opposite Fort Laramie ferry operated by U S soldiers many squawmen and fams in the vic

A second crossing of the P cross again to the north side

IR the app of a mining town with signs on all sides BR valley beau, had IV of 2,000 ///no dates not much of anything else///
Thous Spring V (after cut off to Fort Hall) head of H R at Wells at Carson River corral made entirely of wg wheels and chains to Hangtown 4 months 6 days thru p. 21

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W. G. Beith, CROSSING THE PLAINS REPRINTED from the ENTERPRISE RECORD CHIEFTAIN Enterprise, Oregon, 1931

//// has to do with the early 11 1880s in re Colo, Wyom etc.

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/Bond/ FOOT-TRAVELS ACROSS THE PLAINS or FAITH AND PRAYER ILLUSTRATED Richmond, Indiana. Central Book & Tract Committee of Friends. 1868
pb 16 pp.

July 4 1865 left home in Ks, on foot, w/o money, with only 1 suit of clothes, but w 50 lbs of Tracts for distribution get free ride to Ly City Here I obtained a lg pkg of tracts, and the distribution of them along the rt readily obtained passage for me

10 mi w Atchison I overtook a lg wg-tr for SIC nd observg them tb very profane I distributed some Tracts on profance swearing. The wgmaster, bg short of hands, wished to employ me. . .

So we tvd along, wading and swimming the streams, until we arrived at FK. Here I found a bundle containg 2 suits of clothes. . .

We remained here 4 days. . soldiers reported the way clear, and we er allowed to pass on. After leavg Julesburg and passing of the North Platte we heard much of I depredas. . Wg-master explained cs I d not carry weapons, I trusted in a higher power, etc. . . but he trusted me to sleep with his valuables

Wgmaster sold liquor to soldiers, told him he was wicked, d nv get his tr to SL, derided as a prophet. . . the next day, on arriving at Fort Mitchell, he was taken prisoner, and carried wih the train, under guard, to FL, delivered up to the General, and some of his goods confiscated; and ence I got but little from him for mys services. . .

I then hired in a train of Es, gg to Nevada. We overtook more than 100 families of MEs, to whom I distributed many Tracts

When within 140 mis SL, a heavy snow storm destroyed the teams. . sme thing happend to the wagonmaster Tracts welcome by all staid at the Masnion Hs / v talke w BY finally to Austin City, Nevada, 400 mi w SL man gives me boots then 240 mis to Carson City via Va City I passed a train of camels in the 20-mile Desert to Sac

p. 11 sayd says his name was Bone to Oregon City, SFran, San Jose, back to Kansas

Thomas J. Lomas, RECOLLECTIONS OF A BUSY LIFE NXXXXX n.p., n.d. 35-73

in 1848 parents John and Emma, lv England with 5 chi 1 to Fairville, Wis
 start p. 35 bro Henry to Ca in 1861 spring 1861 cc'd to go so in
 April 23, 1864 with Mr. Arnold, who taking 50 hrs across the plains to Ca.
 co was 14 men, 1 lady Delvan Wis to Dubuque get to rear of trains waiting
 for the ferry at CBs we er in the line 2 days
 when we got over into Omaha told that a co of surveyors er just starting
 out to survey the UP Mrs. Briggs has a problem getting used to half-dressed Is
 son out of civz. . every 10 or 12 mis a stage station, and occa a Erman w squaw
 have to ferry Loup Fork to island, on our own the rest oth way

Sx Is reported killing Es and stealg stock universal drowsiness, exp
 for drivers sotil run into wagons ahead, sotimes head for the river
 at Fort Bridger Mr. Arnold 's liquor all commandeered by the officers
 white raiders polled in stealg r hrs, by tying their heads to their
 left front leg

Ms say they are waiting for N and S to whip each other, then he will
 step into the Presidential chair
 in SL told to camp on Emigrant Square
 prepare to go horseback sells things at auction

straight west from SIC swim in SL Willow Springs I Springs
 Fish Springs via stage stations Willow creek Ruby Valley Austin, a
 new mining camp to Virginia City, thence to Honey Lake Valley
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CROSSING THE PLAINS IN 1865 by F. D. Inman ^{Apr. 1915} leather bound printed
 M G Banfield: this lt vol. . is presented to him on the 50th anniv of his
 arrival in Portland, Nov 1, 1915 by his ve dear fr. .

Writers fam broken up during civil war, nd thru the good offices of an old
 grfather, myself and sister er taken by an old gman name of William Davidson to
 be raised. Shortly after he cc'd to cm West. So he sold his home in Marshall
 town, Iowa and fitted himself out w 3 wgs, horses

5/21 pulled out, buoyed up by that fever that seems at times to destroy one's
 better judgment

First town we struck was CBs witness a neck-tie party by a vigilant com-
 mittee; kick box out from under etc. . had robbed a man of 5/

d^v MR until we came to a ferry a lt way below the mouth PR. We then crossed
 the Mo and ctnd jr j until we came to a ferry of the PR ?????? witness a duel
 both badly shot up in ferrying the stock, near drowned, escued by Bittner, olled
 over a keg until the muddy water was out of me. . lecture by Davidson us boys
 cause a stampede, by fastening gar to steers rump, 3 days to collect

Next place I remember Green Meadow

Two more thieves, steal 2 mules from a German they are hanged and shot both

We are now in Wyoming, passing FL, a little military post
 Encircled by Is withstood by our doughty captain (me 1) 2 people
 cut off, captured and mutilated another yg lady taken prisoner, and the child
 thrown into the fire and burned alive . . one out hunting killed and scalped

during the time we er besieged we sent out a courier to FL for aid. . They
 sent a squad of 30 or 40 men and they tvd w us for 3 or 4 days, but that was the
 last time we ever saw of the Sx and Cheys. . we sent 16 of them to the hhg, nd
 we lost 4, 2 crippled and one taken prisoner.

to TD steamboat to Portland arrive Nov 1 18 pages

SKETCH OF A TRIP FROM OMAHA TO SALMON RIVER 18 pp
by Daniel Mc Laughlin. Printed for Everett D. Graff, Chicago, 1954

INTRODUCTION Narr appeared in 2 numbers of the OMAHA DAILY NEBRASKIAN for March 31 and April 1, 1863. Camp narrs re the gold excitement and discoveries in Idaho and Eastern Oregon in 1861 and 1862 are uncommon.

Auburn, Oregon January 18, 1863 to Editor of Nebraskian -
Beg a sketch of your city to the gold of Salmon River don fail to be of interest to the many readers of your valuable, agreeable to promise, I transmit.

On 6/1, took up the North Platte, and 7/24 reached FL. From the time we left the military bridge on the outskirts of your city to the Fort we passed at least 20,000 persons in ox wagons, drays, carts, and every describable species of rotary vehicles, and on foot. . . to all points

Nothing of importance occurred until we reached the upper crossing of the P, when we learned that the stage just in advance of us was robbed by Indians the night before. . . Upon arrival learned that this same band had, 2 days before, robbed a Caravan of 273 ponies, which he was driving to the states. . . They attacked the teams in front and rear, stampeded stock and massacred the men whenever they found them off guard. A bannack said Shoshones had food us 150 miles but had given up as they always found us prepared.

At Stage camp on the S W we saw the bones of 2 men murdered by Indians when their wagon broke and they were left behind to fix. . . We took Landers Cut Off at Pacific Springs, and found it a good road to ~~the~~ GR. . . We fed corn twice a day until we reached FK. Here we got 250 lbs to do us to Laramie. . . From L we fed flour at the rate of one quart per day to each mule.

At GR found about 5,000 waiting to cross and that, after crossing over 80 or 100 wags at 5 p.m., they were placed upon wheels and carried 5 miles over a ridge to a bar of GR, ferry the same teams over that stream at 3 p.m., and be brought back. . . this promised a wait of 1 week. Accordingly we lashed a couple of water proof wagon beds, which were made in Wisconsin, together, constructed a prow and manned it with raftsmen. It worked like a charm. saved 95. Before we left not less than 4 similar rigs were launched, and the golden dreams of the Green River Charons knocked into a cocked hat finally reach Lewis Fork of Snake after terrible mountain roads.

Finally reached FH many there encamped, for first time learned that in order to get to Salmon River we either had to cross the Snake up until we struck the head of Fort Benton ????, thence to Fort Colville, and pack 60 miles over mountains worse than the Bear River range, a distance of 500 miles or else follow the Snake River down to Wallalla and go from there to Salmon, a distance of 800 miles.

Next learn Salmon basin was all staked out. Not less than 25,000 there when he left, 4/5 doing nothing. Florence was played out. decide for Ft WW 10 miles from FH we paid 1.50 to be ferried across Port Neaf, and from there to Owyhee river + 300 miles + we suffered inconveniences and hardships that a Christian could not endure. . . poor grass, and Indians. several teams attacked by them, men with and cattle scattered. One team 8 miles behind us had 8 men and 2 women killed. . . man named Philips made prisoner and tortured by cutting off joints.

Learn of new gold discoveries on Powder River reached there 8/31, 3 months from the military bridge at C town called Auburn 579 houses, population 3500. . . reports Snake River navigable as far up as FB for steamboats. . . hangings of Lucien Gasnier from Denver and Tom Coates, a Mexican mines discovered by party from NCA in 1861.

ACROSS THE PLAINS IN A COVERED WAGON by E. Allene Dunham 20 pp. pb np, nd

New Hartford, Iowa to San Jose, Ca 1864 5/2 to 10/15 with f & m, Lee Taylors baby bro and uncle Charles E. Neeham and fam via of Cedar Falls mother made dresses short so as not to get in the way of their getting in and out oth wg ///d1 dates non-existent in this narrative except for above////

Arvd CBs nd drove on to a ferry boat. The outside edge was for teams, and the first team went clear around and faced the same entrance, with a bar. . the Mo a boiling mass of mud hook up with a Ca train, includ 2 yg ladies who braced shooting with the men every day. had two guns at the ready

ns PR chil had lovely time. visit I camps. . papooses had no defence from most quitoes and gnats in mts I stampede r horse, got 26 head

"Tread lightly stranger, here lies our little Nelly Is with womens scalps and among them, men men w blue eyes and light hair and children

SE the women/all seemed so wret wretched

mt lions track wmen & children mt climbers twin babies came to Billy Larkin wagon. . Aunt Olive gives birth in Carson City toll road over SNs find bundle of letters, take to Plaerville PO

we found a place 3 or 9 miles s of San Jose on a dairy ranch, greeted by earhquake

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JOHN SERVICE, PIONEER by Fred Field (Goodsell pp 1945 had diaries, lost in Berkeley fire in 1923 (Waban, Mass 1944)

Pioneers in Michigan
THE TREK TO CALIFORNIA IN 1859

I left home 3/12/1859 w bro Ed. had my clothes in a sack paid 100 to Henry Knapp to go w him and family to Ca, he havg been there bf leave Warsaw, Indiana on 3/21 5 yoke oxen, 2 wgs across Illinois Rv to Misip at Rocky Island thence to CBS

finally started 3/24 10 weeks to get to CBs, shv gone by boat our co all respectable yg men of good moral habits and Knapps women identifies members. .

Omaha to SL from 5/23 to 7/31

fishing, hunting and dancing in evening. . shoe oxen with leather, using ordinary carpet tacks

diary for may 15 runs : Drove 5 mis and cd on Mshany Bottany River. We like to drowned, it rained like Casesar. . had 2 milch cows all the way to Ca

5/4 pict pitched r tents for the first time. . too much read previous

6/4 B hunt

5/29 Sunday we laid over on the bank of the South Fork ???? /Loup?/ this str had to be fordd part way by hand-ferry and part way by quicksand bottom. When night came we caught it. It commenced raining and blowed a perfect " Jemycane. " I t swept houses from their ound as and made tents dance a polka

//instead of the journal, mainly broad useless generalizations//

Fear of Ms after the MM Massacre

M women SLC gather up green B chips ??? cs wood was scare scarce.

oxen get very footsore on our team we had Tom and Jerry, Buck and Bright, and Stubb and Berry. . Stubb refuses to be left lay over 9 days in CV acct M. Knapps erysipelas to Auburn, 25 mis fm Placerville to p. 21

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DIARY N NARRATIVE OF RICHARD HENNEY-ALEXANDER IN A J ACROSS THE ROMS thru $\frac{1}{2}$ Canada

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ALONZO F. BROWN Pasadene, 1922 96 pp.

b. W. Hampshire 1836

bro L P Brown to Ca in 1849 by ship. . planned to return to Oregon 1859 decided to sell out my business in Saratoga Springs and go with him to Fram Ridge, Illinois, left 4/26 ny slept in a hs until we arvd in Roseburg, Oregon 9/26 just 5 months out party included Alexander Browns, L P Browns, John T. browns, Alonzo F. Browns Mrs. Whitcomb and children and misc including Charles Cummings (dun)

At CBs laid in our last supplies to last us to Oregon crossed MR to O, then town of perhaps 3 or 400 up P. LF. . see herd B a mile wide hard to kill, even with an axe First Es to use the Lander's Cut off. It took us to the summit RN RMs, a short distance below Fremont Peak

July 4 on Sweetwater, opp CR /for orh christsake/ we passed Colonel Lnders and party near west end of the cutoff He was a fine lookg man and became quite prom in the Rogers and Pryor duel, and was a Maj Gen in CW

The LCO xx took down to the old road to Fort Hall on the Snake River. We camped one night on Salt River. We er now in hostile I terr as we went by where the SCO came into the old road. . We cpd w a party of Es who had just come thru the SCO and they reported they had came by about 10 mi s of where er were and found a party of Es all murdered except a little babe, $\text{\$}$ and it had its legs broken by Is. These Es had the baby and was gg to take it rhoguh through with them. . passed Fort Hall 4 miles to r right

On the H hdwtrs boiling springs for washing on this rv lost our fine Morgan stal lion must vbn bitten by a rattlesnake or scorpion blockade of 125 Is. . saved by Missourians riding pellmell had intended to go thru Susanville, in HD Honey Lake Valley, but as we er now a str party of 60 men, decided to take what was then known as the Applegate rt 4 yrs of Es had bn murdrd to Wells Springs, Black Rock Springs. Elected J. B. Brown captain, he was one of the greeters from Oregon. . harrassed by Is to Lost River, Oregon Goose Lake reach pioneer settlement in Shasta V, Ca to Yreka Col. Joseph Hooker USA, had just cpleted a mil road fm Scottsburg, Oregon to Yreka. . We tvd this road the entire distance, later CW fame arrived Ro eburg 9/26 to p. 23

Reviews

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1861
A PIONEERS TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS by A. J. Countryman pb npnd 23 pp.

FOREWORD 1951

1860 father and ~~xxxx~~ eldest bro, vg disposed of their prop Fayette Ct, Iowa, made prep to ~~xx~~ cross the plains 1861. . vg then in Ca 2 bros Alex and Eli who crossed in 52

father, mother and 6 boys. 4 wgs, both oxen and hns finally 8 wgs in all at CBs ferries the Big Middy and swam stock over to a little burg of about 10 houses called O Here Uncle Sam was drumming for vols -- the emencment oth CW thought of lumps of gold made me stay with the train bro Horade captain, vet of 52 a high-toned tr called Milwaukee of Wis, coaches and buggies, but they didnt tv any faster than we

bro. Den has fight with Stanley and h's wife. . si nglcs Independent Fock open porch like ledges that run nearly around its base, amusing to read names Stanley killed b man he threatend to kill at last we arrivd at SP City. . I failed to see the city. . a tp and 7 ' 8 I tepees. AFRman glimpse of I maiden thwarted b fierce I w ugly knife effort to bring killer of Stanley to justic (by officers of that ct) falls thru when gunman restores accused to the Milwaukie train

thru SLC Truckse rt to Doniville thence to Dry Creek 8 months from home thru p. 11

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1860
T. S. Hawkins. SOME RECOLLECTIONS OF A BUSY LIFE pp, SF n/d/ 1913 160 pp.

start p. 77

b on farm Mo., 12 mis from Hannibal running ct store on Meramac River wife health a prob, her sister in Ca. . 1/5 son T. W. Hawkins b 3/13 started, my father goes along total 4 wgs, 17 yoke oxen, 20 persons etc. 1860 to West Point/Westport ?/ me injured in crossing creek at Butler. Mexican War Army doctor bleeds me, and administer calomel. . had to be carried in a wagon, thought it d break me in two cd feel it for 2 or 3 yrs thereafter every time I took cold, but finally recovered entirely.

at West Point for 2 weeks //my journal has disappeared// ferried over Republican River to Fort Riley to agency of Sacs and Foxes Pottawatammies the finest Is I v ever met, no men under 6 feet

Up Republican river to a pt due south from FK. Here we turned directly north and in 2 days camped on the PR, just below old FK here er thous of Sx a dirtier, more treacherous, thieving, lying people never existed . . loss of sleep the worst

At FK we struck into the old E trail. The princ outfitg place was I, Mo.. This rt was somewhat nearer than the one we took but we figured that by taking the less tvd route up the Rp and across the divide we d v less co and more feed. Correct for at FK we fell in with hundreds of E trains, some w large herds cattle. . I refused to use B chips. . d go up creeks to select cedar or ash, etc., sling it under wagon with spare chains

at FK first dried B meat I had ever eaten never saw a live B and cd kill only 2 antelope Plum Creek Ctnwd Springs OF Bluffs. Here, just below the bluffs and about 15 mis above the jc N&S Hr the E trail crosses the latter river. to BP spilled into the river, as wet as a mixture of water and sand cd make. .

Evthing dead level except OFB, CHR and CR ???? deceptive distance etc
so nd deceptive also. // nothing fm ch sound cd rebound or ceho. . rifel
shot d sound like a pop gun

FL explore same, regiment scattered. . halted and had to name my bus. .
got fm the comm a few nec supplies and from the post surgeon some medicine. .
besieged by Iw and C one old crone looked a thous yrs old Colonel
warns us of Is, but we er not molested

150 mies beyond FL again struck the NP here a cable ferry 10. pwg
//what, no bridge?????////

7/4 I R see mt sheep but elusive

SP FB Echo Canyon at the city gates we were met b some of the city
officials who interrogated us. . then piloted thru city and across river Jordan
on a sub bridge and shown a cpg place on he banks while r stack was driven some
4 miles to the foot of some low hills for salt grass

BY had 40 to 60 wives what a life !

take road around the northern side GSL yg men drowns in Bear River, only
casualty on the j the Malad Goose Creek mts City of Rocks TSV
Carson City, Lake Tahoe 3 sm valleys, Faith, Hope and Charity
pass Big Trees of Calaveras Ct down Mkelumne hill, cross Stanislaus
at Murphys, pass Angles Camp to Mt View 9/13, 6 months r home
end p. 115

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Joseph Warren Cheney FROM A SOLDIERS PEN n.p.n.d. pb 49 pp.

FOHEWORD by Charles B. Cheney b Ill 1845 CW 1864 Methodist ch in
Keosauqua. Iowa Wesleyan ministry 1869

re J. L. Rose E train 1858 by the southern route

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J. Robert Brown, JOURNAL OF A TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS OF THE US FROM
MISSOURI TO CALIFORNIA IN 1856. (Columbus) 1860 119 pp pb. YU/NL

vg made up my mind to start for Ca 4/15/1856 nd vg bn proffered an oppor to go
as far as SIC with E. R. Yates and Wm. Maunder, who er gg to said city w
good. . on 4/29 bade adiuie to fam on Jas H. Lucas ~~xxxx~~ left SL

5/1 put off lg na psngrs at KC Dr. R- wishes to join us at Blue r. . Masure,
a RM trader, waiting for us

5/2 came to lv City

5/3 we are landed on the west side at SJ, a thing that not many captains dv done.

(puts wagons on the west side/

5/5 went over to see the city. They had just begun a pier to keep the city from
washing away. . board with Thompson on west side. . oxen come in

5/6 start 5/7 new farms along the bottom new town on the bluffs, Wathena

5/8 prairie sunset O god, how glorious r they works mud roads

//much detail about members of his co, and their characters

5/18 At Roubideaus I fo nd the Salt lake mail coach, cross Vermilion river. .

lg corn train gg to Ft. Laramie

5/19 to Marshalls on Blue River has a fine farm, a good store and ferry here:

5 pwg he soti makes 500 pd

5/21 another large FL corn train this mg belong to Russell & Majors, of FLw.

Govt pays them 1.30 p-cwt per hundred-miles, ch makes corn worthy 8 or 9 dolls
per b at FL ea wg 6 to 7000 lbs nd 6 yoke oxen 26 wgs each tr, 30 men. The

men r treated like dogs //one of the most detailed and intimate of journals
 5/23 caught up with Calif tr at Rock Creek; passed Gillespie 's corral
 5/24 At Big S found 2 noted mteers, Tm Doolittle and Dan Patterson. They r
 bldg a new ranch and fort here. . Doolittle talked of the gr horse theft in ch
Masure was engaged -- 21000 hrsr stolen and 50 Mexicans kd at the same time by 40
mteers. Ca tr with 600 cattle
 5/25 the trs of Russell & Majors lie by on Sundays
 5/26 pass Todd & Gordons to SL with goods, from Weston
 5/27 5/30 Flatte bottom FKey in sight, barely visible

FK } 5/31 I expected to see a kind of barracks or wall Fort, but was disapptd. About 200 yds
 E toh F is the old ditch and dirt wall Gen K threw up in 1847. The present F consists
 of sev bldgs, 2 two-story and perhaps 20 one-story hss, and out-bldgs. The tw-stories
 and 2 one-story r framed, and rather g bldgs; all the rest adobes. . Sev pieces of
 artillery in the open gr. sev officers, not more than 25 or 30 soldiers. . place
 looks altogether home-like and pleasant, vg vg shade trees and gravel walks, also
 quite a g store

6/1 b meat //takes swims or river baths frequently //

6/3 heard that Is had stoped and mistreated sm trs behind us. . on the 18 mi
 stretch fm Big Sandy to LB Seems the Cheys, 30, attacked an E tr; robbed them
 od some provs, dragged a md lady out of the wagon on to the tongue, and while 3 of
 them held her across the gon tongue, 2 other brute ravished her; and standing by
 er 25 men and boys who permitted these red devils to act thus

6/4 lost the bell, an indispensable article meet fams fm SL, said they did not
 like either the ct or Ms. . happy about escapg fm captivity sublime sunset. .
attempt to vote down the excessive profanity.

6/5 the B runs in a singular manner, not straight ahead, like an ox, but he throws
 himself over to the right and then to the left, after a few jumps, somewhat in the
 manner of a man who is paddling a canoe, thus making his path a zigzag line. .???

6/7 another corn train, co manded by Dawson (others Foster, Gillespie)

6/8 Masure a fair example of the FM trader and hunter. . have Horns Guide
 now opp the jc

6/9 OFB on r right, sandy hills more reformed English Ms who give E L a hard name

6/11 at the crossing 3 of R & Ms trains here 70 wgs //extensive entries ea day///

6/12 train of Cherokees, Ca bound, Yates sells them liqu r, get fired up

6/13 upper ford to AH dangerous descent T & G had a wagon overset. . main battle
 1855 fought 3 miles above, other side oth rv

6/14 after brist went down to see a Fort ch Gen. Harney had built last fall. It
 is about 200 yards from the Bluffs, ch are 200 feet hi. The walls r built of adobes
 and r about 5 ' high and 3 ' thick// saw graves of sm soldiers kd 9/3/55 me
 lame both legs, kicked in one, boil on the other; do no know ch to limp on

6/15 expressmen fm FK say Is had attacked the F, and er about to take it. . They
 er on their way to FL after General H. to relieve the Fort (5Is kd, 25 wounded)

6/16 immense clouds of dust ch prevent us fm seeing CR

6/17 CR appeared ~~xxxxxx~~ lifed ~~xxxxxx~~ entirely into the air

6/19 passed an old tp that once belonged to Roubideaux; it is now in ruins. . .
 On the left of the road, just bf we get to the Gap, is a large lone Pillar of rock
 200 feet high, detached from the mountain. . I named it Fillmore 's Pillar. We now
 had a deep bad gulch or ravine to cross, very steep, deep and sandy; we ere detained
 here for over an hour. When we came into t Gap we found rss between 2 high Bluffs:
 the one on the right I suppose is near 600 feet high. . very singular and beau appear
 ance. Some places in the road are cut down so deep that there is just room enough
 for a wagon to move wi touching both wheels

This Wes. Scott was one whom the Is feared, and believed he had a charmed life.

They way-laid him alone and with his companions, but they succeeded in getting his scalp. Late one fall, he and his companions came down from the mountains, after their summer's hunt, with several packs of beaver skins and other furs. About 3 or 4 miles from these bluffs they were attacked by a large number of Indians, who fired upon them from all directions. These men made a brave resistance, and many were the red skins that went under. Seven of the 11 hunters were killed after a fight of 3 hours; and Scott, finding himself badly wounded, endeavored, with a wounded companion, to make their escape. In the day they got clear. They both crawled on their hands and knees until Scott's companion gave out and lay down, as he thought, to die. Scott thought they should both die, but his mind was made up to save his scalp. So he crawled on and on his weary way toward these hills where he hoped to find a hiding place. He succeeded in reaching the top of the mountain that is on the north side of the road. His skeleton was found one year after, in a crouching position, with his gun in his hands, the triggers ready to fire. His companion was found the next day after the fight, by an Indian chief whose life he had formerly saved, as soon as he was well of his wounds began hunting for Scott. He and Scott's brother found the remains. . .
 /// story from old mountaineers ///

6/20 camped nearly top of Jean Bartan, a French trader. . . make fire from logs of one of the old houses, which were ruined. The Indians were driven these traders from their posts all along the road, the forts and houses were falling to pieces
 we got thru the canon about dark, and now had a sandy road, declining, for several miles. We finally came to the river //

6/21 at Horse Creek about 60 U S dragoons, under Captain Howe. . . on their way to AH and crossing of SP, to stop the depredations of the Cheys

6/22 came to deserted stone fort and top

about 5 o'clock came in sight of Bordeaux fort and top/ There are 8 Indian lodges near it these are the first I have seen. . . part adobe, part timber. The houses form the wall on the north and west sides; on the south and east strong timbers set in the ground, called pali-sades. There is a house here. There are several mteers here with their squaws. . . Among them are Governor Bigler's brother, John Bigler; Walter Taylor of NY; Bordeaux himself, and a Mr. Beauvais, brother of the one in SL, of whom I bought my pistol. T & G met us here; they say FL is about 9 miles from here.

6/23 I horse race Bordeaux offers 5. for Fleda, and Beauvais 10 Mr. T storyies

6/24 mt men in for whiskey. . . description of I lodge Yates & Gordon up to FL

6/25 Yates and mteers took another big horn of whiskey, and moved on. We passed some Indian graves in the air at LR a fine bridge, built by govt, 5 p.w.g., which is no little murmuring among Es

Arrive opposite FL, which is about a mile west of the road. There is nothing here like a description given in the Prairie Flower. There is no wall around the buildings. Take it altogether, it has more the appearance of a village than a fort. There are a number of 2-story buildings, and many one-story buildings for barracks, granaries, store-houses, shops, etc. Most of the adobes, one or two of brick, and one of stone; several are large tents, marked QM Dept and above and below the F are 2 or 300 Indian lodges, belonging to the Snake tribe. They are made to come in here and live so that Gen. H could keep them quiet until the E had all passed. There are about 300 soldiers here, and about 2,000 Indians

Gen Harney expected here every day, to go down to put under the Cheys. . . mteer called Philadelphia acts as guide and interpreter for Gen H. Has a singular habit of continually looking at his shadow. He talks a perfect stream, and is altogether a hard case

We soon after passed a top and Mill Station. The road runs along close to the bluffs, the rocks of which are so soft that several thousand names have been cut in them with knives, &c. . .

Wow!

SJB
 timber

I?

Bordeaux

FL

~~Ray~~

We campd about 4 mis fm the F, near the river. Phil and another mteer bought some oysters and told an anecdote of Sir Walter Gore ..

7/5 bridge across the P just bf we got to the bldgs a soldier came out to meet us w his gun, and an order from Capt Heath to Yates and Maunder not to sell any liquor to any one. There r sev ve g log bldgs here. . 30 lodges of Sx and Crow; the soldiers live in lodges also; there are only 58 of them here now; many are deserters at ev oppor

The brothers Richards (pro. Fashaw) own the post and bridge here, and are coining money from it; they have made over 200,000 apiece, but that demon gambling, keeps them down. They appear to be very clever men. They r are from Florisant. . soldier who had shot an I at AG at 300 yards w Colt's dragoon pistol/ / v blacksmithg done.

7/8 Red Bututtes. . John Baptiste with 6 Snakes. . "ed eat a painter alive, whip 3 x his weight in mt wolves, and 40 Is we e no whar, sacre damn"

7/10 in sight of IR camp at Archambeaus fort or th - the best built hs I v seen on the route, except the U S forts. . took an outline sk of IR

7/19 SP road 200' wide, well McAdamized.

7/24 Papin, a cele. mteer Baptiste Loulsant owned GR ferry

7/26 Jack Robinson, bro of George Robinson of Bridgton, Mo. 55, much broken in countenance, strong, muscular frame. An arbiter or judge among these rough men. . He was chief of the Snos' ones or Snake tribe for a long time

7/27 sev m mt men hearg that Yates had arrived, came to r camp. Yates lived here on this rv all winter in 1853 and 1854. . he owes Jack R Robinson 1500 from that time

7/28 took wagons up to Baptiste's houses. Yates has rented a little house of him and is gg to set up a little store here. Charles Connelly l d join him. . Yates to go to Salt Lake

7/29 Hypolite Dupony has his things in the wgs, and intends gg on thru with me. . had come with Mr. Masure fom the states

8/2 Yates to FB for meat. . Came back with Barney Ward, and old mteer and the only ones the Ms have prose-lyted. . FB kept by Col. Bridger. The Ms bought him out, and now keep a store and post here. They persecuted him, and tried to cheat him out of his pay. . They ^{ow} him 4000 out of 8000. Col Bridger is now acting as a guide for Lord Gore, at 30. per day and found

8/6 Snoshoens now led a by Wassakee whome we meet most beau set of teeth ref to Brazil ????

8/11 Tbdd & Gordon vbn to Salt Lake nd v sold out meet Bill Hickman, in charge of presents for Wassahu - a most fouland bloody murderer, but one cdn suspect it from his app

8/13 view of SL about 20 store houses princs are Livingtons and kinkade (Gentiles Hooper & Williman (Ms) Gilbert and Gerrishe (Gentiles. foundations of gr temple

8/20 near Malde river two bss came fm the Junction, who told us that they and some Es had just nearly broken up a band of mt robbers. The hung four and shot three and said there er 4 to 14 left

8/24 Pyramid Circle Eph. Pierson, the M thief some to take Lawson rt, thru Noble's pass. . we take the Carson route

9/17 Rag Town 9/22 Orson Hde to survey and form a settlement; the settlers say they will kill him C Canyon Hpe Valley levae on Johnsons cutoff to Hangtown

10/3 into Hangtown describe their app, black faces and long hair, me red beard

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REFLECTIONS / TABLE IS DISTANCES St. Louis to St. J ~~288~~ to ~~S~~ ~~FL~~ FK 894
to FL 1265 SP 1625 SL 1882 Lawsons meadows 2480 to first summit of SN, and
Red Lake. Egler or Mountain Lake Valley, and foot of second summit 2736
placerville or hangtown 2790 Sac 2840

Alexander F. Graham // probably a repeat/

CBs Nebraska Ter. May 19, 1850 organizing the Council Bluffs col.

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THE CLINTON REPUBLICAN March 29, 1850 Wilmington, Ohio

CALIFORNIA LETTER: The fog letr fm A St. C. Denver to Mrs. Johns, sister, has bn furnished us for pub. It is one of the most intsg Ca letters we v seen, & l richly repay all who it it an attetnvie reading

Hangtown, alias Gallowsville alias Centreville & Jan 7, 1850

also known as Old Dry Digging I give you a dscrip of my trip across the plains We left Platte Co. Mo on 5th day of May, crossed the MR in a flat boat, and the next day we reached an enc of a tr from Platte co on Salt Creek, 14 mi west of Leavenworth. We er all armed to the teeth -- rifle, revolver, Bowie knife and to-mahawk you cd see about ev man -- Govt guide says he has been shot by an I

On the 6th we reached te jc oth mil road from FLv to Fort Chiles, with the Ore and Ca road fm SJ. Big Ninaha river on the 12 BB

15 to 20th up the LB 10 oc 21st struck broad v oth P rv 9 miles below Ft. Chiles and opp G. . . about 500 wgs in sight. . next day reached it /now called Ft. Kearney/ site in P bottom, and a most ~~M~~iserable lookg place, surrded by bogs and marshes. . .

tvd up the P until the 29th storm yes, B no no Ps either
29th forded the SP SF

June 2 down long almost perp hill we reached the far-famed AH. . scenery now more pic and mtous up nf till 10th when we reached Fort Lauramie. . passed SBs on the 7th - decidedly the greatest curiosity I saw on the road. The road runs through a gamp in them two miles wide - on either side the bluff's rise above us, vg the exact app of some ancient city decaying away

far to the left is Larrimie's (James) Peak 150 miles distant . . Along the P are thous oth most beau flowers I ever beheld +

on 10t e crossed Larrimie's fork, ch runs like a mt torrent, and reached the old and noted FL. . The f is about 300 feet square and built of adobe -- evthg about it wore the appearance of neatness. . into the Black Hills. . 12 miles is the noted Warm Spring

on the 12th we reached the dividing ridge, the waters of Larrimie and North Fork 16th cross NF in a boat made of canoes lashed tog

19th Rock Independence /. from the top, which is flat, there is a kind of cave running to the rock, and gg into it and descndg some distance is a running stream of ve cold water, of ch there r no signs outside the rock ??? -- on the outside r thousands of swallow nests

5 mi above isDG, so c fm the rv forcing its way thru the mts in a narrow cut 40 feet wide and rocks 30' hi perp on each side

21st first glimpse first glimpse of Wind River chain. . looked like some beau city in h the distance crossed 5' 20 or 30 times

24th now gg through the Great South Pass

27th Greenwood's or Sublette's cut off reached GP v tvd the unparalleled distance of 63 miles in the last day and ahalf . . 700 wagons on the banks a gr deal of sickness here, nearly half the people sick with a disease cd Mountain Fever

7/3 descend a steep and dangerous mt - nearly perp nearly one mile. On the 4th we reached Bear R fine grass many Is and salmon trout Beer Springs etc. 10th FH quite a sm bldg cpared with L, but of g notoriety. Here I saw Ca gold for the first time. . . sitd on the edge of a swamp, near the cfluent of the Snake and Port Neuf: 2 mis below crossed Port Neuf R, 3 mis further cross Hamack Rv. . . down the Snake until 12, when we left it and turned south. . . to Raft river, where the Ore and Call roads sep. . . 14th to Goose Creek

15th reached jcture oth road from the GSL with this road, made last fall by the Ms Mary or HR.

8/4 the Sink the tvg of this river tries mens souls, clouds of dust. . . 75 mile desert on 10th struck Salmon Trout or Truckee River cross is 27 x site of Donner party

to Yuba valley Bear Valley Steep Hollow stock 3 weeks Freeland sick prices of provisions

Fremonts Report mostly a notorious lie death and destruction swollen tongues In Virginia co an old negro, night tv in desert woke to find his mule skinned the Indian menace being taken care of they are bg exterminated

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F. Rehwinkel ms autobiography 399 pp.

pp 315-318 missing p. 319 begins observed their soldierly qualities p 335 : my regiment bg mustered out of service Nov 29, 1865 all of the ex+comd officers of his late Regiment stopped that night at the Platers House. . . city of Lv, Ks, banquet, , next mg part for r respec destinas was passed exam for a comm in the regular army bf a board of officers at Post Cottonwood, my health gr impaired rheumatism and other bodily injuries incurred in line of duty and promotion slow. . . instead of reportg to DC for my final exam I deemed the duty i owed myself to try to recuperate my shattered health. . . to SL to take a winter rest

meet old fr Colonel Levi Fuggle, also aout of service w Gov Cumming of Mo bg on fr terms with Mr. McDonald, Post Sutler and Post master at Post Goon Cotton wood Nebr who was also owner of the Gold Spring ranch, about 7 mis fm Ctwd on the rd to Julesburg made a prop to me to return after bg mustered out and purchase his Col Spring Ranch and store on very favorable terms. . . d come out in the spr and take poss, vg decided on a copartnership with Mr. Cantwell, sta merchant SL

Robinson offered to bill the proposed firm of R and C a tock of assorted merchansie to amt of 3000 to beg'n with did not want to get in as deep as Morrow, two ranches above Cold Spring, who always kept a stock of gs on land worth between 30 and 40000

In spring by rail to SL and Atchison thence overland stage to Capt Kuhl's ranch near Post Cottonwood. . . cfined with rheumatism hear Cantwell w heart cd. . . v desire to see a li tle more of Uncle Sams dominion bf settling down and be mild climate of Pacific Coast w b g, I gave up idea of purchasing Cold Spring. . . he returned only 350 of my 500

Aware from former experience that horses r not as durable as mules, I purchased a fine saddle-mule of medium height for 150. . . made arngments to tv with an immigrant train encamp near Kuhl's ranch most of whom er o bound for Ore, and secured board with afam csistg of father and dgtr bound for Sac as far as SIC SLC . . . Leavg my retained co papers and other cumbersome baggage in care of my fr Captain Kuhl, armed w 2 navy revolvers, a breech-loading Spencer carbine and hunting knife, I bed farewell to my frs at the ranch, then mounting my saddle-mule I proceeded with the tr to Post C, where on musterg the force of the train I was on sugg of the co of said post eled ted Captain of the train. . . Nbt as yet used to the frugal meals of an immigrant

train I took a meal here and there at the ranches along the road. . what they had lost fr the entertainment of an occ officer they er bound to make up on the immigrant. . overcharges acct freight cost and dangers

cries of the ox-teamsters call Brigham Young Grizzly Jerusalem

Arriving at Julesburg I mustered my tr force for inspection by the OD ch as bg found as by instrucs required my train commissi-n duly countersigned at Post Hdqtrs, the tr was permitted to pass on, crossing the sfp about 200 yards above the post.

he next mil ~~sta~~ sta was on the bank of a sm stream surrd by sm trees. . c mdd by the genial Captain Shank of the 6th Regiment of US Vols who had heard of me etc. . enc for niite at his sta, as there was no danger fm i Is under the vigilance of his troops. . native of Texas and ex-Confed and ex-pow on y one such entrusted because he was the one, on foreseeg the suicidal policy of his fellow POWs at Camp Douglas, Ill divulged the plot of overpowering their guard, arm themss, etc.

Next mg accponanied us for 6 miles

Charming lady cpanion of tr vied with each othertocull the choiest flowers to make nosegays. . when I rode along d cover my person and mules neck with their handy work // composes poem to my yg and charmg lady cpan

Same insepction routine at FL //lacking the pen of an Irving, will not describe what has already been described etc. //

trains consolidate under my command a cct visible Sx menace others join my train

While at FL we incid learned that a detail of soldiers while cutting wood in a canyon for the garrison had dis the existence of gold in the /Wyoming/ Black Hills, and while my train was nooning one day at S-W, a former Montana miner, again en route therefo, discovered the existence of gold in the bed of that stream

DG the first curious freak of nature

// gets quite rhapsodic about the scenery

first evidence of tlling the soil since leaving Kansas (did not extent to the Little Blue) on Bear River

some to Montana to the right, , FB. . a short distance from near South Pass the historical cgs "Mt Meadows" where a lot of Calif immigrants had been so treacherously and cruelly murdered by Mand their I accessories. . at the station /Pacific Springs / he called it Fort Douglas // or somebody else inserts this// ~~xxxxxxfloating~~

On reaching the outer decline of South Pass, pleasing panorama. . flag at Camp Douglas guns pointing at and cmndg SIC

remain 2 weeks at Elder Taylors yard adjoingg his bss 5. for ret+shoeing my saddle mule BY harem walls so hi not even a man on horseback cd take a peep American Sultans palace strict guard gotta have a pass

temple~~and tabernacle~~ in process of erection. Taberncale seat 10,000

no hss between SL vic and Boise City

falls in with Snake River villains escape / only 7 men left Naz Perce regions to Blue mts /// good hand-writing but endless sentences //

co splits, some to Ft WW and down Columbia, me and Dr. Hyatt across Cascades me with cholera morbus. . as last resort, forced to drink cayenne-pepper tea; rolled in blankets into Portland via Mt Hood no employment at FV to SF

reach Portland on p. 382. .

THE SANDERSON PAPERS

JEFFERSON BARR CKS JULY 1848 - March 1849 2 letters

CAMP SUMNER NEAR FORT LEAVENWORTH April - May, 1849

S- selected to command at Fort Laramie where a post is to be established - to be composed of 2 cos of the Rifles and a co of the 6th Inf - He discusses with his officers - The California companies from Columbus have all passed up the river, some of the gold diggers have already put for the plains - "I have received my instructions. I am to have command of the new post for which I have the power to select a site in the neighborhood of Fort Laramie . . . I vbn authorized to purchase the Old Fort Laramie in case I may want to make use of it for a temporary purpose. . . I go in advance so that I may explore the country of 100 miles above FL bef the train comes up." Cholera in camp

FORT LARAMIE. June, 1849 to August 1850 14 letters

S- arrives at the Fort on June 17, 1849 and goes beyond it for 75 miles on the Oregon Trail to Big Timber Creek (called by Fremont the Boisie) - Description of old Fort Laramie, a trading post of the AFC - Graves on the overland trail average one a mile. "The roads were lined with Es for the mining districts. Over 5,000 wgs v passed this Fort already and it is said that there is full that number behind. This is made a point with most of them to make repairs such as mending wagons and shoeing cattle and mules &c. All kinds of provisions can be bought more cheaply here % at this time than in the States. In fact many r cpeld to part with part l of their loading for want of transportation so many of their cattle and mules are getting lame that they cannot take all they have with them.

Powder, lead, flour & bacon, coffee and such articles can be had for almost nothing. Cholera very prevalent with many lamentable deaths - 7 Indians killed at GI - Long description of the Brule Sioux and their way of life, lodges, buffalo hunting - Lt. Gatlin visits him - "he has been with Col. Fremont & was with him in that terrible snow storm at the time so many starve to death. He had one of his legs badly frozen at the time/ He was one of the party that was sent back with the provisions. . . This is his fourth trip across the plains. He is guide to a small company from St. Louis." Over 6,000 wagons have passed the Fort - Running short of food except for meat - Captain Stansbury and Lt. Gunnison arrive on their way to the GSL

Getting Fort in shape - Buffalo and deer hunting - A band of Oglalla Sioux visits the Fort - Singing and dancing - Sanderson gives them all 3 days rations of bacon, coffee, flour and sugar - Sioux at war with Crows and Pawnees - Short Sioux vocabulary with English equivalents - Notes on local flora and fauna - Major Dougherty a fur trader arrives -

S- recommends to the Dpt that mounted troops patrol the road between FL and FLv - reports of horse stealing, by the Is, below Fort Kearny - S- plans to send a company down the road in advance of the Es - A deserter from the fort robbed by Is - Is all leave the vicinity, afraid of cholera

1850

"Some 29 Es arrived here on April 29. They are some hundreds of miles ahead of the other and will perhaps make a fortune in Ca bef the other arrive. They call themss the Kendle (Kendall?) ~~Company~~ County company. " Receives a very complimentary letter from Col. Aeneas Mackay - Possibly that another Regiment of Mounted Rifles will be formed to go to Oregon. - Ohio strongly represented

in the Ech is nearly over. - It will not come up to the 50,000 was expected. - Numerical details given - "Col. Sumner goes from here to the Arkansaw with his command for the purpose of trying to catch the Comanches in some of their dirty scraps." First regular ~~xx~~ U S Mail ~~Spork~~ arrives from Independence - "Mr. Holiday, a ~~Hl~~aday, a merchant from the CSL on his way to SL for goods. He has sold 30,000 in goods in 2 months at SL" A S- to leave for home on September 1, 1850.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS. September 1851 to May 1852. 17 letters

The Md Rifles will be ret'd to FLv after the signing of the Treaty at Horse Creek - Troops ~~bg~~ assembled for Sanderson's new command - ~~✓~~ Col. Loring on indef lv - "Mrs. Paul is said to be in one of the vilest of houses of ill fame in St. Louis. Major Paul has applied to the court for a divorce." - Sanderson still in command of the post, has 700 men under his command - Dines with General Shields - Sends officers to Cincinnati to buy horses - Party given by Mr & Mrs Chouteau, some of the first settlers in SL - General Scott det'd to break up Fort Laramie, the Mounted Troops to make trips to the plains during the season of grass and muster at FLv - Fitting up his command for a summer campaign - Hungarians, Poles and Germans among his troops - "There will be a very large emigration across the plains this season. Every steamer that comes to St. Louis is crowded." Describes explosion of steamer Glenco. 35 or more kid - Is very numerous on the Arkansa, driven North by the troops in Texas, also gathering on the Santa Fe Trail. - extensive acct of the Is who came to St. L with Col. Mitchell, the IA "Old Red Plume, the Chief, was rejoiced to hear that I was gg back. . ." Turbulent election in St. Louis with Germans driven from the polls. . 1 man shot dead and 6 bldgs burnt to the gr. Put down w y by the military - Leaving for FLv by land. - Cholera prevalent

FORT LEAVENWORTH June 1852 1 letter, 1 official order

"Cpl'd to halt the command (because of cholera) at the town of Kansas - Expects to lv July 1 - "I am instructed to go as far as I can and return this fall. . I expect to remain on the plains until the first of October." "I have an important command, the largest of its kind in the whole Army. It is called in orders a moving column." Official order directing Sanderson to take up the line of march for Fort Atkinson. . .

COUNCIL GROVE July 6, 1852 1 letter

LITTLE ARKANSAW, 215 miles from FLv July 10, 1852. 1 letter

FORT ATKINSON INDIAN TERRITORY July 26-27, 1852 2 letters

FORT LARAMIE, August 27, 1852. . 1 letter, 1 report

Report ~~of~~ on his tour of duty on the plains: "I arrived at this post with the moving columns on the 23d inst. Bg unable to obtain a competent guide, - I was cpl'd to take the mountain rout. - I marched up the Arkansas to Hieblo & along the foot of the mts to the SFP crossing the SF below St. Vrain's Fort. I passed through some 3 or 4 bands of Is on the Arkansas, (Kioways) and several bands of Arappahos & Cheys between this & the South Fork of the Platt. All appeared fr. The ~~azz~~ Arappahos & Cheys r t receive h those present from Major Fitzpatrick at or near the mouth of the Cashe la Poude. They r assembling there in lg nus to meet him. The Sx r to receive their present at or near this post & have

commenced coming in. There is sev small bands near the hdwtrs of IF. ."

Marched 615 mis from Fort Atkinson - Will leave for Fort Leavenworth Sept 1.
Eion all over except for many Ms.

MISSOURI RIVER. On board the Steamer El Passo. Oct 4, 1852. 1 ~~wat~~ letter

100 mis above SL on his way to Flv - Visit with General Clarke - Recapitulates his tour of duty: "I had a very pleasant trip in the plains as I anticipated. I marched up to the head waters of the Arkansas River to an old Spanish town, Pueblo, from there up the Boiling Spring river to the Soda Spring near the foot of Pike 's Peak, then passed along the foot of the mts to the head waters of the SFFlatt, then down the South Platt to St. Vrain 's fort, then crossed to the Poudre river from there on to FL, then down the Flatt to FK passing over the Little Blue & from there to F Lv

MAJOR WINSLOW FULLER SANDERSON

A brave soldier and an eff officer during the Mexican war and the uprisings among the I tribes in 1852-3, Major WFS, deceased, deserves more extended biography than can be given here. He was a native of Mass, and was about 18 when he first came to Columbus, Ohio, and entered the boot and shoe trade. Possg the quals that made him so eff a cmnder in later yrs, he took gr ints in mil affairs and was made capt of the Columbus Guards, an indep org. About 1845 the U S. govt orgd in locality a mtd rifel rifle regiment called the U S Mtd Rifles, and this regiment our subject was made captain, later by promoted to major, vg asphis lt John Kerr, son of Congrés man Kerr. .

This regiment was intended for service in exploring Gregon, but when it reached SL the Mexican War had bn declared and the regiment was sent to that war. During the progress of this struggle r subject was in all the princ engagements, b ginning with Palo Alto, making a brilliant record ch // // Fog the close of this war Major S- s was stationed at FL Wyoming and at F Lv, Ks. . 1852 re moving column. In 1853 ordered to Texas and 2 yrs later, in Galveston, he died of yellow fever when about 55. .

Married in 1833 to Martha Nelson, resident of Columbus //gives family conecs//
//origin of this squib not given//

THE SANDERSON PAPERS: AN archive of 112 letters and documents (289 pp) coverg th mil career of Major WFS from his entry into the Army of the US, as Capt of the Mtd Ri fles, in 1846 unti his death from Yellow Fever in Galveston in 1853.

The letters, written for the most part to this wife, Martha, or to his eldest daughter Francis (Frank) abound in historical mateair of gr interest re the Mexican War in ch S- was brevetted major for gallantry and meritorious cduct at the battles of Contreras and Chorobusco; to his estab of the Govt Fort at Fort Laramie, of ch he was the first commandant; to his tour of duty on the western plains ch took him as far west as Pueblo and Hkes Peak; to his command at Fort Scott in 1852; and to his life and advs at JEs, F Lv and Fort Atkins.

June 21, 1849 F L Nebraska Territory I started on the 10th of May from F Lv
nd arrived here on the mg of the 17th Inst. The Regiment under Col. Loring
came up the evening of the 25th they started from F Lv the same date I did.
We had fine weather. . and nothin. . . the rt was lined w the Es
gr sickness and a gr many y died. The cholera was just behind me
for the last 300 miles some 5 miles east of this fort a woman lost her husband
by cholera. She has two small children with her and is left alone with two ox
teams, the driver vg become frightened may be able to make some arrangements for
her return. . other csad cades. . I take in all that comes and have them placed
under the charge of Dr. Moore; my surgeon.