

FIRST WHITE WOMEN OVER THE ROCKIES Vol I (Glendale, 1963)
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Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Henry Harra Spalding crossed from NY in 1836, from mid-February to Fort Vancouver September 12 via St. Louis to Liberty. h-back 1900 ms to Fort W, sidesaddle lt wagon SP 7/4 boat down the Columbia

1838 4 newlyweds and single Cornelius Rogers, crossed Divide 7/15 Rev and Mrs. Elkanah Walker, Rev and Mrs. Cushing Bels, Rev and Mrs. Asa B. Smith, Mr & Mrs. William H. Gray ditto sidesaddles all sent by the Am Board of Comss for Foreign Missions, hdtqs Boston, Presb and Congr a wealth of doc material after 125 yrs Mrs. W and Mrs. B sq/ wrote in form of travel letters Spaldins dn Walker, for themss Mrs. W- alone of all members of Oregon Missins kept an almost daily record for 10 years; her diary far more revealing and intimate (see second volume)
Whitman, Spalding and Bels prev published

Narcissa Prentiss Whitman b 1809 Rushville, NY
started with 2 wagons, larger abandoned at FL; After the Rendezvous the Dearborn reduced to a 2-wheeled cart, and taken as far west as Boise (first one)
Henry and Eliza from Prattsburg Whitman married after getting assurances thath the Spaldings would accompany them
pick up 2 Nez Perce boys at Ithaca
reached Pittsburg 3/12 stbt Siam left Pbg 3/15

MRS WHITMANS DIARY to July 1836: (in part in TOPA 1891) (ditto OHQ, 1936)
reprinted as COMING OF THE WHITE WOMEN now first time complete extant overland diary is given in proper sequence and with cplete transcrips from original sources

ON BOARD STEAMBOAT SIAM 3/15/36
ON BOARD BOAT CHARITON 3/31/36 re vsit to St. Louis and meeting of waters
4/1 eyes satiated with beau scenery
4/2 Jeff city
4/4 wreck of stbt Shiana

NO LETTERS FROM LATTER APRIL T ^{to June 3} summary of events
4/7 disembark at Liberty, assemble equipment, ~~12x5x12~~ heavy w farm wagon, and animals

See Whitman

4/19 single W. H. Gray arrived fm appt with Am Board, to join as mechanic, assisted by Dulin Nez Perce-lad Temoni red-haired Miles Goodyear 5 miss, 3 Nez Perces, and 2 hired men.
Whitman arg to go up MR on co boat to Bellevue, where they & d join caravan, Spalding overland with the wagons; he left April 27, & to cross at Lv Captain of stbt refuses t stop W- hired man with team and wagon, lv Liberty 5/3, accpd by Dr. Satterlee and Samuel Allis; Spalding had already left Lv. . .
by 5/14 near Otoe Agency, Bellevue, catch up with Spalding
5/15 Sunday, rest. . . On that day the fur co's caravan under TFitz left Bellevue for the rendezvous. . Whitman ahead to plead. . okay to go with, but have to catch up y-forced marches
5/22 travel on Sunday 5/23 cross Elkhorn next day hard drive of 60 miles to reach LF, caravan on other side of river

PLATTE RIVER, JUST ABOVE THE FORKS 6/3/36: //first herd of cattle to be driven across the prairies and Rockies to Oregon; fresh milk daily b meat available
6/4 co has taken some of the beef pinching time until B v killed v calves -
The Fur Com is large, really a moving village - nearly 400 animals with ours, mostly mules, and 70 men they have 7 wagons and one cart, lame man (Milton, /with amputated leg/ died FL 4/37

Capt Fitz, pack animals, wagons, our co in the rear g-men gg for pleasure,
 Capt Stewart and Mr. Chelam Maj. Harris
 me healthy and happy nothing like B meat to satisfy hunger
 Noon: now 30 miles above the Forks herds of B hunter out all the time
 Now the man from the mts has come who will take this to the po

EDITOR: the caravan with the mission party arrived at Ft 6/13, remained until
 6/21 only 3 oppors to wash clothes - here, rendezvous, and FB following letter
 in damaged condition

Back
 from

PLATTE RIVER, SOUTH SIDE. 6 days above Fort Larimys Fork near the foot of
 the RMS 6/27 At Otoe Agency, Husband exhausted from swimming river;
 2 hired men good for nothing. Otoes away, but had one canoe.
 ready to start 5/21 by this time the Com had 4 1/2 days advance dv to catch
 bf cg to P vgs w advice of Brethern Merrill and Dunbar and prayer eluded to
 start bro Dunbar pilot till we cd get another one; came as far as Elk Horn
 rv - there the man Maj. Dougherty sent for, for us, came up
 same day in am met lg party Ps gg to fort to receive their annuities surprised
 and pleased to see white females they are a noble Indian cross B H swim & canoe
 fur co was on opp sitd side oth^{LF}, fording it no problem we wished
 to be with the Com when they passed P vgs. This obliged us to make a day's drive
 of the camp in half-day, hard on horses. . . were visited by Is day and night
 peep in tent and grin in astonishment.

since we came up with the Com I have rode in the waggons most of the way
 also astonish how well we get along w vgs where ther r no roads

? 7/2 passed Fprks of the P now dine on meat and tea
 we are a month earlier than husband last yr Com wish to rendz 7/4

we v just crossed the river and shall leave here tomorrow mg

7/16 now west of the RMS at enc of Messrs McLeod and McKay, 1 lv for WW
 special favor of providence that r co has come to the Rendezvous
 effusive welcome from native women reunion of Nez Perces

See
 Russell
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~~EDITOR~~ EDITOR: first w w to cross the Pass rendezvous-of 1836

Note: in 1839: Rev & Mrs. John S. Griffin, and ditto Asahel Minger
 in 1840, Rev dn Mrs Marvey Clark, ditto Philo B. Littleton, ditto Alvin T. Smith
 on Green River near Daniel and Pinedale, Wyo

msry party met by Ne⁴ Perce chiefs Rotten Belly and Lawyer 7/4 Kentuc carried
 letter from Parker to Whitman, 5/16, ch conveyed disheartening news Parker was
 not plang to return to the States by the ov route his failure to appear and give
 advice gr disappointment

Caravan and msry party at Rendezvous July 6 Fur Co took over the rude
 Fort Bonneville, "a square log pen"

arr ov msry women created a sensation among trappers and natives
 also cattle and land canoes stay till the 19th, prayers - quotes Gray
 and O Russell monument here also

NPs urge they travel with them - to gr relief of msrys a small party of
 HB men under McLeod and McKay arrived at Rendezvous 7/12; invited to return
 with them to rww lv 7/18; NPs decide to accompany to FH tr sw 60 m to
 Smith's creek near Cokeville, 7/25 Bear Rv 27 SS 7/30 FH 8/3

MRS. WHITMANS DIARY JULY TO DECEMBER ~~1835~~ 1836

no mail till FV, thus covers 3 months
 following taken from Elliott's COMING OF THE WHITE WOMEN, 1836, with notes from
 diary copies

THE RENDEZVOUS TO FORT HALL GUEST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS *n-d*

F H and NP I & some lodges of the Snake tribe, acc to FH much harder to make one camp in a day than we did to make two with Fitzpatric.

(pious sentiments)

24th July tv on the Sabbath

7/25 Smiths creek ~~gr wonder wagon did not turn a somerset continually~~
husband worn out with excessive d fatigue

7/26 he lame with rheumatism; McKay sending out trappers. gr privilege

7/27 Tommows fork /// msrs able to drive 8 head cattle to FWW out of 17

v to live on dried B meat, filthy. not fit for dogs some fish

7/28 ~~making a cart~~ 7/29 Mr. Gaby has to be helped along

7/30 went 10 mls off our rt with Husband and Mr. McLeod to visit JS

8/3 FH anything that looks like a hs makes us glad hospitably entertained
by Capt Thing dry B meat, turnips, and fried bread

editor: EIDTOR: here Miles Goodyear severed co, cs Dr. Whitman insisted on
take the wg, and Mie refused to struggle with it any longer to her 95 days,
13 mpd

8/4 enjoyed cool retreat of upper room bldgs of Fort of hewed logs, roof cvrd
w mud bricks. NO windows bldgs at FW made in same way, but larger and more

finished than here shd be at McKays fort in 15 days is all lv us except
2 to drive catl, Kentuck who went with Mr. Parker, and Chief Rottenn Belly

// cross near Glenn's Ferry// two islands // 3 m e below GF

salmon abanodnment of stuff

8/19 arr at Snake Fort, greeted by McK

8/22 left for WW ~~a~~ recrossing of SR wg left at the fort

now in eastern Oreg; ~~xxxxx~~ cross Malheur, to Burnt R

//see Gray diary in original ms form ?????? Grand Round Blue Mts.

first glimpses of Columbia River, Mount Hood and Mount St Helens

8/31 to W River within 8 miles of the fort

~~xxxxxxx~~

site of FWW now covered by waters of Columbia River, McNary Dam

Pierre G. Pambrun in charge

9/1 greeted by Pambran, McLeod, and Mr. Townsend

9/3 Spaldings arrive 9/5 Spaldings to go with us to FV

9/7 set sail in open boat portage the Dalls

9/12 now at FV suiall suitable welcoe from Dr. McL, co and ladies (2 ww)

Went - 9 7 1/2 miles

EDITOR: memory of her kindly spirit and deep devotion has continued in the NF ct for more than 100 years none more succ with Is

b. 1807 married H H Spalding October 13, 1833 Eliza pregnant spring 35 H & E left Cincinnati to return to her hom in Oneida ct, NY, presented with a wagon by father. . . this was the famous wagon which was the first to reach FBoise ordained 3/27 letter from Am V Board, re appt to Osages gave birth at Prattsburg to a stillborn baby girl Oct 35

old love affair between Henry and Narcissa (she says later the same bitter feeling remained)

started her diary Feb 1, 1836, when left home

EDITOR: oldest dgtr published her mothers diary 1836-1838 in 1916,

MEMOIRS OF THE WEST Whisman college

- 2/1 New York final leave (expecting to go to Osages)
- 2/8 Prattsburgh w Steuben Ct. NY father departs
- 3/1 Pittsburg 2 weeks by land carriage
- 3/22 today lv Cincy in co with Dr & Mrs. W- lb accd-as far as CBs by 3 msrys wjo r designated to the Pawnees (Satterlees, and Miss Palmer, to marry Allis -
- 3/25 near mouth of Ohio on stbt Junius
- 3/28 lay over on Sabbath
- 3/29 now on stbt Majestic for St. Louis
- 3/31 on stbt Chariton at landgina landing at SL city gg to decay
- 4/1 left on board Chariton for Liberty
- 4/8 Liberty Landing, Clay Co Mo.
- 4/23 Mr. S. Allis and Miss Palmer of Ithica united etc..
- 4/27 toda Mr S and Mr Gray with 2 NPs left Liberty for CBs
- 5/1 death Mrs. Satterlee
- 5/3 arrgs to ~~make~~ e perform the j to CB by land team and h-back
- 5/9 Kick-a-Poo mission
- 5/19 Otoe mission Station safe and g health excet for Mr. S (kicked by mule same day thrown overboard into MR Dr gave calomel
- 5/22 conclude to make an attempt to overtake the Fur Co. Mr. Dunbar
- 5/23 Elk Horn river ditto with NW
- 5/24 SS of Loup Fork came up with Mr. Fitz-patricks camp all fatigued for 4 days, forced marches passed 2 P vgs on ns LF, now camped opp a 3d multitudes of natives crossing over to visit
- 6/4 Plains of the Platte delightful ct few B, s see the first
- 6/5 10 majestic sand bluffs delightful scenery unwell acct diet
- 6/13 v reached the crossing place near Fort William, cp for the night
- 6/14 crossed on 2 canoes lashed co s lost sev bales acct wind
- 6/15 cpd near Fort co to lv their wgs, and pack by mules pleasant to fix my eyes upon a few bldgs.
- 6/19 Mr S preach to the fr fur company men, under shade of a few trees
- 6/21 Only he who knows all things, knows wheter this debilitaed frame will survive the undertaking.
- 6/25 on the 22nd we left the Platte rt has been thru a rugged barren region
- 6/26 preps to cross, v to construct a boat
- 7/4 crossed a ridge of land today; calledthe divide, cpd on hdwtrs of the Colo number of NPs came to greet us
- 7/6 arrived at the rendezvous wthis evenng met by lg party NPs m w & c women all have to kiss me and Mrs. W

7/8 rest not yet benefit my health EDITOR quotes Gray: Mrs S. kept toher tent feelb e as she was, seemed to be the favorite with the I women
 7/9 a trader of HBC with en arivd and cpd near transact some biz with AFC and is to return to WW has kindly invited us to tv withhs camp a peculiar favor of providence
 7/12 v bn able to write letrs, to be carried by man AFC
 7/13 move 10 miles to join McLeod's camp
 7/18 cmnc d r j to WW with Mr. McL. . NPs disapptd one chief has concluded to go with us //Spalding says Tackensates// to TBoise
 8/3 Fort Hall again had a tasteo of bread sev vbn kd by the Blackfeet
 8/6 thrown from my horse, step in hornets nest, dragged some distance, no serious injury
 8/20 Snake Fort much fatigued et dreary, rough, and barren in compliance with request ofmgr, Mr. S met with people at the Fort for religious worship - the audience was very attentive GRAY: ladies ferries over in a bulrish raft
 8/30 Grand Round
 9/3 Fort W guest of Mr. Pambran
 8/5 v ccluded to visit FV
 9/14 reached this p. place yesterday, 6 f days from WW in the midst of civa
 9/22 Yest Mr. Spalding, Doct Whitman and Brother Gray left to explore the Cayuse a & Nez Perces countries. Mrs. W and myself remain here till they can select a loc and return for us
 Oct 29 Mr S- arrived here a few days since in Cos express boat, amtx & we are now preparg to lv in a few days, to locate, we trust for life, in NP ct. . Dr. W. has fixed upon a loc in the Cayous ct, and bro Gray has dedided to go to the Flatheads 183 - 197

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VOLUME II 1963 Mrs. Elkanah Walker and Mrs. Cushing Wells

Diary Mary Richardson Walker, ^{here} 10 years beginning 4/1/33, more than 5 years of she was married wrote for her own satisfaction, the secret of the sparkle and content of this intensely human document far more faithful than any other member of the Oregon Mission the 10year period begng with her marriage 3/38 and continuing until 7/3/48 after the W-massacre
 my imperfect ELKANAH AND MARY WALKER, PIONEERS AMONG THE SPOKANES
 Ruth K McKee's MARY RICHARDSON WALKER: HER BOOK
 present volume microfilm of ~~ix~~ original now for the first time the major portion of the diary etc. light upon religious convictions unrivalled dscrip of pioneer life in Spokane ct, at Tshimakain 9 yrs 70 ms s Fort Colville
 First born 'Cyrus arivid 3 months after Walkers reached Whitmans Sta fall of 38 5 more born at T- life and rk of the Mission and world that flowed around her entire diary covers 57 years, to 1890 33
 engaged to EW married 3/5/38 s
 opportunity through William Henry Gray: who returned to seek reinforcements, and and also take his bride to Oregon wrote to AB from St Louis Dec 1837. Decide to send at least 2 couples who had been designated for South Africa. They er EW and MR and CE and Myra Fairbanks Zulvi
 appts usually made for life or as long as health permitted
 land route reoommended by S. Parker awa Gray
 Mar 3xx married fast 3/5 to Elkanahs home in North Yarmouth to Boston here EW recd his comm from AM W Board dated 3/13 and passport from War Dept 3/9 permission to pass through the Indian country to NYC, meet Eells

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Myra Fairbanks Bells md 3/5/39 b. 1805 also switch from Africa to Oregon both Walkers and Bells sent hh goods and stuff to Oregon by sea, took 18 months to reach Fort WW after lvg Boston marriage dt set up. Gray says bs ready to lv frontier 4/15 began diary also 3/5 faint fully kept until 9/2 written for her family a factual account of events from Holden, Mass to Hartford to New Haven to NY Smiths arrive too late for public instruction, ch portrayed RMS as 25,000 feet hi

3/20 3 couples for Phila to Pittsburgh all members of the party abhor travel on Sundays fare from P to St.L \$25 each, including board tarry in Cincy acct tr d n lv till end of April (Gray) here jd by colunteer Con Cornelius Rogers thus the total msryp party was 9 St. Louis - boat far fare to I \$15 each go on Knickerbocker opelled to travel on Sunday - slavery - profanity 15th arrived at I ldm meet Gray at I meet Mary Gry

COMBINING THE DIARIES OF MYRA BELLS AND MARY WALKER

unique journey 4 brides, the 2nd group of ww 5 diaries : Elkanah and Mary Walker, Myra Bells, W H Gray, and A B Smith (see author's DIARIES OF SPALDING AND SMITH)

Mission party left the frontier April 23. Walkers and Bells arrived at Whitman Mission 8/29 The grays a few days earlier and Smiths and Rogers 8/30 avg distance to Rendezvous 21 miles after 40 mpd what an amazing j for a party of greenhorns

Bf leaving Westport the msrys hired one Stevens to assist; he remained with the party to Wailatpu. A month later Paul Richardson was hired to be their hunter - so now 11

MARY WALKER: WESTPORT TO THE RENDEZVOUS

- 4/23 left the States about noon
- 4/24 cannot please lmy husband terrible appetite
- 4/25 21 miles w/o alighting had a long bawl
- 4/26 EDITOR: still 3 days march behind the caravan
- 4/27 wolves are indians - 3 best horses missing. every day may be our last
- 4/28 came up with the co about 10 and the Captains called and were introduced //Drips, Stuart, and Major Harris
- 5/3 our co do nothing but jaw all the time never saw such a cross co.
- 5/4 Mr. R shot a deer the first game we have had
- 5/5 Mr. W. seems to think more of Mrs. Smith than of me am cruelly neglected
- 5/6 24 1/2 miles not a pleasant way of keepn the sabbath colder than expected Mr Smith the worst complainer
- 5/7 Mr. W took emetic & calomel. my own health good still unpleasantness
- 5/9 21 miles at one pull a gr want of devotion and improper feeling
- 5/10 more discord over killing of calf
- 5/11 Mr. W detd to effect a reconciliation make treaty with Mr. Gray
- 5/12 reach the Platte tired and faint from no meal till 5 pm
- 5/14 ride in wagon //Mary pregnant//
- 5/15 fell in co with g-man from NO who entertained us with dscrips of Europe //ppssibly Captain John A. Sutter, who crossed with the caravan and then accpd the mission party to FWW
- 5/16 Mr. Smith short as pie crust
- 5/15 fair specimen of prairie shower flooded (not much piety)
- 5/16 5/18 saw Ps ;ba ot obtained buffalow

8/16
1 Rep
1 Str
1 mil

Sutter

- 3/19 passed forks oth P ascended a bluff and had a view oth ct.
~~Mr R our hunter killed 5 buffalow / only brot in what he cd carry on his horse~~
- 5/20 hills cvrd t with B
- 5/21 Co of Portuguese on theopp bank
- 5/23 cold, almost snows; scenery peculiar. Cedar wood for du fuel
- ~~5/24-25 nothing special - too busy and fatigued to write my journal~~
- ~~5/26 passed what is called the fort, chimney & other bluffs, in app resembling castles, capitals of cities & still hard feelings~~
- 5/27 Scenery beau bluffs resembled temples, castles, s frts etc. - we v a strange co of missionaries - scarcely who is not intolerable o on some acct
- 5/28 rd ride in co with our husbands
- 5/30 cossed Laramey Fork recd visit from wife of a fur trapper
- ~~5/31 washed for myself and Mr. /Rogers blstered my arms To dine with us had Mr. Clark, son of the Clark who accompnied Leivs. He and his bro are tvg in the co thro from St Louis " " ! !~~
- 6/1 recd visits from squaws
- ~~6/2 left Fort Williams or Larimier. Capt Fontenelle & son, several squaws and children jd the co the fort is constructed of hewn timbers set in the gr. We rode into it. Inside were sev big bldgs, most of them w/o glass. The half-breed childrn look as likely as any. Capt. Drips takes his Indian wife along left 4 of r catl at the fort, and gave away the wagon and obtained 2 new horses~~
- 6/3 abundance of wormwood
- 6/24, 5 was bled toward night. Came near fainting. Sick some.
- 6/6 considerably out of health. Took a spoonful of wine saw some minerals I wish to pick up
- 6/8 Arrive at the crossing place. very tired. diffic to keep up a cheerful flow of spirits. Think bleedng did me good tho it reduced my strength
- 6/9 workmen busy preparr boats
 ////end of 16 notebooks owned by HUNT////
~~See sources of NW history, No. 15, U of Montana~~
- 6/10 Rain prevents crossing, so for first time lay by on the Sbbath my health feeble, diffic to be cheerful if I were to yield to inclination I would cry ~~xxx~~ half the time w/o knowg what for Mrs. Smith whispers, and Mr. S is a hog at the table, and treats me with rudeness Mr. Bells is uninterstg and unsocial, and in his character the "I" eclipses the whole horizon. Dr. Gray is exceedingly fractious My husband seems to gain friends, but does not evince a great engagedness in religion
- 6/11 rainy water into tent me sick diarrreah crossed safely in boats constructed of B hides and bottom of 2 waggons. . cried to think how comfortable father's hogs were
- 6/13 collected pebbles
- 6/15 III went in co with Mr & Mrs Gray to the top of the rock it is elliptical in form debate whether this is the entrance to the RMS scenery has been beau and mag, relieving the weariness of the way Dear God, the mts speak aloud of thy powers, and every purling rill proclis thy praise
- 6/16 hunters shot ~~3xx~~ 7 buffaloe
- 6/17 met some of Capt. Walker's co
- 6/18 less fatigued most oth ct sandy desert minerals are nteresting if I col could only mount and dismount w/o help how glad I would be ride in co with M/M Gray most of the time Mr. W gets along w/o quarreling, a strange thing

- 6/20 Mrs. S a gr hand to hurry, but her husband is a real poke
- 6/21 v reached the place near the rendezvous encamped on the sw side of the Popeasia. Health good
- //rendezvous held where Wind and Popo Agie Rivers meet to form the Big Horn, c. 9 m sw of Riverton had been held here also in 1829 and 1830 (to prevent HBC but finally on July 8 Ermatinger and his party arrived, to the remendo tremendous relief of the msrys
- presence of 4 women anothe r event. . boisterous welsome somewhat frightened the women. Some of the men painted their faces ~~withxxxxxxx~~ and, with a real scalp taken from a Blackfoot, put on a scalp dance. . net such as Robert Newell, Jim Bridger, and Joe Meek . . with the Ermatinger party was R v Jason Lee, back to states for reinforcements Rogers reports few Indians , mainly Shawnees and Delawares of the fur co Snakes will not come in
- 6/23 ford the river
- 6/24 Mr. W preached to 18 hearers
- ~~6/25 Mr. Walker with~~ co,
- 7/1 Public exercises 40 from the camp, many of whom cdn understand what was said but they enjoyed the singing
- 7/2 called on by 4 I women
- 7/5 last night disturbed by drunkards. . lg co under Capt Bridger some came to salute us they halowed, danced, fired guns, and acted as strangely as they could
- 7/6 some of squaws came to get dresses cut Again asaluted by a co on foot. . The same music, scalp etc. Their faces were painted. White men acted like Indians. sev squaws united in the dance for sev nites the noise in the camp has continued nearly all night Some of the Capts are drunk nearly 1 all the time.
- 7/8 day of rejoicing co of 14 from HBS found message at Green in an old t h Ed: thinks either Newell or Harris, fr to msrys
- 7/9 how much the way is shortened by the co of plantds & minerals
- 7/12 about 20 men to go over the mts Bid farewell to our new-formed acqu Mr. E eats in our tent; loses the lettdr Mr. Lee sent tohiw fie by him
- 7/13 Battes the guide // Baptiste Dorion, & son of Perre Dorion
- 7/14 ~~working backhate of~~ gg too fast
- 7/15 leaping of /the fetus/ large band of B, cd hear them pant fell in a co of Snake Is Trade with them on Sandy (Little)
- 7/16 35 miles, almost fainted
- 7/17 cross GR
- 7/19 down steep hills -- only God could make us go n safety
- 7/21 huntrs off after B busy killing meat, others uccting and drying visit by Banacks more savage than we v seen
- 7/22 Indians attend service, kept still, l eyes fixed on gr
- 7/24 camped at the Soda
- 7/25 rode with G and wife, but E and Baptiste came on and they set off t with them and left me behind. Capt Sutor hapnd to be with me. reach FH with fatigue and toothache had it extracted
- 7/29 built of doubh-s doughbees room cool as a cellar we v r tents
- 8/1 pitched outside but v a room inside if we choose
- ~~7/31~~ ~~xxxx~~ 31 Left fort McKay ad Battiste accompany to our first enc
- 8/1 decided (at Boise) smith remain with Whitman, Gray go with Spalding; Walker and Eels to explore
- 8/2 end of Myra Bells diary on 10/4 Myra letter says arrived 8/29

MARY WALKERS DIARY SEPTEMBER 1838 to JULY ~~1838~~ 1848

NOTE: had arrived t Dr. Whitmans August 29 see previous note

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FIRST WHITE WOMEN OVER THE ROCKIES VOL III Glencale, ~~1922~~ 1966

Diary of Sarah White Smith Letters of Asa B. Smith

DPLW owns copy of SMS diary

REN owns diary kept by Elkanah Walker

see AHClark: Ds and Ls of Spalding and Asa Bowen Smith re Nez Perce Mission

YUBL has Asa letters

AS born 1809 married Sarah Gilert White married 3/15/38

DIARY OF SARAH WHITE SMITH 3/16/38 to 9/14/38

EDITOR: very personal

switch from Siam to Oregon Nez Perces

passport issued by War Department

3/16/38 Springfield ?? to New Haven stbt to NY Pittsburgh

3/30 Cincinnati wait around for ln lv I till 5/1

3/3 now letter from Gray must be ther 25th go on the Knickerbocker

4/9 I on Glasgow

4/18k Independence hback lde 3 1/2 ms

4/20 go to Westport 12 miles // she in delicate health///

"eternity is near" →

4/21 Westport The Holy Sabbath profaned

4/23 lvg

MARY WALKER SAYS we are now travelling on the dry sea 22 tents 8 x 12

4/26 no twig on ch a bird cd light spp of an ocean

4/28 overtaken fr co recd a call from Capt. Dripps & Stewart. They treated us kindly present of fresh pork from Major Harris savage Is

3/29 cross Kansas rv men labor hard with baggage

3/30 fod by Kansas Indians

5/1 soaked 5/1 ditto

5/3 most all of the cooky done by the g-men

5/5 the co is burng the prairie sm placed d surpass New Haven for beauty

6/ cold cold rode 24 miles

5/10 30 black cvrd crts w 2 ladies then 12 catl then 10 packed mules then loose horses w mteers

5/13 hope we are the last msrys that I ever attempt to cross the mts. I shd advise them to go round unless they are willing to lose all their piety

5/14 land of Ps., now where brave Satterless was murdered

5/15 encd on PR. vbn fog for 3 days

5/17 more cold soaking. I cannot endure as much as my Saviour endured for me

5/18 curious Pas, poking around naked but for loin cloth shake hands

5/19 all handsoely bitten gnats

5/20 The Sabbath but how desecrated. . ford the SF

5/30 since last wrote v tvd 250 mils over uninhab wlderness encamped near the fort--no Is here, they v all gone to fight the Ps visited by wife of one of the traders, dressed in fine style, mt sheepskin, white and soft some of the co st l take wives from here to go witht them to mts - Capt Dripps has two some of the bluffs were ve remarkable, . .

heaven
relief

desk
?

HOME LETTERS OF ASA BOWEN SMITH 3/2038 to 2/3/42

//see author's DIARIES AND LETTERS OF SPALDING AND SMITH

#???) Steam Boat from NY to Philadelphia

3/20

4/4 Cincinnati

4/7 now up the Msp

4/10 now on our way up the Mo

4/16 I

4/22 Westport, 12 mi from I wife's illness - pained by tvg on Sabbath

and fur co insistence that we carry guns

wickedness abounds in this region - curse upon slavery, owners want no
cnversa with slaves lest they learn of freedom4/28 on the bank of the Ks River near Ks vg this mg over took the fur co
now waiting for their boat to come up the river we v 10 mules to carry
our bg - my biz has been to drive catl brobe and oilcloth for tent
2 blankets to each horse Sarahs health improved5/15 on bank of the PR, 400 miles from Westport health much better despite
discomforts and labor in co of wicked men who regard not the Sabbath,
but v treated us kindly6/1 Laramy's Fort or Fort William 750 miles from Westport
wear out clothes - calculate to get some leather clothes
worst trial of all is Mr. Gray commonly cross and car crabbed
B-meat for breakfast, dinner and supper

7/6 Rendezvous of the AFC on Wind River, BR of the Yellowstone

v bn gg-25 mpd me with diarrhea

Srh has endured far beyond my expectations

more condemnation of Gray

Capt Bridger came in with 100, 60 squaws etc. has bn in ct 17 yrs

Scene of continual dissipation - alcohol at \$4. pint

Kayuse from WW in with news of arrival of Ermatinger and Lee

7/27 Fort Hall

7/15 Wioletpoo arrived here the 30th dscription

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JOURNAL OF WILLIAM H. GRAY ~~(2038 to 42)~~ 5/7

5/24 to 7/10/38

brief journal appended to ~~but repl~~ Secretary Greene of the American Board:i - Westport left I on 21st April West Port till 23d, one day behind the
Fur Co., who started on the Sbbath all upon mules except a one-horse wagon
Sapling Grove, 3 miles from West Port

4/24 Brush Creek

4/25 beau str x called tje Wakorousah

4/26 3 of r hrss taken by Kansas Is

4/28 found the Fur Co on its S bank in timber, waiting for their boat, with
outfit for the Mts. kindly recd by Capt Drips

4/29 crossed the river with the Fur Co and camped on the North bank

5/2 this mg Dr. Chute of Westport, vg come in to br some letrs nd articles
to us, took lv to return to W. Port after letting us have his horse . to Black-V5/3 - 5 Black Walnut C then to Blue here took precaution to supply all
carts and wgs with extra axletrees - the co v brot all their goods in carts 1 nd
2 wgs, owned by 2 private g-men, Mr. Clark and Captain Stewart, english g-,man

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Gray - Walker

- 5/9 on West Branch of the Blue
 5/12 crossed the Grand Pawnee Trail ~~meetg sev Ps~~ to their vg on the Platt
 5/13 to Platt river but one tree encp 27 ms below the head of Grand
 or Big Island
 5/14 proceeded to the head of Big Island, 27 m
 5/19 reached the forks of the P, 513 from W P up SF 15 m 27 ms
 5/20 up the River 14 miles to the crossing crossed up on nssf
 5/21 up sf 23 m at this enc met Mr. Jarpee who gave his opinions in ref
 to Dr. Saterlee's death; he thinks Ps --- Mr. Newel, now at this place
 spent the winter with Doctor W. at Pascos fort ???, says he does not believe
 a word of it (believe he died by a white man)
 5/23 to NF camp at mouth Ash Creek. It was 5 miles below this encampment
 that the Sioux made their attack upon me in passing downxatx sl last fall.
 5/26 the Chimney
 5/27 capd south end of Scotts Bluffs
 5/29 ~~up to 24 miles~~ encamped 5 m below Ft. Laramy or Ft. William at the foot of
 the Black Hills -- arrived on the 30th.

///end of dates///

Time I not now permit me to give you any further particulars at this time.
 Mr. E. Mattinger has arrived. We are to leave on the morrow, the 11 inst.

247: re w. h. Gray's HISTORY OF OREGON

diary of elkanah walker 253- 265

//original diaries are in the HUNT except 1842, at ORHS only 10 weeks. Evi-
 dently he found himself too busy with the multitude of duties attendant upon tvg
 He resumed keepign his diary after his arrival at Waillatpu

we see him as a mild-mannered, hard-working man, peaceful disposition
 HUNT also has diary of Mary Walker p. 254

left home 3/7 to Boston to NY to Chambersburgh to Pittsburg, 2 3/26
 went directly on board a steam boat for St. Louis were known as Mrsys to the
 heathen visit to Cincy speeded up acct word acct co moving up river
 Knickerbocker, Capt Houten prayers, but also drinkg and gambling

4/5 4/7 entered Missip

4/8 Sunday could to spend the day on board the boat. pr r profanation
 such high handed wickedness reached SL during the night took
 passage on the Wm. Glasgow, Capt. Littleton

4/11 boat on fire finally quenced

4/12 switch to the Howard, with which a wa v bn racing

4/15 high-handed wickedness drunkenness horrid imprecations reach I

4/16 Westport

4/21 engaged a pack man (Stevens)

4/23 lv Westport now beyond the bounds of law

4/24 complain about Mary's conduct

4/25 Dr/ chute leftus

4/27 3 best horses stolen

4/28 came with the fur co visit from Capt Drips, Stewart and Major harris

4/29 cross Kansas river noise & confusion

5/5/ cross the BB wild turkey from our hunter, Mr. Richardson
 poor health weak from emittic and calomel

5/12 party of war Pawnees to steal hrs from the Sx

5/1e 13 Platte 2 miles wide

5/14 singing of Pss h like the howling of wolves

5/15 last entry/ . . .

CORNELIUS" ROGERS LETTER from "Camp of the APC, in rendezvous, eastern base of Wind River Mountain. . July 3, 1838 junction of Pop Agie and Wind River.

met by msrys in Cincy///// 22 and unmarried jd as a vol assistant

Dear Friends: I sit down to redeem a pledge I made to write to you
//from December issue of OREGONIAN AND INDIAN'S ADVOCATE

r co r all in g health gr favrd by assist from Capt D & Co.
left Westport 23d of April, and struck Ks river at the villages, about 90 miles above its mouth. . folowed up the Blue, fod it up nearly to its source struck the Platte, 26 miles from head of Blue

The P is a beau stream, but utterly n incapable of navigation, acct shallowness. A boat drawing 7 8 inches can scarcely pass ~~ikx~~ down it
//gene dscrip of tog topography

reach forks middle of May here saw B for the first time soti saw 20 or m droves in one day some so large whole lp plain was black with them on acct peculiarity of their shape, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ few, xcept w those who know where to aim, succeed in killing him them dissertation on the B

fod up sf 2½ days, the crossed to nf stream called Lorimer's Fork sta called Fort William there are also two other stations near, belongg to other traders

the fort is a stockaded enclosure about 200 feet square... a few men are left here to trade with the Is, and take care of the furs

We left the fort 6/2, and in 10 days crossed the Platte fr the last time foloed Sw to within 50 miles of the WR mts. We there left it and, after 6 miles, came to the Popo Agie ½-p. . this we fod for 3 days arr here 6/21

WR Mts are supposed to be ther highest land in NA waters of whole western terrs take their rise in this chain. Maps of this sec ch vbn pubd r ver inac

We tv wi a caravan ch, w rrs and animals, form a co of 75 men and 150 h. h & m Two of Gov Clarke's sons from St. Louis, an English g-man, a Capt Stewart . besides sev free trapers animals picketed at night, stakes 20 feet aprt always form hoolow square at night, next toa a stream well armed but havn't needed // to shoot at anyone

Dissertation on Rendezvous no Is but a few ~~xxxxxxx~~ trappers of the Shawnees and Delawares a few lodges of Snakes, won't come in

Climate and Productionsl on the nfork P Chuch, or Tower, ancient pile of bldgs. the Chimney, c 70 feet hi a beau cascade on the Sw

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REMS OF CUSHING ELLS (Whitman College) pp 291

re 1836 incident Mrs. Spalding dragged by horse. . Mr. McKay, a sharp shoter raised his gun toshoot the horse, just-as her foot slipped from the stirrup the power of Cultured Christian ladies. . at rendezvous and FV

re the preparations, and org
Experiences at I

The Gents. no less than the ladies er not l fitted for the new demands upon stength and patience. the packing tutelage of Mr. Gray

Dr. Chut, a gr Chute, a graduate of Yale, a real helper //J Andrew Chute a native of Maine, evidently practicing medicine in Westport

we buy from thePs a mule they stole from the Sx, who stole it from Bonneville

Mrs. ELLS: when we are fairly on our way we v much the app of a large funeral procession in the States

te order of march

wagons and carts drawn so as to form a semi-circle on bank of a stream
 labor of loading and unloading 2x each day, and ditto tents, was heavy.
 at FL Wg and horse exchanged for a riding horse

Mr. G had estimated that 400 miles of travel by us to the region of B//
 Quantity of food gauged, acc. . Expecta not realized rations short

In crossing the Platte 98 SSSP horse with the Smiths stopped, and
 I had to apply the scourge

at No, wicker work of willows in the form of a deep boat. . skins sewed
 with sinew, flesh side out, dried, exposed to sun 2 such boats er prepared

Mrs. Walker was a farmers daughter--strong and cheery. her common sense
 and her Christianity er practical

object of the Mt rendezvous was secrecy

credits Dr. Newell with the notice on door of the old store hs at GAK
 "pe plenty rum, trade, and white women

goods of the F co consisted largely of clothing, blankets, tobacco,
 whiskey or rum sold at fabulous prices \$30. gallon j high prices did not
 restrain from its use

drunks t our tent to settle with Mr. Gray (acct An incident)

2 sons of Gen Clark of Jt. I accept our xpel, the ygr a grad of Yale
 The use of alcoholic drink was to him ruinous-- It ws was hoped that exclusion
 from the customary modes of temptation d b favorable the devotion of the brother
 was sincere the effect of the j was salutary, but the use of the f drunkard'
 drunkard's drin at rendezvous was destructive to the otherwise choice ygr man

Ed???//// average age of the 6 men of the 2 parties 36 and 38 was 31,
 not counting Cornelius Rogers, 23 6 women 28 Narcissa Whitman died young
 39, as did Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Spalding, from natural causes Mrs Gray and Bells
 lived to seventies Mrs Walker 96

James S. Brown, Life of a Pioneer, by the Authority of _____, SLC, 1900

b. 7/1+28, NC - in ^{Brown et} Dec 1831 - "Mr Messimer" 1840 "I'm that very day I read their doctrine in a by the spirit (despite evil rep). - for 60 yrs ✓
found them mobbing, robbing, fire - punishment - & had a charge in... no other minutes
from the fullness of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus as did that humble M Elder.

Nov 7/44 of ^{Asson} Property Joseph Smith & Hyrum, the Patrons, MS asked out -
Carrick family to of the flock 105 - 5/1/46 to Nauvoo - 5/8 and Miss
& found "the rally Kingdom" - as with Col. Brown, By call of vols of Messimer was
Deported & Captured, got spirit to enlist in M Battalion - re-enlisted at
Sandy Point, then to FL

7/16/47
Inhabitants approx - 150 men to Esch - to Seft, work for him
was a measure of Peter Womack & others - 1/23 March 1848 talks him, of
"a curious rock" - disc made pos of employe of mB - good work -
6/48 - 37 to Calif, but bet Settlers 2 brown Run Camp - in SLC 9/28/48
9/49 to Calif w/ ^{Capt} Jeffery Hunt + E Co, another route - main co.
disregard Capt Hunt's warning of dgs. & lo old Sp. trail to search of at The Walker Pass
> to Santa Fe - 1853 ret to SL

Elder Orin Hyde to reg of Gen. King, built outpost & town of IS -
head off ~~business~~ several plots of white men - FB 4/15 - 12-75
Army not men... spirit of murder appl to being - the winds - recent deed
of killing - blacken on Santa Fe - cause - the death of Eliza B and
and others & troops - "Louis family" also Daniel Caldwell, m. FB - letter said to
it head of - gang of desperados who filed their voc of Brig. BGR, & Bain - to
E route to Laramie - ~~1854~~ 1854 org. of GR - 1854 Council of Chief Washoe
at GR April 30 of request kind of mt. men, dining, gaily & Ceroney -
said he was called to FL to a task of agent oth by Peter - with Oc
Acad of FL treaty - threats by L.B. Ryan, succ & Caldwell. -
In line missions

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1857

1857 - Capt = Weber made district
391 - LIII By order me to acc Gen Horace S. ~~Estes~~ Edwards & Flinn. NE w/
Co. of 20 men, on big - miss st, I assayed to winter down 1858 - Sept 20 Hain
Base Fork to Sweetwater. On 26th I reached PR, where I way town vs sign
by them in horse oth bows, by that keep all moved smoothly - on the
28th we found FL, & by health begin to improve, tho I had been brot about

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to deaths don. . . Oct 3 two deaths of FL found with party. they had
stolen 2 horses & a mule of the gov't, & a I remember it, making their soaps -
Nothing huffed out of the ording until Oct 19, an Fluencer
to Calhoun, Hann Ct, Iowa. - return of family after 12 years,
they did not know who I was. . . . preaching

Apr (1859) of steamer Satan out of CB July 6
Pleasure, Pitt Ct was - for cattle - \$10. - down cattle N.
then Rochester, Maryland, Linton, & Sydney, keep of the rv + a to
his rocky parish, then Plethia Parish - MD - an CB 5/15

Return to SL on the Plethia, Camp 3 in NW Florida -
Buy cattle of PR good (also horse) of the Church & Ewin - an
James. Green named pres. & captain of train - 59 yrs, 104 yk ex
Capt of ev of the yrs - pros of 75 days - Lv 6/13/58 of SL -
9 diff nationalities: English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, Danish, Swedish, Navy. -
- Icelanders - most had never done - ex - their lives - plus mosquitoes -
An 18th he found Capt Rowley of the co.

6/19 in Loop Farm, near one town of Columbus, upon Looky Glass
Creek, baptize 88 souls, while others bled to stream. 6/21 to Gano Ferry
of 3 Capt woodships Co of 37 + 10, then merge of Co to 390 + 68, was chartered
ferry boat of J. Johns - & did not see. 75¢ per day - 15 hrs hard labor - ~ 6/24
with 5x, found a battle line; hunting Os + Porcupine; gun food ~~lost~~ in blanket -
tall to find a line of the rd, & keep it in bushes - 150 warm

6/26 Cross of LF to Wood R - one evy co cpl when Alvin W Babbitt
was killed by 5x 18 mos & 2 yrs of - Co. Cross to stream & cpl put opp where that ten
tragedy occurred - I worried again here, piece paper; trouble in way "when some
shame in a way covin - ~~some~~ pros & by report of one cos to PP, to Utah,
to Ore, to Calif - some of ext, some shortly down PR - small river boats -

S. to in July came up of Capt Herbin Haight, who stld 2 wks ahead of us,
by a Ch tra of 75 yrs of freight, both going FL same day. - rest of mi
above FL - one more rest stop in Sw - PacS, Little S, Big S, Gr R, to
last 100 mi by the most soul-tiring of the 2 wheels of - rest GR - then
Hanni ton, FB in BF, to two mudlaps & to Quality Camp ridge, the highest pt
Crossed of E rd - down into C, with R, E Camp Creek. part of Big mt,
over Big mt to Little mt to VSR - an 2 of us had 2 deaths
in the co, & 5 births, but 25 had catch - a small percentage

Mass - 8 Britain (1860) by another Amos & Lyman &
Charles C. Reelin - went Parker's Camp, up outfit with Jesse W. Jr, to
Fluencer - Chaplain Lv 4/17 - 5/14 met Arap To B mt + an

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15th must Capt Reynolds of party of explorers. We often heard that the entire party
en route to Bf Is on behalf of Mo. on 18th on the PR. Sgt Min of soldier FL
saw the way - a co. of 3 deserters of Camp Floyd, there are 2 of them - a Corp. -
they had come to us - Parly Cay. says they had been discharged, one, Geo Keeley,
showed his discharge papers, but had re-accepted, & deserted after receiving his bounty. the other
was a serg who had stolen a gold watch. Both in taken to FL

5/20 ret 7 m of FL. Bull. report of what accounts to F from mail. .
This time we had 2 other disch'd soldiers w/ us, one w/ wife & child - f 23rd in
we met my bond of Calif, OR & a PP - found CR 5/25, leaders
Assign co of enticement, this time J. Jan 5, Brown elected Captain

at Aft we heard that St J + GSK mail coach had been robbed
on Grosvenor Creek, by Shoshone Is, mail carrier kd - detail at aft sev hrs
Apr 7 a dinner of a B's wife - June 1 ~~FR~~ 10 in above FR.
June 2 we called at Dr. Harris ranch of dinner, & 7 m further reached the
place where Joseph E. Johnson + Bro. had lived - as party on paper, called
Mountain Echo

6/6 after crossing relation must co. of LDB Army to go by haul carts.
the co. was - 8 reports - at FL, our warm hearted Sate of for Europe
Stewart Queen of St Joseph - train eat . . .

ret to SAC 6-9/1862 -

Censiler Holcomb Barker. Pioneer ~~Be~~ Belts - Early Settler of America
this of 1858 Platonite Nekt to Cherry Creek Diggings in Jan. 1957
at Noble memory

Journal: A chain daily notes rec of a pencil in an album book, 3x5
loose well-worn pages account problems - Ox Bow trail - Property along
SPR + CC - B - Beg cutting logs of cabin - 1st half the erected in nearly flattened
town of America - it in fore Mt H. Garrison of Glendale Ca, goldstr

Biog: G. Gallen Ct. Ohio 1822 - to Iowa, lay out Indiana. 4 Apr 57
to Platonite, Nt + enter a wholesale + retail store - by ~~Platonite~~ Platonite in
the w/ 6 wgs - to Big Island - recollections of Camparis - at FR of by 90th wgs of
ks + Mo, total 15 + 45 man - 088 band of Is - one of 4000 red man
Camp. NSP. Some crowd to to E to Beg, + stole 3 jonia. Or cost
Pd - + co. 130 to recover the horses - later later Cole medals, etc w/

Dva, Paup + His Paup ran - Soc / Colo Pioneer - 1876 Cent Comm

Diary

- 9/20 Lv Point - 10 m c. Turkey Creek - 6 m Paup ch -
- 9/22 4 m Saer C + 2 9/23 S. Cottrell 9/24 well up, beefed him
- 9/25 to Platte Bottoms 9/26 Sabbath
- 9/27 C at below well Panaville at opp G1 9/28 p. old Mission
- 10/1, Antelope 1 Bull - old tracks of FL up 6 or 8 square leagues + his square. Man of Cherry Creek, w/ specimens
- 10/2 rolled into F - met our dog 10/3 Got train up saddle +
- garden of Bradys - B. hills 10/4 W. Plain Green, found Chryse
- lodges, Lots + jobs of the Can to beg of us 10/10 had 80 bodies
- figures + Finley shot him - most person of Calif + had of 5 - 7 mags +
- Russell skins Hackety (Hockelops) not Hackety - loads of goods
- 10/12 met 14 m 2nd the Diggins, of Lawrence ks. they said they had
- made it pay for note - found to be gone - open 10/17 Bryan Creek
- 10/21 good St. Vrain Fort - Long P. + Spanish party from of Mexico
- of the Platte to the Is - ~~Lawrence Fort~~ 10/22 First encounter (Lupton)
- 10/24 Cherry Creek Diggins

Autobog was

Some 250 m below CC with man of Lawrence ks + Georgian
 on way home - had old of Lawrence - July via Ark Rev - had land over - town
 + called it St Charles at mouth CC - en we and then we saw a pe stoken
 down in .. but no foundation or cabin after we say the American town Co. Oct 29

I went to see on road of NOV, cherry + hang by cab logs -

Note - - On the Lawrence 9 party of Lv ks jump to StC claim in
 4/58 + see for cabin ES CC - ch be Done (John Willen)