

HOW MANY MILES FROM ST. JO? The Log of Sterling B. F. Clark,
w/ comments by Ella Sterling Mighels. (San Francisco, 1929)
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FOREWORD by James D. Phelan: . . reproduced first time, with comments
by his daughter, through whose kindness the ms. came into my hands. . . the
original log and portraits here in reprod of Clark, wife, and child, are
now in library of the Society of California Pioneers

INTRODUCTIN BY Mighels: . . SBF b. Rutland, Vt, 1825. . farewell to
marble-cutting. . wind up at Hollidaysburg, Pa. . the Log reprod verbatim,
ret. spellg of proper names, changes re capitalization and punctuation.
Words supplied, in brackets.

March 11 /12/ 1849. Left H-- w Capt Joseph Taylor. . 15th left Pittsburgh
on steamboat Consignee. . arr 23d at St. Louis. . Arr St. Joesph 31, left
Pittsburg company; lost \$95 by it. . Joined Evans' Wheeling company . .
Started Apr 26. . return to St. Jo acct wg breakdowns. . ~~ret~~ re-strat
May 8. . . 32 + 7 = 39. . . Wheeling co. 3 or 4 days travel ahead of us.
We sh prob v to throw away $\frac{1}{2}$ r load. .

^{4/1}
5/16 crossed Nemahaw. drove behind govt train 28 m. 17 cr Big Blue R.
130 + 18 = 148. . 18: cr Little Blue. . 19th cro Little Sandy . .
Wed 9th of May , at Wolf Creek saw a box n a tree ch ctnd the ded body I child.
/diary a pencil scrawl/. . . 22nd: road as far as eye c ~~see~~ reach is one ctin
string of wagons. . Passed Govt train this night. . 24th: 18 m & encamped on
the Platte. No wood. Violent thunderstorm. Water six inches in the tent.
Spent 2 hrs in th vain attempt to build a fire of B chips, & dn burn.
18 + 275 = 293. . .

Sat 26th. Laid up at Fort Kearney. Coupled our wagon shorter. . I dis-
posed o my books. Gave some to Capt. McLane and some to Major Rough. . .
June 5: SF, crossed it at 4 o'clock. . Width of r nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet
deep, sandy bottom. . 440+20 = 460. . . 6: . . Sublime, picturesque scenery
en u come within sight oth NF, of hi bluffs. . Encamped in ash hollow, a
deep basin near the river. Seven I lodges on r w/ traders. 460 * 18 = 478
Passed the C H. . CR. . 11: resolved to pack the remainder of the way en we
shd arr FL, nd commenced sellg in afternoon.

12: Thunder-shower en we reached Scott;s Bluffs. 560 + 18 = 578. . 13:
lef th rv n made 20 m over and thru hi bluffs. 578 + 20 = 598. . 15th:
crossed Laramie's fork and encamped. Sell out and go on pack-mules. 634. .
remained at FL from 15th until 21st, en we started on pack mules. . separated
from his mess. . join Major Henley & Field and Jackson. . . 28th: came upon
NF 5 m bf crossg Deer River. . 29th: to the ferry of the Platte, to NS. . 773
7/1 Passed IR. Crossed Sw R. Made 37 m. 799 + 37 = 836 . . dead oxen
strew the way. . 5: crossed the summit. . 924. . 6: passed the jc oth Ore &
Calif roads and enc on Big Sandy. . 7: to Green River, 27 m. 973 . .

10: reached Ft. Bridger. 1033 11th staid at Ft. Bridger. Got mules shod.
16: reaches SLC . 20: 40 m to Weber River. . 21: 28 m to Box Elder. .
22: 21 m, cross Bear River. Malad Creek, 1236. . 26: joined Fort Hall Road 1447

July 27. Up Goose Creek. . . 28: crossd th dividg ridge bet Ore & Calif into Hot Spring Valley. . . 1498. . . 29: left valley, came pn hdwtrs of Humboldt River, 1527. . . Aug 12. . . 68 m. in less than 24 hrs w/o water, xcep sulphur water, ch d vomit us by the smell. . . . up Salmon Trout R. . . Pass Creek leadg thru mts. . . over highest ridge, snow-drifts 20' deep. . steep perp rocks, 26 broken wagons. 1989. Sacramento City, ~~2065~~x 2092 /ed says 2022 m including 28 m false start from St. J

AFTERMATH: Other men might write of scenery, or o Is and bears, or of quarrels en route. . he permitted nothg to interfr w his knowg just har far he had gone each day. . . tied up in the treasured packg letters from the same hand to girl back in Blair Ct., Ia. . . became mayor or alcalde for Natoma, or Mormon Island. . .

Letters prevail. . return via Panama to NY, vst Pa & Vt. . at last these two embarked for Calif via Nicaragua. . miasma of Nicaragua. . d in SF . . 2 weeks later the yg bride was left a widow. . 23, buried Yerba Buena, oca widow to mining camp. . 7 months after C's death, his dgtr was born, and every man and wom in town e welcomed the fatherless babe. . all came w/ gifts. . not to be outdone, some miners from American River brought a gold-rocker, converted it to a cradel and took turns in rocking her to sleep That was in May, 1853. .

BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JAMES PHELAN, 1819-1892, pioneer merchant. .
to Calif by Isthums, 1849, near death. . in 1855 back east to claim bride. . but my trip was interrupted. I was forced back across the plains, by stage-coach and river boat, in great haste -- a j of gr hardship = cs of the receipt of news that my brother. had by unfo investms prac wrecked r firm;.. Miss Kelly soon after came to SF via the same perilous Panama route. .

the Overland J - of Joe F - The fair Bohemian to cross the plains
to the Calif gold fields. Authored by Richard Brautigan. Illustrations
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Introduction : f. Czechoslovakia, 1851 - d. 1875 in snow - b. Fort Klamoth. One
long unrec. g-m. expel 1854 Wis. to Calif - sup. diary seen; + some letters
His d- is written in a memo-like prose that is sim. unrec. + oph. +
reflects a sense of gentle humor + irony + "an awkward comst"
Son of owner of brewery - glass works, became classical musician, Prague
Conservatory - why leave all that? - left Antonia + Fred in Wis. to find gold.

People met... were markedly cross-eyed + archetypically funny. ... Your well-
balanced sec. of soc. chooses to prefer the frontier. It is always a breed of strange,
half-crazy people who go to more than lives where no one else has lived.
F. travels w/ 3 more Germ. Bros + another G who dreams of mil. glory, drunk
first day out - cheating landlord, charlatan doctor, cynical farmer, "weed,
Gullows" hunters. "What sort of comedians are these?" - an adulterous
wife, a cuckolded husband, a judge-merchant for Utah, a
licentious clergyman, + starting St. Is w/ 21 Penna. sculptors
On Placerville gold ct met 2 who sold him a dry claim, +
merchants who staked credit - live - abandoned Okonami shack - 3 yrs

Breath in diary is beautiful like long poetic passages - mid-sentence
or FL: I have described the rest of my g- to SLG for I do not remember that
anything of interest occurred (400 m.)

Ret of Antonia - 5 m. children, travel piano + singg. + was director
of the Mendocino Songy Soc in Winton, Wis - also rival as ct clerk
& in 1869 moved to Crater, Neb, gen. store 1870 - 74 for family.
To Calif of gold age (this was yrs after the g-r. was over). He didn't
write at Calif this time; he just went there - Spent 75 Placerville to Postville,
650, then Blue Mt - back St. to see Fred - 3rd trip to Calif, by
horse - but sick, lost, faded - snow. In his delirium he prof
that that death was Calif - b. 12/10/75 - Antonia d. Crater 1911.

Quality & Char. of the previous sketches

Book

Some editorial
inserted after

F. b. 1824 - to U.S. '51 - 52 m. A. Pischke, - no diary,
oldest son F. loaned to pub of Th. Haggard(?) - transcrip, very - German
script, badly faded, deciphering quite arduous - Some of the names
he mentions I not found on maps today. . . Diary or recollection?

"God be w/ you, hope of a happy reunion . . ." was last words I said to my dear
wife. w/ my gun + knapsack on my shoulders, my mind filled w/
depressing thoughts. I dep. + walked slowly toward w -

April 18 dep. - 14 mi to farm, est. soon up "we had believed I was being"
we spent a first night in a log shack of hay + all feet happy - Cousins of
the partnership, arguments 484. - 2700 - write of Cheyennes - "my
object is to write about my adventures and my ability I permit, my travel book or
journal I v lost sight of long ago. . . Diffic to remember dates + incidents

Bros. entirely generally. . . Modicum. . . accid shot, throw out heavy clothes,
close to powder keg - mineral pt - 4 feet in shield Mississippi, steal to
Dubuque - Mr. Benedict's chancery - Dowdell, brewery - Marango on Iowa R. lost
what a work. Oh yes one the create the world hold. my passed over it + we v to honor
to ride over it a second time. . . in Newton, Iowa R. (?) - . . . detail on
prop. of wood turkey - Fur Dist. houses, storm. room at tavern.

6/3 to CBs - more quarrels. I myself to G that I send us a buyer. we could sell
out + thus be deliv'd of this kind of partnership. - 700 miles - safety, Peace God
on more 7 mi below CBs. - stay to sell property (Meyville) - hunters w/
boats full of B + elk hides, warty of skinnier - descrip of man garb. - "the
most ignorant + G. frank but specimens of man I v seen - Am. . . gamble every
Prop. of school in Germ, "a big bag of simplicity + goodness + faith" in w/ adulation w/ 2.
Adolphus the flute player, E dance - 524 Cash copr - Sell outfit to owner of
E train f \$250, hire out at \$15 per - Mr. Kinney, judge w/ \$25,000 in
merchandise - cook, "kitchen colonial" - visit by Omaha chief

Great man in action

To 28 wgs, 149 w + hrs, to found on street - d. 2 miles (owned by P. Sanby)
2 traps - Is dead dog, I will 5 w w Bellini - aborigine war -
depar 7/14 - wsts 1 m long, wgs sep by 30 steps - Catholic (Pres-G)
mission point - (no dates by camp) - Ecker R - P's noble f their
cruelty + thieving, "naked but cruel" praying tree
when I had
- To plains, cattle wgs - wgs small - man w/ sheep w by P's - or
Wood R make his belly - B-hunt / "we pumped a him, dand
and him, cut up copra + shout w/ delight - Vest heads -
FL 50 seedling - "a sad even house" - SLG 2/2

Martha Hill Gillette, OVERLAND TO OREGON and IN THE INDIAN Wars of 1853. Introduction by Richard H. Dillon. n.p.n.d. paperback. Copyright 1975 by Lewis Osborne. (recollections) 72 pp (52 to Salem

FOREWORD: . . uncommon in that it describes an overland trip to Ore rather than to California, from Tennessee. . 1852 was one of the two years of heaviest westward travel. . Pawnee and Sioux were peaceful. . but the upper valley of the Rogue River, region of Bear Creek, the writer's ultimate destination, was dangerous territory. . Martha Hill b. 11/13/33. when the stars fell (?). . 1852 father decided to forsake poor red soil of the Cumberland mountains for the RRV, which he had viewed earlier (1850) when working in California's Humboldt mines in Siskiyou Ct. . . a ~~lightweight~~ heavy wagon, a light rig, loose stock and some saddle horses. . party of 15; brother John perished by drowning while crossing the Rogue River. . arrived in Salem Sept, with small fortune in livestock. . winter in Salem. . Rogue River War began in 53, thru 56. . Martha wed 55 to Almon V. Gillette. .

Night of falling stars. . in '49 father took "the northern route" to Calif. . to Yreka. . returned w/ gold to US mint in St. Louis. . . left home in east Tennessee. . caught boat on Tennessee River. . to Kingston on the Ohio R, transferred to old Kate Kearney for St. L. . May 1, started out w 500 head of cattle, and 3 wagons, each drawn by 4 oxen. . crossed the Mo. River (but where?). . only means of crossing was by two flat row-boats, one long enough to carry two wagons and 30 people, other with railings for stock. . brother drowned from overload. .

After leaving the MoR we traveled thru Nebr, Wyoming, Idaho and about 300 miles into the state of Ore we met no white person, nor saw one house. . . One night after we struck the Platte River (Nebr City site?). . We traveled up Platte R about 300 miles, passing by a grave yard. . holes in side of hill, with remains and goods. . . cholera broke out on west side of PR; to escape it we crossed to E side where we were. . Father had cholera medicine. . Graveyard encountered by those who crossed the Platte. . Mother got cholera but recovered. . grim scenes, including young man burying bride of a few months. . did keep us away.

Men ahead to select camps. . form corrals. . Chuck-holes make short work of glass and crockery. . . great quantities of dried fruit. . ham or bacon, rice or beans, bread and butter. . . After we left the Platte River, we traveled over beautiful country. . little streams running everywhere and plenty of grass (?). Thru this country until we came to the Big Horn Mts. (Laramie Mts.)/. . Sweetwater River, Devils Gate. . . Steamboat Springs (Soda Springs, Idaho) . . SP described but not named. . Salmon River to Snake. cross to Oregon. . 50 miles to Blue Mts. . up John Day Mt. . from Dalles by trail side of Mt Hood. . down Cascade Mts. to Willamette Valley. . Pause at Oregon City. . to Salem

Winter of 52 hardest winter Ore and Calif had known for yrs.

Recollections

Exclusively of Family + Friends

Wolverine Range

thoroly joined of "g f" on broke out winter 48. Not quite 22, while my distant news of
orig. error of Marshall. Enough money to pay of 1 share in the 1st stock co. - by long M we pised use
of firearms. Rifle along own backs, revolver - belt ~~was~~ mostly brass - "jumper-box" pattern, knives
+ ammo pouch

Dress soon varied: of Bozje hurry of, red shirt, corduroy trousers, +
white soft felt hat. Ea member all 40 lbs baggage. My outfit - rubber bag ch cells made
water-tight - (Must v gone up of Pratt - while at this we purchased 40 wgs / rest of members

First choice of Capt, too much whiskey. Next choice Judge Batts of Marshall, a good one. -
had a domestic - B/ starts of 8 x 2 m man - making - all 6 - to do with messes of
6 men, 2 to cook + 4 as teamsters, Ea had 2 wgs, Ea dr of 3-4 year oxen; one
mess wgs, one priv wgs - also 1-stocked medicine chest - messes ~~were~~ wanted
not to eat the local - corns, catch dinner in - catch had to be broken -
"You must name Ea ox, + Ea use the whip a time, tell him what u want him to do"
My partner the chy oth leaders. + gave me the wheel oxen. - We got all the men -
matched, all essential cattle

Early week for stamps for notes of fuel, boards - notes of chains - tangle -
As you on team is so hard to control / obliged to remove, grease until hardened -
in horse, stretched out to 1/2 mile, but soon learned the imp of by in sport. - for
us to ride on French trail - I down of cholera symptoms. several of
pauline (of Commercial Cord in Montreal + Cayen pepper) placed on stomach. If it had
been red hot coals it chow felt better. - awake, I felt much better (death of Lynn ^{near trail})

3 days to own By Blue - rest of legs for wgs, animal down - head of rest etc
By I pay of \$20 + saddle + bridle, easier than ride - wgs up of jumps - I put in charge of
chol sufferer, Gen mind + blimpies, gets well - looks re hardest of all,
wood, water. Hard bread by too bulky to carry, we make no - the form of slop-picks. one
of these big pancakes in a tin plate, w/ fuel bacon, + a piece of coffee in tin cup.
was the regular meal. - after 4 plants, looks resign + chow is notated. - chyl
again, no Col at Frany + I appt, ultimatum, no more pauline

For Campy - the positive sudden overtaken by officers, hand-cuffed, bad-foot -
Batts an admittance reading - I about so Sunday day by to rest the animal + repair -
Since 3 practices us had a dinner, chow meanwhile; hymns - B chips - flour ovens
B. mess of opp. shore - across river mostly about wagon. yf couple dead of cholera,
he often busy has - at SB, Mr. Ladd teased by B

In after our red-shirt Cook intercept us again: "Whoa, here, God damn" + a
cheerful smile - Indian alarm. Cook of P's - tree burned - Little time of B -
was a forced march of > 2000 ⁵⁰⁰ m, the good by to get over SAs of snow - K in too by
to move rapidly; smaller cos made better time - Its cold entry of ox-yoke to
tin cup - send old squaws in, to see if safe - Only Batts v8 object to
4th just called E.F., accor 2 g large load - had Bs wagon, messenger of all kinds,
under ea leg slung in the tongues, ankle-ties, ox-cows etc

5th July Fri - 50 soldiers - OSV Camps mountains & Is just outside - no m cholera.
✓ Out from g roads, plenty of fresh & drinkable water as or near to upper the trail. thru. it
lucky all 3 - steep rough roads & extreme climbing - double teams - after IR
we encountered the most sudden & terrific avalanche I've ever experienced (June 20?)
that appeared had come to an end - bloodied heads, sprained arms - knives & axes
were the popular hoo headgear. during the haul, but hooks caught it - stuck 5 m away 5"?

By reaching Granite Five Bridges, John Root says we've 2 I ponies ("Red Diver")
Camp of some of Fremont's old mountaineers - I traded w/ fat squaws -
Stayed away of SL - for fear of losing some of a man, as the MS official may induce some of
people to remain there. Mr. Root says we've a red fox, and one man. - on
H - The three, pondering alcoholic diet. - terribly hard on animal & man - plus
thick mosquitoes

Me & Mr. Frary depart, farewell at Captain table, amicable -
by ponies - .. H-R came to road fork to N, by the old Fremont "Truckee River trail"
to the east. Notice on a stick, that Sac Riv was 150 m via Lassen Pass, while F - +
was 250 m to Sac - this was taken by most trains, by choice of goods etc -
(Mule again to open; most teams employ mule as climb over the summit) - was
take N. route up the rest - Catch up w/ John Root - .. advice
a honor route - we stave -

We on N pass of Granite Range (LP) we near to dry line of Ore, Nev & Calif,
Camp - Goose Lake - rich ground of meat - Capt. Wagon, USA we by Is -
via Pitt R. Mr. Shuter to Pitt R.

George Mifflin Harker, Letters to St. Louis Weekly Reveille, published as "Morgan Street to Old Dry Diggins, 1849" in GLIMSES OF THE PAST, Vol. VI, Numbers 4-6 (April-June, 1939), published by the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis. p.b. pp 35-76. Edited by Stella M. Drumm.

Introduction by editor: On April 19, GMH, a newspaper reporter, left w/ 2 companions for gold fields. . summary of route by GMH from St. Louis Reveille of March 11, 1850, comparing "northern route" favorably with southern route or sea voyages. (in danger and cost). . signed letters Mifflin. . b. Williamsport, Pa. . to SL '47. . ret. to SL fm Calif by Isthmus, 1858. newspaper bis. . d SL 1906. . Indebted to Miss Carrie Williams of Pattonville, Mo. for the sketch of her uncle. . letters pub in SL W Reveille 7/77 intermit from April 30 to December 10, 1849, Jan 28 and March 25, 1850.

MORGAN STREET TO INDEPENDENCE. Rocheport, Mo. April 26. . grotesque appearance. each leading a mule w/ pack-saddles, plus large, dishing red wagon, covered w Indian rubber cloth, 4 fiery l mules. . advtgs of proceeding by land; hundreds v wisely pursued the same course. . number of persons eg from this State to Calif is almost incredible. . farmer in Calloway Ct informed that upwards of 100 wgs had left that ct alone. Do of 100 yg men left Columbia. .

ROCHEPORT TO INDEPENDENCE: Independence, May 10, 1849: Dear Reveille: Co. of Bostonian tenderfeet, 50 men, 1 woman, 75 wild mules. . passed some 50 Calif teams between R- and this place. . mostly ox teams. . confusion herel. . cholera alarming; gamblers take the back track. . impos to obtain reliable info about anything. . 2/3 r poorly equipped. . Will joining party of 40 or 50 Kentuckians, all w/ first-rate mule teams

THE EMIGRATION - MULES AND OXEN - WAGONS - FAWNEES. Salt River Camp, May 15
Dear Reveille: 50 wagns in sight, only one feminen in whole crowd. . 50 m from old FK, on banks of Saline river (Table Creek). . At Salt Rv we built a bridge. oxen preferable to mules, m easily managed. . Fawnees ncamped below us, on way to Bellevue to receive their annuity

A FREDICAMENT - THE PRAIRIE ALIVE - GEN TWIGGS - STL ES - MIL SIEGL - DEATHS
Ford of Little Blue River, May 26. Dear Reveille. . gm of Columbus, Ohio ret to states csent to wait for me to write. . scratching away on top of an old tobacco box, w fingers cold and benumbed. . . unable to catch up w/ Kentuckians We r scarcely ever out of sight of Es. A long white line points out the road. Day before yesterday broke sand board. . passed by sev trs, among ch Capt Jas White's of SL, with family and 2 other females. The army of Gen Twiggs also passed the same day. One thousand mounted riflemen, nd a train of two hundred wagons pre a most grand spectacle -- officers and wagonmaster galloping at full speed up and down the line. .

GOVT TRAINS - WHOLESALE DESERTION - NUMBER OF ES - SPEED PANIC - DISCORD - NEW FORT
Near Fort Kearny, May 31: Unsucc in overtaking Ky train. . joined train of those from Ohio and Missouri, under Maj. John A. Love (gives all names). . in co w govt tr, now two divs w 300 wgs. . spirit of desertion. . only a small remnant of the tr from FtLv l reach Oregon. . estimate 8000 wgs, 25,000 Es. . abandonment of goods and wagons vic FK. . co. divisions. . scarcity of game. . Fort K, 2 m fm rv and 3 fm bluffs; no timber; 20 houses; tents; cannon; fine frame house bg built for co; Maj Ruff hasbn succ by Col. Bonneville.

CALIFORNIA AND THE CALIFORNIA TRAIL.
Old Dry Diggings, September 18

When e arrvd Ft. Hall we thot we were nearly at r j's end. . this part oth trip more fatiguing and tedious than the forepart. . We were informed at the Fort that it was only 600 m to Sutter's Fort. . En e reached th jc SL and FH road(s), we learned e had to tv over 600 m further. . . As we proceeded to road seemed to get longer and longer. . Es in bad humor. . The lady Es seemed to v got along better than the men. . due to the American system of ~~xxxx~~ kind treatment to the daughters of Eve.

Ct frm FH to n branch Humboldt is. . a barren waste. . sand an ~~atr~~ artemisia bushes. . MOSquitoes on Fort Neu and Lewis' Fork. . American Falls of Lewis Rxx Fork. . At the head of Raft RV we found a new road, ch comes over the mts from where we left Bear river, being a cut-off from the Fort Hall route of 30 or 40 m. This road was made by Hedspeth and others, and t they were in sight when we left the . . . Just bf arrvg at Goose Creek we came to the SL road, those travlg had much harder times.

Hot Spring Valley . . . from the "slough" to Carson River, 70 m, a perfect desert. . Mormons misname the river to ch the roads lead. They called Fremont's Carson the Salmon Trout; and the Salmon Trout proper, they called the Truckee. . We finally ccluded to take the left hand road ch led to Carson River, flowing from Sierras. . ordeal of crossing the great California mountain. . on the evening of Sept 4 we reached the gold diggings of Pleasant Valley. . 115 days out from I, 4½ mons frm SL. . and having acc a land travel o over 2400 miles.

Old Dry Diggings, Sept 19. . 50 wgs arrvd at diggings before us. . w/ all suffering and loss we had, with all best adv of best grass and water, how can those behind pos get along w/o intense sufferg? . . heard Pioneer Line had not failed, but had got to FL. . the quickest trip was made by an Ohio mule train, ch was on the road from SV 85 days, of ch the travelg days were 63. . . Here I give you the list of names of persons whose graves I was able to see from FL to Weaverville: . . pitched a tent at Old Dry Diggings vilage, 3 miles from Weaverville.

John B. Hazlip, letter of July 8, in Dale L. Morgan, editor, "Letters by Forty-Niners, written from ~~the~~ Great Salt Lake City in 1849," in WESTERN HUMANITIES REVIEW (April, 1949), pp. 99-101. Reprinted from the Palmyra MISSOURI WHIG, October 4, 1849.

We r now enc in the M City, 1440 m from the States. The city is laid off in ve handsome style, about 5 mi square.. Inhabitant number 5,000, and increasg in nu ev day. . . They do not want money here; the want sugar, coffee, tea and flour. . . To shod, \$4. per mule. . . If you can accomplish the plan of a Rail Road from the States. . . this is one oth grst lplaces of trade in the known world. . . ref to approp \$5,000 for "good road to the NF of the P, "which will be the means of ~~turng~~ a gr nu o Es in this direction." (mistakenly refers to toll road Farley Pratt buildg, opened 1850. It sep. fm the old road at mouth of Echo Acnyon, ascended the Weber R to present Rockport, crossed the divide, and by the route of present St Hiway 530 and U S 40 climbed to the head of Farleys Canyon, , into SLC

Find the Ms vey accommodatg and lg to xtend to the Es all the hospitality they can. . We leave Sunday for the diggings. . The gold dust is inexhaustible, if the reps here r correct. . shd b home in 18 months. . I d advise all who intend to E to Calif this summer or next, to start w a light carriage and 8 stout mules, 6 to 10 yrs old. . Work 4 mules one day, 4 the next, and they c make 40 mpd. . You c make the trip in 55 days (to SLC, that is)

a co built a boat on the P, was offerd \$250 for the boat. .Capt Finley told them that himself and co had crossed, and all others might go to hell; and then cut the boat in pieces bf their eyes. This Capt F is fm Illinois, and the wretch shdb pub in ev nsp in U. States. . We built a boat, and handed it over to the next tr that arrvd. . This Capt F is l known on the road from the P to Calif, and lb pointed out to ev co & hissed at.

skt

May 27. Fort Childs

THE OVERLAND JOURNAL OF AMOS PIATT JOSSELYN, ZANESVILLE, OHIO TO THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY, April 2, 1849 to September 11, 1849. Together w/ letters, financial accounts. etc., edited by J. William Barrett II. Gateway Press, Baltimore, 1978. 129 pages. Journal 13-50. Letter of May 22, Platte River, pp. 53-55; letter of July 15, City of Great Salt Lake, pp. 55-58, the latter first published in the Z/ ZANESVILLE COURIER, n.d. (offset printing from typed pages)

AUTHOR'S FOREWORD: Discovery of ref to journal in Mattes, CR article. All mss in California State Library, Sacramento. . . also nspcs and ctact ~~with~~ w/ relatives. . J- formed South Zanesville Co, w/ only gentlemens agreement, and csented authority in J- as they secy and financial ~~clerk~~ clerk Total of 10. . of ch 7 ac made the trip. . ea \$200 to pool. . ~~Diary~~ Diary entries us. brief, his letters, with their flowing hand and leigibility bear out his education, and rank him with very few who recorded in entirety ~~the~~ their / misfortunes, expectations, and whereabouts etc.

April 2 left S. Z. . got but 2 miles when team ran off the road and cap-sized the wg. /EDITOR: fod the old National Road to Columbus, thence. . thence to the Capital (Cinncy?). . the Steamship they boarded had originated at Z on April 4. . Also aboard were the Newark Company and another co from Z --

4/18 ar Indipendence Landing. . Start from camp on Blue River 4/30. . to Lone Elm. . 5/1 man inj by mfrightened team, 4 wheels of wg run over him.. 5/1 ~~ground~~ wounded man died. . 5/2 wg shop nd bss for / Is. 5/9 ferry Kansas R (joined w/ other W Z co). . 5/12 we of 18 j co of 23, making 41 strong. . 5/13 Go of 12 from Steubenville making 53, ch we think pleanty strong enough. 5/16. . psd jc ST and I trails. . 5/23 psd FK at 11 o'clock. . Roads leavel but very tough. . . Storming and cold; Hobbie "lost for sev days" got ahead of the train/ / 6/2 EDITOR; cross lower ford of SF. . 6/3 Ash Hollow

6/7 CR 6/9 Scott; Bluffs. Here is a tradg hs kept by a white man who is m. to a squaw. . bss here also. . 6/10 lay at SBs all day. . trading house and Bss. . . 6/13 to "the fort". . 6/19 to deer Creek . went to work to make dug-outs to ferry across/6/20 lashed together, found 3 ~~in~~ insuff, 4th dugout then suffic for the wagons . . EDITOR: 3 days to ~~do~~ do all this and cross 6/24 IR. . 7/1 Steubenville co dropps off at Si (arr Si 6/30). . 7/3 M ferry at Green R /EDITOR: old Lombard Ferry, j n of where the Big Sandy R joins G ~~7/6~~ 7/6 camp 7 m w Fort Bridges /sic/. . 6/14 to ~~the~~ City of the Great Salt Lake. . over the worst roads we have yet trvd/ EDITOR: northern rout. . Goose Creek. . Hot Spring Valley. . 8/1 Marys River 8/13 EDITOR: a gr day of decision, J and co. turning from the rel safe Humboldt to travel the forbidding desert wastes of the new Lassen route. Road first opened by the Applegates, who wanted a safer rt to the Ore settlements (1849). . Sac Va via Feather River. . SZ Co acc their objec in g time and w/o loss of life.. their adv was that they were one oth first to mover over the Lassen Trail and found enough of life -sustaing ingredients intact to propel them to their destiny

(Letter) Platte River, May 22, dear Wife: . l lv letter at Fort Childs tomorrow In last ltr (missing) I said ct was settl for 200 m from I but I find that to be a mistake, unless the Is can be called settlers, . last white families 17 m from I xcept bor bs in employ of Govt rkg for Pots-, and at the Kansas there

village
is quite a ~~family~~ w/ 7 stores owned by white men, most of whom are married to white women

Fort Childs 23 May. . We r gettg along finely, the only diffie is the no of teams on the road for they r a hindrance to each other. . fort csists of about a dozen shanties of poles & turf. . . 20 soldiers. . Major Rough . . lately come from Fort Kearny on the Mosouri River at the mouth of this river. The Roads today we found nearly as levell as a house floor. We met four wgs today loaded w/ Fjurs from FL and they say that the Roads r just as go all the way. . . they (the traders) follow this River all the way down to the mouth & the roads r g all the way, & if I was to go the road over again, I would take the Mosouri R as far as Fort Kearny. . EDITOR: promises to write from Fott Laramie, but no letter has turned up

City of the GSL, Sunday, July 15. Dear Wife: . . arr yesterday. . 82 days on the road from I, 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ actual travel. Dist 1177 m but Ms say 1400. . if I am correct, we have tvd ab 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ mpd while tvlg. . lost only one ox. . have both mules and oxen. . I cann see how we got along so l w/o breakg r wgs all to pieces. . calomel aids bilious attacks

re M crops. . we c trade groc for anything they v, but they will not sell for money,. . The Ms give flatterg accts of the Gold Regions, but afraid gold lb found in this valley. . heard a ve g Method sermon by a M. . they l celebrate on the 24th. . they do things up pretty strong out here. There is tb ringg of bells, firing of cannon, music from the band. . 24 yg ladies dressed up in white for something, I cann recolect what. . US Mail leaves here 4 x a year ? . . dscription of the M city amd its commerce and industry

We r tvlg in c w 2 wgs f Newark; these 7 men and r 7 make r number 14. . had 53, but the larger the sloyer. . . $\frac{3}{4}$ of Es gg by Fort Hall, but Ms say ours is the shortest route by 250 m; we cross the Calafornia mts at the same place as others . . EDITOR: The route yet tb covered ~~by~~ proved a false ~~den~~ omen

FINANICAL ACCOUNTS OF THE SZ CO 75-80

"EMIGRANTS GUIDE" 81-119 copied from others in part, prob including the Mormon Clayton, and adapted to his own exper w Lassen route. . in his own hand-writing

~~after~~AFTERWORD. . 163 days to Peter Lassen's Ranch (103 to SL; 58 to Lassen) See also Banks and Armstrong, J. G. Bruff. . thousand wagons this way?. . Amps r returned, minus gold, in 1852. . resume life as wagon maker and masonic lodge. . w died at 26, lvg 4 children (one after return). . remarry and produce 11 more children. . Of the total of 15 children, sever found ther way to Calif, ch they had ev recd glowg accts fm their father. . It was Sarah who treasured the documents and presented to CSL in 1924 (also her brother Hoadley). . d 1885

Edward Henry Lenox, OVERLAND TO OREGON (Ye Galleon Press, Fairfield, Washington, 1970) h.c. 69 pp. 310 copies printed. *auth. Dr. Glen Adams*

Rems rn remarkably accurate. The L acct of the first lg wg ~~of~~ train was printed 61 yrs after the event~~s~~. . 16 yrs old en he drove ox tr~~y~~ from Platte City, Mo. to The Dalles, Oregon.. . acct val historically cs its lists the men and wmn of 1843. . Some historians say 1,000 ~~but~~ Lenox says 127 wagons and something over 455 souls. . . The umber who arrvd d~~vb~~n sowh less than starters, acct turnarounds and deaths. . . Also contrary to ~~a~~ claim, Marcus Whitman did not organize, as did not join until 6 days bf its departure. . orgd by Peter H. Burnett. . by the time of pub. of Lenox material in 1904 the myth re Whitman rode east to Save Oregon was widey circulated. (Glen Adams, Spring, 1970)

reprint of OVERLAND TO OREGON IN THE TRACKS OF LEWIS AND CLARKE; HISTORY OF THE FIRST EMIGRATION TO OREGON IN ~~1843~~ 1843~~1~~., edited by Robert Whitaker. Illus and introd by R. Morgenier. Ltd. ed., autograph copy., Oakland, California 1904 (copyright 12/31/02 by Lenox, Oakland, Calif.)

Introductory: recollections of me in "the sere and yellow leaf" reverting to memory of "a lusty youth of sixteen years." . . My father, Capt David Thomas Lenox, d. 1873 . cplained that nothing had been done to preserve to posterity a narrtive of the early pioneers.

A tree shall be known by its fruit; the trees of higher Christian life, of progress, justice and material prosperity, were planted on the Pacific coast by the pioneers of '43. . small wonder if the wilderness was made to bloom. . .

I Birth & Boyhood: b. Lexington, y '27. . '29 family removed to Rushville, Illinois (Schuyler Ct.) . . ~~I~~ moved to Todds Creek, Mo. 1840/

II Looking Farther West. . . Peter H. Burnett, lawyer livg in Platte City, 5 mi west of us. . Lynn ~~will~~ gave 600 and 40 acres of land to the head of ev family that d setl in Oregon. . Mr. B a wayside orator. . his address in front of his store. Burnett a rather strikg man of ord height, a keen l/ eye, sloping forehead, light cplex, and ready of speech. . walk right in and put down names in the ~~so~~ book; father the first to respnd. . . new yoke of leader oxen. . that put ~~an~~ me in the leadof r caravn all summer. . drove this team of Whitman Stations, where we traded for another team. .

III Across the Plains. . . lv April 9, drove to Westport crossing of Mo. . on 15 Whitman cam into r camp sayg he had ~~1~~ a promise from Pres Tyler~~1~~ that he d do nothg ctrary to ints of Ore setlrs for one year. . Pilot Capt. Gant, paid \$800 to pilot to Fort Hall. . . May 21 Birnett elected over Jesse Applegate. . 4 columns . . . 6 miles out~~1~~ deep creek, build bridge. . irritation. . D. T. Lenox named Captain

to edge of Caw r, swollen w/ rain. . A fr in the naborhood~~1~~ had 3 dugouts of logs. . make platform, ferry wagons. . 2 days in crossing. . Wm. Vaughn rescued by J. W. Nesmith. . heavy rains, mud to hubs, stalled teams, maddened, worn-out drivers. . . r wagn lighter, 1100 lbs., make 2 miles. . father asked Nesmith to make list of men and boys over 14 for guard duty.

from Fort Laramie from Sacramento City
 D. T. McCollum, letters of June 27/and October 20/ 1849, in Russell E.
 Bidlack, LETTERS HOME; THE STORY OF ANN ARBOR'S FORTY-NINERS (Ann Arbor,
 Michigan, 1960) reprinted from the WASHTENAW WHIG. reprinted from
 THE MICHIGAN ARGUS, September 5, 1849 and December 19, 1849

pp. 20-21, 34-35

EDITOR: McC in his 50th year. a book-keeper and "conveyancer" by profession,
 Register of Deeds, mercantile business, and "an ardent Methodist."

~~From Sacramento to Ft. Laramie~~ Ft to J. H. Lund, Esq: Since I wrote you from SL we
 went to I and there hired r passages to Calif in the Pioneer Line, ea
 payg \$200 tb carried tho to SFort Sutters Fort, they boardg us and cookg
 r victuals. . start May 13, from 10 m w of I. . sick 2 weeks w bilious fever
 at Col. Grants 10 m w I. well taken care of \$5 for doctor and \$2 for board
 and trouble - cheap enough. . . C. M. Sinclair liver complaint, d May 30,
 west bank Vermillion R. . C.C. Cranson sic bilious fever. buried 4 m east
 of Ash Hollow. . I am alone in the j ex strangers. /EDITOR: both yg men.

The line cpsd 20 psgr carriages, 6 to each, 20 ~~a~~ bagg wgn, dr by mules.
 rainy and wet, much sickness, 60 days est to SFort. . ride 2/3 of time &
 walk the balance. . 10 to 28 mpd. . look m like an I than a white man. My
 hands r the color of brown mud and rougher than a hemlock board -- v seen
 but one Pawnee and one Sioux == they keep clear. . will write parents of
 deceased from the fort. .

Sac City (2 mi below sFort) Calif Oct 20: (to Lund). . after a lg n perilous
 j from I. . arr here last Sabbath October 14, being upward of 5 months on the
 road; suffering ~~from~~ hunger and thirst, heat and cold, wet and dry, and a 3
 diff x bg brot t the border of the grave. Once by bilious fever, and twice
 by dysentery, or camp distemper. . plus scury. . the muscles and sinews bg
 ctracted and a gen debility. . Nearly half ~~xxxx~~ pasngs PL v had the Scurvy,
 4 v died w it, and many cannot walk or stand. . at Sweetwater throw away all
 bg down to 75 lbs to each man. . heavy losses. . . bet here and I bet 1500 and
 2000 graves and one million worthy of prop abant and destroyed. . Upwards of
 1/6 of r number v died on the road

As to the ct from Kansas R to within 30 m of this place, God knows what he
 made it for, I do not!. . in v of St. Marys or H-, 300 mi in a cloud of dust,
 water freeze at nite, and broil at noon. . dsript of Sacramento, prices. .
 We r still unwell, r tryg to recruit r strength, and then do something, or try
 and get home again: whih may God grant as a gr favor!

The Gold Diggings re fm 30 to 100 m in all direcs. . .

E. S. McComas, A JOURNAL OF TRAVEL, w/ an introd by Martin Schmitt
(Champoeg Press, 1954) 84 pages 500 cc d. & p. by Lawton Kennedy.

Introduction: Iowa City to Oregon. . nothing new about the route of the established OT. . old familiar landmarks: CR, IR, Sweetwater, SP, Fort Hall, Salmon Falls. . internal evidence that McComas or other, was csultg S. B. Woolworth's Guide, pub Omaha 1862, w/ its ~~misleading~~ info about the distance from FH to the Salmon River mines. . . bringing up the stragglers (that year) was Medorem Crawford, whose Report and Journal was pub ~~63~~ Senate Document 1863.. maj source info 1862.. . . Accts by Randall H. Hewitt and F. Fry ditto, but both men were headed for Washington Territory. Col. Reuben F. Maury of 1st Oregon Cav, est. 1862 emig to Ore and Wash Terr as 1,300 wagons, and 8000 persons.

A school teacher in Johnson Ct., Iowa. . debate re Northern Abols ~~vs.~~ Sother~~y~~ Secess. .The prominent part I had taken in the disc made it ve inconsist of me to enlist. . hence to Salmon River. . a euphemism. . in turh a souther sympathizer of Ky, Ohio and Indiana antecedents. . A Galv Yakee. . He came West to avoid going South.

Successive destinations. . Wash Terr. . Oregon. . Mlntana. . Walla Walla V. . Powder River Valley of Oregon (the new mines). . aimlessness a aharac-
teristic of this period. . floaters on the stream o migraton, stradned on shoal. ✓
Auburn, Oregon was the mining town that caught the drifting McC party; thus this one of the few diary accts of Oregons ~~ne~~ gold region. . in 1861 Auburn laid out on the flat at the jc o Blue Canyon and Freezeout Gulsh. . arrival coincided w hanging of Lucien Garnier, exec f strychnine poisoning of partner. Surve winter there despite drift to Boise mines.. . no gold. . store-keeping, horse-trading, ditch-digging, and otherhonorable ~~work~~ though profit-poor employments.. . final diary entry seals him permanently in Oregon.

McC educ soewhat avoe the average of his ~~d~~ time,. . tr w new western words such as canyon and corral, but his pedagogical instincts generally wnn out. . Some of his T expers r described in uncommon detail; in others he is laconic. . At FL he "had an adventure" (a squaw?). . in later nsp remns, ow, ✓
e learn that he had a fight w a soldier at FL, "who assaulted him while asleep. He shot the soldier, but not seriously, and the next mg the affair was satisf explained to the co."

Appended to the McC d. are ballads, songs, and comic pieces, an unusual feature in overland narratives. .his own, "My J. over the Plains" // The ink sketches. . r the only known ctemp illus of life in PR mines; they cvey a sense of hard times, mitiaged by a sense of humour which never deserted McC. Map of Auburn, long disappeared, only delineation of the town.

Evans Smith McC. b Adams Ct, Ohio 1/23/39. . family to Montgomery Ct, Ind, 1843. . fall 1860 in Johnson Ct., Iowa in Pleasant Valley. . d. provides major events 1862-67,, m. Harriest Welsh of Iowa City, to La Grande by boat. In 1868 hit on his natural employment -- newspaper editing. . style resemble ✓
that of his diary -- straightforward, but w a tendency t measel into florid prose. . . Interview with Chief Joseph, 1877, widely reprinted. . ~~manufacterers~~ promoter of Whirlwind Kidney and Rheumatic Remedy, courtesy of Cayuse Chief d. Wallowa, ~~18~~ 1911

d. passed from writer to his dgtr, and fm her to a niece, Mrs. Elma T. Havemann of Eugene. She has placed it in Library of University of Oregon.

d. edited w/o footnotes. . spelling and cstruction has been retained. He used no punctuation; that which appears has been supplied to give minimum reading aid, not to meet accepted prose standards.

journal book bot Conncil Bluffs, Iowa, June 11, 1862. . . entitled "A Journey O'er the Plains", pp. 1-28. . May 14 to Sept 19, Auburn. . diary at mines through December 31. . . diaries of subsequent years led by spread eagle figure (used on book ✓ cover)

Geo Walker, C. M. Westfall, Luther Dickey, E.S. MC. . thru Iowa City. . join 5 teams. . rains. . fiddling & dancing. . Newton. . Ft. Demoin. . ferry Demoine River and Middle Coon. . gr western / divide bet waters of Miss and MO. . Turkey Creek. . Grove City. . Nishanabotna. . Council. Bluffs, camp on Mosquito Creek. . to see the "Elephant", han an old time. , hitch 4 horses to our waggon. . Stood guard . for the first on acct horse thēeves. ✓ CBS is a hard town; horse thieves & gamblers appear to rule the place.

June 2. Crossed the Big Muddy Missouri, trhu Omaha City and west 1 m. 3. To Elkhorn. . Pawnees. . Fremont. Here our dog gave out. Lots of Indians to beg & steal. I burned one's back with my sun glass, and gave another brea with cyyan pepper. They sloped (sic)

✓ Columbus, cross Loup Fork. . encamped on P at Warm Slough. . 11th Evans's Ranch. . waggon tire re-set, cost \$4.. . Boyd's Ranch, Here is Nebraska Centre P.O.

13th came opp Ft. Kearney. . Elm Creek.. . Buffalo Creek

16th Started earley drove 12 m * encamped for noon on the prairie. The ct thru here is smooth and level as far alsmost as the eye can reach, w/o any timber and verry little water except the Platte which is always so muddy it looks like dishwater. . a ragged man who preteneded tb crazy camped w city boys.

17th. . Pawnee Springs. . surr by a natural fortication of hills

19th Billing Springs. . black Mud Creek. . 83 waggongs. Dance. .

21 Rattlesnake River. . No wood now for 80 miles back none before us for 150 miles; use B chips Platte Valley coal.

22. Rlrv ~~Surf~~ Andrew Hunter for our captain. . Pass AH opp. . Crossed Castle River. . Passed Castle Bluffs opp side of the river

25 passed ancient bluff ruins. . first sight of CR & CHR. . 100 M teams gg to Florence.

26 passed CHR and come within 8 m CR. .

27th Pasedd Convent Rock today ? . . had a thunder shower as we passed Scotts Bluffs. . 29th to Raw Hide Creek in sight of Black Hills. . 30th. 14 m to Ft. Laramie & layed by. .

7/1 Come from the fort, got 4 letters. . drove 8 plu 8, down a verry bad hill. Let our waggons down w ropes

7/4 passed Laramie Peak. . passed 86 M trains. . (N side Platte). . 9th again lower waggon w/ ropes. . to lower Platte bridge. . Here we crossed to ss P, cost 50c. . They charged waggons that had come all the way on the SS \$5.. . mosquitoes thick

7/11 Willow Springs, deserted station acct danger from Is

7/12 Grease Wood Creek. . ✓ Quarrel, sell our share to Luther Dickey. . Here we got a man, Tom Baldwin, to haul our things. He is gg to Oregon. .

13th Independence Rock. . read names & wrote mine

14/ went up to DG; could not cross SW. Come back to the Rock, crossed on a toll bridge & come up again to DG. . Passed the Pound Gap where the Denver Road comes in

15 Forded SW. . to South Pass & City

21st. Came to SW. Had an introduction to Old Bridger. he gave us a description of road to Ft. Hall via Lander's Cut off. . fell in with & formed into a co of 16 waggons with a Denver co. . 35 men. . Wm Jack, captain. . to base of Wind River Mts.

22nd. . last crossing of Sweet Water. now go thru the Great South Pass along a creek, the last water that puts into the Atlantic Ocean.

23 to Green R or Rio Colorado

25 Cdn cross w/o making a ferry out of r waggon boxes or go 10 m down to a l ferry owned by a couple of Es. Went down and encamped. Had a dance. Crossed r waggons on the ferry. . here we left 15 of r men who bot the ferry. . here is where a gr deal of deprivations vbm committed by the Is and white Jayhawkers on the Es.

27th. . firing of about 100 guns. . 2 cos of Jayhawkers. . graves of men k by Is. . . camped in the canyan.

31 Bear River

8/1 over the mt to Smith's Fork 8/3 here Geo Walker & I got ~~stuck~~ a man by Saml Hindman to haul r things

8/8 party of Californians shot up by Is.

8/12. . Fort Hall vicinity. . 800 m to Salmon River mines & 200 to Deer Lodge Valley. Nowby new where they are go. Some wanted to go to Oregon some to Calif some to WW & soe to Deer Lodges . . Walker & I were for Deer L but cdn get r things hauled

13 Port Neuf ferry. . . at jc w Snake. Mosquitoes Oh God!. . 15 American Falls on Snake R. . evidence of other I attacks. (C. Bullwinkle) from NY. . grave of 5 more, one Andrew Hunter, Iowa City

17 Raft River crossing. . m graves Es k by Is. . this seems to be a continual battleground . . cr Canyan Creek. . the ct here is a vast plain cvd w artimesia. . burnt rocks and daned bad dust and inhabited by horned toads rattlesnakes and the damd Snake Indians. . . (along Snake River)

29th. . now fairley on the desert of poor feed for 150 m. . Capt Wm Jack resigned after a good deal of talk and jaw Wm Carseley elected. . soldiers for Salmon River.

9/11 tdo Malhue River. . men 2 men carryg express to soldiers at Catherine Creek and got from the the first news in re war in the states. . . 12 crossed th Malhue and thru "Carron Valley" from gr no of dead cattle.

14/ camped on the long dreaded Burnt River canyan near a pile of skulls of a tr massacred in '52 here

18 Started earley. . come to ~~the~~ where the Es separates, those go to the mines turn to the left, those go to Willammett and Wallah Wallah Valleys to the right. . general good-byes

19 come to ~~the~~ Auburn. Found a town of about 200 houses. Saw a man hung, miners at work &c &c. .

of Mrs. J by former marriage ~~xxx~~ espoused her cause and, while campg near IR encountered his step-faher. . an argument ensued and he shot the major The Missouriians sought out / Mr. L and arrested him and his own son, close to bg lynched, barely escaped a floggg, an left on the trail w/o an animal, w/o provisions, w/o arms etc. . Major J / appro their wagons and proceeded with Mrs. J. . Dr. O meets the Ls in SLC. . Did Mr. L ever find Mrs. J in California? Perhaps w/ Mr. L out of the way, Mrs. J. and the major made up and traveled ~~xxxxxx~~ on together, in Mr. L's wagon! . . .

/very lengthy letter. . more on abandonment -- stacks of bacon, sugar by the barrel, guns thrown into rivers. . gold&washers, mill-irons - tonw of pwder and lead - beds ripped open and feathers scatrd to the winds - wagons, single and by the dozen, mutilated by vg the spokes cut our for pack-sddles andpickets. . but w all this. . vn begun to witness such dstruc of property as there lb down on the St. Mary or Humboldt river. . which has long been denuded of evthg to sustain life. . Such is the opinion of every mountaineer w whom I v cversed. .surving that, they l find their way blocked by snow, left to meet the fate oth Donner party. . . Privations, ~~xxxxxxx~~ wretchedness, sickness and crime must follow. . all must be left to the dictates of Passion, and the direc of sinister views. . . 1849 l long b remembd /n. . It l give scope to the Orator, Philosopher, and the Novelist. The poet may dwell upon it, and the Dramatist find it an ample theme for the exercise of his genius. . Here u v some of the princ reasons y I v det n t g by Cali this fall by the northern route. . also I and my animals are fatigued. . .

Instead of remaing here during the winter. . I v now resolved to / adopte what is here called the southern road, ~~but~~ that is, by the Utah Lake to the town of Ruebla d Angelos. . by this rt we shall v no snow or cold / weather. . no hi mts to climb; but some rough rocky road, and some long stretches wo water. . Pack train lv in about 2 weeks, piloted by mtr named Waters. . wg tr later. . distance to De Angeleos if ab 700 m

I v no j to assit me. . the labor of r j too arduous to nnect journalizing /with it. . that part oth rt that made the strongest impression. . was previous to reaching FL. . Nearly all the way, Death walked before us, in our midst, in our rear. . It made the road x side an almost common supluchre, the plain a charnel house / / / 3 to 10 fresh grvs by road side daily. . but a majority out of sight. . ow of r c of 56 lost but one. . I made it a point to understd the partic o ev mans health, and gave my directons acc. . I lost one patient out of r train; it was a lady; her attack was violent, and she survived it but 12 hours. . . sev pages of dscrip of N settlement. .

/ Are my family all living? Has not the cholera stalked thru Michigan? etc. O! had I the power of Clairvoyance

San Diagonia, 80 miles east of Los Angeles, March 20, 1850 (mailed at Monterey, a month later) /EDITOR: Mr. O's acct val source one oth most dramatic episodes in tv lit oth West. . Dr. O joined / Jefferson Hunt caravan, org in 7 divs, tr lv site of Provo Oct 2. . /party of 27 wagons diverted to n, was the co of foolhardy indivs known as Death Valley Party/. . sufferings. . Jan 5 reach Slover's Ranche/near present San Bernadino/. . thence to ranche of a Mr. Weaver, ex-mountaineer. . .

Further letter of the same

a reg line of grs. . to within 50 m of L. . . Jonesville/Michigan? co.
v lost 50 oxen. . We vbn fortunate. Hamilton has had to agree. I v had
2 slight bilious turns . . McCollum comes in later with 17

EDITORS NOTE: Item in Clevland PLAIN DEALER, repr in NW Oct 10, Capt
Perry left FL in August w. govt train of sick and disable Es and effect
of those hhad died". . . The Jonesville Co called themselves Fayette
~~Robbers~~ Rovers; went by way of CBluffs, under Capt Henry Baxter. .
FRONTIER GUARDIAN May 30 listed by name the 20 members of this company. .
Other letters by CNO to daughters, sendg them specimens of western flora. .
Dr. O remained at F 8 days. . lv 7/5

Mormon Ferry on Platte River, 150 m from FL, July 9: . . e vn seen an I
since leavg Pottawattamie nation. . no cholera since lvg FL

Independence Rock, July 15: . . "indite a brief letr, but not s much expecta
that it l ever reach you. . labor of tvg is fatiguing beyond dscription. . .
thousands. . must winter this side of the mts. . if we arr in Calif w/ life
and health, the gr object l b attained. . For all the ct I hv passed over
the last 500 m I dn give a dime. /this letter to Mrs. Ormsby/

Banks of Green River July 28/7? ^{about 50 m E of Green River} also in same mail to Mrs. O
South Pass, July 30 ?/. . Mormon mail. . gg to "H settlement". .
1849 lb a memrb epoch in history o 4 r ct. Neither the Crusades, nor
Alexander's Expedition to India, san equal/y this E to Calif. . we hav prov
escaped all trouble. . since leavg FL, whole trains abandoned for packing. .
The whole western world thus far is good for nothing, except to serve as
a bridge to California. . ps July 27. At Fort Bridger, 112 m from SL

SP letter . . r only means to furnish feed for out beasts is to stike off lth
main road 2 or 3 m up or down some ravine or creek. . now 3 weeks behind;
false representations. . Nearly all the St. J and CB E r in advance of us,
while all the I Es r behind us. . we are not far from the centre. . . We
shall follow the M ~~xxxx~~ road, arund N. end of the lake - then to Calif as
marked on Ware's map. . shdb g feed as most of E has gone to FH. . . strongest
forebodings as to the ult fate of thousands still behind us. . much disap
in the app of the RMs. . nothing to excite r wonder or surprise. We are
now at the summit

At Salt Lake City September 18 /EDITOR, where he was sidetracked for the
winter/ My dear wife. . ?hingly sentimental reverie on sep from family
and tie to the migration: "In enterprise and daring, it surpassed the
crusades, Alexander's expedition to Indian, or Napoleon's to Russia. These
originated w potentates or religius enthusiasts. . this is the spntaneous
exhibition of the enterprise anddaring oth American character. Tens of thous
ands rush forward, unabided by any national treasutre. . each one acts as
his own sovereign. . and feasts or starves at pleasure . . BUT everything
is calc to irritate & sour the disposition. . fatigues of the j. . cos vbn
torn asunder, enmities vbn engendered bet those who v long lived as frs. .
jealousies v exited bet husbands and wives, . and hve led to their separation.
violence has been resotred to, and in some, attempms to murder. . Example of
instance of Major K J, who had gotten "a nation in his head that the familiar-
ity that existed beten Mr. L and his wife was greater than the nature of the
case required. . / quarrels. . Mrs. J transferred to Mr. L's wagon. .son

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Caleb N. Ormsby, letters of May 14, June 2, June 30, July 9, 15, 24, and 30, September 19, 20, 1849, and August 3, 1850, in Russell E. Bidlack, editor, LETTERS FROM THE STORY OF ANN ARBOR'S FORTY-MINERS (Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1960) Reprinted from the WASHTENAW WHIG, May 30, 1849 to June 26, 1850

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/written to editor, by advance agreement/

Described as a pioneer physician, a real estate operator, a mill owner and "an optimist" who, although a careful observer of his fellowman, tended always to accentuate the good." Of his fellow travellers he writes: ". . . w/ very few exceptions, they are moral, temperate, industrious and kind . . . the same amount of intellect, and an equal moral character cannot be found in any community numbering the same population in the United States."

May 14, Independence . . . sev days behind th time of r original calculations. . . caused by the backwardness of the season. . . now swarms are putting forward for the gr Edorado of the West. . . Mexicans and Spaniards are in gr abundance, and u v only to look pon them tb persuaded that a m villainous set of rascals does not exist. . . nothing alarming about cholera until we got about 200 m. up the Missouri River. . . However, at Independence gloom pervaded all clases. . . to such a degree that the gambling shops in town closed on the Sabbath. . . fellow cicitzen Knapp a victim. . . when I saw him he was in his wnding sheet. . . with care, cholera subsides. . . may be traced to imprudence or inattention to health. W/ proper regard to these, cholera dn exist. . . ?EDITOR: / no overland mail service. . . but a rather effective one-way mail service grad devd. . . as increasing nos of advrs turned back.

June 2, 200 m from I. . . weather has retarded r prgress. . . again, we were delayed for about one week ?departure?/ waiting for the Boston & Newton Co., -- finally Gen. Bodfish and myself agreed to put out, by slow marches, and await their arrival. They overtook us 40 miles out/. . . but we soon found they cdn tv w us, and we v left them. . . we / v / fallen in w/ other other cos and messes, till e/l now v 16 wgs, about 100 mules, and 56 men, makg a lretty strong train. . . since crossg oth Kansas we v made 25 mpd, "more progress than any tr within r knowledge." . . yet to exp my first sick hour, tho r ~~xxxxxxx~~ labors are most arduous and fatiguing. . . this is only / a letr, and must ride back in pursuit of men who promised to carry it to SJ. . . Pioneer line 10 m in advance. . . that McCollum and assocs took seats w/ at \$200 each, for the sake of expedition. . . 3 to 10 grs daily

/EDITOR; psyician of Boston & Newton Co. was Dr. D. J. Locke, with whom Crasey may have been acquainted.

Fort Laramie, June 30: . . seated pn the gr w a foot sq box bet my legs f a table. . . All split upon the same rock , overloadg. . . arr here 6/24. . . We v here finally resolved to pack. . . ch leads to gr sacrifice. . . Sold wg to Pioneer Train for \$35. Fortunate; many sold for \$5. or left by side of road. V loaded 4 trunks, request Capt. Ferry oth Fort (a fr) to take them into custody and return them when he could. . . but he l do it for none other. . . dstruc o property is immense. . . t ons and tons of pork. . . one trhows away a saw-mill, after hauling it 500 m. . . many at F lying incapacitated, sev. vg bn run over by wagons. . . one of them cried like a child and sobbed convulsively. . . 3 Es in hospital from gun shot wounds. . . fals f horses, "a constant scene of disaster." . . all ths is nthg cpared to havoc of cholera