

1850 (cat no) CAPTAIN GRAY'S COMPANY;; or, CROSSING THE PLAINS AND LIVING IN OREGON, by Mrs. Abigail J. Duniaw. Portland, 1859. 342 pp have 64-131

I v taken some liberties in the arrg o incidents, but a bett r wielded pen than mine has asserted that this is the novelists priv. Hundreds c testify that romance has ~~almost~~ been almo st wholly set aside in the incidents of tv over the Plains, and wholly avoided in the dscip o scenery ///a novel format

Framer Gray's Illinois home

Maurice Statton: I am gg West to Ore or Ca, where peple won t die and then I'll be at liberty //no date at all

132 Extracts from Herbert's journal: 7/12 a tp here where sickly looking vegs r sold at ruinous prices. A world in miniat ure is here. Folks r & swearg and gambling at one encmp; music and dancg is the pastime at another; and athird, a collec of Es r holdg aprayer meeting. /camp at Green River/

Is of Shoshonee t enc near us. They r loathsome objects o degraded humanity, bg clothed in bear and B skins that are aliv w vermin.

Poor Mrs. Welden had a hard t me w her carriage. Mrs/ Sam Green took care of the 2 children. .She bears her unfor beareve ment with the calmness of despair and fortit of a heroine

7/16 Smiths Fork of BR, turmoil over trail for murder, r Capt and Maurice were among the jurymen. . Danilel Olmst the ow ner of an outfit, 5 men w him as boarders. . quarrelwith Sherma Dunmore. . Dunmore jumped upon him an beat him severely. Olm- stead alled pon the bystanders to take him off, sayg that he ha a knife. No one interferred and he stabbed him in the chest. He fell and in 20 mins was a corpse. . "the wound inflic by the k of Olmstead caused thedeath of D, but th same was i flicted by O in self-defence.

7/18 I funderal proceccion 7/21 Soda Springs

7/25 today reached FH. Its walls r composed of sunburnt br ick adobes. It is a shabby concern. . This Fort is now in poss oth traders. .

8/3 comes into camp Captain Bald Hil. Smith. His story is sad one. So many of hmembers of his fam and co v died, that half oth wgs vbn abandoned His wife and 2 eldest chil d a few days ago, leavg him w a dependent fam of 7 l ones

'/4 death of John McD by drowning

8/25 now oppo Fort Boise. It is fashioned somethinglike FH but is not so durably constructed. It was blt by HBC and was i tended m f a tp than a Fort. That co v now abandoned it, but it is in poss of other traders. . Is poisoned by stry-nine left by Es Herbert Godwin ???

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debatable

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ACROSS THE PLAINS IN '62 by William Smedley  
Introductory by E R Warner, Denver, 1916 ms on shelf. .resur durg a search for material in prepg the banquet to Dr. S. on oc of his 75th bd, 1911. . 26 at time of crossing. . toll to teac school. . Omaha to Salem, 5 months . . later % ret via SF and Ithsmus to NY - dentst - practice in Dnvr

*Actual*

diary

///54 yrs before 1916 was 1862///

heard of salubrity of Pacific climate. . excitement in A Salmon R gold mines. . j co of Ill farmers lv 5/5 by cars to Fulton on Miisip. . packed to Hannibal. Here under mil regs. . by Hannibal & SJ RR to SJ, also under mil law, once a tp kept by on St. Joseph, who boasted the sireship of 100 I children

5/10 Packet Omaha for Omaha City. . 5/11 First Sabbath in a region where its sanctity was entirely disregarded. Pistol shot to break the ennui oth occ 5/13 O city judiciously blt upon the upland 1/2 mile fm rv. . restless movg throng of Es, each armed with revolver and knife

On CBs the gr outfittg posts oth NW. . Ill frs already full. . fall in w David Culp and James A. Hall former had cross in 53 and spent 8 yrs in Calif mines 5/22 depart //a bit oth poet. My soul swelled as I gazed and my blood went thrilling thru its channels. . the sublimest sunset I had ever witnessed, into the b som oth gr prairie.

5/25 partner Hall comes up by stage. . struck PR at North Bend. . gray colored, scarcely navigable for more than an I canoe. . exalted opinions of Is sud silted down on first sight of red brethren 5/26 ferry Loup Fork praise heavy duck cloth of the closed wg, ch excludes rain

5/29 opp FK, 188m fm O. . Sent to the F f letters. . Crossg oth P at this place diffic. . fordg is done w an ox team and lg wg w sheet iron bed, the catl swimming sm. . passed one adobe hut, untenanted, the last vestige of white settlement

B creek, Skunk c, Pawnee Spring, Bluff c, Rattlesnak c, temp tp by a Canadia Frman, lv letter to be mailed at the office on opp site oth P

6/14 op o CHR noon oppo CR (description), c n SBs 6/15 venison fro a genial Sx Fr and I tp, squaws dressg hides; papooses wallowing in the mud by the river bank

6/10 FL Hall separates. . cross in skiff to FL; too late for an I war dance. . 6/20 Cold Springs

6/25 indisposed on adv o Illinois fr, prepared dose of brandy and quinine. . after addg sugar nd coffee to make it palatable, in vain, I threw the whole mess away, and never after tasted either for any purpose

6/26 cav downstream, ss. Crossed P at old bridge.; to avoid sandhills; recross on new bridge . 6/27 opp Red Hills leave PR -- 6/28 Geese Creek 6/28 IR, bridge, soldiers

6/30 back to mil camp w letters. Found man in grief. had lost 135 horses, came for aid. Solds stated they cdn move w o orders fm higher auth; teleg line out, etc. DG a problem for the geologists -- 7/3 mil escotr to Gov of Utah

7/4 passed gs 2 men of Ill murdrd by Is 86 says bf 6/28. I day not much regard on the plains, same like Sabbath.

7/6 SP, disap. . new road, Landers Cut Off, shorter by 80 m. The telg operator informe us, ow, that the road was perilous on acct hostile Is and impassable f hih water. As we er not prepar for such business, we felt doomed to the desert.

7/7/ during nite Is had stolen stock from soldier What protectors!. . Finding this mg that a tr fm Dv was about to take the Cut off and was l provided with tools, ropes, etc for crossg deep streams, we decided to join them. Here we leave th

What

start

PR

Utah

SP



the Calif road which by a stage rd is kept for the most part in excel repair, and here ended r easy times. . d rec NW --

6/12 bld flat-boat to cross GR (E post notice to bring lumber for same) - a sad nite for the Is we left at the river 7/17; death of Moran from Illinois, wounded, while after hss stolen by Is, killed by arrows -- ravages of mosquitoes -- this ~~wh~~ happnd same day that Smedley & party passed.

6/20 ~~E~~ /prev episdoe learn about lmonth later. . this day come on ev of I deprede. .trunk, empty, bufnd wg, scatred tool Strewn bks nd ltrs bearing name of John Campbell, Denver. . nearb another wg loaded w whisky, a a new gr- a mystery. . later learned fate of Campbell fm one who claimed to vbn his c. companions. . I treachery, C had only gun, jerked fm his belt. . Pecula r fact, early part oth rt Es will arm tothe teeth, but in mts are w/o. . me robbed, stripped, C--killed. . C had \$5,000 in gold. This we feared might vbn a tempta to his cpanions We suspect foul plya by his companions, instead.

Catl maddened by mosquitoes

6/25 ontoold E road, makg 19 days on the LCO  
convonced that white traders and outlaws among the Is endourag th deprede. 7/29 met Young a packer from Salmon River, I attac 150 ahead. He recd 8 arrows in his body, one arrowhead still re maing in the clavicle

8/1 k2 ~~overland~~ packers from gms. . later they er atackd by Is and most killed

a large tr ~~stampeded~~, posse takes after, is warned off by superior force, some speakg in plain English. lv property

8/13 one outlaw painted like I captured, and white skin exposed. Shot/ would not admit BY hadknowledge, but admit M.

Oregonian advised to g cross Cascades mts. . Oregon girls us marry at ~~14~~ 14, or as early as 10 - that 18 isthe div iding line between a yg and an old maid - Powder R Valley 9/2 for Auburn 9/8 I to Oregon, partner to the mines

Barlows Gate 9/9 to Fosters, 12 days to cross Cascad mt, 80 m

like most journals, confusion about route and motives.

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~~12x~~ 1585 vvol. (extremely rare, only copy known)  
MY ROVING LIFE, by Joseph A. Stuart. Auburn, Calif, 1895

preface. desire ~~to~~ on part of each child toposs copy of my diaries. . Genealogy sep in THE DUNCAN STUART FAMILY: Our BRANCH AND ITS CONNECTIONS. . Typography and press-work vbn my ow work (except the half-tones) . . 2/14/96 v. 11203 pp 21-73, ~~overland~~ ~~12/2/25~~ b. 1825

overland journey

~~I~~ wish to regain my health, cclude to goto Calif. . While planning to go v a Cape Horn as least expens ve, I learned old fr of fam Calvin S. Fifield try to raise a co to cross Plains..

We raised 30 men, 9 from Pelham NH. Others from Maine, Vermont, NY, and Boston, including myself. . Called rss The Granite State Company and-united with Mt. Washi gton Co under Capt Joseph Thyng of South Boston as guide, he vg been across 15 yrs bf and hv helped build Fort Hall !!!!!

from Boston 4/17 in cars for Albany 73 in 2 cos, all

*Bushy PC*

uniformed in gray suits. . that distingd us all the way thru, and w ~~we~~ holstered and saddle-bagged, halp Spanish saddles, rifles or db shotguns slung across, we presented a mil aspect: From Buffalo steamer for Detroit. . Chi. . steamer for SL, wait for Mt. W Co, coming down the Ohio. They had ~~six~~ sick and death from chol and arrvd I 3 days after. . On stb from SL I w cholera, cured by mix prepd by Drs. Bachelder and Haines (brandy and peppermint)

//series of trail maps showing loc each day --

at I forma of messes, and breakg of mules, one mule dealing blows in all d rections -- (reach I 5/2 (Woodbury a kick in the stomach from ch he never fully recovered)

5/26 to Big Bull. mules packed -- camp 10 m beyond, w Captain Thing 5/29 cross Boone Creek - 2 die chol

6/4 cross Kansas by ferry - packing -- dried my clothes soaked fm mule lyg donw in a muchold - tempted to j a mule team backs of mules, hide bare to the ribs, xpected to carry 15 to 20 m each day -- have cattle herd along (but no wagons)

Canvas bags dvn betrn trunks - use my rubber bed on mule -- discard axes, picks and shovels. Lt. Stansbury's Govt train passed us here (See his report p. 24). . we r now gen known as the Boston Pack Co.

6/17 to PR 6/19 FK bot some ~~some~~ flour from govt ~~some~~ stores at \$2. hundred. Lt S's train camped 1/2 m below us

6/24 breka up trunks and pack in bags  
6/26 B hunt, usual comedy 6/27 SP crossing 150 m fm FK, bur al lodges, B robes, word y effects 6/28 cross, 12 m to NP, ch we found tb the main br

6/30 passed AH cpd at a mudhole, plenty of rattlenake  
7/2 led most of mules to prevent roaming and chaf ng their bax. Top of Cr head 7/5 passed CR. . took a rough sketch. . 150 plus 100 6/6 passed SBs. . got a sketch of it nearer the river than the road. Williams and I ascended a portion of this bluff at noon halt and had a fine view of surrdg ct. Found the bleached skeleton of a B on the very top. We capsized an eagles nest below the edge of the cliff

//sketch of CR resembling phallus

soon after atartg at noon passed a sm tp called Ft. Bernard, said tb 55 m f FL. Here we found some springs of clear, ice-cold water. cpd at n te on Horse Creek //Scott version, s ck, left him to lighten burden of canoe, he floats down in canoe, saw no more of him trappers found skeleton recog his rifle

7/8 crossed Laramie Creek. Turned up its further bank, passed the new FL and cpd 2 mi above in a grove of ctwd. The old fort stands deserted, some distance d the creek upon a barren spot, built by fur traders 6 sev yrs ago. . The officers oth fort tried to frighten us away from the good feed by pretend ng we had some U. S. mules in our train. . wrote letr home, to gob by a private express to start for the settlements.

sorry cd o r mules, more discards

7/17 crossed the NP, 120 m fm FL, more snarls, 1 mule dr g lunch of hot biscuit made by a woman at the ferry and baked i an oven -- scss cattle killed by lightning while in the yoke  
Division of the mess beyond IR, quarrels over weights.

Actual

Actual  
mule-packer

pack

Sketches

packer



Capt Duncan of FL, w 3 Es in co came to r camp this aft, 4 days from the fort, in chase of 4 deserters with cav horss. He gave Mr. Norris of Mt. Washingtons auth to take them, dead or alive, and sent ~~W~~ him ahead to decoy them into the hands oth Es, charg them w a crime ag an E8s wife that would cause them to rec short shrift if caught. (Stansbury fails to mentio anything farther than desertion and stealg govt horss) a reward of \$100 offered for their capture

7/25 - 7/26 in s ght of white heads oth WRMTs  
7/28 at nite the grass took fire from one of r campfires and ra up the mtside w gr rapidity and a roar like thunder 7/29 find game near us in profus on as the result of wild fire. . Dr. Haynes gave up home of an audience for his sermon

7/30 Capt Thyng ccludd to keep up the Sw to itshead and t strike across to the bendof Bear R in a near west course, shd b able to gain 10 days on Eion. . We learn that Capt. Duncan pasd on his return w the 4 deserters in ch, vg captured them 50 m e FB. He was alone when he came up w them at daylight while th er asleep. He secured their arms and then w hisreolvers presen wakenedthem w an order to surr. .

8/1 Is save from getting lost through magic of Capt T's name. . joined by me from NO. now number 81

8/13 old hunter under Capt T named Barney Ward, came into camp today to tell us that no provs cdb bot at FH and that the feed had bee burnt off on the H- by theIs, advisg us to go w him to SL where we cd get plenty of provs and animal. . Capt T no inclined to take the M's word and prop we wa t till we reached Peg-Leg Smiths where he expected to find Norris to confirm. .

8/14 Voted in am to take the M8's word and route; buton reachg Smith's hs found from Smith that Ward's stories were fal se and his routel00 miles out of r way

8/13 Soda Springs. . 13 m to Portneuf. . this was startg point of HCO ch saves 90 ms, bg one side of an equilateral tr iangle, Ft Hall bg at the opposite angle

8/18~~777~~ Capt T started for the fort and l join us at the end of the cutoff. Dr. Haynes leads in h s stead

8/22 to Sulph r Brings. . to rd from FH. We passedtheSL road near camp wheré we found Capt T- and Norris waiting, they vg come from the fort in the same time as we had by the ct-offl

8/25 march ~~xxxxxx~~ 44 strong to camp of W. City Co, whose guide, Mr. Stinson, passed the night w us at IR, r fifes playg Yankee Doodle. Ww gavw them a salute of 3 volleys in succ. . The only loss of men in thr 2 cos has been the 2 MtWs that d of cholera and the 2 of r mess that retd, all bf we crossed the K<sup>d</sup> We ~~s~~ feel that we shall ctinu to be in the care of Him etc.

City of Rocks .//// series of trail maps///  
Hot Springs V 9/3 2 members of the Wolverine Co came into c this evening, statg they had bn fired at by 3 Is

9/7 Meet Govt tr w beef cattle nd provs from Ore to FH  
9/10 the MtWs started quite a fire requirg all handsto ext it.  
9/14 The blackest day in our calendar -- reachedforks of a rd said to cross the mts by a shorter and easier rt by Mud Lakes, and we voted to take it / this was/ 60 miles abovw sink of H-

Antelope Spring - Rabbit Hole Wells - Black Rock Springs  
 horrors - finally lose faithful horse -- wall of white that  
 marks the road for 70 miles -- low bred fellow from Mo w/ femal  
 chattel - Dr. Bachelder ??

9/17 Capt T endeavored to v us lv this rt and make for  
 Pyramid Lake by Fremonts old rt and str ke the other road at  
 Truckee R. He was str opposed to takg this rt - to Mud Lake  
 br of Sierre Nevada, Warner's Range

9/24 attended auction of effects of John Bell of SL,  
 age 70 -- Goose Lake, head of Pitt River cross divide 9/25 -  
 passed forks of Oregon Trail and reached head of Pitt River

9/27 learn from surveyors under Capt Walker we r st ll  
 210 m distant for any oth mines. I accid set a cedar tree on  
 fire -- lose shoes -- Dr. Bachelder's violin, hymns . .  
 Oct 1, a Govt pack tr sent for relief of dest Es.

it is 70 ms to Lawson's ranch. . Capt T went exporg for  
 rt down Feather River and avoid gg to Lassen's /?/ The impress  
 ion is universal among the Eion that he put up the notice at th  
 bend of the H- ch sa d, "Only 110 ms to the d ggs" and that shi  
 was done to enable him to make money out of the Es

Oct 13 on banks of Sac at last. . animals living on  
 oak leaves -- dinner at Lassens - refers to fact that Boston  
 Pack Compan&s drove of catl had been savg many lives besides  
 those of the owners.

Oct 19 d ssolved. . For 6 months we had been in each  
 other's co. . we started w 78 horses and mules, but at this tim  
 we v only 35, poor shape oc. . Our whole mess of ll members has  
 lost 16 animals our of 27. . a more pitiable and rusty looking  
 set of footsore, / antern-jawed skeletons cdnb found outisde  
 the ranks of the C immigrant army that came by this Lassen rt

We were fortunate to cross the divide bf the snowstorm  
 of Oct 9 that cvd the trail. . Govt tr relieved some. . broke  
 paths for their mules to cover lst 70 ms w th w, c and sick. .  
 packed up to Long's Bar, the nearest mine on the Feather. .  
 6 months and 2 days from Boston

Vol II other places -- home-made covers, crude bind ng

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14437 ACR SSTHE PLAINS IN '54: A STORY FOR YG PEOPLE OF  
 EARLY EMMIGRATION TO CA by Manford Allen Nott, Vt., n.p.  
 n.d. fiction ?????

spr 1854 party Es collectg at a certain place /?/ on MR. .  
 I, Albert Mayhue was 12, mother a w dow - fr Henry Zimmerman

PREFACE: I make no apologs f the manr in ch the diff event  
 vbn brot tog. I collec most of them while residg in California  
 some yrs ago, and the b g tr spoken of, I remember when a small  
 boy of 10. Some of thoe who formed a part of that outfit may  
 still be living //written like fict on, with conversation

May 1. cross MR. . just across on the west side a l town  
 had been started a short t me bf, and the yg fellows oth setlme  
 took delight in helpg and rendrd csid service. . catl led by  
 bell cow -- sell cattle on Omaha sid

The Es reach Ft. Kearney and Employ Jim Bridger and Young  
 Will to Guide them to Calif - They meet with Is, but the Crowd  
 is too large for them to attack -- they reach Calif in safety  
 Th Hendrix party go up Feather River



backtrack THE ES Cross the River - Little Molly Comes near Drowning, but Albert Plunges in and Saves her

approaching FK/ animal scene. . target practice. . yg long-ha red fellow d hit board at every shot (yg Will Bridger). JB had bn hired by Es to guide them across the plains t Ca. . He was traing 7 or 8 oth Es to aid him in scoutg

We proceeded up the P sev days when one day the scouts brot in 8 or 9 scalps they had just taken fm Is they had kd not one mile fm the tr. w and c badly scared at first, but when t scouts ret'd and said there were only 10, a d they had killed al of them, the r fright subs ded. .

Is circled r corral and then moved off to the top of the ridge a quarter mi away, then st opped and seemed t csult dver the proposit on, then rode off

To Sac in a hurry. . JB had taken quite a liking to me and wanted to go with him. .

second half: THE CAPTIVE MAIDENS OR THE PRIZES WON:  
A SEQUEL TO ACROSS THE PLAINS IN '54

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294108 Henry Kingman, THE TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES OF \*  
IN SEARCH OF COLORADO AND CALIFORNIA GOLD, 1859-1865.  
Delavan, Morris Ct, Kansas, 1917 68 pp

b. Ill 42. father drowned 47, lv mother 5 boys - 49 mothe  
md Mr. Bogardus

p. 13 gold had bn disc PP the yr bf, me 16 all equip home made, hickory shirt and jeans, bowie knofe from old file, canva duck, oiled, for a tent. . w bro Charlie and other boys /no date year given/ but probably 1859

lv March 21, Tremont. . fmd co and elec McClellan capt, h had cross pls in 52, party of 6 -- hats and rubber boots. . shipd r provs to NC by way of SL. . 1 camp wagon, 1 grub wagon, 3 yoke of steers, yoke cows, span of mules, 1 pony

pp pic of HK in 1859, from broken dagerretype in Calif. . cross Miss p on steam ferry at Burlgton, crossed DesM R at Ottu mway. . mud. . May 11 reach NC, where we fnd Ramsey and provs

Govt tra 26 wgs, 2500 lbs, 6 yoke oxn, load 4 tons. . cdensed prep for soup, 4 ' sq, break it into pieces. .

At Elm Creek 5 0 wgs, the first turn table. . all kinds out fits, incl cart pushed a d pulled by 4 men. . d cow nd horse to g. . violin, tambour ne and bones, ev nite r camp a lively pl.

At Ctnwd c, 1000 wgs. . persuaded to change for Californi SP crossing, camp sev days wait for water to fall, impatient, Rope horns of catle, many wgs lost even w multiple teams. AH mentio ed as nothing of interest.

Camp at Deep Creek /?// July 3, Fr tp. . not one oth squa ws d dance; firewater w/ bucks, they soon joined us on the plat

Pile bridge across the NF, d cost \$25. . ford 40 mi above On Sw fresh-water clams IR. . a thing o majesty overlooking the world, monarch of all, . awesome strucof God's hands. . DG

Here decided to split up: bro Charlie, McClelland and mys elf for Calif; while others to Denver, but change their minds. .

No SP or GR . . steep descent to bend of BR -- Stbt  
 and Soda Springs //my g d, d scontinuity. . .yes? no?  
 Here we er in Campbell's train, made up of ~~8~~ wgn's and  
 40 head of blooded horses, . Whe we broke camp that mg C's  
 train went by way of Sbulete's cut-off across a rg of mts to  
 Green River, while we took the FH road. .2nd nite out from  
 this camp, a fr I came to r cp and told us that C's tr had all  
 bn murdrd, but one woman, who had bn scalped and left for dead,  
 but was still livg en sm travrs came a d rescued her and re-  
 vived her, and took her on the Green R where we saw her. . She  
 said murdrs er not all Is. While she was cscious, but helpless,  
 2 white men ravished her, then beat her over the head and left  
 her for dead. The govt troops came out and en they ret'd took  
 the wmn w them to Calif

Cross Green Rv by raft, terrible current. . from here we  
 crossed a low range of mts ch took about 4 days, whe we arvd  
 at H-R. . H- Meadows. From here one tr went into the sink, whe  
 re th rv disapd entirely, and then over the Kit Carson tr into  
 Ca. Sm tvg w us took this rt, while we took Lander's cutOff  
 into Honey Lk V, a distance of 200 mi thru the desert. . bf lvg  
 the meadows we mowed a lot of hay. .

Mud Springs - Rabbit Hole - Hot Springs - Deep Hole then  
 40 milesto Honey Lake V Susanville and Richmond settlements

In HLV we once more split up, only bro Charlie and I remg  
 in the v, othersto Ca. .open a saloon on porch bf hotel. .  
 bro to Virginis City, stake claims. . brush w soldiers at dance  
 at Susanville. . gun battles ts\*37

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249144 Senter, Riley, p.b. 30 pp. *Letter ✓*  
 CROSSING THE CONTINENT TO CALIFORNIA GOLD FIELDS. Reprint  
 from The Exeter Sun, 1838. Copyright 1938 by W. R. Senter,  
 Lemon Cove, California

Introduction by J.E. D, 1938 RS 30 lv Perry, NY,  
1849. 9 mos later arr LA. . among first to trek s fm SLC  
 across Mojave Desert and the s end Death V in Fall of 49. .

He reached gold cps of Calaveras Ct, bcame merchant at Murphys  
 While on tr and durg fisr yrs in mines wrote cousin in  
 NY State, Miss Ordella Alverson, the letters ch appear in this  
 volume. They bespeak the sterling character of the writer

letrs pub thru courtesy WRS of LC, son, in whoe poss  
 the originalw now are

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Chicago, 4/25 - - at Buffalo shipped on A.D.Patchin  
 on the lake for Chi, cold nd seasick, ice floes - l go by canal  
 s., then purch equip for ovland to I

CBs, 6/20. . by canal to LaSalle, purch equip --  
 ship biscuit. - I meal pudd ng. . /at CBs. nothing but Ms here,  
 they r all anxious to get off to "The Mountains", sev hundred wg  
 of Ms waitg here for a start. . w joint stock co, shares \$50,  
 no member to put in less than \$200, Sabbath, spirits only for  
 medicine . . we shall not start out w M train.. 30wgs f Ca

300 m w CBs, Platte River 7/24 left CBs 6/26, I wrote  
 you from WQs. . had to build brige across /Pappio/. . Elkhorn wa  
 rafted. . today reached PR, water soft, sweet, but far from



clear, tho as is gen said, csidrd healthy. . at this pt a de  
serted I vg, w dead I in B skin. . sev v remarked itsbg the  
nearest straight river they ever saw

Fourth of July celebtd on Beaver R. Guard cmenced firing  
soon after midnight, ch aroused some oth boys who kept up an  
occ salute until daylight. At 8 a liberty pole was cut and  
hauled onto thegr on ch soon floated the S & S so dear to ev  
American heart, ch was enthus cheered nd salutd. .about 1pm an  
excel dinr served up by the ladies which did them honor. . .  
Excel oration, after ch 3 hearty cheers for r ct, 3 f The Calif  
ornia Enterprise Co, and 3 f r speaker. - da ce by moonlight

July 6 at ford of SF river, cross /?/, 4 gs. .w detentions  
we v avrgd only 14 mpd 7/25 stampede - M's take them up. Whe  
n we got them again it was 14 days fm the time they left us /?/  
They went about 130 ms in 48 hrs, ch appd to me almost incredib

8/23d, near FL we reached this pt today, cd 4 m below -  
B meat aq sandhills dry & nice to sleep on, Banks Hotel. . wild  
hrss roang the pls, some caught by creasing, and tamed /?/ shot  
thru top of neck, which stuns them and they fall, ride, etc.

wolves howl, of all colors, many entirely white. .cmm see  
any diff bet I dogs and wolves- grizzly bears reputed plenty i  
BHs, need bear grease to fry cakes in. . Is first seen by us 17  
m below this f. . some 25 lodges op side of rv, cross and tr,  
handsome but cholera has used them hard . .some 2,00 of this  
tribe v died w chol this season. We'er cstantly findg them o  
n the r bdside where they had died off, ~~some~~ one place  
14 or 15. . Is do not bury, hang them up in trees or by poles.,  
"Is in the gr see nothing."

FL, August 24, 1849. .Both Samuel and I keep journals. . th  
town csists of one frame house put up for a bakery, and sev lod  
ges after the I mode, occ pd by traders and thir I families,  
besides what there is f the fort now erected, of unburned brix  
and the tens of the 3 cos of soldi rs stat oned here. The works  
oth new fort v just been cmmenced.

Yg officer w wife and child, Tubbs, wnded veteran of Mex Wr  
stuff thrown out. . the thg in the grtst plenty is old iron in  
various shapes. . many wgs. Some sold for \$10, others \$2.50,  
others nothing, burned them with the stuff on board.

Gold is said tb in gr ple ty at SL (news fm mail carrier), v  
coined gold pieces. . Money is plentiful here at L I traders  
making fortunes, buy B robe for cup of sugar, pony for old cat o  
blanket, but Es pay \$40 to \$100. .

Dryest ct I ev saw. . l follow the river. . say 7,000 wgs  
to date.

Near FL 8/25 we prob stay in SLV this winter. . we walk  
nearly all the way. . j thus far beneficial tomy health, am hea  
vier and more erect. .

City of GSL October, 1849. .left L 8/27, river route turned  
out tb only 12 miles, then struck off over the BHs. . the new r  
comes in w the old about 60 m f LaBonte r . . wild sage has sme  
ll a d taste of wormwood; g does not seem tohur t cattle, but  
greasewood is poisonous

IR and DG names /no ref to CHR, CR or SBs/. . get sup ly  
of saleratus from alkali lakes 9/19 over SP  
FB 113 m fm SLV. 4 log hss. Sm Fr also v tp. These traders  
r not much betrn Is. Old Bridger is about the greatest liar I  
ever saw. . to SLV nothing else than mtous.

Somewhere in SLV, about Oct 10 (first part lost)  
Names of r wgs r Prairie Bird, Wolverine, U. S. Mail, and  
Amphictyon. 12 men, 3 to ea wg.

We passed thru the city about the 5th, over Jordan. . the  
outlet of Utah Lake, empties into GSL. . dscrip of city, first h  
of logs, now almost altog of adobe, some few of stone. . flat  
roofs. . city laid out in squares wide sts, bts  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acre - g  
crops. . cant track gold reputed to be near here . .

spiritual wives. . one co  $\frac{1}{2}$  over 100 already on the s  
route. We r too late for the northern. . some hv back-tracked f  
the snow. . also some preyed upon by Is, vg d scarded their gun  
s at SL. . My gun stays with me till I get home. . we will star  
when 30 or m wagons

Distance st vary from 900 to 1600. . Hunt has undertaken  
guide a co thru a new route //he did over Walker Pass//

/last of RS letters describg trip sLC to ~~mtx~~ Calif is  
not dated. . writte piecemeal, prob mailed in LA, ms itself  
writn in small script, all space utilized

lv Nov 10 Santa Clara R the Muddy, Pomeroy's train  
cvert wg to cart, leave books - Vegas Spring

Smith's co of packers fared worse than most others on  
th road. They undertook to take a new rt across the deserts nd  
mts and got out of provs and sufrd much f water. They ate 10  
hrss and one mule. It was 2 of his party that we took. Some ot  
men told me that their tongues er parched and swollen, so that  
cracked open, . . Poor horse meat is poor food indeed

(Ed note: The Smith co spoken of is w/o doubt the same r  
referred to in W. A. Chalfont's Story of Inyo. . . Smith started  
w a co of 17 men and a pack tr to find the way to Calif by way  
Walker Pass. He enctrd an assembly o wgs trs at the Beaver Rv  
in Utah and in that co was the gr known as the Jayhawker party,  
of DV fame. It was Smith's enthusm fo a new way that prob even  
led to the tragedy of that party, ch went against the wishes of  
Captain Jefferson Hunt, their M guide. . Senter's letters disclo  
the unhappy expers of Smith's co.

Mohavis r. . strike Sp settlements about 50 m e City of the  
Angeles. . . no date....

additional letters from Angels Camp, Calaveras Ct

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Polly Jane Purcell, AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND MENS OF A PIONEER.  
7 printed sheets . . see at home first 3  
of Freewater, Oregon n.p.n.d. 192? rec 9/22/26

my father bought 2 gals of green peas at FH. . I am nearing the  
end of my earthly race. The Lord has been good to me and I am  
still trusting him. .



HM 26614 2 vols original diaries inked c 3 x 6, rebound  
 biblio indicates Lucian M. Mc Glenothan Wolcott j 1850-1851,  
 but no indicat on of this name on journal themselves -- both  
 show from library of L. M. Wolcott - loose biz card of Roger Dod  
 Wolcott, Lt Col USA, Whittier Ca flyleaf of v 2 shows at top o  
 a list of Wolcotts, a Chas H. Wolcott, Granada

3/27, 1850 left home 2 pm for Point Harmon, prob 1 nv see  
 home again /excellent penmanship, well a yhow legible//pages  
 unnumbered - evidently down Ohio River in Oriental. boisterous  
 // reading problems from ink showing both sides

4/7 land at SL wharf. . 6/20 Columbia - drive oxen from  
 there to Fayette to Glasgow - passed Kit Carson's home yest & s  
 his brother /?/ Wm who l start for Cal in a few days - Lexington  
 Plattsburg -- SJ May 15 -- hundreds Cas v bc timid and discrg  
 & 3 acutioneers sellg off their outfits -- six yrs ago but l lo  
 g hs here - the point was called Rubidoux's landing and was a g  
 r hemp field ////the writing is not the most precise//~~six~~  
 often diffic to decipher, coupled with show-through//some page  
 jammed w small print

//// v to Willow Creek 7/2 at home ///  
 meticulous detailed observations, but a chore to read because o  
 tendency to scribble, coupled with, ink thru from opp pages  
 ///first v 121 pp (double pages that is)

7/3 Pacific Creek springs . cdnv bed that RMs cdvbn cro  
 sd w/o knowing it. Fremont's Peak no visible from Pass. . overt  
 akg horse nd mule teams. . lg proportion now packing on m & hss  
 Estill's Express lvs here for States, ~~250~~ 500 ea.

7/4 take rt hand road.. suffocating red dust. . on guard  
 duty studies planets & cstels. . see aurora. . refers to guiebook  
 by Mitchell. . silk kerchief to shield from dust

GR ferryman has 2 safe boats, is now pocketing 5 to 600 \$ p  
 d sm packers report terr sickn on the P, saw 150 gs in one day  
 //per day, that is//.. on 7/12 hamsfork, Sh shone vg w ~~W~~ tr wt  
 Aurora Borealis. . many curious things for geologist & bot  
 anist. . climb mt to view ~~mountains~~ windings of Bear r and trib  
 most serpentine stream on earth 7/15 Soda Spring. Shoshones v  
 firearms and old American clothes. . tp mn named Owens. . mteer  
 named Gabriel gives distances to Sac R, recommdns FH rt, more  
 grass. . take Hedspeth's dut-off, 50 or 60 ms nearer than FH  
 rd, . . best ct for agriculture v seen.. rafr Grant's Tomb,  
 the 5 m to Steeple Rocks. . SL Road commences here -- Russell  
 mistaken as Es on both SL and FH roads v beaten us

Goose Creek - to Hot Spring or Pleasant V 8/1 Kanyon ck  
 Dr. Bennttt has stock stolen. Rotchford 8/4 jc w SL Cut-off. .  
 they crossed the bridge over the Joran 1 m fm SLC, thence 81?  
 m to the desert which  $\phi$  is 80 or 81 and perfectly destitute of  
 grass - thence 4 daze to soth then etcetc, saves 100 m

on HR meet Diggers, harmless, and McPike and ~~Stro~~ Strother  
 Express, 34 wgs, 125 person, all seem satisfied - see meteors,  
 and hears loud explosion. . those who took the GSSL Packing cut  
 off r dest of food. . from the Sink on prov stores, skyhi prics  
 sm from Sandusky say it is a horrible trip, 90 m to water. . US  
 Govt is exploring the lake this s mmer

Uncle Same l b obliged to teach the /M/ pop & pat Brigham

nd other leaers for the r insolence a d imposition towards  
Es, patric Mos and Ills, and for their pompous independence &  
audacious boasts. . ditto Diggers, steal w impunity. .  
packers v had nothing to eat for 3 days but blackbirds, let  
them have a calf 9/17 preparing hay for desert END VI  
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Vol I to 222 completed pages - ordeal of cross ing the deser  
Truckee or Salmon Trout -- half the Eion packing on foot fm her  
mt scenery to fill the fancy oth most fastidious 8/30 at Gtown?  
x@x@x@ 14 m to Hangtown //begins v 2 w. 8/19 arr 8/30?  
dates are very random. . next entry on p. 145 is ~~11~~ d 11/17  
on bar 1 m above Millersville? opp sawmill

Jésus!

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279552 Lorenzo D. Aldrich. A J OTH OVERLAND RT TO CALIF & THE  
GOLD MINES. Notes by Glen Dawson 93 pp

southern route .!!!!'

Joseph Price, THE ROAD TO CALIFORNIA: LETTERS OF \_\_\_\_\_ed  
Thomas M. Marshall. reprinted from MVHR XI (September 1924  
pp. 237-257

b. 1813. . homestead in Callaway Ct. Mo. . letters to wife  
Elizabeth. . to Ca 1850, quest cpstv unsuc, retd by b at fog yr  
letters prop Mrs. Wm S Rodman of Hatton, Mo, yngst dgtr,  
transc by Eugene Stephens of Washington U, ditto genea info  
started from Fulton, Mo 4/10, crossd MoR at Rocheport, re  
cross at Lexington. . To St. J 4/27, cross Mo 3d time May 9. .  
now thru Doniphan ct Ks, May 14 crossd Nemaha in se Nebr??  
cross BB may 17, reach LB 5/21. PR May 24, 15 meFK . letter  
from this pt to CR is missing. . June 6 opp CR 6/( FL. .  
crossed NP near FL /?/ and 18th crossed rv again, at UPF  
June 26 SP. . From Pacific Springs, no further record. .  
last letr written after arr in Sac Va

Lexington 4/20. . [religious strain. . family emotions]  
Grand Pass Lafayette Ct. 4/17/50  
St. Joseph May 2 [a horrible speller, but devout] corn  
at 80 c bu . we r all pleased w r place of Rendexvose the gras  
is very backward so mutch so tha we have no idia whe e shall lv  
f the pls

Fort Leavenwrth, June 7 10 (mailed by others) postmrk  
there is some 5000 wgs in r advance a trane fm Fulton --  
some 300 m in our advance I expect to v a chance to se d this  
leter back fro Fort Cerny. . the ~~gov~~ georverment has estab a  
monthly male from that post Hickman /of Hickmans FerrynNP  
has advrtd that part of his co l return from there to the State  
nd that e l carry back letters from all persons crossing at his  
fery free of charge left the Litle Blue yest nd l reach the  
Big Platt this eve

we left the bottom 5 m abov Saint Jo the 9, 15 m over  
crookedest rd I v ever seen, x cd Musketoe. . tall bridge blong  
ing to the Iowa is 25c misionary estab f teaching the childre  
of those w ld Sons of Adam tell our sweet children howdy an  
that pap thinks of there sweet pratling constant



5/6 /shdb dated june/ report on our ~~Jerryx~~ Jeorny. . v  
 tvd 20 to 25 m pd since we cross the river. This ct is fuller  
 scenery than any I v ev seen and it is improving very fast in  
 that line nooning nearly opposite to chimney Rock ve lg at its  
 base tapers up ve fast until within 100 feet of its top then it  
 is a strate stem to the top some 8 or 10 feet square CHR ve mu  
 resembles the Capital at Jefferson City SBs ve remarkable per  
 pendicular of ~~Mag~~ Mag Struc

June 9 now 26 fm FL shd reach mines 15 or 20 of August  
 ///carries on sentimentally

June 11 fort Larmie. . landed here d bf yest found we was  
 gr mistaken in what we had be fore under Stood when we crossed  
 the Platt down at Fort cearyn we under Stood that we was clear  
 of the Platt but the farther we came up the m we became cvinced  
 that we was under a gr mistake it is said that a mounta n goa  
 cant go up this side oth rv and cseq we had to cross at this pt  
 cseq Sunday knight a litle after dark there was persons cro  
 ssing the ~~Georvernament~~ Horses ch was contrary to orders the  
 Boat be longstothe Georvernament no person to at tend to it bu  
 thoe crossing I will write at Hickmans ~~fer~~ fery we v not  
 Broached our old rye yet we got us Some Brand at Saint Jo but  
 it is about out.

Post mark Weston. . Estill Co Express Sweet Water R 6/26  
 something of our georny to Calif now 50 miles fm /above the  
 Upper PF 6/23 ~~IR~~ IR a Rock of Magnificent Structure --  
 mts stand as an imoveable monuments of the grn Wisdom and power  
 oth gr Architect the builder of Heaven and Earth. etc.

6/26 almost all wrighting one thing Certain People did  
 not carry a nuff flower for there appetites now a few miles  
 of the Summit Is picking up the old clothing -- v see not les  
 than 100 cooking stoves 6/26 passed over Summit f the Mt  
 the road for 9½ m bf we came to the Summit is as good as any  
 road I have ever seen in the States - ests to Calif, 45 to 60  
 At Pacific Springs, express male

pappy is well androling to ward s Callifornia to try to  
 get gold for them andthere precious mother  
 Wm P. letter from Califk, undated. . death of Mutch beloved bro  
 Wm B. Price, diarhae at Sac Tiy.

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Joseph Warren Wood, Diary ms 6 ~~leätzho~~ bound volumes  
 about 3 x 6 first voluem only ink writti g crabbed but  
 quite legible pages unnumbered v June 3 to FL

"obtaining a relic"

name does not show on the journals themselves - that is  
 not on v 1, but v 2 flyleaf shows J.W. Wood, Walworth, Wisc.

5/6 crossed MR SJ ident, flies cpans a jolly set

5/7 out to the Bluffs 6 m thru a ve heavy timber bottom -  
 5/8 9 hear that Pittsburg co has lost its mules 5/10 in the  
 ct oth Sauk, Iowas, Kicapoo Is 5/11 no timber but prairie  
 equal to Ill and Wisc////fairly detailed, good spelling, carrie  
 a spyglass While we er encamped on the 8th an old negress cam  
 into camp after 5 I helped her to it and asked her if she was  
 free She said "no" but that she soon would be if she served he

master well on the road to Calif & 2 or 3 yrs after she got thateth. Then said she "I shall return and claim my children that they may be free too & animated with the idea she ran off to her master's czmp. . she looks forward to the day of her freedom, altho it must be near the day of her death

There are many slaves on the road animated w similar promises & hopes she was from La

dur g the nite we er serndd by the wolves which hwold ø a dirge over the body of an ox

5/13 where we camp is Hopkins choice

or num \* \* \* \* \*

Geo Keller, <sup>or num</sup> a A TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS AND LIFE IN CALIFORNIA BY GK PHYSICIAN TO THE WAYNE CT CO. ed J. A. Sullivan. Biobooks, Oakland, Calif DPL HL

reprod fm copy in HL, one of 5 known or g ed /?/orig printed in Masillon Ohio 1851. . one o first pub accts of Lassen (Lawson) Trail. . calmly written but ctains splendid acct of the hardshnd trails met 1850

ret'd Can visted r place (Wayne Ct, ~~Ind~~ Ohio) glowg dscrip place rss under guidance of this Mr. Denison. Consignee for SJ, arrv 3/31 by adv of r guide 50 lbs flour 40 br, an amt wholly insuff, as partial starva satisf demonstrated

lv April 10 priaires have exhilaratg effect, but become monotonous . . 4/14 BB // smooth narra, evid notes doctored up//

19 to v of P. . 4/20 FKey. . as yet no grass . . cholera frightnd Ps in B49, stay clar in 1850

160 m to ford SP ///not a d ary, but a narr// ford 4/26 cold and snow violently, now only 1/2 m wide. . gal or two of cognac, appliedinternally, had effect of lullg the sensibilities //sophistica ed language. . hangovers establish the fact @that water is calculated to answer in all kinds of weather

Cash Hollow. . tr AFC, before ø reaching.. Bet the State and this point the road is gen good, equal to any road of the same length in the States. . Guns broke and thrown away here. . WASH Is, recd us ve kindly, exhibitd certidcates of moralchar and gave them some small present. . tr of 1500 lodges, dscrip. . smoke hole furnished w a valve

Novelists tell us of beau I maidens, but among the d ff trs on the rt to Ca a pretty squaw is a rara avis -- so rare, indeed that I v nv seen a sngle specimen. . travois cavalcades descr. Dog is csdrd far ahead of all meat, panther next. . sm lg dogs cpeld toassist in these migrations w travois

Church or CH Rock CR another example of Natures freaks SBs, 500 '. When atmos is clear the RMs cb seen from the summit of these bluffs. . the Blacksmith Shop 5/2 Horse Creek. . then 13 miles and arrived at Roubidous', a bss and stock mrket here. Exhobr prices f mules& horss

May 4 FLE wanted supplieshere but i formed by CO that thi would b unnec, we cd get supplies at FH. Get sm flour & lard. Lv Jöseph Sturgis at the Fort acc acute rheumatism. In a few wks he ret'd to the states. Sev soldiers er sufferg from scurvy, aiting for the wild onion to grow

Warm Springs, temp 66 Fahr. " roads leading fro here, the left hadn by Hebrew Spgs, the right on the P We took the latte to avoid cross ght eBHs. . La Bonte named from trapper whose

See K-3

cpans er kd, and his wf carried away by Araps. This hapnd whil he was on a trapg tour. Nē never recrv the bending reed.

Fourche Bois Deer ck fery boat bg built, by a gm frm. FL, some of the co assisted in finishing it. .this ferry 113 mwFL. . May 10 left this enc and tvg 22 m enc 5 m below Upper Platte Ferry and Ford. . brown bear kd.

May 12 Willow Springs Prospect Hill - IR f m from the Alkaline Lakes, left r names in tar DG mail carrier from FH giv us pleasg intel that we cd get no provs at the fort, as the soldiers had been on half rations during the winter, and had gone to Oregon City until supplies recd fm the States

SP marked by twin mounds 3 m to Pacific Springs o m to Pacific Ck 9 m to Dry Sandy 6 m to jc of Oregon and SL roads, Fort Bridger way 75 m further GR easy, wate still low

cotillion party. unfortunately none of the gentler sex was present after failures w wg bed cstruct raft to cross th Ham's fork of the Green

5/26 Thomas' Fork of Bear. . The FB road unites w that thru SCO at this place. . beyond Stbt Spr 4 m rd leave BRV and turns right /?/ crossg in 20 m a dividing ridge, sep waters oth Pac fm those of the GB. . 20 m further c near FH

There r 2 forts at this point: the uper one belongg to US the lower to HBC, about 5 miles apart. No supplies tb obtained at either place xcept bacon nd whiskey. . Mr Grant of lower fort gave m lk to those who appliked for it, for ch e would rc nothin Forts r sitd on Lewis' Fork, 1300 miles from STJ

Prev of mt mfever Rocky MF, mile dna / brief, us respond to a dose of calomel anxx fod by di to of Dover's powder or Pex Ipecac.

Port Neuf, American Falls . . lv Oregon T Road, for Cali juc with e d of HCO Castle Rocks, 3 mi beyond is rd from SLC Rattlesnake River -- HR . . at Great Desert we left th rv expecting to strike th Truckies or Salmon Trout. . instead we shv ~~taken~~ gone to the Sink, 75 further, then cross the desert to Truckies, or Carson River /?/, and from thence across the m to Johnson's or Bear r, or a Hangtown. . unfor /we took the Lawson or Green Horn's co which is farther than the other / rts --but the road is better !?!!

rabbit wells - Hot Springs Mud Lake - some backtrack to HR . . steep at this pass but not so rocky as at the Carson o Truckie -- Pitt Lake -- attack by Diggers Pitt River, supplie fm Oregonians . . about 2 days after bg robbed by Is, the Can ton Mess of 70 o4 8 killed at same place

Feather River Meadows O Deer Creek Lawson's arriving July 4 . . got to Sac Va about same t me as those who came by Carson and Truckie to page 24 of 39

~~fewxxmax~~ short stuff on Calif mines. . Guide to Califor by the Overland route with table of distanes



RESUME ~~WALKOTT~~ JOSEPH WARREN WOOD

I v ccevd the cstruc o f a roadometer, guessg unsatisf

5/14 number of teams on the road is immense, princ formed into  
cos of 25 or 30 teams. . l form r own, no use for cde of laws  
for they l surely be broken. . however is apptd as secy to a  
comm and draws up a constitution, which is quoted verbatim. .  
Mr. Trumbull Capt, now 17 wgs 60 men, mainly Iowa, Wisc and  
Mo ~~5/16~~ 5/16 passed by co of Mt Riflemen destined for FL,  
Co E, Captain Duncan. Bvt Capt McLane and Major Sanderson wer  
along 80 men 14 wgs

5/17 enc jnc St Jo and I rds, 10 m west BB ford --

5/18 co nearly breaks up over dispute with capt about camp site  
> man loses horses when he attempts to put them under ox yokes

5/12 I saw and conversed w a trapper who was in this ct  
16 yrs ago. he and h s father caught 100 beaver on BB but now  
they cdnb found short of the BHs

//decent speller, fairly detailed narrat on///

5/20 Sabbath summnd by a blast from the horn to listed  
to a sermon by an old preacher named Linville. . a sermon on the  
pls is listened to respectfully by those who at home would not  
gr of man shot, a man in co behind that his shot in the  
> shoulder his breast is turng black - his frs vsent to FK to get  
relief - co lose cattle to ~~stampeded~~, reduce no of wgs

Contrary to Bryant, not much quarreling, all harmony

5/23 passed by co of packmules. They c travel faster than we bu  
their fare is harder. . ox race w another co, where the utmost  
speed is an ordinary work walk 5/26 FK

5/27 co splits up, 9 wgs left we intend to go along w/o  
any extensive code of laws - p dog vgs

6/2 honord w the presence of James R. Vinyard, the man w  
ho shot Arndt in the Wisc legislature 6/3 cross SF, in ab 2  
miles struck the NF 6/4-5 river to bluff to river to bluff.  
nt } girls pickg roses, the most romantic sight seen on the rd

6/6 struck over the bluffs to the head of AH ch we de  
scended. . a beau places, sx camped at its mouth 6/8 CHR

6/9 midjudge dist & climb the CHR - 6/9 CR regular in its pr  
portions nd cn be ascended it l n endure ma y years 6/11 SBs  
p~~ar~~aus fantastic shapes, you can conceive them tb just what yo  
please ///see at home

6/16 warm spring -- botanizing - Heber and La Bonte  
the limestock rock like a grindstone on the feet or cattle --  
Bryant's report of a volcanic crater is moonshine

6/21 Deer Creek 4 boats, made by attachg 2 dugouts toge  
man named Brakcen kd by accid discharge in Pittsburg Co. . sold  
iers retg to FL w stolen cattle and 2 oth men who stole them  
The Levee for 2 miles as busy as the one at ST Louis. . boat wa  
lkedoff in style with 30 men to cordell it against the current,  
but teams refuse to swim over. . .7 men drowned in 2 days. . a  
boat sa k w w & c but struck a bar nd was saved. .men exhausted  
fm bg in water. . . smoke for days, Indians firing trees?

6/28 at IR one name dated 1819. . bathed in a pool on  
its top. . name of Alex. Godey W.E. Hunter

Sunday 7/1 A man who was reported tb drowned ~~at~~  
in the P is suspected of vg bn murdrd & 2 men arrested on the  
suspecion. . I hear they r tb tried on the 4th at the S. Pass

7/4 thru SP scenery gr and 1 posg. . 4th celeb at

Pacific Springs, much firing. . we steal a march. . While we lay at the spring the man suspected of the murder of Reed? on the Platte was examined and honorably acquitted

Dead animals so numerous we r seldom bereft of their odor

Sick with the fever after GR, skips to 7/17 on RRV

7/20 cd Lewis Fork in sight of FH 7/21 the fort looks near than FL but not so large sunburnt br ck are whiter givg it a lighter app. . F not opened en we pasg. . learned that 1300 tms had ~~ap~~ passed & that the first pased on June 22. . govt forces 2 miles above, now destined for Oregon. . squaws rush for the discarded plunder - plague of wolves a d mosquitoes

7/25 Raft river. . Capt Hudspeth's train of 60 wgs unde the dire of Myers as guide left the old road at the north bend ~~to the BL to the dike~~ west across the hills to make a co. . We took the old road and our train parted from his. He got to this plae 2 hrs before we did and we r now ahead of him

8/23 arrv Salmon Trout R. R teams nearly famished with hunger and thirst. . we r 25 or 30 m above Pyramid Lake. . inventory of destrcuted property wgs, chains, gun barrelsm pumps cast iron cook stove, pack saddles, iron bars. . at last ford of the ST struck off to the right and commenced the ascent of th first summit. . packing 8/29 summit of SN

8/31 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ came to the diggins and watched the operations of the miners. . 9/2 come the wagonsk, nev expected to see them whole

6th vol goes tru t 4/4/53

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FAC 503 Reuben G. M ller have to p 14 at home

start p. 15 11th cd on A La Prele Rv, distance from WGs 602  $\frac{1}{4}$  m. . .Bf we arr at this place met Brother A. W. Babbitt nd 3 other w mail fm the V, who give us cheering news from that quarter. . re the Tens and the Fifties

29th. Sw ~~ther~~child about 3 blngg to bro Young while in the act of taking it out of the wagon was let fall and both wg wheels passed over its body. It died in about 8 hrs.

30 child ch was kd was ~~km~~ buried at this place. . Capt Hyde in the rear 9/3 cd for nite atx 2 m w cross Pacific Ck

Sept 8 tr wgs ox fm V met r camp to assist in the immigration, bringg g news cfrom the V 9/13 FB. . 14 Our camp vg found near the last crossg oth P 15 head of oxen, some marked U. S. At this place of encampm they er demanded by some oth officers of the govt train and given up

Sept 24 ar GSL

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HM 2018 1852 Apr 13 - Nov 8 Mary Stuart Bailey . a j  
 oth ov tr from Ohio to Calif ~~ms.~~ 30 pp Hicks .927  
 ink on linen ~~letter size~~ letterhd size

4/1352 J ~~trip~~ trip from Ohio to Calif wife of Fred Bailey  
 title A j of M S B wife of Dr. Fred Bailey ohio ca 4-10/52  
 4/15/52 lv Sylvania, after death of only child. . cars  
 to Chi. .stage for 12 milesto Chig city. Fm LaSalle took the  
 Beaver for SL. . 5/10 steamer Alton to SJ. . near Lexington  
 remnants of the Saluda At Kansas I Landing, Santepee traders  
 w their heavy wgs, long whips, dirty clothes. . any quants of B  
 robes 5/18 St. J

left 5/19 do not intend to cross the river 5/25 cross the  
 Mo, men had to do all the work and pay \$10 besides

6/3 on banks oth platte. . passed a place where 63  
 horses skulls all laid in a circle noses toward center

6/9 lv letters at FK Fort Kerney. . the register offic  
 looked over the names of those who had passed bf us some 20,00  
 men 9000 women cd 9 miles beyond the fort to spend the Sabba  
 back to mail letters, last chance till FL

B trails make the road rough. . grateful all well w so  
 many new graves 6/10 crossed the ~~Wentz~~ South Fork oth P  
 safely. The Dr. was on horseback the horse fell with him threw  
 him off did not hurt him but got quite wet . . 10 lg wgs fild w  
 B robes for the States /// repetition here

tvd bet the forks, some of the most romantic scenery. .  
 we came to SH crossed Ash Creek never saw sand so deep overto  
 ok Mr. Patterson w a long train for SL The Dr. stoped and per-  
 scribed for them, they v oxen, we horses

6/12 left r trunks passed Court-house bluff -- CR lik  
 the shot tower in SL - climb part of it 6/14 crossed SBs som  
 of the most romantic scenery I ever saw it dn require ay gr  
 imagination ~~to~~ powers to think it some Ancient City cd on th  
 rv bank 6/22 passd a Frmans bss his wife is a squaw of Sx tri  
 be who sat the door of their log hut well drest in a scarlet  
 blanket looked rather sober, another squaw was on horseback  
 chag a drove of horses and mules half dressed

whole ct alive w men, w, ~~x~~, animals w a smart sprinli  
 ng of children 6/25 crossed LR on a ve rough bridge for  
 \$2.50 Fort estab by the Govt to trade with Is. .buy some groc.  
 to Warm Spring I camp at La Bonte, w Frman, some of the chil  
 wh te enough to belong to any wh fam

7/2 cross nf safely . met a Dane who seemed tb ve inte  
 is liv on th plas . . had an I wife, bought her for a pony & 2  
 blankets such a loose state of morals

//writing some d ff c, some faded 7/12 sick headache  
 in the afternoon 7/14 SP at GR stampede a d screaming - only  
 casualty a black woman, the slave of ~~axman~~ an old man who is  
 tvg alone. . 7/20 forded GR. . We r just half way after we cros  
 this rv .. v to tv on Sabbath but do not approve

not allowed to go into SLC to camp acct small pox on  
 the road -- said that Gov BY was out w 73 wives last Sat at a  
 celebr (7/29) They got quite a city here for 6 years growth. .  
 ve many r here from var ous parts of Europe strange that such  
 delusion should spread so far 5/31 drove thru the valley .  
 went to the ~~Taber~~ Tabnarcial with Mrs. Scott hear some of the

+  
 dates

At T.  
 and FK



Saints exhort they related dreamy visions their singg was  
ve good/ / some inv sible - down Mary's River  
vegs at SL

17th vbn cfined ever since Monday w ague in my face w/ vey  
much swollen. . ar now in Carson Valley. .v heard of much sufrg  
people bg thrown out in the desert to die. . Carson Creek  
do not feel well yet very much wish we er at r j's end

22 r passing thru the gold region. . a delightful va the  
Ms r begng to setl this region 29th passed the M station at  
the foot of the SNs scenery delightful but roads dreadful

Xpect to go to Stockton. I feel disap at not gg the Hangtown  
road - oxen r ve weak dragg ~~the~~ such lg wgs over th rough mts  
supplies at Volcano Oct 5 . heard of a tr we left behind  
froze to death, snow 5' deep

Nov 8 ~~Sacramento~~ Sacramento city has been nearly consumed.  
The Dr. has hand all his instruments & a g deal of clothing  
burned. . It really seems as though it was not right for us to  
come to Calif. .I do not think that we shall be as well off  
as at home. .

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L(### 19333 A, . M Crane Journal of a trek across the plain  
c. 150 pp

s in 1852. /title in own handwriting pasted on cover of origi  
al ms notebook size c 4 x 7" small tight script but quite  
legible despite some fading, and loose binding (loosened) -  
marbelized pasteboard ~~v~~ covers and yellowed. . yet anoth  
(to be carefully preserved)

Intro

~~family information they ever had thousands of others I left my home and~~  
In company with many thousands

Start

family for the ov Eion to the PC. Leavg Lafayette on Friday,  
March 26 on the steamer Luella. . ar SL 4/3 w/ no striking inc  
dents to mark the voyage . .there 10 days, steamer ~~Lafayette~~  
Glencus /?/ blew up klg sm and woundg others left sifor sj 4/  
14, ar 23d. . trained for 1 wk in tent. .

left sj 4/30 for Svanna, 12 m. sj. .rain, use rubber clot  
over tent. . . many waiting. . crossed MR 5/5. . wolf creek 1  
named, \$1. toll. .6 m further came to Iowa Miss on, get dried  
sweet corn, 6 m further another I bridge 50c - yet another tbg  
man w/ measles returng, vg bn turned out by cpns. .ww 4 by  
rss yet. . men w packs on their back to Calif, poor fellows/. .  
> decide against Sab stops acct epidemic measles and chol, and sc  
of grass. . At Iowa mission told 700 wgs ahead of us - jn 2 oth  
er wgs, one w women and c

Intro

taking out my pocket inkstand jot down these ideas gen  
in a ve inconven situa for the display of penmanship or languag  
. . intend to tear out these leaves nd enclose them in an envel  
pe to my wife. . scything some grass ///spelling is excellent//  
> cross Minnehaw to avoid death camp, small pox

Intro

Tues May 11. . roads murder acct rain, . . /mule co, mule  
refuse to eat the grain they brot. . admire verdure, as good as  
Indiana. . undulations like ocean swells //apprec of scenery//  
w/ skirts ot timber// raves about vistas. . ~~return~~ tore out  
leaves to mail w/ couple retung to SJ for fresh start. . shal c  
ontinue to as oppor offers and I hope these scribblings may be

preserved. wish wife a d c along; the rain and mud and labor I do not care for. . heard nothing of our Lafayette boys/// detailed impressions and descriptions, soti 2 or more pages w one day. . propose bldg of bridge, and in 2 weeks we cd collect 1200 to 1500 bucks but boys refuse 120

*Intro* |

// pages numbered randomly c. 100x/ . .Es this yr tv w/o any pat x org as they d any other road (so far). The day for vg big cos w captains and codes of bylaws has gone by

*Intro*

\$2. ferriage at BB . . ~~log~~ log tradg hs at the crossg. has an old brass piece, made for US in Phil in 1777, mtd on wooden wheels, no doubt intended to scare rathrn hurt the Is. . estimate 35,000 for the Eion including packers. . now in ct of thiev ng Ps, only tr w/ ch US has no tr

*BB* >

5/14 cold as Greenland. . jc w I rd 12 miles out, 154 fm SJ nd L 170 fm I. . Es fm I report Ps at war w/ Osages, v scalps

*Is* >

5 out of 6 bound for Calif (includg fams w c) despite land inducements in Oregon (fams seem to v 6 to 20 ch each /?/. . I horse thiev killed by guard w revolver, fear revenge

*Intro* I

shall mail back this scribbling. . conveync for ltrs 25c 5/16 procure services of phys cian for one w diorhea, he is bet note graves (2) (one erased out June 25, 1849, and the //6 other Geo. Winslow Newton Mass A.E. 25 (guess last years date)

5/17 scribble on knee while tr catching up.. .we purchase sev diff guidebooks but find them quite incorrect & very littl tb relied upon . . . again at my writing desk for a few mins

*Intro* }

3 cpans detained to help E search for catl, who has prety dgtr, and a yg Calif widow w him. . along LB see 100 wgs besdie pack men and a gr many ladies on hrsback some whom are dressed i riding habits after city fashion. . fellow w broken king bolt. recomd he use rifle barrel, give him a file (drinking water poor along LB, ctrary to guidebooks)

>

5/18 cavaliers not yet ret'd. David Ayers w cholera symp toms, I place mustard plaster over his stomach and amstrd Davis pain killer - knight errants not yet returned. . 5/19 passg Dr. charges \$5. to see our sick man - cavaliers return

*Chofok*  
*chol*

5/20 party of Irishmen on foot on backtrack, had mules, er set upon and robbed by Is, one kd. . 5 foot packers kd by Is back at Sandy Creek where I was kd by revolver

most oth Es take fm 5 to 10 gals whiskey to a wg under th notion that it becomes in some myst way healthy and purified. My own notions on this subj r that the m whiskey the worse the water. . . wood along LB, y but none for next 300 ms. .grave of Mr. Mahoney struck by lightning

*Chol*

5/21 in sight of P at noon - 3 graves, 1 child, 2 oldster hit river 5 m below FK, at ch po I l mail this j tomorrow entry for this date ends// with brief letter to dear wife from New Fort Kearny May 22

bucket of full of PR water when settled has a inch or 2 of g earth at the bottom. . 60 men under Cmand Capt Horton whom I cald upon and found ve much of a g-man. . bss opened for accom of Es, free of chg. . sutlers store, enormous prices. .det of x soldiers on a crusade ag Is who had robd a pack train

*FK*

5/23 //detailed dscrip of topography. . there is regis ter at FK of all passing that point fm ch it appears that (in round numbers) 2,000 wgs, 20,000 oxen, 3,000 horses, 2,000 m le 12,000 persons had passed thru up to last night

wish we er on the north side acct grass. . Mr. Stevens a Baptis minister from Ohio, who preached on the steamer, finds no Sabbat on the Plains. . came to a pt where Es sotim ford the P, 100 m below the jc where thre are three branches, called the South, M ddle, and North Forks, all of ch are bad to cross but must be crossed. Many men r drowned and much stock lost, esp on nf. By crossg here we shd avoid all these forks, save some 60 miles in distance, get grass f r catl nd wxd to cook w. But then the t ask of fordg such a lkg stream was by no means inviting. . . but go across anyhow. . here/ns/ we found the grass up to our cattles eyes nd they d d full justic e to it. . all hands highl pleased w the gr victory we v e accomplished

Intro

//chance to send back by widow of an E who died last nite of pneumonia ~~5/25~~ 5/25 Mr. Ware of Mo

5/26 since crossg the P we r on the main road leadg fm CBs . E tells of fracas w/Is at Shell Creek who demanded tribute of 3 cows, blows and shots exchanged, Is killed 2. White men chased Is int the P and shot 9 of them nd thus endd the batl (190whts

Shell Creek Is

tells of graves, names when shown Mr. Beach of Va, 23 who died 5/26. . 5/27 5/28 B meat of a venerable ~~man~~ male. .

Graves

step ahead lively so gain chance to scribble or read sev chapte of the Bible 5/30 buy a horse on halves, 3 months credit for \$90, to pay in Calif, or v wife's address..now can ride ahe d of the dust.. . widow who had my letter on the road to Oregon

Intro

after all, warned db kd by Is (letter ~~xxxxxxx~~) I g ven back nd shall mail w bal of my j at FL

Intro

5/31 Es passg today report bloody affray at the ferr across BB 180 ms back, acct rise in price acct rise in water. . firearms 4 persons kd 2 ferrymen and 2 Es

BB ↑

////looks like over 150 pages - pages are double numbered/

6/2 seated on the grass on the flats w my horse feedg about me musquitos whispering in both ears hose lariat hitched to one foot, sun shing very hot, this paper on my knee

Intro

. . many Es m the unrefined portions of community, horrid profa nity and degrading vulgarity and obscenity of language is nearly universal. Their blasphemg is generally vented upon their oxen and is a char too horrid to defile my paper with. Card palyin is also a general custom the same bg at all times well seaseone and interspersed w oaths and e imprecations. . there r some oc who eschew these vices. Soti one meets here a g-man or lady o refinement and education but not often

Es

6/3 Michi co lost 3 w chol, buryg a woman. .sold them also hol for medical purposes. . boys steal my sick

chol

6/5 CHR and CR so often dscribed by others I ln reiterate. Egyptia pillar. . man w sheep, help lost to cholera. . co from Milwaukie 9 4-horse carriages, ladies and g-men tvg in fine sty le

Es

le e write home today by Bodgett's Express 50c. . miss him, 1 mail at FL. . no B's Express used anyhow... retg Ms say 600 wgs ahead of us, and prob 2,000 on other side. . 2 yg women on horseback, catl driving. . man borrows spade to bury E, who leaves wife and children

Intro

6/9 opp FL g ferry here for 25c. . Sx heré, best lkg Is I ever saw. Heard an I baby cry, ch falsifies the vulgar notion . n now acc 1/3 of r j and hope 75 days 1 end it. .Lane' symptoms are better .

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Is



6/10 visit FL. . The odd F is used as soldier's quarters and quite a number of new adobe bldgs vbn added outside the old fortifications. . 2 story wooden house for the cmd officers. . 60 men und Cap Ketchum. I called on the capt and found quite a clever sociable fellow. . store, reasonable prices. . only 2 ladies, h s wife and that of a pvt . The Fr at store says the Sx took the small pox and cholio last yr and that now they dare not come. .

There is a govt po here and I sent a lettr home. Albert also wrote to Brother D and r parents. . have ~~xxxxxxx~~ stern chase to catch up w train . . Ketchum has orders to sell to the Es for cost and transportat on, flour, ~~h~~ hams and bacon, dried r fruit . . csdrd out of char for anyone to sell any provs to any person in the same tr but if he has any over it is csdrd cmn prop. . a fight over the river day befor e yest bet Crow Is and Es; 7 crows kd

more imprecations against guide, now worthless. . incl uding Childs, all a sham imposition. . all cdb had at MR for 25 c each. . I do not believe the author /childs/ has ever passed over the route. . yet thousands of his worthless fabrications vbn sold to Es. . Really it seems that a gr national highway lik this is getg tb, and over ch l pass this yr perhaps 50,000 shdb better known, and v down dscrips of it pubd ch may be relied p n by the tvr. . r citz v a right todemand\$ its accpmt w/o delay suggs this be done by army officers who r not earnng their money

he raves on and on\$ in this vein. . While the members of r Congress are expendng their wind in projects for railroads to the Pac fic they r neglectg all that is of present prac utility meet party mn & wmm fro Oregon City - man fm CBs w 2 horse team reports Eion in r rear as tremendous, freq pasd solid processions of wgs 3 mileslong, often 3 wgs abreast ,cd 15000 wgs. About 50 ms from here both the trails, neand s side come tog on this side, so for 250 miles when the OT, ch we in tend to take, leaves.

// gives recipes/ /what he wears, // clouds of dust 6/17 last camp on the P Upper Ferry 142 fm FL and 730 fmSJ . . 6/18 ferryman says 2500 wgs in advance. . we save money by crossing above FK . . wgs, cattie, horsemen and droves now form a almost ctin procession. There is no getg around them as far as the vis on can extend . . Lane worse again, insists on r ct nug tho a sick man cann recover in sun and dust

6/21 IR. . nothing special, attained its position of prom simply because some one gave it a good name, just as many noted men rise from rep rather merit. at DG a traders tent and xpres offc, dn trust them w my mail graves, one of 18r old 1847

6/22 small sketch of scenery (rocky) - meet 20 packors f Calif, g grass w GR 6/24 heard acct of a tragedy enacted sm 10 days since on the Labonte other side P. Man named Lafayette Tate had sm words s another named Miler, and struck M w a whip while rideing on a horse, and upon M dismounting stabd him behnd and bf and ended with cutg his throat from ear to ear, . . aft er ch he attempted to escape, but was retaken by the Es. A cour and jury formed tried found guilty and hung on the spot, the br of a tree answering for a gallows, and 2 empty barrels for scaffold. He was allowed to hang all nite and buried in th mg. . our mouth/?/ also saw a mn named Corner /?/ w wife and 4 children blound for Ore. . died after e parted from him his wif and children kept on w Rev. Mr. Stevens.

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THE DREADFUL SUFFERINGS AND THRILLING ADVENTURES OF AN OVERLAND  
PART OF ES TOCA etc. compiled from the Journal of Mr. George  
Adam by Prof. Wm. Beschke St. Louis, 1850 repub NO 1946

looks like pure fiction: horre dous stuff w natives  
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resume Crane. . .

6/25 Strawberry ck. . gave the letr I wrote lat night to a ve  
honest lookg yg man who was one of a co of packers retg to the  
States, and he promises to put in a po in Mo. . Babbitt the MC  
from SIL pasd us in a buggy dr by a large mule. He crosd at  
Kansasville 6th June and has come this far in 20 days, reports  
the death of Henry Clay, m, man from Calif w nsps for sale from  
Sac 50c. . at this br Sw a bss nd tp charge f shoeg horse \$6.  
an ox \$12.

6/26 (53d day) report says th re r 8000 wgs in r rear and as  
of May 26 (paper from Babbit) men st ll crossing there CBs. .  
(eve) we r a Pac fic Springs 3 m w SP, 925 fm St Jo. . road toda  
has been as hard nd g as any in the world. . Ms v agent station  
here to divert Es to their citym proc signed by Gov nd other p  
rinc men. We shall see how these promises w ll be kept. . June  
2 paper Es st ll crossing. . sickness, sufferg nd death must  
prevail (now Sunday 27th) (Babbit sponging off E families). .  
Babbitt said he counted 300 new gs from Wood R to FL

6/29. . 3 yg men who had been in employ of a Mr. Brown of  
Ohio nd he had so abused them they er forced to leave, on was  
Davis from Zaesville, Ohio . . companion gets drunk at GR, falls  
under wg, passes over his thi ghs. . get rid of Lovejoy & Lane

7/3 Bridger is ndw 48 nd has spent his life since 18 among  
Is. . Is r ve thick here. . 7/4 purchased of Col Bridger a lg  
noble yoke of ø work cattle in ex for a pair of r own, plus \$15  
passed g of Bedford of St.L, 28, d of csump, for the cure of ch  
he had undertaken the july 8 to SLC, McPherson hote. . dscrip,  
has low opinion of their theology nd their preachers. Ten of  
BY's wives attended chrch. . at the close of the service they a  
ll got into his omnibus to return to the Seraglio. . pop of cit  
and outlyg districts 25,000 /July 10,11,12/

8/10 Ingrams take the rt hand road to Shasta City while  
we keep on the old road to Sac last entry August 28 115th day,  
to Volcano. . . concluding poem entitled "Farewell to the  
Humboldt" written sitting under the shad ef a greasewood bush a  
t the Sink of that river 8/1482

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HM 19480 Joseph H. Johnson d of a j to Calif \* by way of OT  
ms l vol in pencil incomplete also loose bills, notes, etc.  
laid in diary, 1817-1849 much illegible

*Autogr*  
loose affidavit ~~xxxx~~ ink on blue paper. . The bearer Joseph  
H. Johnson has resided in the town of Lacon /?// for the past  
14 years etc a ma of g character March 21, 1849. . signers.

/j is c. 3 x 6 end page (reversed from diary) in ink JOseph H  
Johnson Lacon, Marshall Co, St of Illinois 1849 2/15 started

for California with George Dysit and Cary Barney

//binding fallg apart. . black leather cover.. much illegibl

9/? elec Mr. Sharp as our capt th s day, nd formed rrs in a co. of 10 waggons and 30 men

10 passed Col Mays co from Peoria 30 wgs. .vbn cfined to t wagon more or less of us has been sick since we left the Missouri River with the disentary

LL 11 crossed little wolf river crossed little ninnahaw

12/ BB is a beau stream ///entries brief and routine. . legible enough except where faded, mainly about teams passing, avail of wood and water. .

14 we v passed thru the Iways, Miamies and Winnebagoes. .th r the remenents of 3 tribes a few years ago but now almost extinct. . now we come among the Pawne tribe they will steal and rob any small co they came upon a small party of 60 with mules a few days ago and rob them of all they had but killed none. . we v 10 wgs in or co nd 30 men all well armed and l fight to th last bf we lbrobbed

15 death in camp below us of small pox and one about a m ahead w the tifus fever. . gr of one kd by mules runng off

16 crosd Big Sandy above the fork of ls and by doing so cut off about 18 ms. . 40 or 50 Is in their wigwams near where we crosd the Sandy

17 passed 6 cos with total 113 wgs, most oxen

19 storm level most oth tents. . flood gates of heaven

20 to Platt 285 m fm SJoese /?/ now r thru the Pawne tribe nd now come am g the Soux who are more honourable and noble. . do not rob or steal from the whites they nu about 10,000 lit le thunder is their chief

21 the Fort Carney road comes in here and teams are roalin g in fm that quarter in lg cos. An I trader from there who sta ys w us to night says there is about 1300 wgs between here and there (200 miles) . .remained in camp 259 ox teams v passed th is day, 48 mule teams, 27 pack mules, 60 mule teams, 50 pack mules, 3- ox teams //last 2 in sight//

22 8 ms to Ft. Chiles & x cd about 4 m from the fort re- paired wgs at the fort

23 pased 2 grs this mg and one man soldiers shot dead in a fight last nite by one E 195 pack mules pass us and 6 carts 3 mules each pass passed a law that we shd see oneanother all through and in case of accident to make it up to the looser

24nooned a Plumc Ck 40 m above F passed 20 ox wgs, 31 mul e ditto, 208 pack mules passed us . . rain and hail

25 more data on ox and mule counts

26 met Roubedous w 6 oxe waggon loaded with 3000 Buffalow skins going to St. Joese

27 cross Foster Creek

28 sore eyes. . at the forks

30 no chance to cook every thing is afloat w water. . v hard job in crossg the rv for it is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  m wide and v to d o it in wind andrain and river r is ng fast

31 killed two buffalow one antelope one elk and a big wh t wolf and saw alr drove of B plenty of fresh meat not

6/1 6/2 to Ash Hollow and camped drove our cattle over t river and remained in camp the ballance of the day 50 or 60 Government teams passed us this afterrrnon gg to Fort Hall to e tablish a fort txx for the protec of the Emegrants.

From J...  
(and ...)  
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Ex  
3  
G...  
Roubedous



6/3 at camp 12 mi fm AH many Sue Is many lodges the neat est and best lookg Is I ever saw 6/4 I graves in top of a big ctnwd tree 30' fm the gr, dscrip of wrappings and content

6/5 40 govt mule teams pasd us on their way to FH and 56 Inf now at the court house tower 60 miles fm the mouth AH app o splendid lg bldg w a shot tower or magazene close to it

6/6 CR app of a splendid shot tower. . ;asd 60 Govt mule teams many of them stuck in the mud, sm w broken tongues

6/7/ about 23 m fm CR to SBs. . u c see the Rocky Mts from here 150 miles 6/8 Horse Creek 6/9 cd 7 m fm Ft. Larima Larremy I am at this time so afflicted w the sore eyes as to c'ined nearly the time to the Waggon

6/11 8 m to Ft. Larama cross L R and tvd 6 m and cd on NP I scaffold burial (4 posts 12 or 14' high w a flag hoisted ove it made w diff colours ribbons. . lv Seaox tr of Is and now come to the Crow tribe they are treacherous

6/16 up the Plat to the crossing end end endE D END END

L'#\$ AFFIDAVIT FROM Montreal 1834 receipts letter to Johnson, from Peoria 1836 some land transaction

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HM 16956 W S McBride, J of a Tr ov fm Goshen, Ind. to Salt Lake, 1850 gift thru L. Bynum recd frm Mr & Mrs. R. W. McBride 1935

ledger size c 10 by 15, black ink on blank sheets 87 numbrd pps

3/31/50 in co w others this day left Goshen for Ca We had a cmn ~~sub~~ two horse waggon and 7 hrss, 3 under the sadl. . to Elkhart stop at Mrs. Mills, Mr. M kd in Hangtown in Aug by Sp ox

4/1 /nothing in between/ came up w the first Ca train today from Lima owned b Cowan and Ferguson

///fairly large readable script, well preserved, l educated// thru Ill many Cas on the road. . Co fm Michigan dissipated. .sa w them often on the plains and their & conduct was ever bad. . At Peru ship to SL on Falcon for \$33 for 5 men and freight. . on Illinois river 4/9 ar SL. . lg nu sbts crowd the wharf. R boat can hardly effect a landg. . wharf nd front streets one confused mov ng mass of men, horss, mules, carts, merchds etc Evthg seems to v the mark of Calif excitement upon it

glad to get away from this second Babel. . shipped on Globe like all others, overloaded \$55. . ship keeps breaking down, get off and try r fortunes on land, at Richfield - to Jefferson Lex etc., Liberty, Plattsburg

4/24 ar SJ Never, prob since Peter the Hermit preached th Crusade had such a motley grope of men been collectd tog. . SJ resembles a vast besieged city, environs thick w tents. . stree ts so crowded impos to get along - a gr crowd ctin at PO window pulling, haowling and crowdg each other - auctioneers - music o ev kind from groceries and gambling hss. . Minstrelgirls promen ade the sts singg O California that is the land for me with gr crowds of ? men a d boys dog them -- 3 ferries plyg nite and day - pitch r tent to await our turn - Many Es had already gone out on the plains 2 weeks since and even now starting out daily

4/26 Stbt ar w sev cases o cholera

4/27 man dies creatg panic acct chol, but he prob did of apoplexy - while we er cross a wg was run down to a f boat & ru over into the rv, where it sunk in deep water, all stores lost Cross and await frs, incl Dr. Knight & Co, James Kirkpatr ck & Co etc.

4/8 w Enoch Willett ride out for survey. . . ~~not~~ better armed men prob nev went out to bloody warfare - as I looked upon thi vast concourse of men pouring out along the gr thoroughfare I thot of the old Roman adage, "Whom the gods v detd to destroy they first make mad." All seem merry and animals sleek

2 4/29 others look poorly one man w small poor cow harnessed to a homemade cart, jeered at - sev on foot w heavy packs on their backs - a wheelbarrow man - another w handcart

5/2 On this mg r co (14 wgs) moved out - Jessie Lawyer, one of my old nabors and patrons called upon me for medical aid he had a severe attack of pneumonia or lung fever, recommend he return but he says he shall go on as long as there is life in him --- today one of r cowitnessed the execution of California laws upon a thief, steals gold from his benefactor, stripped, on gr, ropes lashed to ea hand and foot - whipped w a black leather wg whip, most unmercifully - finally permitted to go back to the States where, ir was rumored, he died of his wounds

excellent detail

5/3 ~~very~~ literate narrative style, tho evidently dily entries, w miles shown w date - toll bridge and Meth miss on

5/4 co orgd and Dr Higbee capt, or conductor

5/5 Sabbath but tv - to Nimehaugh, wgs d w ropes - corral or circle, wgs cnectd w ropes, tents outside, this to prevent stampede - 3 watches of 4 m n each, think it overdone. We oerated the danger and the treachery fm the Is

5/6 already we v cplaints ab r org/ / another co breaks up -- cross BB 5/8 to jc. ~~Foot~~ much like takg the back track If we had bn surprisd at the vast crowds we had seen enrout her tofore what was r-surprise on findg the nus doubled whe the rd joined. And then we knew ther was prob an equal nu gg on tothe pls fm CBs -- mostly horse teams. The gr body of mule teams was ahead and the gr body of ox teams ~~at~~ behind

5/9 gr of 73 yr old man -- mirages on LB, also I scares w no Is - 5/11 5/12 meet Es gg back daily 5/14 method of en0 ticig antelope - cross gr Pawnee Trail, cssitg of 8 deeply beat en paths ///dscrips of animals and pal plants -- footmen w no blanket and not much to ~~xxxxx~~ eat, nothing but will-power

5/15 strike P - a euphorious dscr p of PV and wagons cos in camp -- mirage magnifies -- 2 fiddles, sev oth boys feelg joyful had quite a lively dance, obliv to danger upcoming

5/16 FKy 300 m SJ - I merely guess miles and come to 298 here sods like bricks, warm and dry but dark habitations. . . sev frame hss in course of cstruc - seemed more like tp -- tamber from GI - 200 soldiers plus retainers

5/20 write wife and ~~hike~~ hike back to mail. . . a gr many ca fires er seen as I tvd to the f on the other side oth rv. The camp fires seem as numerous as they are on our side ot he river Bot pickled pork at the fort - our co d vides -- at FK a co of 8 wgs of Fr mteers traders passed, loaded w robes .

5/28 Plumb Creek roasted a badger for supper  
 Halted /?/ for noon today in vic of an old Mteers train. This was Rubidou of Castle Bluffs w 7 very heavy wgs loaded w B robes and furs - this is a old Fr Canad an he has bn trading in the mts for 20 yrs told me he had sev times in his life not tasted bread for the space of 2 yrs, livg princ on B meat He was takg his robes to SLwhere he d get \$4.50 a piece they cos t him in the mts from 3 to 6 York shillings. -- had mt dog -- suspended to one of his wg tops the head a d horns of a black-tailed deer, a pair of lg B horns and a p o enorm Elk horns that he was carryg to the city as curiosities - gave me a gr deal of info ab I tribes nd their char, Flatheads best char for honesty - shows scars from I fights.

Bs resemble forests of cedar, occ sh fting to and fro like dark shadows of a cloud

5/22 alarm fm Bs rush ng by r encampment -- second B stampe sheared ve slightly to one side. //vivid dscript of the animals appearance, lookg like persecuted monsters of the plain runng the gauntlet of hunters, like resolute stoic martyrs -- I thot too much of my poor g mare to ride her at full speed in wanton sport after these animals . . called to assist in first aid to man inmjured by B found upper part of hip bone broken off, skin ruptured on abdomen, and back nd shoulders severely c contused -- He cd not walk nor get in nor out of the wg unassisted for sev days - I statched up the wound and bandaged the p fractured bone (Jos Long of Elkhart)

pass jc w lower road gg to lower ferry --big trs v broken up, now singly or at most 4 or 5 - fatigug for the horses to b draw the wgs over an alternate succ of ridgess and holllows made by B tracks parallel tracks

5/24 to upper ford - cross, then made an ascent of a mile and a half ch was quite steep - this brot us to a dry barren plain dest of grass water or wood dist to NF 22 ms we came t the rv down through Ash Hollow celeb for I deviltries as the Pathfinder would say -- the dñcent from the plain into AH was v steep and diffic - We had to remove the lead horses from the tongue, and the lashed long ropes to the hind axletree made th discent / safely I discended through a winding zigzag path thr the rocks - - song birds in the hollow - cp 3 m oppo Castle Creek 8 lodges of Sx, Frman cplain of E invasion. .again close vic of CB road, plain dotted w / encampmts

5/25 opp famed Castle Rocks -- more Bedouins of the plains, sm proposed tradg hrss, others mainly looked at us in sultn silence. . loud whoops. . one v 100 lodges. . fridnely, trade - chil thirong begg crackers -- bronze statues

//sotime 2 pages or more for one days heppenings, like 5/25 rather idylli pic

5/26 5/27 beau clear creek - celeb lm the CH , side tri of 12 mi to see it, instead of 3 estd - climb - panoramic view covered w names, no room for mine 5/28 to v sit CR a perpendic column 100 feet above the sugar loaf -lg crevice thru the middle ch l cause it to split asunder and tumble down

5/29 SBs here the rd leaves the rv f about 30 m on acct of the Bluffs walling in the river in a canon Eight miles from the firs t principle bluff we came to Rubidou's station -- the



old fr trader whom we met this side FK then on his way to SL to sell his robes and furs. Here was a most excel spring and a ravine. There er 2 Candian bss at work at their trade, who seemed tb makg money fast. . also Is w decorated robes for sale poor E sick who died oj fog day. .loaded pistol carry away part of his under jaw subseq erysipilas set in and destroyed his life - he was a preacher, and hask a wife and chil along who pursued their j on to Calif

a half m fm R's S we raised the summit oth Bluffs, & here we beheld the first sight oth RMS - this was the MedicineBow range. . LP loom up like a lg blue thunder cloud -- laid in a g supply of cedar wood at SBs - Horse Creek

5/30 to LR after 30 ms cd wiht n less tha  $\frac{1}{2}$  m Here the E road from CBs forms a jc with the SJ & I roads. A vast ccourse of men, catle and wagons was on the opp side oth rv, waitg their reg turns tb ferried over -- the Fort auths x had a ferry estabd here & ferried wgs over for \$1. apiece. . The Eion frm CBs had gen got along much betrn those on the southern route, better grass

5/31 visited FL main F a lg Square struc 15' hi mde of mud, after the spanish style i surmounted w a wooden palisade within ths were the soldiers quartered - sev new frame bldgs er under course of erection - the place resd more nearly a tp than a mil fortif c - as in fact ir originally was -- there wa sev tdg estbs here at this t me - We bot some smoked side meat and sugar - wg repaired - got fog statist cs from the office where the Es er requested to record the r names viz:

8352 men, 68 women, 39 children, 2266 wagons, 8087 hrss, 2744 mules, 1544 oxen, 91 cows - was told there ought to be an add of one sixth to this amt as it was supposed there was that numb er also passed w/o recordg their names -- I think the number not recording was much larger; I think  $\frac{1}{4}$  d d not ~~xxx~~ record..

would make 9710 men passing up to this time, and suppose this the first 4th of the Eion. . we v 38840 men crossg the plans i one season and this est I think is moderate. . nu of a nd c ve small because most of them was farther back in the Eion as they gen gtvd w ox teams - scrvy, no garden gxv vgs -- bldg mater brot frm FtLv - wood used at post /?/ fire is drift down LR

left fort at noon, 5 m to first pasture on rv bottom - Left FL with regret. . because it was the last link that bound us to our native land. Heretofore if diff c, acc dent, or d se occurred, we had the fr aid of the auths of the F to rely upon. Even grievances or wrongs bet one another could be here adjusted as the strong arm of the law, even here, protected the injured and a oppressed; but after leavg here we were w/o the pail of protection. . incident of old man bg a turned back by soldiers, acct man seeking redress. . The co oth f acts something as a Sp alcalde settling diffics amicably if poss ble, in not, he settles them equitably, but if the ~~officer~~ offense r ve grave he sends the accused back to the state ~~smx~~ for trial

abandoned articles around the lodge of the alb Kit Carso who is here w a lg nu of Santa Fe Mules to sell tothe Es - ~~the~~ Kit, but did not know who it was at the time. He was commendabl engaged in playing cards in his own lodge. .He is said tb a famo gambler as well as hunter and mteer

ab 2 m brot us to a very steep and diffic hill to descend but by applyg the rope to the hind axlteree and us ng both lock we made the descent in safety. About 5 miles further broght us tothe div sion in the rd, the left gg thru the Black Hills

PHOTOSTATE PP 48 to 87 / IM 16958 McBride ????????

HM 2295 Dr. John Smith Journal 1853 (2<sup>3</sup> vols)

March 1, 1853 started for Oregon // pencil, large legible script, 3 notebooks c 3 x 5, leather covers identical// w 3 wgs nd 1 carriage 7 yoke oxen 13 cows one bull and 4 mares enroute refers to Vermillion Woodford ct -- peoria, toll for crossg bridge Knox Ct. Illinois - to ferry at Burlington, ferriage across Missip \$4. . . each day\*\*includes expenditures)

> see a little bit of the elephant today see a little more of ditto. . from roads and weather - Nishnabotna River to Glenwood - to Sarpys Ferry, 9 m thence to ~~EE~~ CB (May 4) My object in gg to Sarpy's Ferry was to ascertain the best crossing. Sarpy agrees to take teams o w at \$3.50 cash ea and 20c for loose cattle. . The ferries at CBs r charging \$4. for a wagon and 25c for loose stock

start } May 9 river so hi ferry cnn run today 5/10 went yesterd on horseback to uppe ferry 12 m to see what the chance was for crossing Captain said he was gg down to the other ferry in mg towere the crowd of Es were . . lose my mre, sick

5/11 crossed the Missouri today \$26.50, campd at edge of Mo Bottoms pd Is f crossg a sm stream on brush ch they made 5/13 cross papea creek on I toll bridge 50c 5/14 Elkhorn too hi tocross, 2 boats c take 2 wgs ea, \$. pvg 5/15 over for \$12.

///fairly brief notations, weather, countryside/// storm like I nv saw bf. . thanx to overuling providence we v all been spared///also precoc with grass or no grass, nd cd of roads

> 5/18 saw some Is g down platte this evening in a canoe 5/19 bridge at Shell Cr, vg to take r wgs by hand, good messs of catfish in platt //gives miles each day) 5/21 Loup Fork ferry \$15 for hss and wgs, swam r catl, 3 boats w ropes

> mentions 1852 graves, few identified - - rain rain and mud mud to hub 6/1 passed sev trs yest who had come up on SS platte & crossed to this side about 10 m above FKey, ch we passed yest. . tho not in sight on acct oth timber on an island which intervened - B creek overflow nd we v to move r camp

300 Bs on 6/4 6/5 Sab rested 6/7 passed mt of SFP 6/9 Huffman cow had a calf today 6/10 Cedar bluff opp.

END OF VOL I

Acct of distance traveled and expenses of each day in traveling to Oregon from Pittsburg Carroll Ct, Ind.. (this in ink

//resume pencil// 6/13 cross Castle Creek 6/14 pass g o 2 yg mn kd by lightng on 12 inst one by the name of G Hoover 27 of Pike Ct Ill the other D. M McCord 21 of Lee Co, Iowa, one gr -- Crabb Creek 6// passd ll gs today, 9 old ones

6/16 cd opp CR vjllg of Sx opp 6/17 op SBs 3/18 3 of r boys crossed the Platte yest eve by wadg nd swimming to get a view of SBs. . in crossg the rv they found it tb a mil wide walked 2 ms to the bluff and still one mile from it, afraid to cross acct dark, nearly drowned crossg first tiem, stayed w Es, etc., the recrossed, nearly drown again

SB } 6/21 cd 4 m above FL we er anxious to get over tothe f to lv letrs nd get same but cannot as the ferry boat was ~~wash~~ washed away and it was too windy to cross with the small skift ch they had. The soldiers had some d ffic w the Is two days lg bf we passed the last version that we had had was that the sergean

FL  
 G  
 Boise  
 ↓

of the find one oth soldiers er about to cross the rv in the small skift some Is wanted to cross w them but they dn let the Is go after they got out some distance the Is fired on them but missed them the officer went to the f and got some men and fod the /blank/ over the hills and kille d five of them

6/28 passed a co digg a gr f a woman who dd yest eve lvg a babe 4 days old the co er fm Ark 7/1 cd at the Bridge over platte this Bridge was built th s season by a company it cost \$16,000 they charge \$6. per team there has about \$3,000 teams crossed up to this day 12 retg Cas pack mules and 1 wg

7/2 cd at the Red Buttes 8 m s above the upper ferry this ferry is now vacated where the ferry was kept the road forks, rt hand lvs the rv and takes over the h,ghlands the left hand keeps up the river 7/4 willow springs 7/5 IR

7/8 mts a sublime sight showing forth the Almighty power of the Creator 7/14 to Pacif c Springs, 230 m fm SLC. There r som oth Ms here carryg on the bsq and v a tp they came in Jun e and ~~xxxx~~ allow to go back about the midle of August \$8. for setting a wg tire and \$12. shoeg a yoke of oxen, or \$2. one ft

7/16 take Sublet's Cutoff 7/18 to GR 48 ms w/o water, paid \$24 for crossing f cross 3 wgs & carriage and \$1. for my 3 horses, swim catl camp near lodges of Is and mteers

7/21 csid sickness in the camp, including Mrs. Smith and lit tle Margaret, all mt fever at Hamsfork threat d if I revenge on any white man for Cas killing on of Bannacks

7/27 ox dies of murrain (bloody). . Es buryg yg lady from Virginia died of csumption, Bear River Valley 7/30 I sold to Capt Grant at Soda Springs bacon and flour -- buy ox for proys

8/3 cd in sight of Fort Hall 8/4 left FH 7 m to r right there bg a new road . . cross portneuf rv. . tp here belngg to FH /// no romance whatever, all detail re buyg and sellg

8/15 ferry over Snake rv at Salmon Falls, crowd waitg 22.50 -- animals failng and r dropping, excessive dust, the gr st fatalities among catle that I ever saw ///worm's eye view/// discard some wgs 8/27 Boise River 8/31 8 or 10 ms frm Boise River, or where Fort stood. .washed away last spring, but is no w bg rebuilt \$8.pw for crossing ferry, cap on 1/2 Owyhe River 24 paid Is for swing over my catl & horses 60c -- one train had 50 head of catl die bet 2 ferries, left 6 wgs 9/10 Powder Rv tp here 9/13 grand round hill -- in GRV Is v just bn holding a treaty 700 warriors here now, some 1500 or 2000 ponies

Blue mt /// buys and sells at almost every opportunity  
 END OF VOLUME II

Blue mts Umatilla rv / / 1/2 r pink cow about give out from hard work and hollow horn traded herto an I for a ve handsome grey 2 year old poney - ferry Deschutes rv

///note 2558 ms fm Pittsburg, Ind to Oregon City 9/30 within 5 ms of the Dalles. -- Soon after startg the road forked the left hand crosses the cascade mts via Barlows Gate t Fosters and Oregon City -- to the Dalles to get on boat, get c atle and horses started on the pack trail, to cascades - to stbt landing w aniamls and wgs on worst wg road for the d stance I e tvd -- I take wgs to mouth of Sandy on boat, steamer Petonia. . 35 m from here to OC where arr Oct 19 to Yamhill Co.

plus one old ledger of earlier date, and tablet diary of the 60s



HM 19974 Montgomery, William A J to Ca fm SL Mo to Weaverville  
 /Weaverville?/ by way of OT April 29- September 10 ms 76pp.  
 16 mo c. 3. x 5 leather covered nb double pps

pencil beautiful script, highly legible

a list of the names of persons of Dr. Reuben Knox' co, who  
 left SL f Ca on the 29th Apr 1, 1850

Dr. RK, conductor, sons Joseph and Henry, nephews ~~Henry and Richard~~  
 and Reuben J. Grice, stepson jd co on Humboldt river pus 6 ~~negroes~~  
 negroes scratch it see copy at home

This diary [note on card] was copied by the author from the ori  
 which was water-logged, soon after his arrival in Calif. .  
 Wm M, the author, was orig from Aunton, mass.

miss p. 34: /there is no p. 34/ have thru p 43 /there is no  
 p. ~~44~~ 44! now for pp 44-45

13th travelg all last night. . reach GR 14th ferried evth  
 over in a boat 15 camp on Fontanells ck 7/22 Soda Springs an  
 Stbt spr 7/28 in camp on Raft River pass Goose Ck 7/31

8/4 R. Ryan died this night of consumption, he was unwell  
 at the start, and came out for his health 8/5 to H- Rv

8/6 lay in camp th s day waiting for Jas Knox retrun from  
 SL 8/7 Cal. Smith died this day of cholera 8/18 Sink of H-  
 8/20 v k loaded wgs w grass to carry on the desert

8/21 left camp 5 PM to tv thru the night. .at midnite 4  
 of us left eht ~~tr~~ on horseback for Carson R. Our wagns did no  
 get there, as the mules gave out. . 5 of r wgs er left bf reach  
 g the rv 8/22 we 4 found traders aplenty at Carson River, in  
 tenst or booths, made of old tent covers & boards, a rough look  
 ing set of Christians indeed 8/23 r wgs did not come from th  
 desert ~~dp~~ today but er left 5 miles back. .we are campg under  
 a lg tree near the rv, only one ox to eat 8/24 still wait for  
 the wgs, and expect some of them th s day. . co at the wgs v  
 crackers, rice & some Panola, Ft. Larima

8/25 I went out about 8 m on the desert, I took some wat  
 er in a lg bottle slung round my neck, and was nearly used up,  
 staid up all night, got my bgg returned to camp next day

8/26 ~~xxxxxxx~~ lay in camp all day nd the wgs er brot in, we  
 r intendg to pack r mules 27th took along the 2 wgs & pack d  
 sev mules some 12 of r co left the train and went on some  
 carried the r luggagé, others packed on mules

8/28 r mules weak from want of grass nd r men nearly use  
 d up for want of nourishment weak and in low spirits 8/30  
 camp among the mts 8/31 cross Carson rv 2x. . to valley

9/1 Carson V 9/2 6 of r men left for the diggs (Calif  
 we arvd near the M tp in the v nd here we butchered an ox, but  
 no bread 9/3 to foot of SNs 9/9/ Prescott ~~Wm~~ White & mysel  
 left the tr this mg about 35 m from Weberville. .nd pack r bagg  
 on myhorse 9/10 arr W- we r 134 days from SL and 113 from  
 old Fort Kearny on No river; ~~xxx~~ we staid one week at the fort

State of the weather -- 85 days fair, 3 days cloudy,  
 25 days some rain each day..

p. 76 Doctor Knox' scomapny of 57 persons left OFK w ll waggo ns (one oth bodies was in the form of a boat, ch was used for ferryg across rivers) and about 73 cattle, chiefly mulys, but a few g horses & ponies. Two oth heaviest wgs er left at new FKKey, one at SL, another, the Boat, at H-R, 5 on the great desert, one in a canion, another a l further on the way, ascen ding the SN Mts. This was the last one hind wheel broke, after ch we er obliged to pack evthg on mules and horses

Wm. Montgomery

//back to start//

with

Negroes 2 men 3 boys 1 girls (first names only used  
Americans 24 //in add to Knoxes//, including L C. Mason died n- Ac  
FL T. Carson, left at FL Pancoast, left near SN Mts. .  
Cal. Smith died on H-R . . likewise Geo Littleton, Wm Gould,  
Geo Crowell, Jos Ketchum etc etc and where th y left the tr. .  
Aside from the Knoxes, only 6 went all the way thru w the tr,  
tho Prescott ~~xxxx~~ White and Montgomery left only 35 ms from W  
Irishmen 4, one dd 10 m n H-R (John Ryan)  
Germans 15  
Ladies 3 Mrs. MDevett went to Sac  
Mrs. Warner, left on H-R total 57

4/29 took pasg on stb Marg Blanc 5/7 call at Liberty to take on mules. Went upon a high bluff to see the arsenal 5/8 boat stopd at I 5/10 to StJ 11th left for FK 13th arr at OFK. . left boat for land carriage // average 2 to a page

//entreis are brief but pointed and informative

5/14 enc at the old fort on the hill in log huts w/o doors or w ndows 15th jolly time of it 16th cmcd loadg r wgs. . ade lightful place, cheered by birds, fine cr ea side

\* 5/20 left f ll am for the plains. .leaders require a man on ea side to make them go straight 5/25 had misfortune to v a fore wheel of one oth wgs pass over my right foot, about the middle and left leg just below the knee, altho it is not frac tured any bones it obliged me to ride in the wg about 2 weeks, nd the foot was lame for a long time after . . now cmg near th P- I town, see Is aplenty -- r cductor gave them sm presents, nd enterta n I chief w 2 attendants at dinner, also the gr medc chief ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ . made the Platt rv this night

5/26 ~~started xxxxxxxxxx~~

///no - the entertainment of Is was on the 26th, Platt on 25th 5/28 in fine spirits since we v got rid of the P-s

5/29 met co 70 chian Is gg to f ght the Ps, all on horsebac nd v long spears strung w scalps of their enemies, and w painted faces they look tr ly frightful. . we saw the old pawnee town, nd saw how their huts er cstructd / 7/31 pass the St.J roa dFK

6/1 2 o princ bldgs of wood, others o unburned brick nd prairie sod. . lg herds B seen here last winter, supposed to v bn 15,000 in sight at one time // 6/2 at fort all day

~~xxx~~ 6/6 beyond Plumc Creek, one of r co L C Mason d this mg of cholera, after sickn of about 10 hrs 6/8 met mail stage from FL 6/10tv along SF. . saw sev graves every one of ch had a well-beaten path, as if it had bn trvd by a gr nu people 6/12 start early reach SFP. .wg w my lugg upset

6/13 started fm SF 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>AM, reached AH about 2 PM ct ve broken but romantic 6,17 kd w 2 white wolves, arrd Ch Bluff at 12, near c.r. at night, ct a lt romantic 6/18 fine bluffs on road like fortifications cp in ve romantic place, bluffs on 3 sides 6/19 we called at an I tp and bss where er about 20 wigwams. One white trader  
 6/20 another I tp, some shanties and wigwams 6/21 arrvd LR 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>am and ferried freight and forded w teams pass fort at 1 oc 6/27 cross ing of NF, boat freight wgs, swim stock  
 6/29 left camp about 7 and upper ferry about 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
 7/2 pass IRand DG 7/8 saw Ice Springs and saleratus lakes & in sight of mts capped w snow 7/10 over SP

END OF WM MONTGOMERY

GIFT OF John T. Montgomery 59

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HM 651 Gorgas, Solomon A. D of an ov j fm SJ Mo to Placerville Ca by way of FL; ~~x~~ also ret voyage to NY via the Ithsmus of P 1850X851 April 28-April 8 ms. o v 8 vo x. 3 x 6 213 pp

pp 7 to 102 pertain to ov j ~~////~~

Left SJ 4/28 went up to Duncan's Ferry - cross mg of 29th 4/30 Wolf c Is v brdg, 25c cd # 5 m w Agency 5/2 to Red River, let d r wgs w ropes hear we jd sm frs fm Pa & Ohio & Ill elec 3 men as directors nd formed a co -- another co under McLeod, h as bee thru 2x ~~////ink~~, small but legible script, good pnmanshi starts black, ends red -- leather covered notebook ~~////g~~ spacing

5/6 to Vermillion -- fall in w McLeod from Ohio 5/11 made F Kny 5/12 a day of repose, write letrs, to Fort 5/13 now ccluded to ly the Ohio tr and shall tv alone w 3 wgs ~~////does not bother w th misages~~ recof of distances daily

rd fm SJ to FK 300 m is exceedgly good w excep of crossing for first 50 m 5/17 crossed P at 4 oc 5/20 cmpd AH 5/21 Here AH me 1st Is since Agency, came swarming, to beg, they r pitiable objects, ma-y naked, Sx Nationa, Chief Smoke. . sell mockasins for sugar - hard looks squaws and pretty Pawpoucies.

5/23 ~~////entries quite variable in length, and some days skip~~ opp the gr nat cur cad the Church or CH 242 w FK, like ancient European fortress of gr magnitude - road along nf ~~////////~~ andy and heavy wheeling, teams fagged down, grass poor, dry. . the propors of mules and horss teams i nearly equal, cnn see an diff in their cd the hrs teams r made up gen of the best built western horss, mostly of csid age - the gr majority of the mul e teams ~~////////~~ are animals of 4 yrs old & under

~~////3 pages for 5/25//~~ there r a gr many ox teams, prob about one third of whole number cp 3 mi e CR, thousands of name cut in rock or written w lead pencil, effacg rapidly

5/24 CR inxtrospec and regrets - thous up on thous rushg on to the land of gold - this certainly is a sptacle ch the wld since its creation nv has witnessed --mail express from FL road lvs rv and windsof toward SB ch is d shant some 12 or 13 m -- ard at or near the Springs at dusk and cd

5/25 left camp 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>oc at this place a Mr. Rubedoux has estab a tp to trade w Is and to take adv of the vast eion ch invariab passes thjs pt a number of mechanical shops (or tents rather)

Is

Nov



Rocky

are here in opera during th season oth eion - the trs awa the m  
echanics r ge Frmen hard lookg customers - they us take squaw  
nd v offspring by them, but r gen reckless enough to abandon  
them at pleasure Mr R is a man of about 30 apparently, rather  
Rum/?/ eyed and of g demeanor and I shd jidge pretty well calcu  
lated for his situation he has a neat assortment of dry goods  
nd somewhat of a gen assortment of goods - buys and trades a gr  
deal of Furs fm the Is and sends them to the Mo R - has a squaw  
tol whom I had the oppor to see wishing to buy a pair of mocs  
of him at his store, they proved tb too small, whereon he repli  
that his squaw perhaps some larger ones and invited me along to  
his rms adjg the storeroom - on enterg his squaw was sitting o  
a kind of bed workg at mcs, but unfort for me they er too small  
She was rather a better lookg woman than most oth Squaws, but  
hard enough - saw no Paupuc es Mr R is app a g-man, shok han  
ds w him and left - to H Creek

FL

5/26 arvd FL Sabbath -- all respect for the Sab here forgo  
tten - arvd 4 oc, crosg LF about a m below the F the stream w  
somewhat swollen by the late rains nd was barely fordable - ab  
100 yds below r crossg it emptied into the NFL

5/27 storm knocks over tents - the elephant gave us a  
slight brush of his tail the F has bn estab w thin the ~~last~~  
yr nd furtherimprovs r still in progress - under direc of Majro  
Sanderson of Ohio - he is certa a g-man I became acqutd w him h  
gave us some kind and useful advice for our rout

5/28 again on j for Eldorado 6/2 made the upper Plat Ferr  
y today 3 boats here, 3 more 5 mis & lower down \$4. pw

6/3 Rock Avenuw. . teams shdb rested at the ferry, and wate  
there shdb stored 6/4 cd 2 m E IR 6/8 since lvg the FNP  
the road has bee bad - sandy - hilly, stoney and rocky

Sabbath 6/9 sup od tb day of rest, is bustle and cfusion ..  
My fr Elder Day of Michi is to preach a sermon this eve -shall  
hear him if I am not prevented by the claims of our sick

6/10 made the Pass today 6/11 passed the jc ~~sk~~, parted w  
r frs fm Mich w much reluc, they gg by SL & we takg the Cut-off  
or straight road 6/12 arr GR 5 oc mg 6/13 30 teams ahead, f  
ee \$10. a gloomy place -  $\phi$  vivid dscript of crossg the savage

GR

mt stream, hurled fm shore toshore by the dashing waves and  
struggling boatmen, in a sm wg boat 4 feet wide and ten feet lo  
-animals refuse etc. 6/15 snow squalls. . r load heavy in  
cseq of boys bg sick. . all broke dow w fatigue - -surely the

gr Creator has never designedthis dreary ct to become the habit  
a of the white men. . the Lord deliver us fm this cold and gloo  
my region 6/19 heavy snow 6/18 more snowstorms- in daytime  
muquitos relentless in theif demands for blood

6/21 Stmbt S 6/23 Hudspeth's Cutoff (55th day). . the co  
is well enough marked yet vg the app of a new road -6/26 ford  
of Raft River 6/27 Castle City is ab 3 m ne oth jc w SL rd. .  
whole resembg a city 6/28 Thousand SV

6/30 since lvg FK /?/ we v tvd w thin sight of mts and  
mt scenery and since lvg FL we v wound r way thru valleys in ch  
the heat oth sun db extremely gr in he day time and w ithin sig  
ht of snow capped hills on the sides and at the nite the cold  
db severe - for about 30 days r tv has been amongst the hills  
and mts wadg streams and rivers mud & swamps the toils of r

r jvbn exceedlg gr and some sickns has been r lot - Sabbath -  
more wistful nostalgia 7/7 Kanyon Creek k 1st crossg of Hr.  
fellow from M shot w I arrow. . stock bg stolen

7/3 shoot old ~~Chick~~ Chickasaw, , about to die fm starva  
7/4 tvd thru excessive heat prepd an I dinner a potpie. .  
ref to She and my dear little ones think of Pa today, etc.  
head and dust truly oppressive dust has floated in the track  
in dense clouds almost prod eg suffocation at times

7/9 puzzlement about where ~~we~~ we are at Sink, prepare for  
the desert w water and cut grass - shd b marked, makes suggs .  
7/10 discover we are yet mahy miles from the Sink . . low on  
provs. . the usual deteriorat on

It isreally distressg to see the immense dstruc of prop alo  
the rout at FL some already dsposed of the r wgs and went to  
packg, but the symptoms of miscalc & cseq disaster & distress h  
ave increased daily since lvg that point & the road s de is li  
t lined with broken & burnd wgs, harness, clothg, blankets, quilt  
kettles, bake pots, sa ddles, stoves, tents --hrss in worst shap

7/16 finally reach Sink (79th Day) July 17 & 18 Desert --  
scenes from Paradise Lost. .2 men perished of thirst and the rd  
lined w dead animals dead were of co from Woster, 0 -- the  
distress is gr beyond cprehens on - make Carson River

7/19 r cd is deplorabl we r on the pt of sufgr for meat hv  
had none for sev days. The whole Eion is famishd 3# sea bis  
cuit w 10 days tv what is gg to beme of us nobody knows. .  
intol heat only altern to lv r wg . .a bitter pill. . forced t  
throw away evthg nd escape w r lives (the desert) - at the  
river angles of mercy w flour nd meat to sell us poor pilgrims  
\$2. lb for the flour trading station beyond 10 lbs flour for  
\$15., paybl at Sac

7/22 500 M men nd wmn bus ly engaged in bldg a setlment,  
at foot of mts. 7/25 /in mts/ passed lg tr of stores dest.ned  
for the famshd Eion yet in the rear of us, gratuitous

7/26 reached Hangtown or Placerville 6 pm - thus we arvd  
end r tedious j at the cmmment of r fearful labours in just 4  
months from the day pn ch we left r happy homes //anguish and  
prayer. .dscript of ~~Placerville~~ Placerville and neary diggings

return by Ithsmus 1851 //brown leather cover//  
gift of Norman S. Nyce, 1939

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FAC 222 Dr. Edward Alexander Tompkins diary 1850 (See Coy)

4/2/50 //beautiful script, diary c. 5 x 10, numbered page  
Facsimile or photo reproduc of original, loc ? 1133 pp.

bg m jtt Ca by the land rt i.e. to B, then to Sandusky,  
Cincy & STL, I, SL, H-R, Carson Valley and Fremonts south pass ot  
Sierras Nevada. . dreadful feels on parting, agony of soul. .  
took cars at Havana. At Jefferson jd 5 cpans. . at B purchase  
of medicine, guns Indian robber cothing, surgical instruments,  
opium - detld dscript of tv to SL, a philospher yet: at jnc of  
Ohio and Missip like the pathway of lf it is inevit onward fon  
down a str nd dev ous way to the gr ocean of ~~eternity~~ eternity

4/13 ar at noble c ty of SL, to Walton Hs, elab dscript of this town of 70,000 - addl member O gives character reading of his cpzns: AM Taylor, n.g. Lapmah, equally decieptful. Paeker impulsive and vain Irishman. Dana, cher shes secret and eternal hatred under the guise of frsh; ACompton, ltd intel, not suff energy of char; CL Compton, too lazy tb a g fr or a dangerous foe; John Guthrie a virtuous man; Nelson Spaulding true Yankee char of ge uine worth; A. E. Tompkins of whom I in apeak - 9

4/23 lv on steamer ///verbose narr style, as if des gnod for posterity///not in daily diary form, but narr form

4/24 landed at Waynce City the most mis of all wretched collec of log huts ev inhab by pickpockets grog vendors and vag abonds - I laid out like square of a checkerboard, brick c-h. w conical roof -- outfit cs sted of 2 mules each, 1 riding hrs //there follows list of expenditures, plus later ditto abng the trail, leading to cclus on that th s narr was written at leisur from original field notes// items on trail include mainly crossn plus exp at Fort Kerney, FL, SL and Great Desert

camp 22 m w after 1 week in I. . here 2 wks

@ Tuesday the 22 of May we set. . on r exped acrost the pls to the RMs -- gives detail of pack train tv routine, pckg technique, ~~rtex~~, schedule, etc. . . enter terr of Shawnees, to the Wakarusa, incessant round of diversified beau nd melody

Kaw wretches ct about 40 m ~~mx~~ wide, a race of exceedlg degraded bgs, lazy, thievish, filthy. . lyging papers, ~~xxx~~ Pres Harrison medals, many naked, smeared w paint, shave head except for roach . . As we appr the Kansa R we emerge fm among these disgustg bgs and f nd rss surrd by Potosatomies, one of them ed ucated and writing a book about them (Jl N. Bourassa) - war bet Ps an Ps, gr war dance on banks oth P, fod by War Feast. . Po half civd - csid detail z about customs of the 2 tribes, in cludg treatment of prisoners, and burials, marriage customs

May 29 crossed Ks R by aid of a ferry kept by a Frmn.. 10 m west Methodist Mission. . A Roman Catholic Missions exists near the rv at Kansasville where we crossed. . Terr of Pos extn west to L Verm llion R about 28 m e KR. . steep banks of Big V

- witness to battle, unearthly screams, ex of gunfire nd arrow / other whites assist in chas ng Ps. .horrid howlg f the dead.

- essays on prospects for white occup oth land ~~yankee~~ yankee industy, skilland enterprise // essays mingled w journal

crossing of BB: such horrid noises caused by the brayg of asses, lowing of oxen, screamg of wmn and children w th the fiendish cursing nd swearg in all langs by furious ~~xx~~ madmen was enough to bcraze the grtst stoic in all Christendom

LB - prev of disease csd by alkaline ingred os water, fish, imperf prep of food, chilly nite watches damp & wet gr, cstant hard nd exhaustg toil -- course to pursue to avoid dise se: -- boil water --- Peculiarities of the B, a social being, a gallant, the lg bulls arrange themss on the outside oth herd, surr cows, wh ch surr calves, etc.

Fort Kerney ch is indeed no fortifica but a rude garri son for the fragments of 3 cos, one oth cos r the remains of an old co of ~~xxx~~ mounted men a kind of Dragoons -- sm vegs -- essay on PV -- Dana lves, a thous frivolous collisions - jumps quickly to Forks of the Platte ///not a d ary, only occ dates// //overblown dscript of PV: w ld andthrillg in its mag. . by



ascending the top of one of mts. . boundless ocean of billowy  
 mts with ghastly casams intervening. .astonishment and rapture.

crossing SP June 15 -- to nf 22 miles over a region  
 that keeps the tvr in a st of cstnat wonder and increasing  
 enchantment. . near the summit a lake around ch num bears and  
 wolves r daily see to congreg, cted 14 bears /?/ AH

7 m fm AH is Castle Bluffs 8 m CHR rises abruptly frm  
 the pl to the utter astonsihment of all who behold it. . 12 m  
 further to CR, a prom m peculiar. . equally wonderful eminences  
 called SBs. .ruins of mag pallaces, pyramids, citadels, the gr  
 hall of legislation, etc. . even the ruins of Rome, Athens, ~~A~~  
 Bagdad and Petria fall into perf insig. .city inhab by giants

Thibbadoux w 3 squaws nd a numerous progeny, a desperado  
 Essay on the Sx and their customs includ B hunting nd courtship

Fort Bernard an assemblg of log huts B skins stacked like  
 hay, 8 m from FL. . hired owner of a wg to take r goods across  
 LR FL ~~xxxxx~~ socalled from its most eff promoter if not its  
 founder. Genl Laramie who was once stationed at this pt . it  
 is a ve mis apology for a fot bg a quad struc. .about the center  
 oth eastern front present a lg openg or passg into the f ch is  
 closed at night by 2 massive wooden doors. . a like opening may  
 be observed at the west wall. .longest fromn to s S  $\frac{1}{2}$  is com-  
 pletely filled up by offices of the various depts. The N  $\frac{1}{2}$  is  
 filled up by canon, carriages and var ous implements adapted to  
 war on the ~~parxof~~ war or occsp of peace. A fine plain conta n  
 ing perhaps 6 acres extends to the E of this cobhouse fortifica

on ss of this plain or yard is a long row of stables . . on e  
 and se r numerous shanties fitted for the lodgement oth ~~xxxxx~~  
 fag endsof 3 cos of inf and shops, grotesque. . On the n or ne  
 SS where vile filth in the name of whiskey is sold

A kind of e cbsure nearly 4 miles in extent appeared design  
 for surrdg this mockery of a mil post. . it d seem that a co of  
 squaws cd sack the whole concern in half an hour if they knew it  
 weakness. Its walls are act propped up by sticks of timber

7 m steep hill on ch num wgs smashed - Warm Springs  
 at length to upper ferry nf -- IR June 29, 176 m f FL DG one o  
 th most singular freaks o nature the eye of man ever witnessed

SP, a beau v 22 m wide instead of anarrow defile as some  
 imagine. . 19 m w is juc o Ore nd Calif trails, we turn left. .  
 On the next day we came to Dry Sandy r near ch is a trailpassg  
 off to the right leading to the north of SL called Sublettes co

At GR a mis ferry kept by vagabonds who v ident fiedthems  
 w the Is of this region. . many sick and dying here cholera d  
 malignant diarrhoea, man about to be buried comes alive and deman  
 ds to know what is happening. . //Dr. Tompkins doesno doctorin

FB, a stockade tp - the valley GSL appears from summit  
 of Utah Mts as one oth most enchantg scenes that ever enrapture  
 the sul of man -- Essay on the Great Basin geography ---  
 essay on the Mormons and their unique city -- gala days one oth  
 is the ~~4th~~ 24th of July. I was present on the occasion of thei  
 2nd anniv - The risg sun was hailed by the d scharge of artille  
 ry and loud music in front of the Council House. Soon after a  
 triumphal car 40 ' long ctaing the Pres B. Young sundry officia  
 ls a large band of music and drawn by 24 grey horses began a  
 march thru the various thorofares of the c ty- - cermonies and  
 speeches -- Havg said this much I w ll venture ~~a~~ to speak of the

principles these peculiar people profess to be guided by. .

They practice polygamy to an enormous extent. Some other conspicuous members of that order possess as many as one dozen or more wives. They do not hesitate to practice the strangest bestial lusts. . I was taken sick at the M c ty on the day after my arrival and came near dying. M I was very kindly entertained by Mr. John Young -- companions went on

went the northern route -- Bear River August 1 -- detailed description of route Goose Ck - Thousand Springs Canyon creek - Marys or H-R is the most crooked and singularly winding route I ever saw the fog diagram I show more of it, 280 miles in length - first 2/3 good feed, but last 80 or 90 miles thru barren region abundant in volcanic remains -- Diggers lazy filthy naked barbarous, eat crickets, murder Es and hang their scalp on bushes

Description of the Sink, Payute Is, a poor wretched race of two legged vagabonds

Crossing the desert brings us to Carson River - Carson Valley, one of the most beautiful plains in the world at its end we begin to ascend the Snake thru a ravine seems quite incredible to be that a loaded wagon taken over this monstrous pile of granite. . overwhelming displays of the power might and majesty and glory of Almighty Power - down via Tragedy Springs arrive at Hangtown Sept 20

RECAPITULATION OF MY TRAVELS with dates, miles and cumulative miles from Independence to SF 2312 7 pages from NY to I 1760 for total 4072

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HM 16996 Charles R. Parke. Journal of a Trip across the Plains from Ill to Calif via Fremont and Donner Pass; mining on the Feather River; and a voyage from SF to NO via Nicaragua 1849-1851 /envelope/

ledger ~~11~~ c 8 x 14, marbled cover, coming apart at seams. inside title page //all in ink large distinct script  
1849 Como Whiteside Co Ill California Notes, Crossing the Plains

sheet pasted inside front cover: Dr. Chas R. Parke was born in Chester Ct. Penn June 25 1823 - grad U of Penn 1847 -- to Ill When the gold fever broke out the Dr was selected as Surgeon of the Como Co, California ? which he accepted

/notes indicate have to 149, ch is all there is.....

1849 CALIFORNIA LOG BOOK

4/8 Capt. Ss. Sampson organized the Como Pioneer Co. 4/1 object crossing the plains to California in search of gold & sight-seeing 3 wags each drawn by 3 yokes - 9 total in company - left 4/7 direct for SJ 5/2 it began to ascertain there was small pox & cholera in SJ Capt Sampson despatched me to ascertain the facts. . I found SJ in an uproar. . quite a number of cholera cases on the St. Louis Boats and some in the town. . 5/4 met company 20 miles from SJ The report was that 7000 people had died from the two diseases 5/6 came to SJ . . On the bank of the Missouri of town is a high mound where lies the remains of St. Joseph a Catholic missionary. The spot is marked by a cross - called Merrill's family

5/7 left SJ cd 5 m out on Savannah road. The gs we shipd from Burlington Iowa via SL arvd on boat today but as they er not csigned to any pat hs er carried back bf we er aware of it!

5/8 came 8 m to S 5/9 left S. this mg tv \$ 15 m, passg thru Neward. Bot flour at Hollisters Mill on the Nodayay. this ct well setld up 5/10 laid over, Merrills camping w/us We r now in Holt Ct nd intend gg thru Origen the Ct seat, on r way to Iowa Point where we l cross the Mo and go to the Mission in IT 5/13 thru London, ct seat of Atchison Ct

5/14 crossed Nishnabotany 5/15 now at Ft. Kerny on Table Creek 5/16 crossed over the Ferry, cd on the prairie. the Knox ct teams r cg up tomorrow Fort Ker ey is quite a pla Log houses and an 8 square blockhouse in center There is a Sargent here x to protect the U S Govt property - the pr grs r beau. No one is allowed to camp on it

Sto to  
all FK

//in margins gives dates, distances, and cumulative miles from Illinois

5/22 for chol symptoms, prescribe pill of opium every hour ch quieted the griping but did not stop the diarrhoea. I next ordrd Rx of capsicum and camphor -- ment, oned crossing creeks w unfamiliar names, i.e. Elk, Modest Muddy, Silver Ck - the red flag to shoot a antelope trick. . more medical jargon for his treatment of companions's cholera

Dr.

5/25 cd on river bottom. .vg oth once powerful Ps, on the Platte, ctains 95 wigwams. The main or central wigwam is much largern the ballance. . a dist reminds one of an eastern coal pit or mount - method of construction, description and (one of the most detailed of any observer). There er only 4 Is in the vg nd they sick, claim to v smallpox, do not linger - near the vg is a gr surrd by 62 horse heads or skulls suppose it marked the lst restg place of some celeb chief - the symbols d suggest Many Horses

Is

5/27 a Lieut fm the F says 2400 teams v passed the F this spr 5/29 came to jn of Old Fort Kerny & Ft. Jessup roads /?/ gr David Harris 4/12 5/30 le m to FK nd 14 m w reprot at F 3500 teams v passed - FK a poor looking place all made of sod they r now bldg a frame hs - the troops r preparg to start for Oregon, a fine loog set of men - pass 200 teams 5/31 ditto The B co from Springfield Ill 10 m behind - Andrew Merrill 2 days behind . - an encampment has bn seen on CB road - Quite a nu sellg their interests in cos nd returng to the Sts -- meat, corn meal, pilot bread awd beans distrib profusely along rds -- 500 cav expected at FK on their way to Origen - passed Badger co from Wisconsin Louisiana Enterprise Co a mile ahead

FK

Other Co's

6/1 called in to see a Mr. L- from Galena has flux buried his dgtr this mg Mrs. Merrill lieut general, separate, but Whipple stays acct the pretty dgtr 6/5 cross sp

grove

6/8 cd opp Castle Rock of Fremont. . /after/ vg to ascen the bluffs which led us into Ash Hollow, idsap in little t mbe but charmed by spring - at mouth wigwams of X Sx and Frman w the for 16 yrs - tr man shot himself in the leg

6/9 Spring Creek Castle Bluffs by a happy streak of somebody's imagination - swallows and their instinct 6/11 pass gr of P. Stevens of Boon City Mo, d of csumption was tvg for his health - deplors those who leave home to grasp at straws

Dr.



AVL  
 NPV  
 6/16 visit Castle Rock another one or Solitary Tower or Church - architec grandeur fades as we approach dscrps of Church and Tower - p. 30 sketch of Solitary Tower or Ch as it looks June 12, 1849 - d too CR haystack w long pole  
 6/14 to Horse Cree via SBs. . beau ndrefreshg spr ngs at the base of near th s spring was a fresh gr made th s morning. Dunn was the name, d of cholera 6/15 saw many cards on trees but none for us

6/16 cd 2 m above FL Fields wg capsized crossg LR, damag ing sm provs and wettg his bedding. The wg was towed ashoe. FL is situd . . the parade grs r beau sitd /diagram of loc/ while in amp at FL we cut off r waggon beds and coupled up the wgs prep toentering the BHs

Warm Spring, Bitter Creek Horse Shoe C 6/17 met some US soldiers retg w an E who had stole a horse fm the F La Prele Fouche Bois Deerc 2 bss Ms Es buyg coal

6/25 c oppo the Ferry cross on aboat swung accross the rv by two ropes, 2 yokesof cattel att tothe end of the ropes on either side, towg it back and forth

6/26 millions of grasshoppers had eaten all gr leaves etc nd er now devourg each other - gr covd f acres - wg wheels mash them into molasses 6/27 Willow Spgs. 6/28 celeb IR, like a giant tortoise 6/29 DG, diagrammat c map of vic, tv at wits end why and when th s break thru solid granite

7/2 man tb tried for murder tomorrow of c Judge Lynch holds the court out here I do not know the pats - The murdrd man's name was Read (\*author's note: this man was afterward hung by vigilance committe in California for stealing)

7/3 SP entering 7/4 This bg the nation& bd, we cmnced r celeb by washing dirty linen - v two cows, make ice cream at th SP oth Rockies, describes process 7/5 dist fm Como 1269, fm SJ 859, fm FL 231 (at Dry Sandy) 7/6 Big S

7/8 SCO 50 mi not 35, the western 25 w perp dusty hills  
 7/9 GRF \$6. - Fr trs, squaws of Snake & Crow Ms, darker thanth Sx - 7/10 called to see on of Capt Hawkins men s ck, rode 12 m - has bilious attack will soon be well

7/13 Bear R quakenaskps 7/17 visited a sick man today a Missourian has typhoid fever, but dg well visit Ft. Smith at Big Timber -- 7/18 I feast of 4 squirrels, hides, entrils and most of the bones -- Soda or Beer Spring 7/19 SBsp and old crater we left the ma n road at the bend oth rv and bore off to the sw fod Myers & Hedgespeth, the former was a mt guide the latter captain of the company from Mo - both vbn to Calafornia bf - Pannack R

as for Is, the only way to improve their lotisto take all their chil away from them, and educate them never allowg the chi l togoback until the old cusses have all passed over the river.

7/24 Raft Rv, 50 m fm FH 7/25 Capts Hedgespeth of Mo & Hawkins of Illir camped ahead of us w Myers as their guide. now 123 m w SCO 7/26 came into the old road fm FH. Here we met many trs that had gone round by the F. They report many fam, lies branching off to Oregon from the Fort. . the dist from here to FH is sa d to be 75 m and 60 m from there to the bend o Bear R or Soda Spr ngs - 7/28 bound for Goose Creek - crossed the new M road from SL. Here we met some teams that took th old road at SCO 2 days bf we started ing - granite pyramids

///frequent underlining /// well springs - HR  
 8/3 fresh grave poor sould dd of csumption. Bad judge  
 ment, nay nonsense 8/8 cattle w arrows in them  
 8/16 to cutoff or South Origen Trail - Dr. Swain /?/  
 informs me that his c found a portion of a mastedon skeleton  
 near FL 8/17 take old road tothe sink 8/22 to Sink -  
 8/23 Boiling Spr ngs left Hot Spring for Truckey or Salmon  
 Trout R 8/31 pas on oth hss blt by the unior Donner party  
 There er sev other hss but they er ordrd destroyed by Gen Kerne  
 y on his ret fm Ca in 1847 in order to keep the Is fm living in  
 them -- to the summit where in fact found "the elephant",  
 steep and winding, terr ble road - rolling stones - Capt Karrs  
 wgs had 15 yokes of cattle att a one time -- got all ouss up w  
 ropes. After givg 3 cheers we started for the v. . wdn care to  
 take the back track, we l go home by water  
 9/1 no road at all until we reach Fremont Peak  
 fm Camp Fremont, head of American Fork, reach Uba rv - down w  
 ropes I protest callg r route a road 9/3 to Capt Greenwood's  
 camp 9/4 foot of Bear River mts to Steep hollow on Bear R  
 mines in profusion 9/15 reach Sutters Fort on the American  
 Fork, and soon after the c ty of Sac, a c ty of tents w a few  
 plank hss. . . ENDS J page 89

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Charles B. Darwin HM 16770

2 vols  
~~the~~ ledger ~~book~~ size books, c. c x 14 ~~and~~ with  
 1849 journey cheap paper "blank book" 215 pp Kanerville to  
 SLC, about half pencil, half pen card board covers, ledger  
 thin leather on spine dn book, SLC to Calif c 10 x 12,  
 cardboard cover, w marbled paper ~~ink~~ has 289 pp. .  
 handwriting is large but scrawly, redable but only with painful  
 effort - pencil and ink is preserved, but the peculiar char ot  
 handwriting is the problem /a third ms notebook, ledgersize 1/2  
 w blue paper seems to be outside r scope. .

Inside bk I cover: If I die pn my path ch I d no antic or dsir  
 I wish the finder o this bk to sent it to my wife M. A. P. Darw  
 in Paris Tennessee for ch he will receive many thanks if he  
 does not if spirits can leave the land of shades I'll disturb  
 his pillow Chas B. Darw n May 1, 1849

new book?  
 Loose sheet typed, signed by J.B.J.m yk undated, reads  
 a page fm the Darwin Diary, writn on cheap paper blank-  
 books that even w magnifyg glass it is diffic to decipher.  
 Page after page a woman labored over it for many long  
 months. Running a small Sanitarium. . .this woman patiently  
 and carefully worked thru these worn old books. She rewrote  
 much of it, deleting where nec cs not legible, a d fillin in  
 for continuity as best she could  
 Not many dv attemptd to read these faded pgs, but Hermine  
 Chillcott Darwin did it. She gave it her best efforts. At las  
 it was done! She wrote the word Finis gladly, etc.  
 Pencilled footnote: Chas B. Darwin died at Napa Asylum n  
 SF spr ng 1901. He was for a time U.S. District Judge for Terr  
 of Wash; collab in the 1860 rev of the Laws of Iowa. For a sh

Range



sketch of his life see: Proceedings of Iowa State Bar Assoc,  
Vol. VII, 1901, p. 80

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Have copy to thru page 143 at Independence Camp start 144

same camp 7/5 claret /?/ and salt water camp nsp. . in 20  
m we made the Morman crossg of platte canoes tied together and  
planks enough for wheels on it they ferry over at \$4. pw all  
who come in the order of their coming as our load was insig  
after waitg 2 hrs we had r packs and saddles carried over nd af  
ter much ? we swam over our ponies salt flats 4 men drownd  
yesterday, and one shot the teams we are ctin passing ev  
camp we pass is strewn w valuables /?/ one has 40 or 50 hams  
left piled up while boxes and trunks and all manner of clothing  
lies scattered about another were ? carts, barrels and every  
one has some indication attached to it to tell of haste a d los  
s . . we may now be said to v passed the black hills. .the  
has been exceedingly hot a d our claret and ? let to our suppr  
a relish possed by none other since we left our ?

/4 solid pages re 7/5

Buffalo steak camp willow spr ngs Friday evening July 6  
last night wolves howl d around us in such ? that one might  
well believe there were a hundred of them we er up and vg no  
~~xxxx~~ water we were /? in our saddles the Dr. struck out for  
the road at a ? & found it after 5 miles travel an indian  
company rode up and on inquiry found them to be cherokees. . X  
Dr. Thompson. . the road . . the red buttes . . scene of desolat

canion camp upper willow spring Sat Sunrise July 7, 1849  
capt of the Cherokee company air is strongly i pregnated with  
effluvia from dead oxen it is like walking over a field of bat  
le many cos r tvg by night to avoid the heat of the intolerab  
sun and scorching wind, to save cattle

Cra? ~~xxxx~~ Camp, near Independence Rock Saturday night,  
July 7 at about 10 this morningx we were moving toward Sweet  
water lofty rock and huge mt piles most of our way. . soon  
IR opened upon us and the sw a pretty little creek of 60 feet  
width and ayard deep we struck off the the left into a rock-  
walled ravine and find good grass by the light of a lamp pine  
tree /?/ fire I write and its glow beacons far up into the tower  
ing crags . . our ponies are in the steep ravine winding almos  
t almost /? perpendic larly up. . to pine branches. . asnwater  
was to be found here I taking a pan scrambled up the rock think  
ing stand indidism at the base of a giant pile. . a d after leap-  
ings and jumping climbings and umpings and all manner of gymna  
stics not at all favorable to shins when darkness had woven her  
curtain around me I found the much desired beverage. My co  
became anxious for me a d shouted and soon after a reptition of  
the gymnanstics I sat by the fire /?/ and took out my book to  
write. dg Storm clouds whos ? seem pregnant with ra n hang  
glooming over much of the night vault up the Eastern edge of  
which with a face as if wrapped in grief climb our lady of  
the night wolves r howling upon my tracks they no dobut ~~xxxx~~  
would have ve much relished a supper of my carcass had I see f  
it to leave it on the cliffs. A murder was yesterday attempted  
by some 3 men from Iowa on a fourth who with them composed the  
ir company. . the man was severely wounded but got into a camp  
and informed. .