

Crag Camp No. 2 Sunday sunrise July 8th, 1849

. . It ~~is~~ is the Sabbath the day of rest all over a christian world Oh how my soul sighs as memory pictures the sweet sabbths that I have spent with my Mary beneath our own . . .//he goes on a d on with nostalg a and introspection// 4 pages this date

Canyon & Bitter Cake camp 7/10 //long dissertation on the poetic effects of the moon . . saw the woman who inspired the attempted murder she is very ugly in face but has a handsome daughter oh what is man that he for such a female caliban should make a murderer of his ~~and~~ and soul. Some of thos mts tower up far into upper air and some / /more Byronesque phrases re mt scenery

Same camp Monday sunrise July 11 1849

Oh what a glor ous day dawns and a transendant sunrise all mant led in shining white and pluming like a pollishedmirror are the prmontoriesof the mountain mass above . . in the east floats a mass of fleecy ? all radiant as the roseate hues that angels pencil on the vault of heaven, too fair and all too spiritual for earthlyword or similtude of workmanship. . ravens came very near last night ravens croak hoarsely this morn

Camp Beautiful Wednesday July 11 4 pm

South Pass, Rocky Moutains, Thursday sunset July 12 /?/  
Last nite I suffered much from cold and adisly ra n how the cold w nd came down from wind river mts early we were in r saddles with a s gh a leaving our beautiful hime we sought the roads for some miles our way lay over a mot beautiful ct till at last we made sweet water & nooned - vast masses of snow were piled upon the ? sides - extreme cold, ice ,etc etc

2 AMnext morning same camp

Oregon Camp little sandy Friday eve July 13

Camp Big Sandy noon July 14

Big Sandy same day sunrise July 15

A mile higher up the river same date

Same camp Monday July 16

Ferry at Green River above date noon

Musquito Camp Colerado Tuesday July 1 5 AM

next morning July 18/49 same camp

Fort Bridger Wednesday July 12, 1849 5 pm

Antelope Camp July 19 Red Fork of Weber HungryCam

Camp le Sublime Cold springs brown creek Sunday nite dark

Salt Lake City July 24, 25 the 24 virgins poetry

Book II

Great Salt Lake, July 27 20 mi n oth city (p. 1)

Civ ilizations last camp omer Weber andOgdens at ~~Cahxxx~~

Chases settlement - Bear River camp July 30

Cajeux camp August 2 --

Anthpophagi Camp near s mmit of Sierra (Donner camp) 75

Sacramento City September 1 104

San Francisco November 4 118

*Howe ?*

BZCK TO BEGINNING OF VOL I

40  
 1 Ind an language vocabulary 2 ditto  
 2-3 missing ~~xxx~~ 5 constant practice of taking Pawnee scal  
 ps. . in P vgs we heard them read and passa an examinaton in  
 geography and observed the r copybook all which was tolerably  
 creditable to them many of them have never experienced any  
 relig ou ? or manifested the least idea of the God of Christian  
 civa 6 - 7 more on the natives 9 on our way of Kanessville  
 a town of Mormans 10 mi further up and off toward the bluffs. .  
 numbers about 300 lt log hss mud roofed some cloth windows..  
 on tavern printing office where is printed the Frontier Guard  
 ian a very respectable looking sheet only 7 copies old. .but  
 promising. A log tabernacle and a groggery . Much to its cr  
 edit the people are mostly Yankees Oh how ma y pretty girls ar  
 there if I werenot a marriedman I d ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ b  
 ecome a Mormon & have some of them for spiritual wives tho they  
 are very fit to murder /?/ spirituality inthose who gaze upon  
~~///~~ their cheeks transcendaent hue their // or their ? nos as  
 Byron says of his lymphatic /?/ These mormons are an indefati  
 gable people

10 I predict will one day make a / noise in our worldered her  
 tht they who speak out with astout voice not ? to break a bloo  
 vessel shall be heard and they who ~~hear~~ not having heven ? shall  
 seat in themselves hourses or temples & the Ms whatever ~~xxxxxx~~  
~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ else they may be are thus // ?? . . .  
 in returning we came the Bluff road. . the road seems passable  
 on the rriver but just on the high land & here I saw the most  
 beautiful of all countries on the right from below rolled on t  
 Mo. on the left far as eye could reach . . the prairie. . in-  
 clining in all directions but never precipitous

///no punctuation whatever continuous flow of scrawll

11 we arrived at te pm at a house maggest /?// where <sup>at</sup> vt  
 apread our B robes and . . we aroused at 4 AM by the ~~art~~ tail  
 of one of the ? of whom several slept in the same room  
 feminines . . after dinner makde a talk on temp  
 erance in an audience of ? 40 males and females in the new  
 schoolhouse wrote to Mary the ~~next~~ rest of the day . . Dr.  
 Blanchard came up from the boat ? where the Mandan has just  
 arrived and she has so ma y cases and death s of cholera on he  
 ar 16 & reported so ? of the health below that the Dr. conclud  
 ed not to permit his wife to to & as Elonar/? was going for her  
 company she staystoo at home for which. . Dr. B. is a neighbor  
 who has for 20 years among the Delawares and Kaws & speaks with  
 all his family very fluently their

12 language is agood & enterprising man & ? citizen Mr.  
 Call anotherneighbor was for sme years a miss oary among the  
 Wyandots & is a very ~~xxxx~~ good old man. Gray headed but yet  
 strong minded. . all fine people. . this section vg lately bet  
 to belong to Iowa --/more re Indians

13 /story/ re Chief of the Kaws. . I am the very part cular  
 fr of the pre of the US Oh how the pres might have felt honore  
 had he seen his very particular friend naked as came into the  
 big ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ? ...

14 . . 15. . it is fit that a nobler race should enjoy &  
 appreciate this sublimely prolific country for surely no land i  
 the world is more deserving of the choicestpeople than this  
 platte purchase. . . for 180 miles along the Mo. it stretches  
 its inviting acres occasionally holding out a gem like town with



with its busy traffic and industrious men et. tc.

16 - 17 oh truly this is a titantic land and Amer /?/  
 in its babyhood stands as a match for hoary monster continents  
 . . my s ster Elvia yesterday made me a present of a Book of  
 Melodies for which I will often in the liness of the plains  
 thank ~~for~~ her from my soul. She is a sweet woman all / round  
 with delightful influences may she ever be waited on by the  
 ? and garmented by fleacy and feather fooled /?/ clouds of  
 radiant happiness - I must now to my Spanish book awhile  
 good bye Charles Saturday May 5 49 Thisday I v spent in  
 studying Spanish and in reading the ? occasionally to Elv a new  
 from the first told /?/ of four internments today and five yes0  
 terday from cholera among the ? brought up from Fort Leaven-  
 worth and from fort Childs I have no doubt tthe cholera w ll  
 follow us over the plains many a poor fellow far away from a  
 dear w fe & child or a good kind mother

18 may breath out h s last agony with no one near when the ey  
 is dimly glazing in death to whisper a last word of solace but  
 the poor fellow turning to the eastern skies /?/ that he consid  
 ers his home afar drawing his blanket more closely around him  
 and offers his emaciated bones to the wolves Oh ~~God what a God~~  
 Gold what a God & what a demon thou art . . the heavy lash seek  
 s a blood harvest from the bondsmans back for thee the widow p  
 plies her midnight needle over her tear moistened labor -  
 // . . its sparkling foam is crested w th a poison that kills  
 all seeds of bliss my Mary good night may heaven preserve us  
 both to meet again /thr p 19

20 Sunday May 6th 49: I have just ret'd fm the Sabbath school  
 21 ~~Endymion~~ whoused to ? the rich spices of her. . she had no  
 other solace but to throw a vail omver her fair forehead perale  
 round with stars & weep her way up to heaven and down to her  
 ocean grave careless of her path all paved with diamond con-  
 stellations good night my ? Charles

Monday May 7, 1849. Slight headache this morni g from monri  
 ng /?/ influences lst night. . Elvira sits by me churning on he  
 r knee with a ladle which brings to my mind that . . a beau wa  
 rm day th s. . Elvia has presented me a beau souve ir a Bible on  
 bunch of moss . . /this 21/

22.. I have been down to the Fort over the river it consists  
 of a block house loopholed made o fhewed logs twostories high  
 & one set paralel to the deagonal of the other so as to command  
 all points th s at a lt distance is surrdd by rows of small  
 log cabins number ng perhaps 300 /?/ and er occupied by the volu  
 nteers during the winter before last, the whole is one a high ?  
 the acclivity & commanded an excelle t pleasaing view of the Mo  
 below for a distance of 5 or 6 miles the big prairie stretches  
 in its rear and a thin strip of timber lies between it and the  
 river It is now in the keeping of "Hardin" & a large number of  
 soldiers are there about starting for Fort Kear ey (Childs) th  
 cholera is diminishing among them some in last night from the  
 plains report wagons 100 /?/ miles out and grass good Whippoor  
 wills r rkg w all their souls till the woods resound / but I  
 must to bed and up by ti es for the Bluffs Good night Susie?  
 Charles

23 Thursday May 19th 1849 Expecting to go with the Pawnees to their village on the return on Tuesday in company with Eloise and George & Maria Gaston I started for the bluffs the day was fine & altho no marked incident lent novelty to our ride, yet the society & the scenery throws around it an interest that never before attended journey of mine //on this page begins a blue ink -- instead of pencil -- which makes it more legible/// After ten hrs of alternate trotting walking and racing. . we reined up before the Iowa Hotel kept by Mrs. Mary Gheen a jolly looking damsel of forty summers who spreads a quite hospital table. . . . we directed our steps toward the ferry the mud soup of the mountains here pours boiling through a very narrow pass but the light skiff under the strong arms of our Charon soon bore us to the craggy banks of the Indian shore. . . . After proceeding a little towards the Agency we suddenly found ourselves a group of Indians who arranged in a circle were receiving their amenity of corn

24 - 25 visits to Indian chief ditto 26 - 27 visit Mr. Allison's ~~house~~ who is the Gov teacher of the panics - Derooin a white man and Indian traders Sarpy papaino and Major Miller panee agent 28 - 29 - 30 Major M deputed me to bear a message to commander Ruff of fort Childs which I must not forget -- the Indian school . . . 37. . vile agents & licentious & lustful & avaricious traders and Indianized men. . a much greater curse than all? (Sioux). . 38 after dinner our horses were ordered and by duly mounted we retraced our steps toward Cavalier Bend. . . circuit of a few miles that we might enjoy a ride in mellow light of the full moon that we had just peered above the eastern edge of our Protean ball we call Earth.

39. . the above from the top of the last page (38) was penned by Elvia in exchange for labor in the gardens performed by me. the latest news from the fort tells of 2 more deaths by cholera

40 Monday May 13th 49 Yest while fixing for a start the Indian (panee) came from the river saying that an ox was mired on a bar . . rode over to inform Dr. Blanchard and George Gaston. . A volunteer (Alexander) has had for some time illicit intercourse with a Mrs. L. . . a piece when he was discovered and fled before the indignation of her husband & the community Mr. Lord was about journey /?/ to Calland has since finally concluded to return to his wife who was to remain here in his absence she made the most solemn asseveration of repentance and he left this morn

41 Monday May 14 heavy rain

Tuesday May 15 salt creek // back to pencil Yesterday after crossing the ferry at the old fort I need struck out with the train strange thoughts came over me as the wide prairie bounded by the mts rolled before me. . pass wgs. . I was again all alone fill with a little elevation I saw off to the left a number of wgs

42 whose white? lent something of humanity to the solitude. at night overtook a co. from St. Louis

43 . . camp at night salt creek. . people who carry

44 merchandise to call sells on the way of my god at what prices. . oh the variety of characters on the way to call. I am glad I am not galled in truth ordinary Es are linked together by a sort of brotherhood but their men being influenced by. . a selfishness v started to get money & even on the way they think of nothing else passed some soldiers at salt creek they have lost some cholera





in one continuous volume of terrific sound tho its d n was all most lost in the lash of angry winds that madly // roared by shoving my horse absolutely before them while the lightning etc  
 new  
 ///who did he write all this stuff and preserve the journal while tvg on horse back?????

67 . . . pack mules are the policy they go ahead of everything w/o diffie If every I go to Cal /??????/ I will pack wrote home to Mary. . also to waddy? and Elviza

May 22 30 /or 38/ ms east of Fort Kearny - Stayed all nite w a co from Cooper Co. Mo had good fare but bold sleeping not vg my buff with me. . guard ~~he~~ criedout they heard a woman s call in the d stance I hated much to go out onto the dewery grass moccasins only several mules had pulled up stakes

Fort Kearney May 22 Yesterday ctind on to the Blue there learning that the wgs er 4 days behind after staying all night w Dencan R ? from East Tenn rode part way back with Major Chilson /?/ who came to take command of this post in ? of Ruf f who is assigned to Fort Hall. . he reported the cholera as // terribly in his ? vg cunted 25 or more graves. . .

69 What ctempt is heaped upon all the Es w/o distinction by the officers here one honest looking old man who was perhaps a substantial farmer in his home country and whose integrity was sought / after to f ll various offices of honroand trust

70 Kearney May 24 grass is inf superior in the lower porti on oth P ~~the~~ to that on the upper. . May 25 terrible rain. . a motley company these weere all manifesting much d spleasure toward the officers who conduct themselves toward them in a ver officiaous manner

71 May 26 I v this mg been furnished by Lieut Woodbury with the distances from FK /old/ to this point ch followd -- 227

74 down the platte 75 76. . I soon saw that rush was the order of the day the old man on foot & the boy on horse the woman in the carriage on on the sick and weary let them lie - or over them if they got not out of the way ~~on~~ on! what of the graves where cholera has lately interned its victims or the smal pox sent ma y to worms & the less competition for wolves. . wha of the old man 77 would you take from his old back the poor pack to your wagon or stay to wrap his bloodless limbs in a buffaloe? . . the crossade of 1096 /really raves on here

78 Kearney May 28 //reverts to ink// Well the cholera ha at last caught up to / us - inter the dead leaving one poor fel low who had a wife and 3 children one little sucking baby I cal led to see him /?/ he had been taken at noon. . he looked a ske leton these lay him in the wagon gloom and despondency marekd strongly on his face that has much fallen away under the influe nce of much opium he did not seem inclined to co verse -- al most orphan babies far out in the w ld plains. . his poor wife bathed in tears pressed to his bosom. . two others were sporting heedless of the mothers pangs. . I went to Comm Ruff and told him I must have some ? of the surgeon. . I sought the surgeon w /// ??? my curses pm tje , amoa fpr gp;d

82 Fort Kearney June 7. . I v learned and suffered much . On Monday about noon I left in search of my com. and on Friday at noon I ~~no~~ found them near b g sandy after tvg nearly / 120 miles. I stayed with them i all night & as my affairs at the fort were not in a leaveable condition I set out on my return early next morning accompanied by ? and arrived here on Monday to dinner having been absent one week. The country through

which I passed for 25 miles after

83 lvg ~~the~~ Platte is a high table w thout water & wood. . on the wayside and almost every camp place was marked by a gr grs bg m numerous as you approached Ind two of the com. had died of cholera and some were sick for whose death of ? they waited in camp for a journal of the trip see letter to Mary (No. 7) from the Plains - I met very few gold seekers the rush vg passed by the 25th of May & thos I met were scattered far apart. I was coldly received by some to whom I applied for sale of foot

84 One day in the rain all morning I suddnely came on was not able to define but a near approach found to be the wagons of a train from Larimie M. Brunette who very hospitably invited me ~~in~~ under the skin spread over his wag tonue and had a cup of coffee prepared ~~by~~ for me whenever you find men who have been on the plains a long time you find they have souls perhaps all frenshman are characterized by a politeness unknown to Americans most of those men for the first time making the trip bg of the meanest possible capacity in this connection it behooves me to remember Minihar ? Another trader by name of Richarft ~~/?/~~ also from ~~Laramie~~ and a g-man passed here on his ~~? way~~ yesterday he had 18 years ago been in the mountains with Bonneville. . here in command of the post - a short thick set bald ~~?~~, talkative, black-haired, blue eyed ~~? moral~~ pretending man - Also Dougherty who has a very pleasing face and address and looks like a gentl ~~man~~ and no doubt is one he talks many I la guages /85/ and french has been long on the plains & has less of the fustian ~~in~~ that most of the military ~~/?/~~ . . he is suttler to the post - a host of vile clows are here as drivers and in other such capacity talking obscenity & fustian one is called Holliday is poor clay counting ? a perfect specimen of a bully & tr ply distilled fool - Dr. Hammond is army physician a boy of perhaps 21 & noticeable hereafter - 5000 wagons have passed here & the crowd ~~will~~ will not add perhaps 500 more as the sum total of these perhaps 1/20 are pack mules 1/10 mule wagons and the rest oxen - 20,000 men & 50,000 oxen & mules and many pack mules together with the Santa Fe trains // he prob means CBs//

*about*  
The man from Iowa whom I met on Sandy by name of Eli or Ela told me of finding a poor man sick of cholera by the side of lone ~~/?/~~ stream who told his story thus He was with Ferguson & Walker with packs whe taken sick. They left him a half mile from water whe unable any longer to go on he crawled down to the stream & there had been along 3 days when found with nought save the little ? biscuit he by chance had with him h was very low a d beg with agony in his tone for a little water he was too weak to search he was carefully cared for by the Squir & occupied the place of his wife who was sermoned for his accommodation but after traveg a few days he died & his murderers get live ~~/?/~~ I suppose & pass unhamred perhance respected among men these men were from Hanniabl Co. Mo. He was a man Waring, Thoms R. of talent and of worth & influence as evidenced by the papers in his possession perhaps a correspondent of a paper in ~~W2/~~ Dubuque. Several instances

86 25 miles above FK Saturday June 9th . . //impossible to read acct ink coming through



The Marietta com came up yest who has a diffie with the Loup panées who stole their oxen ch they fod by track found slain sent back for a reinforcements and attacked & with twice the number of Is gave the whoop /?/ and rattled /?/ the robes and fired arrows killed one horse shot an arrow into one man's leg but soon ran loosing 5 men kd / 6 wounded & thus ended the fight. The Interpreter by looking at the articles found determined them to be Loups. . camp at night

87 at a lt ck 35 m fm the f do not know its name have to wade the river today on horse it is full of holes. . dipping a horse even to the swimming point once or such a dip I came near going over his head Many I trails & cross the bluff and penetrate the ravine on ascending one the country off south looked asrough as the san hills //did he cross the Platte no and if not, what was he up to //// 2 men ctinu sick & the Dr. now uses my ~~can~~ candle to enable him to prepare some pills for a new cholera case a sick pill is bg made on the bottom of a tin plate with a jack knife mixed up w curs ngs and dammings of prairie pill making Wed

Te miles before Left Fork of Platte June 13 for some time I have not put pen on my Journal for when I rétd from the hunt it rained and it has rained till now . On Sunday morn last Cooney, Dhnlap and McFarland left camp rather angry on acct of the delay of the day

88 re B hunt 89 dog town, 6 miles square  
90 91 92 93 after / riding some 10 miles we found the "Pioneer Trail" from whom we ~~prevented~~ procured a ? drought of brandy and after .. found our cow. . thankful that we had escaped with our lives /from drowning/ my saddle girth was broken and a sursingle saved me ? as also my gungs ch er fastened to the saddle 94 . . we r now at the jc of the platts the way has been becoming more bluffy showing

95 pencil ends /// ink resumes, w/ ink ~~whoxngx~~ through  
10 pm /what day?// he forgets to put in dates!!!// I am sitting at the feet of Fr. Felt /?/ in his tent sick of cholera at noon when I stayed /?/ back to writing journal he was well when I came up at camp he was in the wagon and had a violent attack of cholera he now by the aid of powerful medicine appears a lt easier what a terrible thing it is to be sick upon the plains here we are 300 miles away from the nearest settlement of man while each ? to push on and none willing to delay for another's sickness or eve death. leave a few behind if he is ? or to inter him and thus perhaps / maybury him before he dies

96 . . long essay on death in solitude. . Mrs. Farris has just brought ~~h~~ a can of hot / coffee the camp generally silent underneath the empire of ~~my~~ morphiuous and the D. lies ? by my side -- the Eion now going on are much less under the influence of hurry than those who passed 2 weeks ago -- some returning report them as now only making 5 or 6 miles per day & many cattle broken down. I have prevailed upon my fellow watcher to lie down and now I am alone abne with the sick

97 comes on my ear the moan of the dying man in the near tent and still the silence is broken i to black fragments by wolf howls 11 o clock 1000 miles from home on the wild prairie ? night looks down and ? storm winds moan woefully through the tents and wagons & cold makes me / close my blanket about me.



98 ink switches to pencil // ini is brown//

Thursday Junction of plattes June 14 I am yet panting from the B chase Junction of south and north fork of platte  
 Friday, June 15 //p. 100// pencil back to brown ink // I am sitt ng by the one who has been fast failing for some t me I begin to fear he will not recover he has take opium enough to kill an ox he has taken two sets of Hanthorns pills . . . 101 the poor fellow in the adjg tent moans most pitâously  
 102 . . . daylight and 4 oclock No moving today tho the Dr. now seems a little better

//// pur 11/28/36 of Hermine G. Darwin////  
 my sore lip supperated almost useless hands all sores and bruises & black or rather ? as an I's face all hair and dirt who would now take me ever to have been among things else tha a sunburnt laborer in the fields unused to aught else - how much we judge men by appearance and ever have some men are prim & starched . . . the Pioneer Train is a humbug and the propretors ought to be punished by law for their gross imposition. . The sun g begins to shed a rosy hue arou d his way by the reflection of h s countenance upon the curtains that have been drawn by evening around h s slumbering head how sweet his ? smile after long storm to the way worn pilgrim to mecca or California.

103 and not less sweet to the lone watcher in a sick mans tent whe the lone prairie solitude broods cloudlike about him. while bev esof muscu toes mbuzz and bite as if their sole mission were to bite and die ///long long ruminations & / soliloquie

104 Same camp 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ~~mi~~ AM Saturday June 16 1849 I vbn called up at 12 to sit with the Dr. whois much better. . we tho t yest he d die but he now seems to me decidedly convalescent. . I write my book laid upon the gr of the tent. . resting on my elbow candle only very faintly now and then groans the sick man Taylor in the near tent but yet he lives. . surround us w every ill pile evil upon evil over us & yet & yet with terribl tenac ty we cling to life

106 Camp on the North Platte 20 miles above Jc June 17 Sun On yest mg I startd out ahead to find the co leavg the Dr. in t wg. . hot pursuit of two B calves

107 I took up the north branch a few miles whe a herd of about 40 B that had been grazing on the bottom er see fod in t distance by a horseman I struck off to head them in the bluffs

108 . . I found 2 weapons left w th a sick man who was dyin he lay on a blanket behind the wg on the gr his head rolled up in the blinket to protect it from sun and mosquitoes in full dress ~~sak~~ two sat near him and told h me he was dying - ma y cas of cholera have lately woken out some 2 or 3 in one camp. I had a f ne time in crossg the bluffs between the plattes

109 Camp on North Platte four miles above jnc mon 11 pm ju This mg I celuded to come back and help the sick a d tell them the progress of the crowd ahead I found them at the ford on this side. They had buried Taylor, typhoid

110 112 same camp Wed June 20 //bad, ink shows thru

116 June 21 10 pm camp on N. Platte 45 m above Jc.

118 Camp on Platte at Ash Creek Fri 22/49

Two m cases of chol to day not however thus far violent Dr. much better. . this aft we vbn on the bluffs & then down ash creek to the Platte between the high rock /?/ bank of Ash creek Sev I lodges. . enc in a deep ravine of a few rods wide & deep edged w talc rocks whose top crowds its base with a massive cornish & needs lt stretch of imag nation to convert into vast ruins // of antique amphitheaters.

119 First Creek west of Dry Creek Sunday June 24 attempted again in co with soule /?/ to ford platte to find moccins but cdn succeed passed d ring the day thru a two mile salt marsh

121 Castle Rock Monday June 25 10 am shdb prairie altar

122 ends at half 123 is blank

124 CR Monday June 25 12 Day If my foot slip I am precipitated down an inclined plane of soft rock 100 yards & in a deep ravine down as many more steep almost perp is the declivity - above me 100 yards stands cliffs /?/ over me. . CR is a few rods to the left I must now these Sioux words. .::: vocab

125 the above r Sioux words I v got from Mr. Roubidoux I am now waiting to take some dinner with him when I will learn a violent storm. . a few hours ago by the terrible roar of thunde and blackness of sky but he said it never ? here and sure enoug it /p passed off I have here tasted for the first time some blench /?/ our term they r very good by mistake these were pu in this space which was left to be filled out and I will be constrained to look up another place for the CR story. .

126 Monday June 25/ 49 Camp opposite the Bastille Rock Sun set . .one d think that he was in ancient Egypt & lookin upon its proud mass of antiques monuments I am now 60 miles fr ? ch is 79 fm CR a huge pile of rock stands off to the left which as it resembled the Bastille in Francais I call by that na gett a little sick and took a pill of opium

Tuesday June 26 49 Noon scots Bluffs Blacksmith Shop. . My way this morn has lain thru a most beauful valley not seem ing more than two miles wide - yet quite ten times with old anc ient ruins of every character imagination can ~~conceive~~ ~~conceive~~ find X See UIA

129 June 27 "End Camp" 130 Fort Larimie 133 Friday June 29th 1849 on Larimie near platte 136 Warm Springs 137 Fer a cheval July 2nd 138 night on platte at the hill's rise 139 140 July 2 west a few miles of Bear Creek 141 Granite ca 142 Independence Camp 143. . .

4 photo portraits c. Ben Darwin (2 alike) 1 larger w/o caption Maybe detached from mounting Charles Ben Darwin, Lanier Instantaneous Photos, SF, and printed pix, oval C. Ben Darwin below pix, Judge Darwin in script on reverse

Notebook, ledger size ctaing poems nd misc writings

*Dime Rock?*



x Bastion -- many parapets -- soldier priv holes --  
Chinese mansion(?) -- 1000 feet -- volcanic  
acropolis -- gothic temple

here is a blacksmith shop of ~~Robinson~~  
Ruedred ~~and~~, a trade post 55 ft long -- the man has 2  
wives who look pretty well he says the tribe below who  
fought of the paucan were Ojibwas

[at night]

Antonio Robinson is a gentleman -- he taught me much of  
the Sp. & some words of an old p. visit -- I don't  
he had been away then 13 years the only last spring came to  
Scotts Bluff -- Ojibwas live near to qc of the river to the north  
while the Cheyenne live -- Crow Creek a tribe of Santa Platte about  
25 miles south of his residence

he pictures my reading of some medical dissertations which was --  
French as he could not read -- for cholera -- I read too  
for him a letter for ~~him~~ the Uncle James Robinson of St Joseph  
in which he wanted as his not going to California but staying  
to make beaucoup d'argent --

he with me to the river dinner with him -- he seemed  
very happy -- had 4 children -- an a Bear boy -- his wives were  
shrewd & cross -- looks but seem full of their offspring

6/27 Fort Camp -- swing Horse Creek -- I met two express  
for Laraine carried by Johnson -- Spanish -- some of the  
letters home -- Missions & Virgin Company

6/28 Fort Laraine -- crowd Laraine Grants -- white  
tooth wall of the Fort works -- at old Fort John stood before  
me -- square enclosure of adobe up hill inside of it --  
Major Sanderson is in and of the post -- a perfect gentleman  
as ever created -- as also Lieut. Walling -- here

of waste of property as at Ft ... all captured for the  
 Company leaving the army moving in ... Ferry for Atlantic Co  
 to go to keep mess house. Today spread very poor food  
 French, Spanish & Indian & some mixed are very common here ...  
 all language ... gathered in promiscuous intercourse ...  
 many a sick here of the cholera. (many - died  
 the hills from directly up to post

Some of the officers here & pretty women ... more like  
 garters than ... & show much kindness in importing supplies  
 \$5. for head of sheep - horses & mules ...

p. 132 Distance of ~~Fort~~ Ft Keary: Philadelphia 36, Alt 100,  
 SB Spg - 290, Ft 340

6/29 ... made by him of the trader who had moved that  
 day out of the fort ... were successful here ... tents, did  
 not know how to put them up - Pierre G. (?) is  
 head of the settlement ... Antoine L. (?) is one of the party  
 best hunter - the mounts ... about 30 ... troops in the  
 name of another and French ... many bloody feet of Blayset ...  
 30 up - to into, & never but once - to state

Husband ... co. Clark - scott (?) ... (Allen LaSart (?)  
 I & descend to be ... a very village

Scott Bluffs is spot of a ... most available area to  
 most likely place for a ... camp fort in future

The big man of moral to ... gun to name Capital  
 next of the CR in called Davis (?) Bluff for - poor fellow  
 like an owl - journal of F. ... took refuge - it slept ... left  
 of the Council ... Gene et

7/1 | from Spis (July) left Lane Field



Ps. 14. 1 The fool hath said in his heart there is no God.

Is there no God? Who spreads the azure blue  
 And gems its concave with the lamps of Light?  
 Who leds the dewy morn its rosy hue  
 And plumes its pinions dipedin liveing light? etc.

Ah Fool! Interrogate thine own sick soul  
 Thou'll find e'en there the impress of a God  
 O! plume thy spirit for its dest ned goal  
 O! Scorn to mate with Reptiles of the clod

Oberline /?/ ~~ix~~ May 17, 1844 Charles P. Darwin  
 Benj

another composition (at end ends w/ signature at  
 Paris, Tenn November 22, 1947

inside front cover CBD initials at the end of an  
 newspaper clipping obituary to Samuel I. Platt ,  
 26, who died at Oberline September 16

also, in his handwriting, another poem at  
 Oberline, 1844

4 p

Next folded/sheet, detached , and folded also  
 as for an envelope in his writing w signature dated  
 June 19, 1849 -- hard to make out what its about  
 but footnote reads

The Seminole's reply to the commission who command  
 his immed ate removal to the northwest

Another poem is dated 1853

also dramatic poems etc. etc

the large box containing these extras  
 (HM 16770 - 16771)

included also in the box is a with this:

Trattner, Rabbi Ernest R. 10/23/38  
 author

7914 Blackburn St. LA

A CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH MISCELLANY, w expl text by Jane Bissell Grabhorn. The Grabhorn Press, 1934 SF

vi letter of William Rothwell

WR came across the plains to California in 1850 from Calloway Ct, Mo., w his 2 uncles, a cousin, and a party of men from the same part of Missouri. One uncle was a "Captain" (Price), the other a doctor (Stephens); the cousin, Will Price died in California of the Fever (Malaria). Their's was a singularly well orgd group. In addition to the many letters R-wrote to his father, and to keeping a day by day Journal, he also made a Guide to California, of which we have the ms. It is more thorough and accurate than any of those published. In later years he established himself in SF as a flour merchant. It is not known whether or not he ever returned home.

p. 22 from William R. Rothwell, to his father in Calloway Ct., Mo, dated "Weaver Creek, Eldorado Co." Sept 15th '50

It has been more than 2 months of unceasing toil and constant fatigue and exposure since I last wrote you. We are then but a little west of the S.P. of the Rocky Mountains, which has usually been regarded as the half-way point of the overland route. On the 28th of June we left the Pacific Springs (the encampment from which I last wrote) and through a barren melancholy region we reached late in the evening the first forks of the Road of Emigration - the right hand being the "Sublette Cut-off," the left the old F.B. SL Road. We took the former.

at GR there were 3 Ferry Boats in operation . . . but all were 4 or 5 days behind and more than 500 wags were waiting their turn - Rather than be so long delayed we obtained a skiff-shaped wagon bed paying for the use of it \$2.50 per hour and on the first day of July we rowed our wags and plunder and swam our cattle as at NP.. GR is at the crossing 140 yds wide, is deep, cold, excessively rapid -- 6 men were drowned the day before our arrival . . . It is a more dangerous stream than the NP. .

The 4th of July we celebrated the 74th Anniversary of American Independence upon the summit of a lofty mountain ridge on which I counted 60 banks of snow. . . Very little of the ardent left we cheered us with a few draughts of mint julep -- all the toasts drunk on the way bearing on "Ould Missouri."

. . . At Humboldt Lake or Big Meadow. . . prepared to ~~cross~~ cross the Desert of 70 miles. . . The "Fulton Belle" had now grown too heavy for further transportation or rather our cattle had grown too lean and we dropped it purchasing in place a very light 2 horse concern for \$25. . . reached Weaver Creek, ~~xxxxxxx~~ reached destination with a good wagon, a few teams, and a thousand even others could not get through with . . . Thus ends our long and tedious Journey of 2,000 miles or 110 days from St. Joseph & 140 from our home in Missouri. . . And while thousands of our Brothers have perished on the plains or the Mountains or been drowned in the rivers we have been blessed to get through in excellent health and good condition and partly it suffers for all of which I feel to be thankful to Him who arranges those circumstances which determine the fortunes and fate of men.

No man knows or can know what has to be undergone when he undertakes the trip to California by the Overland Route. . . from the Missouri frontier to Sacramento City the Emigrant has no peace of mind or rest of body



*Recollections*

40239 A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA IN 1853, by Washington Bailey  
LeRoy Journal Printing Co., 1915, 50 pp

W.B. b 1831 in Ohio. mv to Indiana (Fountain Ct) from ch  
plc he went to Ca, retg to Illinois. //son A.G. B. servd as  
mayor of LeRoy (Illinois, no doubt)//also "these recollects er  
pub in the LeRoy Journal in series. //

Spr 53 uncle Joshua B ca fm Ca to ~~Ohio~~ see my father. . he  
had gone to Ca in 49 nd had made ov 100,000 in gold. . cousins  
and my bro cclud to go back w him . . me 21

Gave to Reighley to g to Ill to buy 250 head catl 1500 she  
ep etc ~~ixixixix~~. . to I by stbt, wait for uncle a d drove. .  
cfusion over whether start at I, SJ or Cainsville, go to latter  
meet party from Wisc w stock

While waitg at Cainsvl we recd word that the Ill party had  
crossed at SJ and proceeded on west. . the stbt ferry had gone  
up the rv after furs. . While waitg a fur boat came d the rv w  
3 men, a ~~flak~~ crude flatboat, takes 2 weeks to get all across

Cross Elkhorn on a willow brush bridge. . opp FK July 4  
from canons firing. . Uncle Josh struggle across to find his  
Ill train had passed thru 2 wks bf, overtakes them ss NP, this  
side FL, at AH! The rv was forded and th catll sheep and hrss er  
now on the right bank oth rv . . meet uncle, retg fm overtakin  
the Ill train. . the 2 herds made 1500 sheep dn 500 catl ne we  
er on the borders oth rough and tumble freaks of nature near th  
foot hills of the gr Rockies

Observe B herds travel in V shape, w leaders at the pt -  
Have silent pow wow w Is in circle, cplete w pipe  
to hdwt s of Sweetwater R, whose waters flow westward in  
the GR . . Slit Rock

CR stood out by itself like a chimney after hs had burnd  
I think that it must be what is now called IR. . CHR, called th  
bcs of the room in it as if someone had cut rooms in the soft  
rock.. .also DG.....!!!!

SP; w hdwtrs of SWR cutting a canyon thru it. .hdwtr cd  
Atlantic Springs, races eastward thru the rock canyon of Sw

When n of ~~SKK~~ SLC came to Truckey rt. We er behind all  
th other trs and it had bn reported that the Ms had kd a whole  
train of men, w & c, for plunder and had laid it onto the Is.  
Old BY had sent what he called his Destroyg Angels and had mrdr  
all of them etc. We decided to take the Truckey rt and kkeep  
away from . . Bear River in Southern Utah

Wolves pile up on dead cow, resembg a small hay stack. .

Y Back on the Fremont and Carson rt . .beat upon the  
bully Tom the cook //46 pages//. . along H- tps had gone  
out of biz, we live on beef & mutton for 600 miles

to Pleasant Valley. . liked the looks of Illinois land  
the best. . after we left uncle in ming d strict called Fair  
Play we crosd back over the McCosma R to Boland's Run and went  
over to Four Spring Valley . .

127302 RECORDS OF A CALIFORNIA FAMILY: JOURNALS AND LETTERS OF LEWIS C. GUNN AND ELIZABETH LeBRETON GUNN. ed. Anna Lee Marston. San Diego 1928 "Overland J", pp. 19-55 of 279.

This rec of my parent's js to Ca, etc was prepared for my grandchildren. . Because the changes fm the ori j and lettrs vbn few and unimp, the narr is simple and intimate

Phila to NO, stbt to Brazos, Texas to Matamoras, Mexico to Mazatland to SF.....!!!!. . . in 1851mother by Cape Horn

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uncatalogued /?/ Juliette G. Fish. Crossing the Plains in 1862 FAC typescript 13 pp letter size. Lent for photostating by Ben Fish, thru R. G. Cleland, 7/16/37

letter from BF of Carpinteria to Dr. C; the encl paper was written by my mother Mrs. Henry Fish of Carp- when she was about 80 yrs of age, and by her sister Miss Emeline Walker , who was abo 6 yrs yngr // Dr.C. at Occidental College, LA

Father in B49 fitted out sm yg mn to search for gold. . I do not remember the results of that venture. . In 1859 father left hm in Vernon Spr ngs, Howard Ct.Iowa to go to PP. met bro Elijah who said go home. Not wishg to g'ive up his trip, he came to Ca nd stayed for one yr in Plumas Ct. Then he went back to br his family. .

At O<sup>ver</sup>tr orgd, my father John P. Walker capt, 40 wgs. . at Elk horn trade-off boat, man wanted \$30 for \$2.50 boat, but r peopl took the boat, paying \$2.50, sell to next tra n, same price. . I there who had bn to Wash, in soldiers uniform adorned w silve coins. . . father points out Loup F ford where ~~1~~ fr drowned 49 remember violent storm , Castle Rocks, pdog towns. . at GR make ferry of 2 wg boxes, fasteng them end to end. First boat carried only the rowers, one behind piled hi w wagon parts etc. I think the govt made a mistake by not bldg bridges over those lrg rivers and also by not sendg soldiers to guard the Es. Thi ct x dvnbn settled much sooner if this had b . At FB the army officer promised to send an army escort to guard us but failed .

We passed sev places where there had been massacres. We cd always tell when ~~e~~ we er cmg to such a place for the gr db cvr d w feathers. The Is d empty the beds to get the ticks in ch t o carry the loot fm the trs they had succ attacked

Stock stolen by white men, recognize ~~xxxxxx~~ marks in corrals, r provs nd clothg kept in lg sacks, these piled up on xpsd side of wg; in order to form sm protec altho we knew it was ve slight. .ditto feather bed

tr ahead of us beyond Am Falls, tr atackd. . In the mg we buried 8 of the dead. . attack prob caused by display of money, prob led by white men. . .3d nite after AF, attack on us in vai n effort to stampede stock. . j trs making 112 wgs, but v to sept. . From peak to peak fires er lighted by Is our progress signalled by I spies

Snake I chief who was a Mason, prov des escort  
 4th July celeb at IR, speeches and sardines  
 We er 5 months on the way to Lassen Ct., where we er met by  
 frs who brot us quans of nice fresh vegs

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L17H7 Stimson, Fancher. Ov tr to Ca by PR nd SP 1850  
 /and ret by way of Panama typescript 23 p. fol.

uncat West file . gift of Mr. Ea. A. Thomas 6/23/49

FS b. NY 1828 d CBs 1902, became city engineer CBs. This intsg  
 nd graphic d. kept by him while makg a tr across the pls and wri  
 ten by him in 1900 er in their or form preserv by his dgth Mrs.  
 Carrie S. Allingham of CBs, copied and retyped by Charles W.  
 Stimson his son at LA March 1936

disc of gld. . a few Es late in 1848 ov and wintrd SLV ??  
 49 Writer lvd in Palmyra, Wisc. .co of 5 6 hrss, 1 wg, lv mar  
 ct fm Des Moines to Kanessville was unbroken prairie. . bot of  
 M farmers corn. . co. of 130, 43 wgs; disband after 3 days. .  
 ctinue w Wisc cos, 25 men 5 or 6 wgs. . . to M ferry, crowded,  
 over 4/21. . find M gu de book of value

Diary, short entries; side notes er taken but they er lost,  
 as is also the last page oth diary, re East 3 days tv

Left Palmyra, Wis 3/11, arr CBs 4/10. Stay CBs over wk  
 4/22 left camp at old MWQ. arr Pappes 18 mi  
 4/23 crossed ck by br blt by Ms. 9 m to Elkh, ferry  
 4/24 along PR 4/25 bad sloughs, draw wgs by hand 4/26 LFF,  
 old M ford 27 mi above. wind too str for ferry 4/27 rope & cu  
 retn ferry op by sm Ms 4/28 tv tho Sabbath, bymaj vote  
 4/29 Struck M trail, nite under blown down tent  
 4/30 Wood River 5/10 cpd opp enc of Is nd trs ssP. . passed  
 Lone Tree 5/11 SBR 5/12 c opp CR, slim ~~xxx~~ perp column  
 from the top of a conical shaped hill  
 5/13 Passed Mount Scott  
 5/15 spent day in ferring nd vistig the fort and govt imprvs. .  
 Cast off lg wg and all the bgg we cd pos spare  
 5/17 instead of taking the rd leadv over BHs took midl road  
 5/18 FH mail says met first Cas 200 mi ahead SP  
 5/19-20 NP ferry  
 5/24 IR, the lgst specimen of rock that I v ever seen, . names  
 of prob 5,000 5/25 teams down to grass only, go slow  
 5/29 melt snow water, all there is 5/30 SP, take Oregon rd  
 6/2 Sunday Es in camp, spent princ in attendg to worldly matr  
 I rarely meet w a disc pl of Christ yet my daily prayer i  
 that the lord l grant me ~~xxxx~~ grace suff. . Here we saw  
 the first mt goat  
 6/7 cap one mile from Hedspeth's cutoff. . Soda Springs  
 6/8 Take ditto 6/9 run into my first Christian  
 6/14 strike FH road 6/15 SL Trailcomes in  
 //describes terrain, gives d stances, little else  
 6/27 mn from Ill d of mt fever  
 7/4 to Sulphur Spring, the starting point for the desert



- 7/6 tv all night baiting twice. . to Pilot river
- 7/11 co buthcering fat catl , selling for \$1. lb, flour and bacon \$2. lb
- 7/12 Kanyon Red Lake
- 7/15 only a few wgs in the co., most discarded e of mts. .
- 7/16 civz signaled by crowing of a cock/ arr Placerville spend winter in mineral distrcit near Georgetown. .  
ov tr ends page 15

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L17J1 White, Daniel diaries 3 vols 1855 - 1864 presented by R. R. Sutton June, 1932 vol 1 2 1/2 x 5 black leather cover ink fair scrip and legibility, some 90 pp badly faded

- 3/22 me and fr Wm Rhinehart bid adieu. . submit rss to the un certain chances of a voyag to Ca. . took cars to Lafayette then to Chi al nite at Baltic Hs
- 3/23 to Lasalle on steamer on Ill rv reach St. L
- 3/26 4 pm steamer for Keokuk 3/28 wagon out
- 4/8 heard of the hostilities of the Is on the plains
- 4/8 reach vic oth Bluffs cd on Mosqu to ck to worship
- 4/11 came to Kainsville all got drunk cd on MR
- 4/12 rain detention at the ferry crossed in the eve cd on the bank ent Is for the first time they were Omahaws but the Ps owned the land 4/14 ferry Elkh at noon
- 4/15 rel long entry re gr storm 4/16 reach Loup Fork, detain ed on acct of wind until Fri 19th
- 4/25 crossed wood river 4/27 tolerably
- 4/28 rain at nite. I stood guard 4/30 killed B (Sunday) Monday monr st eak & bread raining like blue blazes
- 5/20 ? Sam left the tr in co w Mr. Tidwell of Kainsville formed a new tr camped near the bluffs all relieved
- 5/31 hail 2 feet deep ///many days skipped///
- 6/1 hot as fried wood passed a store a d camped
- 6/2 c opp bluff of cedar hd not far e of AH
- 6/5 passed 2 trading stations French Indians Saw anc ent Rui ns & CR 25 ms off
- 6/6 passed Sx v 50 or 60 wigwams got mockasons cd opp CR
- 6/9 passed Scots Bluffs and Spring creek
- 6/10 passed tps Sunday 6/11 washed & went swimming
- 6/12 the lightning flahsed the thunders roared the cattle lowed and William swore
- 6/13 pass FL I buried in a tree I went over to the fort
- 6/23 IR submlime & mag
- 6/31 ? South Pass
- 7/10 SL pass through 7/17 swam in the GSL
- 8/1 Thous Spring v 8/2 hell in camp . I am gg to leave
- 8/8 Sam and AGK quarled and AGK cmmanded Sam to lv but had to lv himself 8/18 Miller said if we did not his trm we cd lv so we resolved to lv and mg of all left
- 24 hired a man to haul us to Trucke 28th reached Forest Ci ty a hell of a place hot sm provs. . the awfulest mts in the world. . . took up a claim ///to p. 28

4/12

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8/28

7/6 over

HM 19912 Condit, Sylvanus d of an ov j fm CBs to the WV  
 ms. 42 p May 5, Sept 16, 1854 acq from Frank Glenn 1959  
 leather cvd notebook 4 x 6 32 pp written, moderately leg.  
 fair script

May 5 this day strtd fm CBs City for Oregon  
 ///minimum on time of departure and arrival, some miles,  
 weather Elkhorn 5/8

5/10 Shell Creek give Indians calf  
 5/14 remained camped had prayer meeting and bible class  
 5/15 up Loup Fork 5.17 met the mail sent back letters  
 5/19 Wood creek paid \$1. a team for crossing the bridge  
 5/21 Sabbath Bible Class 5/22 cross Elm Creek build  
 bridge to cross B ck  
 5/23 refers to Platte River Road  
 5/26 up Skunk Creek 6 miles to the crossing. . followed the  
 bluffs 8 miles to a spring, then 3 m to the plate, then  
 9 miles up the river  
 5/28 Sabbath rained all day so much we had no meeting  
 5/29 to North Bluff fork thence over the bluffs, then follow  
 the foot of the bluffs . . Sarah is some better  
 5/31 snake creek rattlesnake creek  
 6/1 Castle Creek 6/3 crab creek Cobble hills. . now 446  
 m fm Kanerville. . passed I xx vgs on this side and other  
 6/9 tvd 10 m to FL has sm blacksmithing donw we t 3 miles  
 up the river and crossed . .passed grmanys Is  
 6/18 Willow Springs  
 6/21 passed IR, DG and some alkali swamps  
 6/28 tvd 16 ms cr ssed the summit of the rocky mountains  
 6/29 take the SL road so as to avoid the desert  
 7/ 1 GR end of the 8 week 875 m fm Knsv  
 7/12 Soda Springs 7/13 passed the forks of California road  
 7/27 mother sick July 30 Sun remd in camp had meetg as usual  
~~byxxxxxxx~~ touches Columbus at Deschutes r, but by-passes  
 the Dalles, crosses Cascades into WV 9/16 at Philip  
 Fosters 1940 from Kanerv lle

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HM 19911 Condit, Philip D. of an ov j fm CBs to WV  
 5/5 to 9/17 ms. 32 p acq fm Frank Glenn 1959  
 3 x 6 brown leather cover tiny ink scrip legible but  
 need mag glass 32 pp diary 8 pp rec of expenses

// are he and Sylvanus twin brothers? 1854 written in this  
 one but not in Sylvanus

5/5 cross the Mo R a d camped on a creek about a m frm the riv.  
 catl r restless nd kept sm oth boys running nearly all nite  
 5/6 sun rose w gr beauty over CBs All in fine spirits turkey  
 gobbled in sev direcs dogs made sm disturbance have not  
 seen an I except 3 at the Mo River where we crossed cd  
 Papea ck hose banks are skirted w timber etc And then come  
 mitted rss by prayer to the kind guardianship of our Heaven  
 ly Father, we retired to rest etc etc  
 5/7 Holy Sabbat Sun rose w splendor over the t mberless hills  
 and called on us all to awake a d praise God for all his

his goodness to the unworthy children of men disturbed by one of the Es wantg to borrow bs tools

5/8 Elkhorn ferry \$2. pw

5/11 . . here come 9 Is marching up the creek to the camp, the first we had seen since we left MR. . we told the Is they might v the calf if they cd catch it, k it w arrows, etc.

5/12 6 m to ferry on Loop Fork \$10.50

5/14 Lords day. . we give thans to God for his wondrous gn to the children of men, etc. . Commenced Bible class

5/19 wood r bridge. . Donahue sick w bilious fever cd on main Platte water like dirty soapsuds Bible class and social rks

5/22 this mg Es all around us like a thick settlement

///he does not g ve miles///

5/30 but identifies creek crossing

6/3 cd on rv in s ght of McFarlan's castle & CR

6/4 Sab rest in sight ot the Rock and Castle, while crowds pas on both sides oth rv Attended to r bible class

6/5 far famed CR over-rated Sx shanties, harmless

6/6 SBs on ss a ve remarkable cluster of Bluffs. . another tp

6/9 . 11 m to Larimie today and 3 to a camp above it

passed many oth red men today but they er all peaceable 4 ms below L we found a bs where I got my buggy tirefixed

6/12 at the rv we heard some frightful ~~th~~ stories about what the Red men er dg ch we supposed was for the purpose get ting us to cross the rv at their ferry. One story was that 500 warriors stad 7 m up the rv who dn let us pass eo toll

6/13 saw a gr many Is today but the Lord delivered us out of their hands

6/17 . . we camped over the Bluffs about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile above the ford and fork of the road on mcKinneys cut-off a lt below the fork of the road is the ford and ferry where the Es cross from the ss

6/18 Sabbath Attended r Bible class and prayer meeting w a g deal of ints and I hope profit to our needy souls Rock av 6/21 pass IR we all stopped to see it and found it to be a sha peless pile of naket gra ite vg the app of vg bn thrown up by some violent eruption toll bridge DG

6/28 . . the south pass furnishing as good a road as we found anywhere on the rout

7/1 Cpd n GR ferry on Kinnie's cutoff

7/2 Sab left camp early & crossed our wgs over the ferry f ch we pd \$5..ea. . ha l prevented us fm attending to r bible class it is wonderful to see what an amt of wickedness there is on the Sabbath

7/4 . . Even here in Deseret the principles of Liberty r beginn to be felt

7/13 Left camp ~~on~~ Bear R and went down the rv to the jc oth Ore gon and Calif roads at this place the rd leaves BR and ta kes up Grasshopper valley

7/17 Neff bridge. . did not pass FH

9/12 Laurel Hill 9/16 arrived at Fosters, in edge of WV

9/17 went to hear Rev. Mr. Berry preach. .



HM 16298 acg fm H. R. Wagner Sept 1922 *typscript*  
note loose: xerox copy of the title page of the only located  
printed text of this ms in poss of Glen Dawson April 1968

Harlow Chittenden Thompson, "Across the Continent on Foot  
in 1859," tyoescript. Copy of photo (t ntype?) on front  
page preface, by Fannie F. Thompason. . My father HCT and fam  
spent last 30 yrs of his life in Santa Barbara, d. 1915. . We  
nv tired of listeng to his tales of his pioneer expers. .

The fog acct of my trip across the Pls in 1859, nd expers fog  
77yrs, has bn writn at request of my dgtr. HCT

Apring 59 at Dundee Illinois, age 22. . invited to help herd  
cattle and horses to stock a ranch ownyed by Harveys in Sac V  
Lv Elgin, Ill. . had pix taken at pix gallery. . to St.  
Charles, Ill. . meet Captain Harvey at Franklink Ill. where  
he was gathering cattle. . branding. lv April 30. . acc by  
Dr. Stoddard and new bride, nd Miss Sarah Harvey. . crossed Missp  
rv agt Hannibal. . darkeys in Mo. a slave state (Capt ~~Max~~Chas)

Head for Leav City, with drove. . reach MoRv ferry 5/26  
Evthg was life and bustle here; supplies for FK, FL and SLC,  
busy w/ steamers. . Wg ~~train~~ train us csistd fm 50 to 75 wgs,  
5 to 7 yokeoxen, sev trains gg together, us acc by soldiers. .  
also many Es

4 days in badg r wgs w provs. . details re guard duty. . As  
far as protec ag Is we did not amt to a row f pins. . lv LV  
6/11 was offered \$60 pm and boardg by wg-masters, but felt obligd  
to Harvey. .

Ks beau w wild flowers. . Details of cooking and menus,  
mainly baked bread and fried bacon, boiled ric , apple sauce &  
beans, occ jack rabbit or sage hen. . labor gave g appetite

Saw PE riders /?/ The PE had been put on that spring as an  
experiment //106 page of ch to 46 at Hangtown//  
w/ dscrip of riders, etc. . . the ov stage was an older enterpr  
and carried the mail for US and Passeng rs, to me seemd little  
passenger biz. The ride was too long and tiresome and people  
feared the Is. . 4-wheeled vehicles w 2 seats. . mail pouches e  
piled on the bottom in between the seats. Wg was covered and  
what is known as a thorough-braced wagons. . 4 mules. . Accomp  
each coah was a man ridg a mule, called the whipper. . Would  
accept mail from Es but dn stop, must gallp up and pass the pkg  
to the whipper

See returnng PPerS w/ mocking inscriptions

Arr at sod house stage station, 30 m e FK. . ~~the flxxxxxxx~~  
disap of horses in camp at water-holes. . hanging of station-  
keeper but ~~xxxxxxx~~ dwered bf death, no disclosure. We rtd w  
the feelg that if the man was innocent he had had very harsh tr  
ment from us, and on the other hand if he er guilty he was cert  
ainly grit to the core. . loss of horses \$2,000

Pass FK / a mile or m to r right. . ignore pilots of the  
"treacherous ~~xxxxx~~ Platte."

Passing into Wyoming Territory. . away to the north /?/

Off side *print*: *Across the Cont on Foot - 1859* g HCT Thompson  
*Santa Barbara* ~~from~~ 1912 C. 6 x 9 [print]

cdb seen the Black Hills while away to the south of PF /?// was plainly visible. . . FL bldgs snow white from white washing Burial of Mrs. Raymond of Raymond Train in metallic coffin brot to preserve her from wolves

Confusion

Fog up Laramie Fork, we crossed back to the south sside and soon reached SW river /?// At SP. . S W r emptied into Laramie Fork /?//

The Prairie itch, sleep w underwear nd shirts on. . find we had lice, Dr. Stoddard pre som anguintum as ointment, felt as tho we had bn born again. . rescue capsized E wg by swim out w rope (by Jimmy Hill). . take cutoff to Bear River, which /he calls Sublettes cutoff/

Bf reaching Bear River we came to Soda Springs /?//

At Goose Creek a trs 2 or 3 days in adv attackd and 7 or 8 kd, burnt wagons, feathers

on RR at swamp 2 routes, Carson rt over 40 m desert via Ragtown, and Truckee rt to nw acrosss 52 m desert. .pass site of Carson City, then just a few tents . . Genoa . Hope Valley. . Strawberry Valley, . Sportsmans Hall. . Carey House at Placerville, clothes and shoes all apart 9/13

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McBrude, from p. 48 - 87

link on original ledger size journal book, good leg, and rich detail. . . . .

w fl

Buffal gnats produce inflammation like erysipelas, swollen eyes try silk handkerships over face, gloves. . or bacon grease

Intro

6/2 Sunday top of each pages random sub-headings, like p. 48: Black gnats, Platt r ver Canon of Canyon

6/3 La Bonte named for tr who made this winter quarters, fell ctwd trees so animals cd eat bark. . p-dogs very numerous on the CBs road - literature, Lady of the Lake

6/5, 6 Lower Platte ferry, boat propld by force of curren a lg cable rope bg stretched across the rv and pulley attached They cross about 160 wgs a day charging \$4. apiece and 25 c per head for hrss or mules- depositedlete to wife at ferry

6/6 7 upper ferry, 4 busy boats, hi hill, beheld SW Mts, last viewof MedicineBow mts

6/8 Mineral Springs Rock Avenue Willow Springs, at the base of Prospect Hill

6/9 Grease wood creek, Alakali Lakes IR among the earlies recollects of my school boy days was a pix of this rock inx, a party of hunters attackg a grisly bear 6/10 visit DG

6/11 Wind River Mts, the Alps of Amer ca

6/14 last crossg SW , to summit of SP, a lt beyond 2 hills ch lie oppo each other 320 m fm FL, 950 fm SJ, 225 SL

6/15 to jcof SL & FH roads or Origen road. . to SL to recru t r animals or ex them for catle w the Ms. . again meet the Mican rowdies, keep popping up to Weaverville like evil genius. See lt Irishm afoot w/o bag or baggage xcept an old shirt ch ct d his whole stock of provs, a doz cakes of hard bread. . had le Utica, NY April 1, CBs May 22, thus vg outtravld us 20 days. had avgd 34 m les pd, d stand guard for provs. . a long way ahead o the wheel-barrow man, hope he gets thru like whb man d d

tv

6/17 to GR Ferry - 2 boats, one by halfbreed mterr, one b Ms 6/18 impressive mt man, educated, dv shown brightly in soc he got \$5. wg and \$1. for horses.

Mt. fever, violent pain in head and eyes, w/ dismness of vision, pain in back and limbs, lassitude, chills and fever nausea and cstit, & cstit - I prescribed -- disease no dangerous but severe - common to this region

6/20 sick call prev me fm visitg FB

6/26 GSLC 19 wards, eac enclosed by pole fences, adobes w/ shingles or poles and dirt dscrip of valley 150 by 20 to 30

Fm the force of circums the Ms v done a gr deal in a short time. Ther Pioneer co arrd here on July 24, 1848. I v a very poor opinion oth integrity nd morality oth M char even of their intell. They v a few artful, intrigug nd dishonest leaders - t gr mass of them r poor silly fanatics, reckless renegades, and blood suckers, etc. concuginage END END END

*aw* from man in w mcb - LA in Leslie Bynum  
 patient of mcb - photo type

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Judge Isaac Foster crossd 1849 ox team; went back to Ill by sailing vessep; and ag crossd w mule team in 1852, San Jose

lv Plainfield, Ill 3/26/49 letter 4/4/ ~~Elm~~ Elmira, Ill to wife and chil l loiter along the road to SJ until feedis good

4/14 cross Misp at Fort Madison

5/6 Winegago tribe; a dirty, filthy ccernp yet such was the amativen of sm oth tr boys that they er glad to hug even a lousy squaw, or as they call it otter hunting

5/8 Kanessville. . here in all these deep and intricate windg are located herds of Ms, who br forth their yg in the most prolific manner. . founda of their whole system is licentiousness ch they call spiritual wife wystem

Letter of May 9 from CBs. . thot to g to SJ but learned that by cmg here we prob gain 150 ms, and be ahead of SJ teams. v 300 lbs prov mer man, shd take 120 days to Sac. .there r here 100 teams that l move off in 2 squads of 50 eac until we get beyond dnggr of assault from Is. . . about 100 teams turned off for FK about 40 miles below here

5/16 left bluffs tr 64 wgs, Bl men, 10 women, 10 chil cd the Iowa Company of Calif Esm Joseph M, Knight, Capt

5/17 found land pirates in poss of raft at Elkhorn r

5/18 took poss oth raft, crossed, made up purse of \$10 a d gave it to the man who claimed it, and told him to be off; he ma threatsof revenge by settg off the Is.

5/22 up Loup fork. . at Plum Creek formerly an old P miss o burned down by the Sx; at 2 m came to grand P vilg, burned by t Sx in 1846, sm lodges m than 100 feet in c rcumf; a lt below thi the Ms crossed the Loup in 47

5/25 to ford of Loup Fork (c 50 miles above mouth)

///IF has distances

5/27 64 teams passed over by doublg; here came Sanborn, Burrell and Co. . we left r co of 64 wgs and joined them, now



w/ 17 wgs, 52 men. Enough, under God, we trust, to take care of ourselves. This little band called The Union; Capt Brown  
 5/30 matter of surprise that a rational man should think of hauling 3000 on a common wagon as no wagon could get along with more than 2000 let the team be what it may

6/1 GI. . The W.S. /?/ via fort on it to regulate the Grand Pawnees Is. . 6/2 to Ash Creek, Willow Lake

6/5 crossed Bluff fork, 20 m above junction opposite side 300 teams up from FLV, SJ; some of the boys waded the river informed that the trail from I had not come up, cholera . . mail for SL overtook us

6/9 Caslte Creek. . company broke up into 3 parts, after much altercation

6/10 large tranches of teams seen; passed about 300. . our men over, report cholera among them; very seldom no sickness of note on our side. Crab Creek. . ancient bluff ruins, the most magnificent pile of rocks I have seen, stupendous breastworks. . CR 40 miles

6/11 dilapidated castles and Egyptian pyramids. . sublime storms 6/12 passed CR pyramid with dome in middle

6/13 halted noon opposite Scotch bluffs, Stone river; a splendid pile of bluffs, magnificently grand, beyond any of the puny works of mortal man. . more descriptive; large wolves and ~~panthers~~ some panthers. . very other party for 200 miles presents the aspect of a slaughter yard, with skeletons of men. . even E seemed to wish to signalize himself by killing a B

6/16 FL handsomely situated. . about 50 persons here, dog good business. . 50 abandoned wagons, many burned. trunks, clothes, boots, and shoes, lead by the hundred, spades, picks, guns and all other fixings for the California trip, the greatest profusion. . hundreds of teams coming together; those that were tired by approach of teams very had much the advantage, but in much the best condition. . number of teams ahead between 1200 and 2000; here came up a company of U.S. Dragoons, 2 companies very passed on before, and a company of infantry. . one company is temporarily stationed hereabouts. . ferry \$1. wagon

6/22 Ferry at mouth of Deer Creek. . men drowned by upsetting of a raft, 5 more in driving animals; one accident shot; one on purpose cholera had made great ravages among men, from the most southern parts, SJ; some wagons lost 2/3 of their mess; some 7 out of 9. . report Six and a half Government teams, led by 4 men, cavalry fell back and killed 70 men. . a regiment of militia in 4 squads, 2 before and 2 behind.

LETTER Upper Fork other party, June 23. . We traveled about 30 miles. . should load wagon more than 1500 to a wagon and 4 yoke oxen

6/24 at ferries, 24 men drowned and killed; one shot accident; 2 intentionally

6/27 IR 6/28 DG descriptive

6/30 men in great hurry, crowded their teams. . some of our party in pursuit of a murderer, killed a man, took his mules. . there is doubtless many scoundrels passing on the trail

7/1 Our company seized the murderer, who is detained for trial as witnesses came together LETTER July 1 on SW

7/3 fun snow balling 7/4 SP 7/5 16 m from SP, road lead off left to SL, induced by some women to take it

LETTER Big Sandy July 6. . only 500 teams very taken the SL route. . now we learn the road to the gold mines was 150 miles nearer than the other //M propaganda //?. . We see lots of men daily and they tell us they very a first rate route to the gold diggings with plenty of grass and water most other way. . lots of gold dust, enough for all

7/11 FB 7/15 SLC arr yest. It is said the Ms r about to declare themss indep oth US. ~~Fraxxyx~~ Go, it, Fools.

LETTER SLC 7/23. . delayed, l g in partnership with Nathan Burr, who has bn tothe mines. . pos we shall not lv this v at a ll this season, for the Ms say they v discd m gold in the GB th an all the wgs nd mules that have started for Ca can carry. .

Ms to celebrate tomorrow

7/25 left City of Salt w fr Burr

8/6 entered into the old road leadg from FH, near the Steepl e Rocks 8/8/ up Goose Creek 8/10 Hot Springs Valley 8/11 to br of Mary River 8/25 Ms from gold diggings, cheerful news

8/27 camped at forks, th's bg the place that the Williamette Oregon or Myers' cut-off to Feather River turns to the right; ccluded to take the cut-off as the most desirable route.. This, the lower crossg of Marys River, 61 ms from the Sink and 29 ms fm Pleasant V gold mines, 344 ms from Sutter, on the Fool's cut-off 624 miles, canyon route 344 -- / or 280 difference; from Marys rvier to Sutter 624 miles. ///????///

9/1 Mud Lake 9/5/ This day 59 yrsold-- over Sierras to Goose Lake -tojc Ore nd Ca roads -- Pitt river

9/15 to Oregon Road. . met govt explorg party, who toldit was 170 ms to Lawson's, a d 100 fm there to Sutters 9/30 this day we made the fabled and far-famed va of the Sac //56 page///

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SECOND TRIP ACROSS THE CONTINENT: Isaac Foster w part of his family. By Harriett Foster ~~Cummings~~\* Cummings 1852

p. 115 April 13, 1852 Startd f Calif amidst the tears and sighs of r frs.. stoped at Pavilion, rather aromantic name for a l tzpazaz a few miserable huts. This I expect is the beginning of tr. . . 4/13 threw Neward 15th Ottawa La Salle

4/ 17 put on a suit of short clothes to avoid the mud. . women came out nd laughed at me or my dress. . more conven for tvg. .

20th went 11 miles nd stopped w Pa's old fr Ferris at Galesburg, w an Academy of Knowledge in it -- to Carthage where Jo Smith was killed - to Warsaw on banks of Missip. . father met Ca fr, Mr. Warner. .He returns in May w th his family

4/27 most God forsaken ct that ev lay out doors, the g fag-e nd of all creat on - huts more like hogpens than human habitas butter-nut cloth, the universal color -- thru Missouri

5/2 teams baded with Pokes for Califor. . I nv saw such hum an bgs as they were -- Trenton, all slaves. . 5/4 on Grand Rive passed in sight of but did not see Adam's grave, where Jo Smeit says says the father of all mankind reposes

5/8 to St. Jo rather pretty c ty of 4,000 inhabs

5/12 to St.Jo to Savannah 5/13 Passed thru Savannah, but er advised to go to Old FK to cross. Nodaway on rope ferry. . Great Tara 5/17 Nishnetottemah. . opp FK, instead of findg a vg we only found miserable log hut and pack house, occby the mos swinish spec men I ever saw in the shape of a ferryman

St.Joseph /?/ May 22. . .crossed Weeping Water and Saline Ri

5/24 into v oth PR, 100 m frm old FK. . overtook Burrell an

Kauffman Co... nek d Is with breech cloth nd feathered cape

5/26 minor war or skirmish between Sx and Ps. . Ps fled, 150 of them, before 13 Sx nd left their dead man on the field of battle. . Ps had one wounded prisoner, drivg w whips. . pass I vg deserted w square formed of ponies' skulls

5/29 strike jç St Jç nd FK roads a d a few miles further on came in s ght of Fort Charles, or new FK. . 2 or 3 fine bldgs, one for the capts, a othe for the teacher a d doctor, and one for the inferior officers. The soldiers barracks are turf, sod and all, most mis lookg holes

5/30 Broke up camp late to ferry the P, 1½ ms wide. I nv dreamed of anything like this river, quicksand, cstant jar. . to ok us 2 hrs to cross w 1 wg 5/31 Got an early start and we went 8 or 9 mikes and crossed Elm Creek ///PF w of FK few mls// came to B creek ch they er obliged to bridge w brush bf crossg

6/1 Willow Lake, a kidd of mud puddle // sense of humor// graves cholera morbus M mail from SLC //omit acct s ck//

6/8 Castle Ruins, CR 40 m 6/9 camp opp CR, 700 feet hi above the Platte 6/10 passed Bluff Ruins /?/ I made a ro gh draft ~~of the~~ then I was so charmed that I cdn gaze enough. Made r noon halt opp SB, altog the most symmetrical in form and the most stup in size of any we have yet seen. One of them is close in its res to the dome of the Capitol at Washington. . There is a pass through that is guarded on one side by Sugar Loaf Rock, on the othe by one that resembles a square house with a observatory

6/12 FL ferry across the north branch. The n & s brs uni tejust below, in sight. Sev I lodges and a Frman w squaws etc. There are two fine 2-story bldgs at the fort, one OC and the othe a tp /?/ We found dried fruits and hams and bacon as cheap as at St.Jo.

6/18 to south ferry . . to upper ferry and left the rv nad tvd over hardest road over hills and barren vales to Sulphur Sp

6/19 Willow Spr ngs - willows gund -- Prospect Hill  
6/21 IR Some v evinced a g deal o ambition in inscribng them on almost inacc points. . 6/22 Did not go the old route but took t he river road past mag mts of rock. . 8 mls nd we struck the ol road. . Bitter Ctn wd Creek, they er buryg a woman. The lt ch il er sittg in the wg, nd the husb at the head ch gr, weepg bit terly over the uncoffined burial

6/24 a Fr traderspost in one oth ravines and grocery store Strawberry Creek, wrongly named, no strawberries -- Aspen Ck a bss ~~xxx~~ 6/25 Table Rock, the dividing point, in sight

6/26 , 27 take SLC road 6/29 passed most mag natural curi osity I v seen on the road, a sup rock of petrified clay and sandstone of blue and light and drk brow color, spires, domes, grottoes and caves, colomnaded. We called it Echo Rock

2/30 cd in sight of FB. Major B a man csid advanced in yrs Has had sev squaws of the diff tribes. Isnow livg w a Root Dig ger ch he brought from Calif. He has in all 6 half-breed chil by 3 diff wives. He lives in the fort in one room in the most I-like manner, but is immensely rich. He has a Mexican grant of 10 miles square around the fort, stock in abundance, and gold w/o end, and yet is much of a g-man but lives like a hog

7/1 came to hills, , up and down steepest hill we v seen, int v of Jehosopat. (after Blacks Fork)

7/4 view of V GSL, at foot of mt a temp bss, barber and baker shop ~~7/2x~~ 7/5 awakened by firing of cannon in the city, 12 m distant. . when we first came in sight of city, pre the app or a herd ow white castles. . dscrip of the Tabernacle, adobe 160 x 60, arched, w Gothic windows in ends. . no posts or columns. . saw BY nd sev of his brothers 51 but does not look more than 30 has 30 or 40 wives . . family numbers over 100, has 12 children under one year. His harem is a poor mis log and adobe affair direc in front of his elegant Gothic-windowed barn.

They marry and unmarry at pleasure sev time a year if they choose. The st of society corresponds l w the Age of Barbarism 7/12 ford Weber River. . Ogden City,, 7/15 poor apology of a br across Miladd

7/19 Raft R, Steeple Rocks. . mile from here came to jc o the 2 roads . . Goose Creek 7/24 t head of H-mt fever. . it seemed tome I must d e, and that same eve Wm was viol attacked w the same disease. We er a s ck pair in tha t close wg, burned up w fever, racked w pain

8/8 /Boiling Springs, half way across the desert strike Truckee River Piutes, ve fr nd more intl tha the RDs, the r ct ~~xx~~ extends from Pyramid Lake to Sink of the Truckee. We staye at tp 9 and 10. Still ill. This incess tvg kills sick people

8/14 I am yet sick. Soti I think I shall not live long. It is hard to die so yg and Wm, my Wm, who l console him? . . to summit of SNs. . to head branches of Feather River //p. 142

MRS HARRIET FOSTER CUMMINGS, memoirs by her Niece Lucy ~~§~~ Foster Sexton. . first home of the F family was San Jose, Ca she and her husband had come ~~§~~ w her father on his 2nd trip

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ISAAC G. FOSTER'S JOURNEY (THIRD CROSSING) from an interview w Mrs. L. Chittenden, Santa Barbara

1854. . . no diary or recollects. ref to diary of Mary Burrell // see Yale U. /// Burrell party csistd of Mary B, her dgtr Mary, 19; son Edward and wife; Wesley Tonner, engaged to yg Mary B, etc. . . Isaac G F and co tvd w Burrells part of the j. His family csistd of wife, son ~~#~~ Eugene P., 5; Lucy Foster Sexton), barely able to toddle about; and Fred, born on the j.

Mary was a lovely, rosy-cheekd g-lookg girl who found a gr deal to enjoy during trip. . accpd as a musician. . diary preserved. . Her e gagment announced before start, stood the strain. . weddg fold their arriv in Ca. . Mrs. Tonner died while in her thirties.

Foster & B families acqtd in Ill . . but met at Elkhorn to p. 184

pp. 184-;87 EUGENE ~~F.~~ FOSTER TO LUCY SEXTON. . In reading Burrell diary I noticed that they parted from the F's bf they reached SL. . There was no tr between them. The reason was on acct of ~~K~~ mothers cd, she yg heard so much about the Ms that she dn csent to g to SL. So the F's went by what was called the cut-off and it was dur ng that Cut-off that Fred was born.

She also failed to mention ~~that~~ oxen dyg at the Sink. Prob they er septd from us temp. At t at time we had so much stock, includg drove of cows that Father was brgg to Calif that ofte



there was a scarcity of feed. . so we d separate. . many killed by leeches in the lake. . .

I was 6 April 4 ~~xxxxxxleftxxCBx~~ and we left CBs May 1

Miss B. also makes no mention of r crossg the PR. When we arrvd on the east bank there er many teams cgregated nd unable to cross. . w a string of r longhorned Texas steers ch er accustomed to such streams Father soon had a light wg across back for another nd so on until the sand became so packed that all the train could cross

After we crossed the P father had a felon come on one of his thumbs. .

A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF ROXANNA C. FOSTER, by herself. The Third Trip Across the Continent //she the wife of Isaac G.//

b. 1818. husband w his father in 49. .in 53 sell out, move to CBs for the winter, had neighbor os had-been Ms, a tribe of thieves

1854 left May 1 crossed Mo R on a steamer, 15 persons and a few horses at a time, the boat retg f our catle, 35. Omaha w as missing, not tb seen until later. . 2 wagons, 4 horses. . Our tr was all our own, family plus 3 boys to drive, guard etc.

Is werē peaceable all alongthe route. . \$th of July at Soda Springs. . Most of thos who had stock had plained to go to SL and rest themss nd teams. The Ms er expectg them, and er ready to catch lame stock. Sick persons db treated w kindn: if they h ad any money; f not, their temas er taken for pay, and being unable to proceeed they er compelled to remain and become Ms, as it were

Our baby born, where Ogden now stands, prob first. We rested 3 days and then ~~wxxxx~~ went slowly on, and in a week we were on the road that came from SL again. Here we met r frd who left us to go to SL; they had not fared ve well, no feed fo stock, and had topay exhorbitant prices. . When we came across r frs, Ed. Burrell and Wesley Tonner, they had stopped to mend th ir wgn. . it was not long bf the whole crowd were around my wg takg the yg E from his bed and passg him around.. The yg Capta in as he was then and there named, took no exceptions, was quiet and peaceable, and ctind in that mood until we reached San Jose city, September 10, 1854. . baby Fred Alabert

Isaac Giles born NY 1820

Isaac Sr. born 1790 Conn a temperance teetotaller and an Abolitionist. . for sev yrs pastor of Pres Ch in Leyden NY

*Bloomfield, Mo. to I T*

FAC 593 MY TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS 1853 Benjamin Franklin  
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BFO one of 8 ygmn who left the grp of E cos later known as  
the Lost Wagon Train of 1853 to seek help. The tr became con-  
fused in the Harney-Malheur Lakes country and spent 3 extra  
weeks in desert tv

On September 14 BFO and Andrew S. McClure with 6 others left  
wgtr on horseback for WV. They too wasted precious time and fo  
od in tvg too far south in the desert, but finally reached nd  
crossed the Deschutes, missing, however, the dim blazes of the  
new road fm the v. . . They went d rec to the Three Sisters, pea  
ks in the Cascade Range, tvd between them, and finally er forced  
to lv their horses in the mts.

Isaac Briggs rescued Owen and others, found in starvg cd up  
the McKenzie river, on October 20. . Word of their coming had  
been taken ahead by 5 men who left the wgtr afeir departure  
and who had passed them in the mts. The wgtr found the dim  
blazes on the Deschutes and came down the Middle Fork of WR, to  
reach the v bf Owen and his cpans arrived. . .!!!!

After reaching Oregon, B.F.O. went to Calif gold fields, ret'd  
to Oreg to mary Jane McClure. . man of education, but selftaught  
Skilled in medicine. . lost his own diary, but rcstrud hi narr  
from another diary and his memory. Whose diary he / used is not  
known, but two oth McClures did write narrs of the j  
b. Nov 24, 1828, Ky

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Mar 31 1853 w Kistner and Norman left Bloomfield, Mo. intend  
to g direct tothe gms of Ca. . April 1 adieu to old Norman home  
stead //Joel & Chr stian// elder Norman has wg team and 12 cows  
My only pos a clayback Mexican pony, rifle, butcherknife

4/27 cd  $\frac{1}{2}$  m n West Bint, sitd l m west oth Line dividg the  
Miamma Indian Nation frm the St of Mo 4/31 cd in Miamma IN

5/4 capd in Shawnee Nation. In this camp one of Mr. Young'  
hands of poor morrels named Johnston undertook to decoy r Teams  
awwy with him, toan I camp, for the Sake of what he called a g  
time w the Squaws. . I protested & his plans didn't succeed

5/5 We ame into the Potawatomy Nation

5/6 Drove 10 Ms and camped near a lt P v called Union Town

5/7 to Kansas rv Ferry \$6. man swimmg stock across the rv  
for pay, and that day he must v swam the Rv back and forth no le  
ss than 50 or 60 times, but he was a ve stout, muscular man, /  
w golden hair, not lss than 200 lbs

5/9 I amazing accuracy with bs and arrows bri at LV BV B  
Black V, and Big v BB Sandy

13th-16th I had a pretty hard spell of sickness ch leaves th  
ings vague both in my memory & Journalism LB

On 25th day of May we came to Ft. Keamey bought sm things at  
Sttler's Store, drove rxx 5 miles, cd.

5/26h drove 4 ms & came to the Ford on Pllatte River. Teams  
ters a started into the river Wm. Brickie, drivg the foremost  
team, ran the off side, of h's Wagon o to the bank, & turned it  
Bottom upward. It was Ed. Young's wag and h s wife and boy Wil

Willie were in it, the water was deep enough to v drowned them  
 ve soon, but for the timely work of half a Doz. strong men,  
 who ran into the River, & tore the Wagon feet from the Bows,  
 & pulled them out, & carried them back to Land. It was a fear  
 ful sight to witness & ve discg to Mrs. Y who told me 5 yrs af  
 terw tha she had nv fully recovrd fm the shock

//April 24 While in camp Wm Young w his Tra n from Cam-  
 den Ct cross the river. . we join on Osage river//

5/26 We er then on Paunee Side of the River, & they Hostile  
 On the day we crossd there was a man undertook to drive 5,000  
 sheep across but his headers cruelly killed, & caused so many  
 to be drowned, that they only got safely over w about 3,000 head

6/1 switch to Coleman train, no hard feelings

June 3d Tvd about 15 M8s & camped West of the Cold Spring

June 4th. Tvd about 14 M8s & camped

June 5th Crossed the Bluff Fork of PR etc etc.

June 7 //one page in length// re hunting, rattlers, and  
 monster gray g wolves catch cow of Mr. Youngs

June 8 B hunt over 1 page

6/13 passed CR c opp SB

6/14 in aft came to Sxvg 44 lodges where er the finest lo  
 okg Is male & female I ever saw.. attent to Miss Sarah Coleman,  
 our only grown yg lady. . They had a fire about 25 or 30 feet l  
 ong & logs on either side, artgd for seats to ch all er invited  
 to s t and rest, pass peace pipe. . more than 100 immigrants

6/15 cmg dn a lg tr Is, 300, big & little. The day befor  
 some of their band, and the Soldi rs frax at Fort Laramy had a  
 combat in ch 3 oth the Is er kd, & the others of the Hostile pa  
 rty er ordrd to lv by the ofers ~~at~~ at the F, & those er makg th  
 best of their way Eastward. . Hardin, a Wisc man who claimed to  
~~make~~ know a gr deal about Is, . as the Is er gatherg thickly  
 about r wgs, Hardin shot off his Gun, as if to intimidate the  
 whole Tr of Is. . . I made objecs. . He took my admoni tion un-  
 kindly & was sulky toward me afterward. . Travois included dogs  
 One I wanted to swap Miss Coleman. Make pretense (cdvbn wiped  
 out). . . Camp below FL, where we llearn of the tr the day bf!

6/16 passed FLaraym and Laramy and 4 M's further on  
 struck the BHs. 6/17 West 15 ~~M's~~ M's & camped.

6/16 sell horse Mack to I trader for his squaw

6/24 ~~The Bison all tvd the same Road to Old FKey /?/ & 9  
 miles beyond, till they struck~~ Passed the Bridge on NP

6/25 nigger a Black Ox was foot sore, in throwing him brok  
 off horn at the root. .took a bunch of cotton rags saturated th  
 em w tar and bound them on the remaing stump 6/29 IR

7/7, 8 SP (~~not mentioned~~) The only two business places at  
 Southpass were a Small Trading post & a Ox Shoeing Device. The  
 re the Ox was swung up bodily w/o consultg his wishes, givg the  
 stalwart Bs all the advantages. . .

7/12 to jc where Colem and family lefts us, they to Ca, & w  
 to Oregon 7/13 crossed GR at the middle Ferry on the Road  
 known as the Kinney Cut-off, paid \$6. wg and one yoke ox. .  
 entice stock across w cowbells

7/19 fell in w Baker tra n 7/20 Stbt Sp 7/23 to Port  
 neff where we found the McClure Train. . impressed w Genteel  
 Bearing of the whole Train. . at source of Portneff, found the  
 Colony or Union Train.. 7/24 Sunday United Brethern preachers

7/27 Salmon Falls. . agree to tv w McClure tr, if they l  
let us 7/29 at Raft River a Bluff, the jc of ~~the~~ two roads  
the left hand leadg off to Calif

8/1 Oregon Territory 8/8/ ferry on Snake R

8/21 Sermon by a Meth preacher name of Hynes who had ony 1  
eye. bro of Gustavus & Harvey H then in Oregon. .that Sermon  
was the last he ev preached in this world for in about 3 days  
subseq While helpg to drive Cattle Across Snake River, By Some  
Means of his Horse he got into deep water & he was drowned

8/22 attacked w Flux or hemorage oth Bowels

8/26 McClure offers to stay with us, while sick. . just s mp  
took my life into heir own hands, & Saved it. . soup panasea  
that Saved my Life

8/28 We found /?/ in a decayng & tumbled down cd only Inha  
by Is nd half Breeds belong to the HBC

8/29 swam r catle & hrss across SR got r wgs and other Valuab  
les Ferried over

9/1 up Malheur on old Meak Trail 9/9 w McClure left r Tr  
overtook Elliott's tr. . Here we found Robert Tandy who was anx  
to j w us to g in Adva ce of the Trs, to WV to Send out provs

b. 1828 m 1859 d 1917 rescued by Isaac Briggs and 3 othe  
in his pay. . enforced light diet 10277 came into Eugene City  
the Very next day after the Town was laid out

INTO CALIFORNIA FOR GOLD IN NOVEMBER 1853 p. 54

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Crews, Angelina (Smith) A Brief Sketch and History of an Orego  
n Pioneer. Ms. ink on tablet paper. Lockley Coll, Box 14 (7

Wm Smith lived in Ioway until ~~25~~ 1839, 5 chil, the they moved  
to Mo and had 4 more. . When he started from Missouri for Orego  
his family consisted of his wife and 9 children, h h goods and  
6 months provisions, 2 large wgs wagions and a spr ng wagon, dr  
by a span of horses the lg wgs was drawn by 4 yoke of oxen, plu  
loose stock.

He and his wife and 9 children in the spring of 1846 hoiste  
d the sails of their ~~prairie~~ prairie schooners a d started for  
the grate north west to parts unknown the train that left Mo  
csistd of 300 wgs all ox drawn with the except on of a few

Everything went well Plenty of feed for there stock for  
the Plains was a grait f eld of grass bufflow a ddear ealk and  
all kinds of pain was everywhere ple tiful but some where in  
Ore neare the line of Californy they meet one Jess a Applegait  
who was a trator to the amergra t one of those whitetrators on  
e of those fellow that dont ~~xxxx~~ see ? but is blind by the  
gliter of gold who told the Es there was a cut off a new road  
that he had ? throw to Oregon a short cut to Oregon and tha  
y could make it in six weaks the route laid throw the sisue  
mountains and out through southern Oregon It was called Apple  
gate's cut off, ~~xxxx~~ supposed to go to Salem.

Over 100 wgs left the train a d went the trail laid out  
had to worke their way throug the Siskue Mountiens there they  
had to worke there way through the came to Rogue River



there they meet w some Indians had some tr there it was  
 geten laite in the fall ~~roy~~ season was sett ng in. come  
 to grief. . Wm Smith dies in Cow Crick Canyon, Captain of  
 the Los Emegrants . . left wife and 9 children. . remained  
 there 3 weeks waiting for the sick to eather to die or get  
 well nothing to Easte but old blue ox flesh w/o salt. .  
 Angeline 9, mother of the writer from whoes direy this is  
 taken. . yg men get thru for relief pack tra n

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Benjamin Franklin Dowell zilch  
 from Fred Lockley rare western books Portland

to no or 1

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Lockley Coll Box 14 (2) Bennett, Lucy J. (Hall) Reminiscence

b. Boonville, Mo 1832 said Mrs. W.H. Bennett of Portland.  
 My maiden name was Lucy J. Hall. to Oreg 1845. At Fort  
 Hall we came across Steve Meek, who told us of a better road  
 to WV. Some refused to take this cut-off and went by the old  
 immig rd, but a good many of us fod Meek on h's Cut-off. In  
 one of the immig trs was Joel Palmer and Samuel K. Barlow.  
 In the col with us werd W. G. T'Vault and John Waymire  
 Another co was cmndd by Solomon Tetherow

The road we took ~~was~~ had bn tvd by HB fur tvrs, nd while it  
 might vbn alright for pack horses it was cert not adapted to  
 immig tv by  $\alpha$  tr. . Water full of alkali, little grass, catle  
 had sore feet from sharp rocks

After sev of r party had died the men disc that Meek really  
 knew nothing about the road

After Meek had left us we struck back in the gen direc oth  
 Columbia River. Whe we came to the Des Chutes Rv we ferries i  
 in our wagon beds. . to TD The Tetherow and Woolley fams came  
 dn w r fam on a log raft to the Cascades. We worked around the  
 Cascades, packg r gs on r shoulders. . Dan Clark went on to VC  
 and secured from Dr. McL a flat boat

In coming across the plains each wg took its turn in the  
 lead said Mrs. John Kirkwood of Hopewell. The last days of we  
 got into the D Henery Hewett jumped upon the wg tongue and said  
 From now on itseveryone for himself, whoever is ready first get  
 the lead. You ought to see the way they hustled those oxen  
 around for the next 5 minutes, ~~getting to~~ Ed Lenox and  
 Henry Hewett were ready almost at the same instant. I was in  
 Henry Hewett's wagon. race between Lenox and Hewett. Our 2 w  
 gs ere the firs ~~bt~~ go into TD. This was in the fall of 1843  
 and there were not the batteaus there then. . R men folks made  
 rafts to go down the Columbia. . Ed Lnox and sm oth boys er  
 left with the c attle to drive over the mts. . We went with the  
 packg all we could on hr ross and gg horseback. I rode back of  
 my mother. . guided by ~~Sam~~ Sam Campbell, old mt man

My brother Israh Metheney. . in 52 John Kirkwood who had  
 cm to the coast in 46 under Fremont, and had come to Oregon in 4  
 9 stayed at r house. . he sugg we get married. I was nearly 15  
 and thot it was high time that I got marri d and consented. .  
 md by Elder Glen Burnett, brother of Peter H.

FAC 600 Pringle, Catherine (Sager) Acct of ov j to Ore 44;  
 life at the Whitman Mission; the Whitman massacre. 1908  
 The acct by CS was typed on stencils in March 54 by  
 Celista Collins Platz, a gr dgtr of Catherine's.  
 56 pages mimeograph, bound  
 Presented to Univ of Washington by Edmonst S. Meany

Seattle 27 Oct 1908, . father Henry Sager b. 1805. .to  
 Ohio tp Mo (from VA), Platte ct. . sold property fall of 43,  
 wintered Mo bottom near SJ. . April 44 set out. . Meet Chamber  
 lain family. . once over r ver, we er detained by cattle re-  
 crossing the river and retg to their winter quarters

Not bg accustomed ato a cvd wg the motion made us all sick  
 that plus rain gave us sea sickness. //she does not give here  
 age// at the rendez ous divided into cos. . We in co of Capt  
 Wm Shaw, a vet who had served under Andrew Jackson. . my father  
 colonel oth the co, drill, drum beaten to call out guards, but  
 custom dropped. . green gaurd fires upon yg ladies taking a  
 moonlight stroll, no damage done

Muscial instruments. . found that we cd walk w more comf  
 fort than we fn in the wg . . May 22 we er surprised by arrv  
 of another lt sister. Father now had 7 children. . We narrowly  
 escaped bg burned to death by getg the bed-clothes into the  
 fire, sleeping in the tent. After this affair Father slept in  
 the tent with us.

Extreme rains, evthg deluged. Our parents ctracted the  
 cold that finally ended their lives. . . dangers of bg run over  
 by B. . Father a Nimrod. . scaffolds for drying meat w/ fire  
 crossg of SF. . team over enbankment, turn over wg, nearly  
 killg my mother. Father's face was badly skinned. A tent was  
 set up and Mother was carried into it, here for a lg t me she  
 lay insensible. . She recovers; the o e after us ditto, only  
 a parrot aboard.

Children accustomed to getting in and out of wg while in  
 motion. . When performing th's feat, the hem of my dress caught  
 on an axe-handle, precipg me under the wheels both of ch passed  
 over me, badly crushing the left leg. . Train halted, a surgeon  
 found, and the limb set. Consultation whether to return to the  
 rv or proceed to FL that night; arrived at Fort after dark. Thi  
 accident co fined me to the wg for the remainder of the j

Beyond FL the GAD, sickness prev. . father chase B despi  
 sickness, relapse. Evening bf he died we crossed GR. Capt Shaw  
 said he would see to widow and orphans, buried bank GR, his cof  
 fin csistg of 2 troughs hast ly dug out of a trunk of a tree.  
 Next yrs Eion fnd his bones bleaching, vgbn dsinterd by Is. .  
 Kind-hearted German doctor insists on driving.

Mother dies at Fort Hall from exhaustion and exposure,  
 last day of Sept // this recollec more literate a d coherent  
 than most.// Thus in 26 days both r parents were laid in the g  
 and we er orphans 5 months to 14. . Baby taken by a woman in th  
 co, a d the rest of us kindly cared for by the co; in fact we e  
 lit adopted by the train, expt Capt Shaw and his wife. . when m  
 brothers fell by the han] of savages, he was among the firstt o  
 shoulder a g un and swear vengea ce ag their destroyers.

ov trip to p. 9

Decide to leave us at Whitman's station. . reduces r wg to  
 a cart. . .cartfull of orphans lv Umat lla Oct 17. .  
 dirty and sunburnt we looked more like Ind an children . .  
 Dr. persuaded to keep all of us, at least until spring  
 mysel and 3 sisters prisoners, bros killed a ordeal

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FAC ADAM and Solomon Zumwalt Autobiography OT 1853  
 THE BIOGRAPHY OF ADAM ZUMWALT by his son, Solomon Zumwalt,  
 Who came to Oregon in 1850 /?/ reorid vt Lane Ct P-H S,  
 Eugene, 1959 fm a photostat copy of the original ch is  
 deposited w the Soc.

Zs left Mo April 1850, intendg to g to Ore but wintered in  
 SL. March 27, 1851 they started again for Oregon and reached  
 Portland June 1. Solomon and Nancy, that is

S. the youngest child of Adam Z, a frontier fighter, wound  
 up in St. Charles Ct., Mo. . Solomon b 1807, m. Nancy 1827, had  
 14 children (The Biography herewith reprod, tog w letter frm  
 SZ 1887 written but never sent, sec thru courtesy of W. R.  
 Robertson of Eugene, grandson of Mary Z, dgtr.)

Mohawk, Lane Ct, Oregon April 27, 1887. To Editor of  
 Oregoninan (never sent) re Pioneers Assoc . . b. Mo 1807.  
 Sold my farm in 49 and started on trip for Ore in sp 50. I had  
 a wife nd 11 chil. I left my old hom about April 1. .crossed  
 the Mo riv 6 miles below old Fort Kearney, struck on the Platte  
 the south side, met w a man Samuel Olliver. H had started for  
 California. I like the man nd we tvd tog. He had wintered in  
 the RMS 20 yrs bf and had a good idea oth Plains. We finally  
 got to GI on the Platte. There was a mil post there. Then the  
 St. Joe road came in there and we learned there was a gr deal  
 of cholera. I took the cholera after we passed the fort.  
 Oliver we t to a tr nd brought a dr. He stayed w me that night  
 I got better. The doctor lost a man in his own train that nite.  
 We tvd on. There was nothing of much interest transpired. We  
 got to South Platte. We found that a hard stream to cross. We  
 all got over safe. One days drive got to North Platte. I had a  
 daughter took the cholera. My wife had medic ne and got it  
 checked. We rolled on up north Platte. I found graves of a  
 sister-in-law and a niece and nephew all of the same family;  
 so we rolled on up north Platte. Got to a stream called Horse  
 Creek. . Wm Crow and 2 of my dgtrs took down w cholera. Samuel  
 Oliver and m self went to a tr. Dr. Duncan from the neighborho  
 of St. Joe - we got medicine from him. Whe we got back Crow wa  
 cramping a d hollering from pain. We gave him a g deal of med  
 icine. We rubbed his limbs and got him warm, covered him well  
 and he got well. My two dgtrs got well. Davison, one of my  
 teamsters, had cholera. I soon check it on him; so we got on  
 sweetwater. My son, A. J. Z. t ook a fluz. It seemed we could  
 not check it. I reached a dr. He gave me powders; told me how  
 to give it. I stopped it, and my son was able to drive his tea  
 So sickness belated us and I very reluctantly went to SL to  
 winter. . .

second Z letter to St. L Christian Advocate re introduction of Methodism in St. C Ct, Mo

BIOGRAPHY OF ADAM Z (~~xxxxnothingxxxxxxx~~)

p. 14 as i Have riten a sktch of AZs life I shal give a sk of my one. I was the yonges chile of Adam Z

brother Andrew startid to oregon in 46

I left my old place 6 of April We crost the Missouriia on 24 of May six miles below old fort Caran on the Missouriia. I found we cold bin on the plains too or three weks suner

. .there war a grate number dide with the ~~xxxxxx~~The colra. The troubel was the wood not stop to docter thar sick. The wood kep a roling on. Thare was 7 wgs in r lt compana. I had five caces in my family. We lost non. I wood stop and go to doctren.

Samuel Olaver that lives in Cla Co Missouriia. . had ben u in the roca mountains 20 yers bf w the American fur compana. W tvld tog as far as SL

We got to Fort Laramie the 4 of July

some frict on with the Ms . lv 27 March 51

so e of our compna war for gg to Ore on a suthren rode whare a brother of mine suferd badly 4 yers befor. I suckseded in preventing that. We tvd down Raft river 3 dais struck the old Oregon rode 40 miles wes of Fort Hall. Travld down Snake river severl dais. Noth ng hapendof mch intrust. . Indian trs bf we get to fort Boisa May 8 4. The streems war all flush of water that t me of the yer. It gave us a hepe of trobel to ford the streems

Finaly got to the Dals on May 28. . broat my famly own to Portland by water, told my bois to stay at the Dals one month a i wood go over and help bring the wagons across. . ///p 34

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FAC 595 AN ACCT OTH WG TR MASTERED BY SOLOMON TETHEROW by Fidelia March Bowers

old mottled paste board covd ledger w yellowed pages, first dat April 5, 1845 Purch tb used as a record for the Const nd Bylaw of the Savannah Oregon Emigrating Society. . St.

Sol. T elec Captain. James Officer Pres. . retained by family, for recipes, remedies, accounts, vitalstatistics

S.T. b 1800. . acc Gen Ashley on his xped . .ran a keel boat on the Mo to CBS. . pilot of frst steam boat on upper Mis p. . m. 1823, 15 children, 3 b in Ore. . Twin David died in crossg the plains 1843

Wg tr left SJ May 4, 1845. . went w Stephen Meek. . the Es fod this old tr . .but as they crossed the Malheur Mts they faced tr. . deaths from Mt. fever. .threatened hanging, spare d left for TD A fr of his brothers secured supplies and start ed out to rescue. . Tr reached Columbia middle of October.

Thomas Tetherow finds gold, lost Blue Bucket mine. . Mrs. Parker has in her poss the j of Solomon Tetherow ch was brot across the plains, her grgrfather //whatthellbecameofit???

THE ORGANIZAT ONAL JOURNAL OF AN E TR OF 1845 captained by S reprod by Lane Ct PHS, Eugene 1960, from orig owned by Mrs. Val e Parker, Springfield, Ore.



FAC 585 THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JAMES ADDISON BUSHNELL  
reprod by LCPHS E Ore 1959 67 pp.

spring 52 JAB left w/ wife and baby son, Charles Alvah in Mo to cross pls Ore. Went on the Calif goldfs. He did fairly well there and wrote his wife and mother to come to Oregon. ~~Wrote his wife and mother to come to Oregon.~~ Mail service was ve uncertain, nt vg heard, he took his savings and started home via Ithsmus. When he reached Mo learned they with sister and brothers er already on the trail to Oregon.

Went at once to NY, caught a steamer for Panama, crossed the Ithsmus a second time, steamer to SF, trans to steamer for Ore City. Walked to Forks of Willamette, broke. Found his wife and small son at home of Isaac Briggs, Springfield, Ore. Took up a claim near Irving

b. 1826, NY, liv ng in Kirksville 1849 md Elizabeth Adkins

aq p. 10 Spring 52 left w/ wife and child in care of relatives, April 19 w two others, crossed Mo rv at Savannah Landing. Our ferry boat was an old scow propd by oars. trail crowded w white-topped wgs. Most oth families bound for Oregon with their cattle while the single men were nearly all bound for California

had to pay well for priv of crossg bridge at Wolf Creek.. an old chief wrapped in blankets w a string around his waist formg a pocket for his coin acted as tol gatherer

At fk a few soldiers to keep in check the wild Pawnees The P a strange lookg rv, 1 1/2 m wide, w low bankds. The water goes boilg and eddyg along as full of sand as it can bee. A few miles above the junc we forded the SP by doublg teams and raisg r wg beds on blocks. . we

crossed a high and rolling ridge and struck the head of AH, fog it down to the NP. . This is the region of wind and hail storms. . hail as large as hens eggs. . cholera now appeared amn the Es in a virulent form etcetc Our co, ow, ch csistd of 2 ygmens and myself enjoyed g health the entire trip

Pass old FL and BH, V NF Ferry, \$6. pw. . To IR July 1 Cross SP 7/4. . jd others for Oregon. to FH. . Lv the F we pas s a lg number of pools of clear and cold water w/ fm ch runs a lg stream united to form the Port Neuf ch we had to ford. We now got r first sight of Snake Rvier. . mosquitoes, sage brush and Snake Is Shoshone Falls, V American Falls GRV, the cayuse or Umatilla Is, shrewd and sharp as a typical Yankee. . Blue mts, fearfully lg hill to I agency on Umatilla rv, first evidence of civ since Sax and Fox reserv

From here to TD gvt Fort we took r wgs all to pieces and placed them in flatboats to float down the mighty C while sm dr the catl d the tr. Above the Cascades we ferried them over to the north bank. . Here sev womn of r party gave out and died almost in s ght of the promised land. Again puttg r wg toge we drove around the falls passng an I cemetery. . Below th fal r wgs taken apart again and put on board boards to mouth of Sandy while r stock was taken over mts. . Once more ferri d ss to Oregon City. . arr Salem Sept 9, 1852 - total five minths

FAC 586 THE MARR OF JOHN CROYDON BUSHNELL. reproduced by  
LCP-HS Eugene 1959, typed from copy of orig narr 20 pp

b. 1833, to Oregon in 1853. member, with mother and others  
relvs of the Lost Wagon Train of 1853. This tr of over 1000  
dared a new rt from near Fort Boise across the central Oregon  
desert, entertg the WV thru a pass south of Diamond Peak

//20 pp this acct reprod from a typed copy, found 1859 in the  
home of Clarence Pitney, of near Jc City, Oregon, Whereabouts  
of orig ms unknown// brother of James Addison. . .

in 1844 w/widowed mother down the Ohio Kirksville, Mo  
left Kirksville May 10, 1853 w mother, 3 bros and sister  
and husband. . . crossed at Savanna 5/17. . We were out of th  
U.S. . . We er simply tagg r lives in r hands. . We fod the trail  
mapped by Dr. Whitman when re ret'd frm his famous ride to Wash.

We tvd past FKey, up ss of sp, to its crossg, quick sand  
and very rapid, so it required 2 drivers to each team /?/. The  
NP was a diff stream entirely, clear, rapid and deep, so we had  
to ferry. Same true of GR. At Soda Springs, in BRV, we brche  
d off from Ca Trail. We crossed the SP, made memorable by the  
crossg of Whitman and Spaulding

We left FB on the S and FH on the N, gg d Raft R, crossg  
the Snake below ~~xx~~ Salmon Falls to the ns, recrossg to the ss.  
There was a stretch of ct bet FH and lower crossg SR infested  
by hostile Is. When a num of Es had arvd at the f the troops d  
escor tthem beyond the danger line. The Is had watched the  
maneuvers until they had learned their object and when the  
"Ward" train arvd at the f they er given an escort to a pt be-  
low, as it was thought the danger line. Then the troops er  
withdrawn, for the protec of others. When the troops were  
withdrawn, the Is attacked the Es. # 3 er kld nd burd within  
the camp. They finally tried to escape by lvg the r wgs nd  
teams, nd gg on foot, after dark. After gg 70 mls, the men gave  
out. . Finally they reached the fr high bank of Owyhee Rv where  
they took refuge for 40 days, when they er rescued by troops.  
I dont know how many starved to death there, nor how many dead  
bodies were eaten. . Some tried to escape and er found kd by  
Is. Three girls er taken captives and er nv heard from

~~When I was in~~ in 1862 I met 2 bros of that party 1854. .

We recrossed the Sanek R at old FBoise. . left old E trail  
at or near Burnt River, taking an almost direct course to the  
Three Sisters Snow Mts, When we reached a strea. . our oxen e  
famished. Our course led us directly up to the eastern base of  
the Cascade Mts and to Fall River. . death of yg married woman  
on the Deschutes /which?/ and her infant child, now Bend, Ore  
We er 7 days in reachg the v fm r camp on the Deschutes. . It  
was the last days of Nov when we arvd at a white mans cabin

5½ months j. . I was of a party of 11, Mo to Springfield  
Oregon in 1853

second narrative by John Croydon Bushnells relates to  
hiw wife's experiences. ~~Melvina~~ Jemima Melvina Tandy, m. 1857  
who came to Oregon s her sister Mr. Mahlon Harlow in 1850-51

yngst dgtr of a widowed mother; 2 ½ bros, one widowed sister  
She had consumption, but her health improved

When her party reached SLC they er belated and advsd to spend winter. In February, on acct of Ms bg in opp to Gentile, they er driven out of the city and camped in the snow on a stream cd the Box Elder. Extreme cold. Her feet er frost-bitten, result g in bunion s ch gave her tr the remainder of her life

in spr arr in Portland w/o incident xcept a brush w Is on Sa Snake rv at the Narrows

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FAC 596 THE DIARY OF AGNES STEWART (Warner) LCP-HS, E0re59  
from the or d owned by Ivan Warner of Salem 21 pp.  
//see also OHQ XXIX (March 1928) 77-98// Myres says use  
married name nee. . .

Ancestry of Agnes Stewart (Warner) who came to Oregon from Pa  
w her parents in the yrs 19~~5~~ 1853, and of Elizabeth Young  
Stewart Warner (her sister) who ame to Ore in 53 in the same  
wago train, w her husband, Fred Warner

Agnes b. c. 1852 Elizabeth b. 1840 (m. Fred W. 1853)  
(m. Thomas Warner, 1859) //father John Stewart and Annie Bl

Ellen or Helen Marnie Stewart, daughter of John Stewart and  
2nd wife Janet (and therefore ~~sons~~ half-sisters of above  
(m. David Love, 1854. He also with LWT of 1853

The John Stewarts, w their md and unmd children, and John,  
Fred and Tom Warner std for Ore in 53 from Pa. In the party  
also were David and James Love. Fred and John, were married  
to Elizabeth and Mary Steward.

Also in the party er his dgtr by h s first mrg, Annie Stewart  
and her husband James a d chi. They fell behind cs their wgs  
er too heavy and upon reachg the tur -off for Calif, took that  
rt and settled near Marysville.

At Fort Boise John S - and party heard of new allegedly shorter  
rt to WV via central Oregon desert, and a newly dis pass s of  
Diamond Peak. Turnng west a few mls from Ft Boise, they fod the  
tracks lof Elijah Elliott, of Pleasant Hill, who had come from  
WV to meet his own fam ly, meetg them at FB. He had been  
promised that by the t me he cd reach the Deschutes r a road  
dvbn cut thru to WV via DP and Middle Fork of WR. This had bn  
done very poorly and much sufferg resulted. . Most oth road  
openg they er forced to do themss, reachi g the valley bout  
where Lowell, Ore now stands, 4 October 1853

Narr is also told in Owen, John C. Bushne~~tt~~, James and andrew  
McClure. . .

A LETTER OF ELIZABETH YOUNG STEWART WARNER (same booklet)  
from orig nal owned by Mrs. John Shultz, Eugene, 1959,  
a grand dgtr

narrative of Elizabeth Young (Stewart) Warner  
Lost Wagon Train, Middle Fork route, 1853

Dear friends

I did not keep a journal. . . left Pittsburg 3/17 and after a rather tedious journey we arrived in Saint Jo, 4/4 5 We then bought up our cattle 65 to 85 dollars paid 40 cents per day for the meanest house you could think of human beings living in and we had to steal bread and take water all over the town

We crossed the Missouri 5/4 in the rain we crossed on a ferry boat and was to cross the next but there was another family had got into the boat before them. David Love and Fred was just coming to cross on the same boat they had been over to buy another yoke of cattle but were just one minute too late, and ~~it was~~ well it was for us all for the boat struck a snag and drowned 7 men the mishap one of Stewart's wagons broke down early and train would not wait for them (see...) I do not think that Mother I ever get over it

We then proceeded 10 wgs in company to the flat River. . . to look at that great flood and think that where we had food it almost to its source we would hardly be half way, and it is the easiest half of the way by 20 degrees it was painful though for faint hearts we had a very agreeable company not one jar amongst us had it not been for the thought of Anna behind it doubt a pleasure trip indeed

Cattle drop out gradually when we got up in the morning we were not got the breakfast and the men went after the cattle and we thought at last that we could dare to see them come back for they always came back minus some of the cattle

//the version of the LWT bewilderment

END letter never sent . . . letter written about 1856 or 7. . . James Stewart, no relation to Elizabeth's father, John. . . he refused to abandon his heavy wagons. . . descendants still live near Maryville.

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FAC 613 ELIJAH LAFAYETTE BRISTOW, letter 1857-1864  
presumably LCP-HS ? date (no title sheet)

Elijah Bristow, b. 1788. m. 1812 Illinois

In the spring of 1845 EB went to California, wintered at Sutter's Fort. In 1846 he traveled to Oregon, probably first going to the George Shelleys, near Dallas. They had come in 1845 direct

In June 1846 with Eugene F. Skinner, Felix Scott and Wm Dodson, he came up the west-side trail to the upper West. And 20 miles of present Eugene he chose his Donation Land Claim on a rise which he called Pleasant Hill

Here he ~~had~~ staked his claim, built a cabin and sent for his family. It took 2 years for letter to make a round trip, so it was the fall of 1848 when EB went out to meet his wife Susannah, his children and fames of his daughters. Elijah Lafayette was one of 15 children.

But Elijah Lafayette wrote no journal or letter for 1848//////////



tribute to EB /not ELB/ in a Glaesburg Ill paper by a Wesley Shannon (from H C. Perkins scrapbook, Lane ct mus colled) from McDonough ct, Illin. . . met him on the road. . he was the leader of the party until he diverted to Calif. . he was not a man of culture but from natural qualities. . a grand specimen of the Old Roman style

LETTER FROM ELIJAH B TO HIS WIFE SUSANNA, Laharpe, Ill.  
North fork of Laplatto  
556 m. west of I  
n/d/ 1845

many tales in circ about Is nd diffic of Eg to Oregon. It has been occationed a spirancy of the Pilots. I v anticipatd no danger only in regard to the Horses. Just this evening there has arrived 2 men from FL who tell us there is no danger till we get near FH. there are 235 wgs bf us. I am in a co o 48 and about 520 head of cattle, work cattle and all. . Many lame, but my oxen r well, csdrg the tv. I vn had any tr only w my cook, he is as trifling a mortal as ever lived

myself and 2 m mn went out last Thurs. nd we kd 17 Buf filoes by 10 o'clock. . I v kd sev a telopes. . There is much in tellegence and excellent hearted men, with big Souls but some now and then, w very little ones. You will hear from me at ~~FL~~ FL, ch is 145 miles father. I v prop to ~~my~~ this co. that we keep the 4th of July and feast onf Buffilos meat

It is a pleasure tr p, the weather is so f ne, the way is excellent. I expect the best in the world, in a State of Nature, for the same dista ce the watters low. . I still think Calif is the best. . Think twice before you speak once. . My dear children, keep out of debt. . let your ~~poixx~~ Polar star be truth "the traveler is waiting"  
June 18, 1845 postmark St. J, July 8, 1845

July 8, 1845 Red Butes, Last Crossing in Platte, 1000 and 90 m. from Home

I am now in a co of 21 wgs all ai g to cross tomorrow Duke is very lame with foot-evil.. We v no s ckness in r co onl cronick cases, there have severaldied on he route who were sick when they started /// his "s" is written "f"// Some er bur ed and left no sign, while others vbn designated at time when & place &c. . we v travd entirely too fast. . I shall send this letter by the Col. of the dragoons who have been to S. ~~P~~ pass and is now on the way back. . admonitions to wife and children postmarked Ft. Lv Agust 26

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THE DIARY OF GEORGE BELSHAW OT 1853 reprod by LCP-HS, 1960.  
this copy compared for accuracy w the original owned by Miss Ethel Kinsey, Eugene, Ore. (see OHQ?)

FAC 4 Silas Newcomb JOURNAL OF AN OVERLAND TRIP TO CALIFORNIA AND OREGON one of three copies from the original in the W.R.Coe Collection 230 pages ledger size

Silas Newcomb, Madison, Wisconsin

SEE BELOW

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Lockley Coll, Box 14 (9) Fouts, William Diary of overland trip to Oregon in 1850 3 p typewritten

these are one-liners

April 22. Started to Oregon on stbt Ludlow. lnd Marietta  
 23 Left on ditto Kingston for Cincy  
 26 Left on ditto Washington for New Albany  
 28 Left on General Lafayette for NO  
 June 11 Left NO on Stbt Uncle Same for SL  
 19 landed in SL  
 22 Left on d tto Robert Campbell for SJ  
 28 arrivd ditto  
 29 crossed rv 5 pm, rain all night  
 July 6 6 crossed BB  
 13 passee FK. Wrote to Lydia  
 17 came to Big Springs, after tvg 35 m w/o water  
 21 came to crossing of South Platt  
 22 passed over 100 M wgs. crossd Platt to North P AH  
 25 noon, near Capitol Rock on little creek. c within  
 4 miles of CR for the night 28 miles  
 27 tvd 12 m to SB nd cpd tp kept by Mr. Rubideux.  
 28 Sunday. Laid by on account of rain. Got a shore  
 put on a horse  
 29 Bought 4 mules. Tvd 12 miles. Heavy hale, big as  
 quail eggs.  
 31 To FL  
 August 1 made 24 miles  
 3 passed under a stone bridge with 80 foot span  
 11 in sight of Wind River Snow on mts. left our wgs  
 October 12 got to Hedges, one mile fm Oregon City  
 19 wrote to my wife  
 23 commnd rk for Hedges at Dr. Forbes Barclay  
 later to Astoria, to SF, to Central America  
 December 19 . . .  
 March 31, 1852 started on Steamer Malta for Oregon

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FAC 589  
 AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ENOS ELLMAKER (rewritten by Amos F. Ellmakers)  
 reprod by LCP-HS Eugene, Ore 1962 20 pp plus letters  
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b. 1807 settle at mouth of Desmoines rv. . I agency 12 miles  
 did blacksmithg on govt far, fine farm, but not satisfied  
 finally got consent of my wife to sell and move to Oregon  
 dang trip for all but thoe poss with the strongest char -- mch  
 less a wife and 5 children, 12 down to 7 months. . had collect  
 all info I cd relav to the lg j across the Am desert. the

wilderness of solitude xcept for the howlg of the wolves and horrid cries, screams and blood chilling yelling of the sv Is  
 2 wgs for wife, 5 chil and 3 hands. .sold farm for \$2800 . . 26 head of largest and finest steers in Iowa. . also xchangd 2 yokes on the Plains for 2 yokes of fresh fat cattle at trading posts

~~3/24/4xx~~ 3/24/53 lv place 4/5/ leave in-laws . . had written prev to Cain's Vill. to a fr for provs. This method of getting my ~~xxxx~~ lodgin 200 miles a head, on my j, so as to avo id hauling thru that awful and horrid Iowa mud and mire.

May 1 crossed MR. . beyond th arm of law a d order. . a doleful night, wife in poor health. . medicines that a dr had put up for me bf I started, who had bee across the plains

//oratorical// again we did not know the moment that r tr db masscrd or torturd by the wild savgs oth Desert. We had faced the setting Sun and er movg Westward - Forward men forwar thus day by day, these Pioneers w spirits of hope and carage an nerves of iron and limbs of steel. . Our house was the open canopy of ~~heavy~~ the Heavens

the only hss on the j er the Govt bldgs at FL. we er tvg on ss of th rv and the F was on the ns oth rv /?/ Oweing t the Platte rv bg unsuly high, we cdn l cross over to the Fort. But we managed to get some letters a cross to the Fort

Mother "Often woul I walk behind the wg, as we er tvg nd gathered sage brush in my apron for to cokr with." . . We were now nearg the Rocky Mts we stoped to noon, we er unable to go any further that day, owing to the sand, and gravel, stor m ch was ve severe. . a rain of sa d and hal of gravel. . the teams c cluster and jam tog w their hads from the storm

Bf re aching GR I was prostrated with mt fever. I thot my end or my earthly career was finished. . new team at GR so my wife and children could ge t th through..cost \$49;50 to ferry

We er now tvg on the western slope of the continent w the wildman on all sides. . We r now tvg on the Snake River. we tvd on ss for 300 miles until FBoise. . There r tr re- crossed / back to the South side of the rv and joined us. .They had tr on ns while I got along finely on the ss.

Acct heat, travel at night. .lvg SR opp FBs we crossed Mal heur R. . Powder RV Blue Mts Umatilla John Days rv Deschutes. Then we crossed the Cascade Mts. . I had now reached the far west, the gr Willamette Valley, loc Lane Ct, on main road from Portland to Calif, s of Corvallis

I was fortunate in crossg the Plains, as I had only 2 oxen to die, no loss of any of my family.

SILAS NEWCOMB (see 140)

highly organized work, one of the most literate & detailed, PREFATORY & EXPLANATORY. 1849 bankrupted, and mother died so to overland, feelg of homesickness found record. this a pvt diary. many imperfec must b overlookd (////the script and composition is excellent ///// as wr tgin camp, surrd by many disturbg incidents, d tend make inaccuracies. . 1st 34 pps er written in pencil then inked over wih a pen. . 43 yrs ago no metallis pens er in use. The old goose quill en was all we ha owe much to Capt Lew s Clark Minneapolis 2/13/93

///all days begin st top JOURNAL APRIL 1850 (but mt 1 day Started from Darien Walworth Ct, Wisconsin by stage for the Gold Region or Oregon as circums and feelgs dictate

///bak up to Table of Contents indexed from p. 6 Arrival in St. Louis to p 222 Winter weather in Oregon//// also, sub-headin gs written north to south, left hand margin, i.e.

4/10 arv SL 9 pm the Samaritin dec dedly a slow boat

4/11 makg an outfit. . burnt d strict is bg built up. . took passg on Cambria for SJ nd perhaps to CBs. goldseekers fm ev st in the Union. . detailed desc ip of Mo river trip, towns ports a d character oth river, sev times current gets better oth boat. . Wayne City, Weston etc.

4/19 SJoseph 2500 inhabs Calif elion seems to centre here. Hills nd dales r white w their cam s

//a very hefty journal to be carrying around. . .

4/22 took passg on Modion bound for CBs 280 by rv, 150 by land. Fare \$5x \$6. . . not lvg otday. . gambling hs, scenes to s cken any decent man. . many Es cmg here too early, the seao prog backward. . auct on sales

4/23 lv SJ. . rv serpentine. . lne place 6 miles to advance north 1/4 mile. . iins policy requires boat t e up at nite. . while writing the silery moon is sheddg on d nd wtr her most effulgent smiles. . . . diffics of nagi navigation

5/1 stoped at I tn cd Bellevue, few mis old log huts about 1 mi below stand s the mission house under Reve. Mr. Erwin. . many Otoes flocked to the landg in B robes; missionary la ded here

1 mi above on Iowa side a lt tn called Trading Point lat ly built and entirely cposed of log or block houses, 200 inhabs gr mult of Cas flocked to the landing. . after dischg freight bo at proceeded up rv 4 mis and there dischd her load at what is cd Kensville Land ng, not a bldg of any kind, simply the bank oth muddy Mo

5/2 Kv a new M tn nd the ct seat of Pot ct is distant 4 mi fm the landng. . ve few xcep Ms reside here but eh plc is daily thronged w Cas 1000 residents, 10 stores 3 public hss, one printg shop fm ch is issued semi-monthly a M folio sheet cd Frontier Guardian, ed Orson Hyde. . a lg body of Ms to start fr SL June 1

5/3 left Kv nd d to cp sitd 3 m out from Bethlehem City on the Mo and Craig Creek bottoms where the road to old FK scrosse the latter stream. . the co I m w is from Hazel Green, Grant Ct., Wisc nd is known as the Cattle Co (Cottle?) for lg number of that name. D.F. Blythe know s the Major. . anothr co at or

near Trading Point mainly from Rock Ct, Wis, including Lewis Clark. May join . . . most from Beloit, Rock Ct., Wisc. and ~~we~~ 5/8 made agreement to join bears name of Beloit Company ~~K~~ Lewis Clark, Captain. . . cap near rd leadg from TP to Kv

p. 30 is charter and rollcall of Beloit Company, printed, S. Newcomb's name added in ink 25 wgs 75 men no w or c. .

5/9 I traders just in from the v oth P say there is ve lt gras Steamer Sranak arrd this morng from STL. sm smallpox but no cholera Death of Purdy, given to dissipation, while on a spree at Kv was knocked down

5/10 here describe the outfit of our mess of 5, myself, Clark, nobles and parish of Beloit Peter O'hagan of Avon, an Irishman, in employ of Capt. Clark

5/11 a black walnut coffin. . . gives text of prayer and precise loc of grave /// as example of thoroughness of detail //

5/12 Steamers Robert Campbell and Lightfoot arrd from below

5/13 co formed into divs in regular order and proceeded to the ferry 70 rods wide boats driven by oars two oars & 3 men to each w/ a man to guide. . . the lt tn of Bellevue, an Itp stands a 1/2 mile below  $\phi$  where we landed . . . cluster of log huts occpd by Omahas 3 bss and sort of tg estabm kept by Frman . . . dog killed by arrows and skinned . . . mistaken about miss o hrs it is not frame but squared logs. . . all vaccinated this evening ///great detail about precise route and topography

5/14 over Pappewa w/ ropes

5/15 at Elkhorn ferry met 200 Ps w mules loaded w B skins for the bluffs, unearthly yelling etc.

5/16 one mf the jc the M Trail touches the Platte for the first time. . . guide says Liberty Pole erectd here but I did not see it (at place where trail turns west//Fremont??)

5/18 cross Loup Fork 3 mls above its mouth

5/20 opp bank oth Loup appears lined w trains

5/23 grave inscript ons bathe in the PR

5/24 cross Elm creek

5/25 we vbn off the old M trail today until we reached B creek, crossg higher up than the M crossing / B hunt/ storms

5/28 Small Pox company mg up and mixg w r tr / Dr. Grow

5/29 forks Gr Geo Wash Jordan, May 1, cgestion oth brain 27, Dubuque. . . prefer walking to riding . . . no luxury like on B skin. . . rain has put on the veg kingdom a most glorious hue

5/30 cd on Goose Creek. . . a few teams vbn seen on ss showg that the rv is fordable at the lower ford, but most oth teams must go up to the other ford

5/31 noticed that the tr on other side left the bottom land and ascended to the bluffs . . . Cedar Bluffs -- practice of writing on B skulls, cos nd dates of passg Gr Amos Fisk 6/22/49 of an old disease oth lungs c 3 miles o the Lone Tree

6/1 prairie fire, make circle to protect tr - description of Lone Tree, cedar 20' hi, trunk cvrd w names. . . so numerous r its v sitors that a footpath leads to and from - nearly opp the tr ascends the bluffs again. . . the trail returns and with 1 the one from the Upper Ford at AH. . . as we came along opp tr aft train came pouring out of the  $\phi$  grove, and from that pt westward t he bank was lined with gold hunters and teams.

Castle Creek, 10 m from cap . . . Clark and I bathe. . . 77ms from



AH are Castle Bluffs . . Gr. James Walker May 23 DeKalb Ct., Ill -- I lodge vgs

6/3 footman enroute Ca w small pack, trudging through. .  
~~SB~~ SB 60 miles cd opp CH CR a high spiral column

6/4 Opp , bet CR and SBs is a remarkable unnamed elev resembling the Capitol at Washington, I call it Capitol Rock

6/5 ssP strung w teams each way as far as the eye can reach  
 As we approached SBs I thought I never looked on an object of the kind so grand and majestic rv 80 rods wide - bathe. .tr on other side lvs the rv and goes in the rear of SBs cd on Spring Creek

6/7 cd on P below the mouth of LR. .w/ Clark visit F quotes Bryant on SBs tale and FL//

6/8 ferry owned by govt \$1. pwg. . 150 soldiers. . old wgs plentiful and cheap. .ferry rigged across rope - govt register of passg Eion free of charge. . as of 6/7 men 15,165, women 193 chil 192, wgs 4219 etc. . the mass of eion behind

6/9 early th s aftxxx forenoon we pasd on r left, high and rugged bluffs on the walls of ch er inscribed many names. Als the gr of Jesse Clark Jr. of Crydon, NY. . regain M goad  
 ///great detail about route thru Black Hills

6/10 at noon we had crossed the BHs and left them on r left since ch we vbn crossg over a wild broken ct, dest of t mber xc ept in sm oth ravines - - m grs w inscrips -- trail varaitions

6/12 Deer Creek Many cross the P at this pt instead of gg up the ss to Upper Platte Ferry or ford. . Dis 24 ms //

6/13 at UF a gr crowd of Es 5 ferries, each makg a trip ev 10 minutes, 1 wg nd 4 hrss \$6. rope ferries like FL and 2 men 1 manage a boat - gr cvrd w irons, a scene of dstruction - ctd 250 wgs from elev

6/17 IR 6/18 DG visit both

6/25 Prairie Mounds SP 3 miles beyondAt Pac fic Springs m ail a letter, a private mail by James M. Estill of Mo., 1 lv 1 of July, 50c per letter

6/26 ccluded to go to SL, grass better

6/28 GR \$3.50 3 ferries owned by mt characters, plenty of gold and silver to say nothing of a dozen half breed chil

7/1 quotes Bryant re Ft. Bridger on hdwts of Black Fork. . road to Fort Hall from here, diverge from M trail While noong er visited by Mr. B who told us that the whites had murdrd a nu of Snakes Is at BR ab 30 ms dist nd that a nu of squaws had fled to the F for protec nd that all Es had better preparse for a skirmish as they undoubtdy dv revenge on the whites

7/4 the glorious 4th and away in the mts 2 days drive east by north from the City GSL. .last nite the co voted to fire a salute at sunrise and apptd an orator, a reader of the Declaration of I provided it cdb found in the co also voted to tv 19 ms to Weber River bf the exercises. . the Decl was not read for the reason that it cdnb obtained inth co - toasts and sent ment s quoted - v picked up a sick back-packer

7/5 at Weber Rv find a new road to the City, save 5 miles, avoid 2 hi mts.

7/8 arr SLC pass thru to northern limit -- home of an oppre ded and deluded people -dscrip of valley and city

July 11 These people appreciate social, kind, and accommodatg to the E and stranger. Unless the quest on comes up concerning t Nauvoo trs, they say not a word of reproach of that authority c c or dn extend to them protec in cmn w other citz. . preprs for 7/24 4th of July observed day of rec, M Legion martial exercis

7/12 blds including State House of adobe (and Fort). .sm sto e has lately bn discd in one of the canons nd l soon be bro t into use - The Bowery -- 70 x 120 Deseret News, 5 weekly Temple Block so-called from intent. . the land is free to any one that l till it - church farm

7/14 my 28th bd - M coins brownsville 36 m n

7/15 to brownsville we expected bf reachg this pl to go by the s end of SL but find that at this season of the yr it cn n b tvd even by packers. : gotta go by n end of lake. . another route by Utah Lake S and SW, gen performed in the winter season / glimpse of M iron controls at th s time an explorg expd of U.S.Govt

7/16 pass McRikers /?/ & Strothers Express Train from SL takg passgrs thru 1/2 from Mo to Sac City \$200 each//////// Hopins of r co h s joined the xplorg xped

7/17 obtain new M guide by B.H. Young and Eager /?/. . after Brownsv lle, com to Ogden river, a half doz hss on n ban k, the last on the road to the mines. 900 ms to SF. . Utah Is eat crickets

7/22 r tr now csists of 8 carts and 1 light wg -- story of gulls eating crickets, d fill up, disgorge, and eat them agai

7/25 jc of roads, from app, 9/10 of the tv came the cut-off and FH roads, both cmg tog about 40 ms back. . gr many who planned califrnia cacct cholera v taken the back track, or swit ched to Oregon for safety. . grs now so numerous I can only number them (no more inscriptions). . road now cpmpletely lined w dead caraasses

7/26 Goose Creek 7/27 Destitution, acct low on provs

7/28 Marys or Humboldt. . dogs of lt use nd seldom get thr

7/30 Kanyon Creek - M guide no good

8/1 br of Marys rv. . gr Samuel Oliver of Wahkesha, Wisc shot by an I while on guard July 2 d July 5 29 etc etc

8/2 delicious bathe in HR 8/3 dirty Diggers

8/6 gr detail re HR route, alternatives

8/13 Clinton Co. uses wagon bed boat on HR, experiment., much slower tha wgs acct bends hard luck co. 1/2 from South Be nd, Indiana, drown ngs, cholera and stolen 1/2 stock

8/18 at the Sink, take left hand or Carson River route.

12 mis into desert water for sale at \$1. gallon

8/20 reach Carson River vg of traders, perhaps 20, livg a tent life, nd speculating off the destitute Es known as Carson River City /?// Ragtown?/

8/22 sell wagon for \$10, pack 8/23 blessed rain

8/27 said tb mines of goold in these mts nd sev men r no w at rk in them - miners r lvg their old diggs in Ca and seekin g fortunes here. . pass some 8 or 10 stations. . pack trail ent erg mts and str kes the setlments at Georgetown

8/28 pass on to diff canyon -- Hope Valley

8/29 at summit news of death of ex pres Zachary Taylor

7/9 8/31 stations on the way down

9/4 forks of road, Hangtown and Weaver Town. We took the road to Hangtown. .Johnson's Ranch csistg of a double log hs, 7 mls from Hngtn

9/5 reach the settlements p. 181 Table of distances bluffs to sac city 1918

and bound

HM 16756 ledger size typed / of the multitude who trudged to Ca few er so l fittd as George McCowen. He was a mech genius and all around athlete. He cd lift 1500 lbs. After a few yrs he ret'd west to the E to study dentistry wch he practiced in Ukiah. . . J. W. Judson 103 pp.  
outside cover spine reads WESTERN J OF GEORGE MCCOWEN

July 5, 1923 Upon lkg over my d of 68 yrs ago I find portions almost faded nd v bn re-writg in places and think a clear stm as to the startg point and other matters d add materially to the understandg of the whole narrv

3/18/54 I was livg at home w my father on a farm adjg the prop oth Bloomingdale Academy near Annapolis, Indiana (Parke Ct). . I was first affectd w Ca fever in 1849 whe Uncle John Leonard made the tr p. He ret'd in 1850 nd made the tr p a 2nd time. . In 1853 some of my neighbors and school fellows made th trip. . I became of age nd thot best to strike out for myself. Signed up with co in Vermillion Ct., Ill. . seemed best to visit relvs and bid them goodbye

The first was sister Helen who was attendg Mary's Academy 4 mi w Terre Haute, , My father went with me to the place of the employer named Davidson, had bn to Calif for family and stock. . board and passage for services. . to CBs w/ drove quit there acct hardship and stinginess

We (w two buddies) went to CBs bout light wg and a pair of unbroken steers, plus two moderately l broken. fortunate to start with a light load, and to get more provs at Bear Rv as surplus from some Es. . the Calhouns, tvd w them rest of trip

Est dist home to CS 565, to Laramie 473, to Yreka 1383, to Grass Valley 275

3/23 Georgetown. left home for Calif

3/24 Butlers Point started the sheep

May 3 crossed the west Nishnabotoany. cd on Keg ?Creek 10 m e CBs 4 in sight of Mo near CBs cd on Muskets Ck to shear th sheep 6 sheared sheep all day. The Bluff City is a poor lkg place. It is built in a hollow, you cant see it unt l you are r ght in it

9 on acct of some alterat ons in the way of gg nd the amt of rk required, J Hood, F Bishop and I qu t the employ of Dav dson and ccluded to rig a team of our own

11 came to the Mo R at Harper's Ferry. crossed

12 Elkhorn \$2. link up with Bowens (but not for long)

15 cross Shell c on a very poor bridge

1677 Loup Fork ferry. . ferrymans quarters covd w B hide s and sign "Nebraska and Pawnee Post Office\* also a hotel

19 cross and up Loup Fork bottom. . 2 headed snake?

24 mail sta and tp at Wood river estab by D. Clarke. .

br of poles 50c pwg. Here we left Mr. Bowens co

// his journal literate, ok spelling, entries vary in length//

236 came near losing r wg in crossg a br over B creek

29 the famous Big Spring . . cpd at the last t mber fo 200 miles. . turns out 1/2 tb on other side oth rv. Bishop and I went over nd brought a load it is about 3 hrs work there and back. Current swift, quick sand knee depp and deeper, water 6 inches to six or 10 feet deep

storm blw cattle all over the bottom leavg the guards w/o anything to guard

31st found a track ch lead around bad mud holes. . at foot of bluff a tr estab kept by men fm CBs. Whiskey \$4. g, brandy \$10. g. No sale. Shot a skunk and 2 weasel w a revolver w/o leaving camp

June 2 Rattlesnake creek wolf creek

3 tp at Castle Creek, Fr half breeds. . see waterspout up the Platte, straight column for about 100 feet

4 at Crag Creek a tp for buyg up lame cattle and selling whiskey. . cobble hills. . another trader. . abr

5 passed Convent or Courthouse Rock. . Sx Is begging

6 passed famous cr like some big hay stack with an awful big stack stuck in the top of it. . Cd opp SBs, steepest and highest clay bluffs we v seen yet

7 passed 2 trading f xings w Indians

9 passed a smiths shop 4 m E FL Opp F noon P here about 200 yds wide. I paid 25c for gg over nd back it don't look much like a F accordg to my preconceived ideas of such a thing. . 2 lg frame hss, one frame barn and nu of adobe hss etc Put sm letters in the office here and had to pay 5c over and ab postage Flour \$10.50 none for sale At ferry ns is Sx vg of 100 lodges. . only botherin about eatables

10 in the black hills a fr tp nd wigwams. . the boys say if these r hills they don't want to climb the mts.

12 trade for bows and arrows. . I enca of 180 lodges. . story that they wanted toll gotten up by ferrymen

15 kd one of the big rabbits w my bow a d arrows

16 passed Platte bridge. .folks r rolling in fm the other side oth river. .the rds on ss berrn north

17 got in co w a tr anddrove of catl S. Leront & Co SL // McCowen identifies sev trains he catches up with//  
Rock Avenue

18 Willow Springs, foot of prospect hill

18 r noon place near IR in or nearly n the Rattlesnake Mtx. . at DG 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  ms a tp fixed up after the best plan of a y I v seen yet. Built of hewn pine logs. 3 sides of a square r enclosed by the bldg, 4th open. . Oregon packers and Shoshonees

19 took a cool bath in the ice cold waterof S W

21 during the day we met about 50 perso s and 100 hrss nd mules on the back track fm Ca. Also 4 wgs of repentant Ms // some of the entries over page long. . much detail in short jerky sentences// // partic about details of route

24 not out of sight of snow for a s ngle day since leavging FL. . find 2 sick men holdg their mules, mt fever, we took them in and ha led them about 6 miles and left them at a smith shop near the Pacific Springs. . Coming thru the Pass is very much l ike tvg the Platte (on the )

25 left we took is M trail for SL. . storm of dust nd sand suff to ~~buryxapersonx~~ blind aperson if it did not quite bury h

27 Learng that the traders called these small animals squirrels I took the revolver and kiled a mess. If they had calledthem rats they d hardly vbn palatable, as it was they wen t off find. . t Sandy aga n. At this point the road forks the left hand leads to SL, the right ch we took is called Kinney's cutoff. Recommended above Sublets acct of avoidg the desert bu if acts r true it is like out of the fryg pan into the fire. .

There is a tp at the forks build of logs nd cvd w poles and sage brush. . to GR, 100 wgs wa tg. .thous of catl up and down the stream. . man drowned, this eveng they r makg up money to forward his widow to Ca

29 saw sev Mo trs nd the m I see of them the m I am cvncd of their bg hogs personified. . Ev man that leads a tr o 2 or m wgs is Captain somebody

July 2 2 bridgess at Smiths fork, \$2. and \$1.. . cost of toll nd bridges is breaking us . . Missouriians cplain of bg crowdd

5 ccluded to j a tr of 6 wgs bound for Yreka

6 Soda Springs 7 SBT Sor Five miles fm here the road forks. The left is the regular Ca road. The right ch we took is the OT. Here BR turns d rectly around South

10 strike Snake River. here ww took a cutoff ch leaves Fort Hall to the right

14 Raft River 15 nooned at jc of r road the the Ca one folks say /Hudspeths cutoff?/ the wirgst road they ever saw. Al say they d take the FH road the next time

16 pyramid c rcle. . one lg X rock c City Rock covd at all accbl points w names from 49. Near the outlet is the jc w the SL and Ca roads 17 Goose Creek

18 on this one stretch 25 hss stolen last 2 days. The owner r gatherg for an I hunt 19 Thous Spring Valley

23 fork of HR. at tp news of Davidson trs

24 Es pursue I horse thief. Dont catch. They succeeded in getg the cover off their wigwams nd burned evthing. .came back cvrd w glory but w/o the horse

August 6 the desert bid farewell to the H-

7 came to Rabbit Hole Springs Black Rock Springs

19 Goose Lake Hills. Here we met co of Ore Vols sent out fm Rogue RV to protect the Es. The co divided part gg on to the H- and the rest rugn around and gg back w us

23 today makes 5 months fm home and not thru yet. .

Vol camp at the clear lake springs

25 Tule lake L st River Klamath Lake

27 to where OT strikes off the the right Willow Spgs

30 Shasta Butte, leavg it to the south camp at Snellgs ranch, the outskirts of civ

Sept 1 drove into Yreka, larger than Annapolis, Ind. sev g brick bldgs. //p 63//

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FAC 599 DIARY OF GEORGE BELSHAW OT 1853 repr LCP-HS 1960  
cpared w the original ch is owned by Ethel Kinsey, Eugene

On March 23 1853 the Belshaw party, w 10 wgs nd 25 persons left Lake Ct, Indana, bnd for Ore. Geo Belshaw Sr. and wife Elizab of England, b. 1778 . . Geo Belshaw Jr b in England 1816 was elec captain of tr ch grew as others saw excelnt mgmt

W GB was wife Candace, 3 children Wm, Marsh & Annie. Anot er dgtr Gertrude Columbia was b Sept 20 accdr go diary of Maria Belsahaw, wife of Thomas She was b as the party camped by the



cpd by the Colubmai and lvedonly 2 weeks

Also in the B party er 3 bros, Thomas, Chas and Samuel.  
w/ Thomas wife Maria Parsons and parents, 3 bros 2 sisters.  
Beside fam the tr included Martha Darling, helped Mrs. B

Sept 3 GB eng a steamer to take wife and fam down to the  
Big Sandy, 15 ms fm Portland, while he and other men took the  
stock down the pack trail along the river. On the 27th they er  
reunited and drove out on the Columbia bottom and camped.  
They er on the trail for six months

Donation Land Claim in Lane ct Oregon Sept 7 /?/1854  
b. 1833 in Nottinghamshire, England, naturalized at Eugene 54

JOURNEY FM INDIANA TO OREGON J O GB # 3/23 to 9/27/53  
52 pp

3/23 left Lake Ct overland cross Rock Island to Davenport  
5/7 Nishnibottiny creek

8 cd in a v 10 m fm the Bluffs drove 10 m to Mosura rv Bott  
om f catl to feet campt on the flat I went to the little Burg  
and found it a rather small place right between a high Bluffs b  
ut full of Es layg in there prov 560 ms to Cbs.

13 Mosur  $\frac{1}{2}$  m wide. . wind blew so no cross

14 wind increased and that made a many long faces as there is  
100 wgs waitg and ab 500 head cattle sad affair last rev mn  
kd by one of his men the he was taking he cut his throat most  
fm ear to ear and took his money But they after caught him the  
Es wanted to hang him w/o judge or Jury

15 wind blew so hard downs ctnwd trees boat is a lg steam bo  
at takes 100 head cattle and 11 wgs at a time rv  $\frac{1}{2}$  m wide  
there is e ough Eion for 2 Boats . . he had his trialand was h  
hung the next day he was swing off of a mule under the gallase  
he kd the man for about 150 dollars 9c a wg

16 cross I th eves 18 I br at Papea, 1 wg tip of the Br  
//he is mistaken confuses Papea w the Elkhorn abate r tms

23 loupe fork rds full of Emegrants bf nd behind

24 had to carry wood from loup fork to Wood creek

30 Drove 19 miles road wet andquicksandy and plenty of  
prickley pairs had to goone mile to get willowbrush some  
Indians about Camp one mile from the road this is dry  
town and in the neighborhood of GI the Es on the other  
side is crossing over to th s siade //below FK//

31 kd a b today 7 or 8 o r co too after them we broke  
his leg the first shot w arevolver then shot him thru the  
lites I jumpt of my horse a d gave him a death shot in  
the brain fine sport was this for all the Boys

June 1 B creek

4 sickley looking water we could see the Eion on the other  
side and on this side as far as eyes cd look we past 50  
Teams to Day

5 Sundy past the 2 big springs at the foot of Pawnee Swamp  
we killed the first bzre /?/ and had her to Breakfast

6 bad muddy roads crossed sev small creeks water verry bad  
a sickley stinking Country as I ever saw. .

8 fm Shepperds c to 4 m beyond rattlesnake ck . 19 wgs in r  
co we r 150 m fm Fort Tarami

- 9 saw AH on other side
- 11 drove 18 m poor sandy soil / nothing of importance to day only I broke my whipstock and no sign of replacing it at present as there is not a Sapling to be seen
- 13 took r dinner opp CR s splendid piece of peice of work of nature. .hard rk to keep r catl fm drinkg the Alkali
- 14 my catle getting lame I v toshoe them w lether som v foot evle cpt campt the Co near by an I town //SBs//
- 15 20 miles passedby a I tn 42 wigwams and lots of Sqas and poopusus they was verry fr 4 of r teams Stampeded at the sight of Is campt 4 m from Blue rock /?/ ss
- 16 Drove 21 mls passed 2 or 3 I vgs just had I Campt one or 2 wgs news came fm the Foot that the Is had fired on the Sergeant he went and reported the same to the CO nd orderd the soulders to go and take the Cheif Prisner but when the soulders got there the Is dn be taken and went to firg at t soulders the sou ders then cmnced upon them nd kd 5 and wounded 2 more the Is the took for the hill I then curreled all the Waggon and cd out 16 men til 12 for guards and 16 more for mornng guards I the orded ev man tolaod ev gun and lay in the canell w there guns beside them . . but the red Chaps did not come
- 17 got to foot Lavinue 525 ms fm CBs in 4 weeks I call fast gg for Cattle I think I had as g a team as tvs the plains I had 8 yoak of Cattle and I workt 6 yoak at a time. . now had under my care 26 wgs and 43 men Belshaw trane I crossed the Plat rv and ent ov to see the foote a pleasant lookg place some fine large stone Bldgs some Soulders on guard all the time
- 18 Drove 20 miles over what they . all Black hills the roughest Country I ever saw I felt well but it is hard fateage lo osing so much rest and Driving the Teams through the Day a to manage so large a Company and get them along as fast as I can
- 21 another French & Indian Station they by all the lame catl sell brandy and pickles nd a gr many notion I sqas f Wifes quite buisy topick out Camping grs and give orders whe to take in wood & water and keep Journal but I feel well excep my lips they vbn sore ev since I left CBs. . have to buckle on my Belt of Pistols and Knife when I go ahead tochose the cpng places for fear oth red Skins/Martin boy lost
- 30 Indipence rock bated r teams
- July 7 sp Pacific springs bss shoe horse \$1.
- 11 . .what some people call the Desart I dont. . carried r water from Big Sandy to GR 50 miles no g water in that distanc some steep hills
- 12 found 9 ferry boats but they had a gr prise \$2. wg 50c hrss cattle we swam but we had a hard time, a cold sift Mt stre am 18 rds wide tumbles and rolls thru the mts like a mill tail
- 13 at the ferry is a set of Gamblers they play cards most of t time at 10 & 20 dollars a game they take in pockets full o Gold from the Es they dont value gold any moe than you do so much grain. . ice forse 3/4 inch thick

// despite spelling problems quite lucid part details of route

- 21 Soda Springs sm vg of Is cd the Scaphonas ve fr traded sick horse for a poney the water boils up like it was over the fire
- 22 drove 17 ms g roads went ab 4 or 5 ms nd came to jc of roads we took the right hand road for Origen
- 25 Port Nuff creek. .crossed over lshilling toll Bridge a trading sta here . . on to Lewis fork

August

/// detail re route along Snake/ wg wheels dry out /// also give his opinions on preferred alternatives

- 13 Blue mt to left. .
- 20 Foote Bouse Whylee to Malhure rv
- 23 lv Snake, v tvd down it 350 miles
- 24 Burnt river - ~~yake~~ oxen dropping blind staggers etc.
- 29 Powder River hold up acc Samuel sick / w direa

September 1

This round valey is right in the blue Mountains and quans of Is and Poneys they all their poneys to the E and some potatoes and peaks

- 4 Umat lla trading station Cyuse tribe
- 11 John Days river
- 13 Deschutes rive Dechutes
- 14 went to the Dales small plæ sev stores some few farmers back of the town Fort Drum w some soulders here here is the first place since I left CBs that I heard the Supper Bell ring at the tavern -- first frame house at De Chutes river
- 18 Cascades is a small plæ something like the Dalls a few Houses and Stores. . had to unload r wgs and wa t for r cat to take us 5 miles below the falls, and the we had to engag another boat
- 24 sent my Fam ly d on a boat tothe m of big Sandy in the Willametta valley .

HM 19977 JOHN WESLEY HILLMAN Rems of a Famous Forty-Niner  
and the Discoverer of Crater Lake 32 pp Lockley 56

letter August 23, 1931 Bentley B. Mackay, La St U to B. F.  
Irvine, ed, Oregon Journal, Portland. Mr. H died at his home  
near Baton Rouge in 1915 but prior to his death he dictated  
some of his story to me. . .

introd by Bentley B. Mackay disc by JWH June 12, 1853

b. Albany NY 1832 48 to NO at time a reg of mtd rifles  
staid at SJ and the teastermaster dept was bg orgd in NO. Thou  
of applicants swarmed to the recruitgoffice it it was only thru  
the inf of my father's brother who was port warden at the time  
that we secured passage.

up Missip varies assortment , from dregs t millionares  
gambling nd drinking nite nd day we landed in SL, filled w  
Es makg preps to g to Ca We caught a boat gg up the Mo r to  
SJo, where r regiment was stationed.

As soon as the hundreds of Es heard that a regiment of sol  
diers was gg to soon hop off into the unknown ct they prepd to  
fo close on r tr. . .

The officers decided that due to better campg fac lities  
the outfit shdb broken up into small cos. There er 300 6-mule  
~~xxxxxxx~~ wagons, and these ere divided into groups of 100  
wgs each. I was sent along as extra driver; so I had much  
spare time on my hands.

We fod what was known as the OT. . strung out along the tr  
for miles. Ct unsurpassed in its wild beauty. . Ther e was ve l  
time bf darness en h all direcs cdb seen th camp fires oth sol  
diers nd Es who er gg into a far ct, etc /????/

The 2 things that impressed us most er the awful ravages o  
cholera, and the thous of B that cdb seen in the distance. We  
had the pleasure of w tnessb sev stampedes by these animals. .  
it wuld seem that the entire universe er mov ng. . In the wake  
hundreds of the weaker members strewed the way, some crushed nd  
mangled. . allifallg prey t9 th e coyotes nd wolves . .

After crossing illimitable plains we now came to the mtous  
ct, nd we er awed by the wonderful sce ery. .

Occ a trapper d meet us nd many questions er asked. We her  
fabulous tales of rivers that ran molten rock and springs that  
gushed forth hundreds of feet into the air. Even then. . we er  
hearing about the ct that was later to be known as Yell. .

While we came in contact w a gr many Is, none seemed tb on  
the warpath. We knew that r party, csistg of so ma y soldiers,  
was too strong for any raiding red skins. . Troqps fm r detach  
ment er freq sent ahead to assist other E trs when danger fm Is

When we reached the RMS we thot r trs er nearly ended. De  
sertion amog the soldiers became ve common en we came to the trs  
that lead to SL or to Ca. Men who obeyed every order now becam  
unruly. Fights broke out maong the soldiers and divs. .(over  
whether to go to Calif for gold oor Oregon

As we passed thru the GRV r lives er threatened by a huge  
forest fire. . Columbia. . Caravan now headed straight for Oreg  
City and reached there September 18, 1849, after vg been 5  
months and 3 days on the journey. I was 17, as bronzed as an I  
and as hard as nails. . we turned r teams over to the QM dept n  
thus ended r cnec w the U. S. Army (to Ca on a whaler)

*on many spread*

*thru p. 2*



DIARY OF DR. DAVIS S. MAYNARD WHILE CROSSING THE PLAINS IN  
1850. Ed. Thomas W. Prosch. Washington Historical Quarterly  
Vol. 1, No. 1 (October 1906), pp. 125-126x 50-62)

Original ms. diary in Hunting Library HM 997, D of an ov j fm  
Cincinnati Oh80 by the Platte nd Snake Rivers to Puget Sound  
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Daily Pocket Diary for 1850, NY 1850

Card loose at end of d. indicated middle name Swinson \$200.  
found w/ Soliday things. . scattered entries after Septe 25  
do not relate to ov j except for mileage notes on latter pat  
oth j

5 mos j. . Evidently incoven for him to write as the daily space  
s er small, 3 to the page (as prov ded for in printed blank bk)

4/9 1850 left hm f Ca. Passed / thru Norwalk to Monroeville  
//there r n m entries until 4/20 fm ch it may be inferred tha  
the tvr was abot 11 days in ka-making the trip across the St f  
n to s, prob on his horse, prob sold at Cincy  
4/20 Left Cincy aboard the Natchez  
4/21 Arvd at Louisville. Walked to New Albany, in Indiana,

//the dr journd on w/o notes until middle of May, by ch time  
he had arangd for the trip. Had mule, B robe, gun, medicines,  
his surgical instrumts and sev books. He cnnced himself w a  
party, dependgpon his wits, talents, good humor and gen usef-  
ulness wherever placed to carry him thru to the other shore in  
safety

5/16 crossed MR at Saint Joseph 5/17 left camp  
5/19 I farm 4 m west toll bridge kept by s and f Is. .Pasd  
one oth most beau pix of ct I ever saw. Drove team w Mason  
5/21 Passed gr A. Powers, of Peoria Ct., Ill. . tvd 18 miles  
Called to v sit 3 cases of cholera. One died, lv wife nd child  
5/22 Fleming & Curtis taken w cholera. . called pn t//  
just bf we stopped to see a man w cholra, who died.  
5/24 C nd F comfortable. passed forks lead to I  
5/25 BB. took in Samuel J. Hunter .. catfish for brfst  
5/27 Went in w John Childs tr of 10 wgs  
5/29 Drove of Bs. . took sick with the cholra  
5/30 feel better up LB 6/2 put up on the Platte  
6/3 FKey. Saw tame buffaloes. Ft bldgs built of wood,  
brick, and mud . . fell in w innum hosts of immigrants  
6/4 rain and blow, sopping wet Called to see a Mason  
w cholera, too late 6/5 bad headache, take a blue pill  
6/6 one death, a Moian. . 2 m of same train are ready to  
die. Got a pint and a half of brandy. Earn \$2.20  
6/7 Find plenty of doctorg to do. . stop at noon to attend  
One dead bf I got there, 2 died next mg. Pa d me \$8.75  
6/8 Left the camp of d stress on the open prairie. . Widow  
ill in body and mind. I gave them slight encouragement by prom  
ising to return and assist them along. . Made arrgnts to be  
ready to shift my duds / to the widows wg when they come up  
6/10 crossed SP at the lower crossing 6/11

Editor:

Editor: Here there is a break in j, no entries from 12th thru 24th, the only omission to Puget Sound. It is supposed that the reason is so many and the labors so great. . that he was unable to keep up. . 7 members of the Morton-Broshears party died there, Mrs. B lost not only her husband and mother but 3 other rels, and was left in a most forlorn and helpless condition. The sympathy and assistance she required from the doctor, who subsequently became her second husband, acts reasonably for omission ??widow of Israel Broshears

June 25. . . drove on to the Bad Hills  
 June 26. Started ~~taxxxx~~ from camp in to season, after burying Austin Morton (Mother of Israel)  
 June 30. .to the ferry. Crossed r teams, lvg oxen e side.  
 July 1 qBrought teams to the stream to ford. After rks 2/3 of the day we had 9 oxen to ferry across at \$1. per head  
 July 4 IR celebrated a lt  
 July 5 Dragged the team thru sand 8 mi to DG. . th s pass thru the rocks of the Whitewater is one of the curs of nature  
 July 8 disc party of Is cmg on us. We heard they had just robbed one tr. Prepared f an attack. When w thin 1/2 mi they sent 2 of their nu to see how str we were. After viewg us carefully they left for good. Travd 22 miles. . . Sweetwater  
 . July 12,13 a mis co for help, worn out from guard service. turned out for stop, but co growled and we again set sail  
 July 14 Pacific Springs. . wrote to son. pd 50c to carry to S  
 July 18 w water vessels filled, cross the desert 53 ms. . .  
 tvd all day and all night, in cloud of dust  
 July 19 GR \$7. pwg  
 July 25 left cp, after throwing Lion and doctorg his foot, w Mrs. B-, Geo and myself did alone. . this day the mts v capped the climax. crossed BR  
 July 28 to sulphur or soda springs . a tp. . called to see a sick papoose. Sold 5 lbs tobacco for \$2.50  
 July 30 Left waters of BR and struck water of Louis river  
 July 31 to FH  
 8/1 sold rice, salt, soap to the traders; bot moccasins and 1 qt of vinegar. . left FH Oh, God! the mosquitoes. . sick all day and under the inf of calomel pills, ,  
 8/3 started late on Lions acct. . he gave up the ghost. .  
 harnssed Nigger  
 8/5 started at the forks oth road on the Oregon Track  
 8/7 Nigger died 8/12 Salmon Falls 8/15 got rt info fm Govt me packing from OC. . Brandy Sally and Polly die on the road. .  
 8/24 put Polly in with Bright, and left Buck. . Auhie rv.  
 8/26 Fort Boise, a miserable hole, w 1 white man and 14 Sandwich Island niggers 8/29 Burnt rv Powder rv GRV, enc among Kiuse and Walla Walla Is 9/6 Umatilla 9/8 Columbia r  
 9/15 Went to TD. nd got some flour of Govt offic ers. .sold cattle for \$110, prep to st. f. Portland down the rv \$17. for frate and passage; buried a child we fnd on rv bank, drowned 9/19 got a team and r gs down below the rapids 9/20 hired an I to carry us d in his canoe to FV. Hard time, I lazy. By rowg all the way myself we got to the f at 1 am as wet as the devil  
 9/21 got a room and dried out, Mr. Brooks a g-man --down to mouth of Cowalitz, up same by paddle a d horse 9/25 to M T Simmons thru dense forest, r place of desintatio

stretching out these unhappy eds for 5 months, & but faintly portrayed in ds such as the foregg, drove sm oth participants into ~~xxxx~~ suicide, others into insanity, a d left ma y a phys ical wreck. . .TWP

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4985 INCIDENTS OF TRAVEL TO CALIFORNIA ACROSS THE GREAT PLAINS  
by John Udell, Jefferson, Ohio, 1856 302 pp.

My book is fraught w some religious matter. . my D lb found an accurate guide for those takg the ov rt to Calif. .

January 1, 1850 one half a century and nearly 5 yrs of my life v passed away, nd b lt that I desired to do in the service oth Lord is accomp'd. . still ivg w my son in Centreville, Iowa. .

February. . Engd, xcept on Lord's days, in prepg to goto Ca, vg agreed to accomp my 2 sons thither

March 1: 3 reasons y I undertake so lg a j at my age: firs the improv m of my health; I hope tb m beneficial to my fellow bgs there than I cb here, in correctg their morals by precept and example; thirtd to improve my foetunes

April: cstntly empld in prepg to st f Ca

May 1: bade my beloved wf nd frs in Davis Ct, Iowa farewell nd cmitd the care and keepg of them and mys to the Lord. . part incl Geo Gregg, sons Oliver and He ry and I. . road to CBS

May 8: Nichanabottany , passed sev M cabins

10: Hilly rd to the Bluff's City or Cainsv lle. . a M Town. . People liv in all kinds of hss xcept brick. . 6 mi down river for grass, c on Mosquito ck

11: so many Cas crossg, even w 4 ferry boats sotim detnd ~~xxdays~~ sev days. . walked 4 m to Council Point stbt landing

12: to Cainsville to attend a M meetg, there bg no other we cd get to 15: My heart pained to see so much wickeness

18: Today I walked to Cv nd had a lengthy cversa w Orson Pratt, one oth 12 M apostles, on princs of Mism

19: M meetg in Cv. . Ms v a variety o musical instrument

20: resumed r j; fog up the MR 15 mi. C 3 m fm upper fe ryy 21: crossd rv entrd I ct on gr desert. . old M wqs.

22: 25 mi, crossg the Elk-horn r/ rv, a trib of South P, pd \$2.50 each 23d still along the South Platte /?????/

24: c Loup Fork. . Es shd keep on /ns of this r for 40 mi nd they l find a good ford, ch l save expense of ferryg.

25: crsoss LF 28: on main Platte River

29: this rv is fm 1 to 2 ms wide. nd cts plenty of water for navigation. I cnbn navigatd w any thing larger than a skif or canoe, as the bottom os full of quicksand. . loft bluffs gra d rising higher and h gher, formg a range 530 ms to FL

31: fd B ck. . advise all Es not to dr nk from those ls of ch there r so many dug on these pls. . saturad w saleratus nd l cause malignant diseases. . I v tvd over the plains 3 x nd v always drank the rv water in pref to these ls

June 2: Sunday. We shdv rested out of respect to the laws o God. R hrss too needed refreshm, but the gr majority voted ag stoppg, nd we er cpelled to go on 22 mi

6: Roads bad; they r muddy in places, and run thru dee p sand bluffs where there is no mud

8: passed 36 wigwams blngg to Sx Is. They r a ve str, warlike race, nd cmnly live in small towns

9: R co consented to rest. By permission I preached to them. . few remarks about the ~~next~~ nec of preparf f future st  
 10: Passed Bluff ruins. . scnd. .mag scene. . road on either side oth ruins lit covd w teams of Ca Es  
 11: Passed CR - ch is a lofty rock 100 feet hih, nd shaped like a common chimney. . sss  
 12: 15 m to SBs, opp. . noble app of sev forts cnectd tog. . the front is nearly perp, nd cposed of all colors -- bright red, purple, gray, white and blue. .  
 13: 30 mi nd only one sm grove of timber  
 14: FL. .cstrud in a rude manner, merely for a defense a the Is; but the bldgs around it r ve g. Co of soldiers stad here. . Here cmnd what r cd the BHs; in reality, the RMs. Fm this place we tv in mts all the way to Calif.  
 15: Sent across the rv to the officers oth f, to learn w ether we cd pass over to ss, b. they sent us word that we cd not But sm of r co detd to make the attempt, so we cstructd a ferry boat of a wg box and ferried r wg andgs across. . I d advise al tvrs who ron ns to keep that side, as it l save 2 dangerous crossgs and 3 days tv.

18: Dispute as to whether white on LP was snow or sand. 2 g-men ascendd to see. . gone all day, ret'd in eve w snow in thir handkerchiefs, this at once settled the controversy  
 21: crossg of P, cdn ford. . Sm Es had dug out four canoes nd fastnd them tog w ch they ferried r wgs \$3. apkiece  
 22: this day finished 55 yrs of my life  
 24: on Sweet-water R, near IR. .takes its name from the circumstance that the first Eion of Ms to SLC stopped at this rock on 4th of July and cele nations I. Sm of r co ascended it nd played upon musicalinstrms, ch sounded beau of vallies belo  
 27: q DG. .scene of awful grandeur nd sublimity  
 28: . .so harassed by the wicked co on acct of my integrity to my christian prof, and adher to moral princs, that I cc luded % I d rather die in the wilern tha to remain any longer w them. Not bg able to persuade my sns to lv the co, I slipped away from them w 2 shirts and 2 pairs of stockings, and started to go 1500 ms thru th wildern w/o any provs . to an enc where they gave me supper, and a place in a tent to sleep  
 29: th s am walked 11 m and cd get no brkfst. I became faint and sat down until noon, whe a fr overtook me, and gave me dinner, nd invited me for the nite  
 30: this mg my fr, A. Riley gave me 12 lbs flour nd biscuits. . At length Mr. Day, a stranger, came along and kindly offerd to take me in. . They er pious people and I was once m cfortable

JULY 1: son Henry overtook. .He wished me to tv w them, as t hey had parted w some of the mot trsome oth co. I consented on c d they d let me v a horse to v whenever I became dissat. .  
 Crossed summit of RMs

2: to jc of S<sup>L</sup>and Sublet Curoff roads  
 3: this day left r tr nd v now only 2 wgs, 13 hrss, 7 men. I shall be hereafter less annoyed w profanity  
 5: enc on Black Fork oth GR  
 8: passed Fort Bridget and the Copperas or Soda Springs  
 12: passed thru SLC

14 Sunday to SLC attend M meeting; heard some truth and some error.

18: Met cousin Samuel Udell from Portage Ct, Ohio

19: put r gs on r hrss, disposed of r wgs, and threw away part of r clothg. . resumed r j, takg an entirely new rt Passed west oth city; crossed the Jordan and jd west to the Bluffs. 20: Mts close to the left, Bluffs and Big Salt Lake to the right. . this is a blind road, ned we steer west to to m ts on opp side oth va. . to Willow Creek

21: Sweetwater Soprrings

23 crossed the Great Desert. . bf nite sev had bcome speechless from thirst

25: found here 2 christ an ministers: a meetg was pro posed, and we all jd in worship

AUGUST 1: valley 60 miles long, vey beau w green grass and lofty mts. 1000 springs

5: tvd 25 m nd stopd within 1 m o main road and St.Mary's river. .We v now reached the main Ca road nd find tha we v lost in distance by oming this cut-off road

: stench, mosquitoes, dstruc of life and property. 500 crcesses. . many persons in starvg cd; nd still w all this sufferg bf them, they are profange -- forgetful of God

17: prepare for Great Desert

18: to Salmon Trout or Carson Rivee. . prob 1000 wgs left teamless here within 43 mis. Such an array of destruc I ho pe nv to see again

19: relief tp \$6.25 for 5 lbs flour

25: cmmncd ascendg SN mts. . almost impas w wgs

29: reached gold diggins at Placerville -- all well, for ch we thanked the Father of Lights, with whom is nothing bu tender mercy. END PAGE 31

SEPTEMBER ~~xxx~~ 1 No meetgs here on this blessed day

DECEMBER 5: worked in P @ weeks nd dug ab \$150 in gold dust, e return by boat 1851, ~~xxx~~ w no fortune. .

DECEMBER 2, 1851 w wife nd chil in Gentry Ct., Mo

APRIL ~~7~~ 5, 1952. . I v cluded to take another trip to Ca, nd v bn preparg f the j f m than a month. Son Jared fm Ohio to go, and s-i-l James R. Sale also

7 Start. .cd at Hickory Grove retruend hom (s all measures ~~May~~ 5. Started for Ca today

7 Hunts Mills on Platte River, Andrew Ct, Mo. Brother McGuire and fam of 14 acc us

13 entered st of Iowa 14 cross Nichonabotany

16 tvd 15 m ~~to~~ Musquito Creek, 3 m fm Traders Point where we expect to cross

17 we cd n cross here w/o waitg at least 10 days. Brother McGu uire and Sale to Plattsv lle Ferry and eng ferriage

19 cross MR. . The Lord has protected us thru a other dangerous scene. . to sm tn of 0 Is

23 to Salt Creek 27 to PR bottoms

JUNE 2 we r 10 m fm FKey On the left oth rv fm the F r 2 road s, one running to and along the bank of the rv, the other near the bluffs for 7miles

2 cold drenching rain, tents blown over, v severe cold

4 finding a fordable place in the rv, ccluded to cross ov 2 miles wide (//th s was east of FK//. . cstantly in da gerof



~~insing~~xx losg r footg nd plungg ~~do~~ into abysses, fm ch it db im  
pos toextric rss. We er 6 hrs in the rv, the water almost to r  
nex at x, r oxen s nkg in the sand, in cstant dng odf drowng. .  
the ford is 250 m fm CBs on ss, 225 by the n road

5 Enc on Elm Creek, 230 m fm the Bluffs/ / sotim near the  
river sotim away from it, out of sight/ /

11 Sunday. . surrded by Gods temples and we needed none of m  
an's pomp, or pride, or glittering show, toinspire devot onal  
feelings in r hearts/////he names no creek crossings///// but  
he gives mileages each day, soti cumulative

14 opp Cedar Bluffs, , after Lone Tree

15 Camp Creek 17 Chr 18 Cr 19 Spring Creek

20 Rocky Bluffs Bluffs Woods ~~520~~ 509 mis fm Bluffs

21 c FL 539 mis fm CBs first oppor to send letters home

22// write letters 57th bd with ruminatio s and prayer. .

Many, very many, of my fellow mortals die daily on these pls, w  
hile my life is spared

23 stopped opp the F, while one of r co took letrs to the ps  
we got sm blacksmthg done. \$5. for 6 ox shoes and 24 nails

27 Sunday Today we v grass, wood and water plenty, so that w  
can rest on the Lord's day. I am truly thankful for the privil  
ege of reposg nd cmung w my Heavenly Father

//csid detqil about vagries of the route throug BHs

JULY 4SU rest at IR. Co went up and had a meeting on the Rock

6 DG Alkaline Lake str impreg w Bicarbonate of Potassi

//numbers fords of Sweetwater R

12 SP // ~~McArcher's~~ McArcher's branch after Strawberry c

19 Fort Bridger 25 refers to Heighter's Guide

27 cross Canon Creek 19 x to GSLC

July 28 to August 2 at SLC. . boarded with Mr. Tyle. I think  
the M people vbn very much misrepesented. . if tvrs d manifest t  
owards them a spirit of kindn they d receive kind trm in ret..  
They v as g order in the mgmt of their temporal and religious af  
fairs as I v ever seen elsewhere. They r polite in thier manrs  
nd ve well informed on gen matters

4 Ogden City rds good via Box Elder Ck to BR. . nodiffic  
in obtng abund of fine vegs, milk, butter,cheese, flour, beef,  
mutton. . 20 miles today, 1103 fm MR

10 to Pilot Springs, water sulphurous and unpleasnat. .4  
ms took right hand road - -Stony Creek - to jc of Fort Hall  
and Sublet roads. . turned r ght //he means Hudspeth's cutoff

16 Thousand Spring Valley /// some confusi here, seems  
like he backtracked and took HCO after all

18 to head of H-R 20 The HR, w neighborg desert, is the  
dread of all tvrs 23 Campbell Drury, who had parted fm us at S  
LC came up w a band of ruffians, presented their pistols, deman  
ded r provs,nd threatened to take them by force. . deliverance  
thru advent of a large train

27 join Scott's Train SEPTEMBER 8 to the Sink

10 reach Carson Rs. . tvd 45 ms 1708 fm the Bluffs

16 in CV sold r oxn. . vg prev disp o r cows we er obligd t  
shoulder r packs, ctinue r j on foot

17 walked 26 mis, passing M Station

18 thru Canon 19 ~~to~~ to foot of nd mt and its summit. .

Descended tino Sav V, to Tragedy Springs 20 to Leak Springs

21 to jc where left leads to Volcano, right to Weaver and Hangtown. Ten mis further road forks again, left to Weaver, right to Hangtown, each 12 miles

23-26 remained in Hang town resting and prospecting for gold but found nothing worth stoppg for

28 arrvd safe nd l in Sac. . thakful to my Heavenly Father  
1975 miles fm CBs. . perils of diff dkins beset r path, yet I  
v vn lost an hour, e ther by sickn or accident

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1853 return by Ithsmus to home in Iowa (Birmingham)

FEBRUARY 16 1854 For the past 9 days I vbn busily engd in ~~buy~~  
~~stork~~ makg arrgmts to go again to Ca. I expect that my dgtr n  
her husband l accompany me

MARCH 29: vbn eg in buyg stock f my Calif tr p

APRIL 1 ague child, brot on by xposure to cold and wet

11 arrgmt w Philander Loomis to take care of my teams to  
CBs while I viist ~~my~~ my dgtr in Mo.

22 purch pony for Ca \$65

28 Glenwood. . stopped at St. Mary's on Mo Rv

29 Reached CBs. .30 the co came up, camp on Mo bottoms

MAY 2 descended river 6 mis

3 down to St. Mary's and crossg the Mo rv, enterd Gr Pls

8 up Loup Fork 40 m to the ford

17 Wood Creek toll 50c

20 C on Elm ck son and I now journey alone

29 c near Lone Tree

30 Camp Creek enc 414 m fm Mr, after 23 ms

31 Shoal Creek. . 7 wide ravines of sand at foot of bluffs

J NE 1 opp C-HR. . old roads and new roads

2 CR 3 SBs lr mis 495 fm M the Mo.

8 to FL mailed r letters, go 3 miles further

14 up ravine. .perceived a dense smoke ris ng fm a mt. .

found it tb a volcano. At the base of the mt the stones er as  
warm as tho they had bn recently thrown up from the crater. I  
cmnced asecdng the mt, but the stones er so hot that they burne  
my shoes. I cam down, and ascended fm another s de, and looked  
over the brink of the crater into the mt&s heart, upon a mass o  
liquid fire, bristling nd heavg saarce a pace below me. It was  
a grand and fearful sight -- fierce a d glowg as a lake of  
molten steel. I v nv learned from Es, or otherwise, that this  
volacni had bn prev discd. 626 from Missouri

197 Medicine Springs Willow Springs (17th)

19 passed DG and IR

20 today the boy who had bn tvg w me bg persuaded he cd g  
et thru a month sooner by walking, deserted me, and I was left  
alone w a train f 4 yoke of half-broken yg cattle, one hrs, one  
milch cow

22 Today enter my 60th yr nd v seen 3 bds on these plains

28 one week since I did any journalizing. .pass Pacific S

JULY 4 Celeb I Day on black fork of GR. Had sumptuous dinner  
of meats, r ce puddings, pies, poundcake, etd. prep by ladies

18 Passed thru SLC

29 Pass jc of SL and Sublet Cutoff roads

SEPT 3 long time no write crossing desert beyond Sink

17 arr Carson River good famrs in CV

26 left V w Mr. Hilliard and his tr. . into SNmts. I had parted fm by s-i-l in Carsvon V

29 Mr. H- took the volcano road, and I the Placerville road 30 Vg lost 5 of my catl while crosng the pls I was obligd to lv my excelnt wg in CV. . Arr Placerville Octo 3

MARCH 18, 1855 y remained w son Oliver since Oct last, now makg preps to return home to the States

APRIL 16 had bot horss to gohome across the plains, but my dgtr health bg poor I ccludd to acc her by sea.

1850 ends p. 31 1852 pp. 52 to 76 185494 to 103 total 302 pp

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JOHN UDELL JOURNAL kept during a trip across the pls ctg an agct of the masscre of a portion of his party by majave Is in 1859. ed Lyle H. Wright N. A. Kovah, LA 1946

INTRODUCTION the 3d vol in Calif Centen Series a reprint of JU's JORNAL of his ov trip to California by the Santa Fe Trail, in 1858-59 (courtesy of the Huntington Library)

Udell set forth on this tr better equipped than on any of his 3 previous ov js. . after I attack, wgs nd pers prop had to b abandoned. This loss was a severe blow, no doubt, as they er movg to Ca to spend their decling yrs w their chil. .

Spr of 59 resumed his tr to Ca, tvng w Beale's road cstru party as far as the Colorado .

. . an ardent Baptist, disap of M s and Catholics md 1816 8 children nomadic life

First trip to Ca acc by sons Oliver and Henry. Pn h s arrv at the diggings, labored long and diligently, but his luck was bad. Thr winter 1850-51 he did all sorts of rk in nd ar Sac /?/ waiting for spr so he cd ret to the mines. His 2nd eff ort at Ming, ow, prod no more than the first. . he sailed for home late in the summer.

What prompted Udell to ret to Ca in 1852, and again in 1854, other than his inherent love of tv, is not clear from hi writings , as he has no further reasons to offer. . He reached home fm his 3d trip to Ca in summer of 1855 his JOURNAL brs his acvs down to June 30, 1859.

still living at 77 in 1872

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Cummins, Sarah J. AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND REMINISCENCES  
~~LXXX~~ 1914, ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~Oregon~~ La Grande, Oregon 63 pp.

b. 1828 Illinois move to Mo. . land claim on what is now th site of St. J, Mo. On r arr in June there was only 1 dry good store, owned by Mr. Joseph Rubidoux, but as soon as father cd get a brick kiln burned 2 others er built. . annoyances by Is in Febr 45 we had lung fever. . German Dr. says dont stay here another winter Lemmons. . Go to Oregon. . sold r home. . I was 16 when md to Benjamin Walden in April. . The 4th day of the same yr ?/////? my father, John Lemmon and fam, husband and

self, left r home for far west  
 ferries across. . other parties join. .new capt each month  
 Start May 6. . f more than 2 hrs our progress delayed by  
 passage of vast B herd. Many shots er fired but to no effect,  
 as their thick skulls nd gr shaggy coats er almost impervious t  
 the effect of these old time rifle shots. . got only one calf

Arr camp at Mr. Whitlock nd oher preceded us to pre dried  
 meat. . My health bg to improve w B meat. . to prep this dried  
 or jerked meat . . first d'pped intosolution of strong wine at  
 boillg heat then hung over a frame work of small poles and allow  
 ed to drain off all superfluous moisture. A fire of hardwood n  
 ow supplies the dryg and curing smoke that renders the meat  
 proof ag decay.

Now on the gr plain of the Platte, or Nebraska rv,ndwe  
 cdl fancy rss in the desert of Sahara. . needed only camels

Trs made by Bs ran parallel nd er as reg as any set of  
 ploughed furrows, so we rode on a cstant rockg movement as r  
 road lay parallel /??/?/ to the trails

Attit to B chips changes.. bolts of sheeting,  
 linsey woold, and jeans. . likewise Bible, dictio ary,  
 arithmetic, grammar, charts nd maps

Comes regiment of U Ssoldiers in cmand of Capt Kearney  
 and Lieutenan Fremont,--..These galland cmanders alightd fm the  
 ir horses, shook hands, assured us that their l-cared f boys d  
 perform guard duty,nd that the weary teamsters might rest. The  
 se had bn sent by the govt to escort ammigrants across the pls.  
 What unbounded joy filled ev heart as we saw these l-dr lled nd  
 l-equipped soldiers pass on ahead. They had one field-piece wi  
 them. A few days later they arrgd a meetg w the Sioux chief ne  
 er assured that the Es d pass in safety thru their lands. The  
 claimed the RM summit as their bound. The soldiers remained w  
 us abot 10 days or so nd then marched on ~~front~~ to the foot of  
 RMS nd est FKey, but their patrol force rendered their j absol  
 safe

Capt K gave us some useful instrucs re cg arrgs, corral  
 etcs Stopped for Sundays at f rst, later not. . Poe cured  
 of his desire to converse with the Sx, father w whip

We er now nearg the RMS. . Of r j thru the RMs and the  
 wonderful Yell Park I l tell you in the next chapter  
 %. (probably Soda Springs )

When we reachd Powder River party appr, proved tb Dr.  
 Whitman and fr Nez Perce Is, to warn ags I attack  
 birth of my unfortunate l bo o at the marshes on the  
 Malheur River. .a few days bf Whitman. . Dr.said we were first  
 train oth yr . .Dr. W assumes command when Walla Wallas appr,  
 parley, outwitted. . arrv of Nez Perces Dr W ctinue topilot us  
 until we reached the D reached Sept 14

When we reached Bear River a dispute as to the road.  
 Capt Kearny had said take a direct coure to N to GR River. .  
 those down the Columbia came to great grief

We cross the Cascade mt nd r lost for 11 days, . while  
 my father and fam and Mrs. Welch godown the Columbia in Flat  
 Boats and I canoes. . Oregon City .a roaster of sorts on  
 pp. 56 and 57. . Walden d, 1887. . 7 yrs later married to  
 Dr. R. Cummins of Touchet, Oregon

Hand  
 B  
 Cargo

Confusion

THE CANOE AND THE SADDLE by Theodore Winthrop to ch r now  
 added his Western Letters and Journals ed by John H.  
 Williams. Tacoma, 1913 pp. 267 - 332  
 "Winthrop's Northwestern Journal" 1853?

Fort Vancouver May 9 left on the Multnomah

May 10 board railway visit Mr. Chenoweth //Francis a C- who  
 in 1850 settled on north bank of Columbia at Lower Cascades. In  
 1851 he and assoc built the first portage tramway at the Cascad  
 a frail affair consisting of wooden rails laid on planks, w the  
 equipment of rollg stock totalling one small car and 2 mules.  
 The printv ry is remembrd by many \$ill livg, whom it ass sted  
 to reach their future homes. Among these is Clarence B. Bagley  
 of Seattle, 1852 -- 4 miles

May 14 arrived at TD //here the entries cease owg to writer's  
 illness. . nothing further until August when W- resumes his n  
 otes in a small buckskin-covd bok. . Save for a break of 8 days  
 \* at SLC, the notes in th s vol r ctinuous till after he had  
 passed the RMs, on his way home. These notes were hastily  
 written w a pencil, in a minute hand, nd r occ i undecipherable.  
 Aften they r fragmentary

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Victoria, Vancouver Island, August r, 1853

Aug 31 The Dalles

Sept 2 Es a rough, slangy set. .from Mo

Sept 3 From time to t me we pass trains, all looking m or less  
 done up, but plodding on. Names on wagons; foot travellers.  
 at 2 pm we fnd a lg tr fm Missip stopped on a hill top, and w  
 got sm bread and molasses of them. L children w yellow mane  
 lookg out of side of wg. Men rough and thin, w rough beards  
 galloped steadily on, to John Days river. . stop at 2 lg E  
 camps. They donot want to keep ss. . The gen impression I ge  
 is that Es r not so g a sort of people as the more liberal  
 Oregonians

Sept 4 more trains today children trudgg along after the wgs;  
 women, soti on horseback, help dr ve. . Some of these people  
 r perf black w dust. . to Agency at Umatillah

Sept 5: Es coming in all day

Sept 6: 827 wgs this mg at the Age cy. . passed 100 wgs, tota  
 977. . men w lips all cracked. .

Sept 7: Lv Umatillah, over Blue Mts. . d steep hill to La  
 Grande river lg nu E white wgs nd groups of catl make pic sc  
 wgs today 100; ; total 10027

Sept 8: to Powder river: totl wgs to date 1090 go 41 ms  
 distance from D 235 m. 9/9 Burnt river 30 ms 60 wgs

Sept 10: Malheur River. We cp w people who r behindhand and s  
 omewhat discrgd. They cook for us. Sheep make a row all nite.  
 Air all day has bn tainted w dead cattle

Sept 11: desolate moors of sage to SR nd Fort Boise. . the  
 horss swim nd we ferry. . FB was washed away this spring; they  
 r bldg a new one out of the old adobes. The old Fort in ru ns  
 like a low shed; serves for a trade shop. We top all day w th  
 McIntosh. I am better for the rest but very sick. Es fiddle.

Sept 12: 35 m



9/13 9/14 meet 4 wgs: get a lt laudanum and a cholera powder  
 9/15 37 miles . 43 miles 9/16 41 miles  
 9/18 41 miles just below ford of SR. Tomorrow Ft. Hall  
 9/19 . .to old adobe fort. . We er hospitably recd but in the  
 absence of Mr. McA did not get so much info. Captagin Grant in  
 charge. Feeling better  
 9/20 ford Portneuf again, up  $\frac{1}{2}$  valley of Bannack  
 9/21 60 miles  
 9/22 join California mail, and on w 18 animals  
 9/23 Willow Creek Fort. . to fort of Ogden. . to GSL  
 brillaintly blue and beautiful in mg sun  
 9/24 pop strictly a peasantry. . first view oth city is aston  
 ishing; it seems as lg as a metropolis. . sqs of 10 acres. .ea  
 square ctains only 8 lots. . a gen Methodistical air about the  
 people  
 editor: resume j Oct 2, in co with California mail, re ret'd t  
 o his daily record, giving glimpses of the ct and people . Man  
 of the E caravans he meets r made up of recruits for the M chur  
 ch, and his notes of these cverts r not m fav than his dscrip in  
 novel JOHN BRENT as sham saints. The M campaign in Europe was  
 the at its height. In 1853 2456 cverts recruited fm a member-  
 sh p of 30,000 Ms in the United Kingdom, left ~~Rtix~~ British port  
 Prior to 1853 17,000 had migrated from England from Linn:  
 STORY OF THE MORMONS

October 5 Britishers w look of shabby gentility, ve d ff fm  
 the the homepsun of Pike.Ct. They come ge fm the Midlands of  
 England and nu 500

10/8 commence SP, a graudal ascent that an alderman might ru  
 up after dinner. . 2 table-like buttes, w break, ar strikg land  
 marks 10/9 road and ct genly white w alkali, dazzling the eye

10/10 reach S. Lajeunesse's fort; forms 3 sides of a square  
 Walk a mile to DG. . The Is sotl driv B dow this pass, and kl  
 them in gr numbers. Camp about 7 on Greasewood Creek, near IR  
 At Archambault's g log house, buy antelope skins

10/11 Cd at noon on Fish Creek, 14 m fm DG. . Bridger comes  
 up and talks big; a lg disc about Mism. . the Platte in sight

10/12 Down in PV. . the ct  $\frac{1}{2}$  begins, to realize my idea of  
 this prairie. The P is beautifully blue through the sand

10/13 Among the BHs. . Prairie dotted w herds of B get w th  
 100 yards of herd. Have first g view of these animals

10/14 drive slowly to the Fort. The squaws have a party at a  
 B-skin lodge for Garnett. . Pleasant day with Garnett; splendid  
 bed with robes, etc.

EDITOR: The remaing entries r brief and fragmentary. Lv FL  
 10/15, reach SF 18th. Four days later, excitgn exper fightg pr  
 airie fire. Cross BB on the 24th. Next day to Black V. Here  
 the entries stop short w/ a char bit of philosphy, in ch, qu te  
 casually, r yg author points the moral of his half-years excurs  
 ion into the wild "wheel of new wg breaks. The lesson of pat  
 ience and self-ctaing may be learnt in these trips

TO CALIFORNIA OVER SOUTHERN TRAILS: DOCTOR JOSEPH POWNALL'S  
OVERLAND JOURNAL, BEING AND LIFE (NARRATIVE AND HIS LIFE AT THE  
GOLD DIGGINGS 1849

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70 double pages

HM 16939 GEORGE NELSON WHEELER 1850 orig ms diary c 8-9  
no 7 x 8 marbled cover, leather spine name not found in  
diary itself. black ink decent penmanship legible  
INSERT note w ink: GNW b NY 1824. taught school and farmed.  
m. Lucy Rebecca Hawkins Mantua Corners, Ohio (Portage Ct.) 48  
they had 8 children d. in Towanda, Ks 1874  
NOTE: inside back cover G. W. Wheeler, Hudson, Summit Ct, Ohio

4/30 Started for California this morn get conveyance w Col Crawford to Cleveland - psg for Detroit in sbt Patchin . . . rr to Chi 5/5 ar Lasalle at junction Ill canal and river sbt Ocian for SL arr there May 7 sbt Pocahontas expectg to sail for Kanesville w a pr of the Utica co

5/8 find 500 aboard; 300 of whom are Ms . ballance were Call Es w outfits -- downriver to Jeff Barracks 40 soldiers w their hrs bound for Call -- SL 84,000 narrow and dirty strts.

5/15 Stopped Flv soldiers and some oth Cas E left  
//writing is fair. . mainly legible but not Spencerian

5/16 ar SJ this is the principal starting pt for Callif Es n vast nus r even now cgregating 4000 inhabs

5/17 3 of r co left the boat and tv to Kv by land for the purpose of buyg horses for th co //writing is Spencerian style but not prize-winning// read sev chapters fm the Bible givn me

5/20 passed Bethlehem a M town sitd ns oth rv below the mouth of the Platt and is the gen startg point for the M Es lg nus r cgregtd there, to start June 1 arr Kvl landg 12 days fm SL 5/21 found the portion oth co ch came ovld enc 2 ms fm the landg on Musqueto Ck movd r bgg to their e campment

//slanted writing with unfamiliar x flourishes, and scrawls

5/24 went to town, introd myself to Mr. Hickman one oth the most distinguished men among the Ms

5/27 2 poneys for my fit out one to pack the other to ride gives inventory of his possessions. . r co csists of 19 men 36 horses one waggon The members of the mess are 7

5/28 cross Mo r fairly launched on the vast plains for Ca

5/29 to Elkhorn over the most beau ct I ever ? c exist

5/31 have to repair br at Shell ck, w lg quan brush 40 Ps retg fm fighting the Sues, fr except to seal hrs unguarded

6/1 at LF many waitg to cross. . beaten by storms

6/4 camp near a lg train most of whom er gg to Origen

6/5 depdn to lg extent on eats from Es in wg trains. . change of mood according to fortunes

6/7 went 29 miles 6/8 lg herd B in sight not long bf half the co was on the chase 6/9 Elm Creek

6/10 we v tvd part oth day in sight of the road on the SS P nd it was cpletely filled for miles in xtent w Es

6/11 tvd 30 miles split over where to stop splendid sprgin

6/12 reunite another 30 miles last timber for 200 ms

6/14 B fork 6/17 passed the Lone Tree it stands about a half mile from the road on the bank oth rv it is a cedar about 2½ feet in diameter very scrubby thousands v visited this tree nd v nearly ruined its native beaut by breaking off its branches and skinning off the bark so as to write their names on it

6/18 to Castle Bluff ruins. . see CR 32½ ms

6/19 cd opp CR 400' hi one oth princ curiosities on the rd

6/20 tvd 22 ms nd reach the first timber on the west s de of the ~~big prairie~~ Big Prairie

6/22 Cd opp FL here feed poor fm vg been entirel eaten up by vast nus animals that r obliged to lay by here waitg their turn to cross . . rv hi, nec to ferry many sick w colery many r dyg here nd many v died bet here and Old F Key. . sickness has been cfined to the ss v seen but 3 new graves ns

6/23 l lay b. . went to fort built of spanish brick also most oth bldgs cnectd w it there r a few Framed buildgs under estruc flour %40. per barrel

6/24. . v learned that a passable road was from here on the ns but that fiew travel it on acct oth Is But 12 of us are m afraid of the Colery than we r of Is so we calculate to go this road - the blance oth co. prefer crossing the river to ss nd g for a dist of 120 miles whe the ss rd crosses and the two co me toget her aga n. (correction: 126 miles)

6/26 resume j hunters

7/3 4 Bs thundering thru camp. . . chase, /get lost/

7/4 cure r B meat by jerking it

7/6 today I am 26 yrs old cpd few mis below the upper Ferry

7/7 struck the main tvd road astonishg to see the amt of tv The gr road fm Buffalo up the Pike /?/ is nothing tb compar ed to it /// this is not easy to read cs of strange style of lettering; could make it all out if time was unltd///

7/8 IR a curiosity worthy oth tvrs notice Hells Gate. .

7/9 the co reunited here ??? Sawtell (no; th 7 r reunited

7/16 passed over the Dividing Ridge about noon arrived at Pac ffic Spring 7/17 jc of SL & Oregon roads the right hand to Origen nd A Callifornia by Sublets Cut off 7/19 GR

7/21 Sawtell and Parrish left us to be absent a few days

7/27 arvd at Ø Sody Spr ngs Beer Sp Stbt Spr here too is a fr tp 7/29 take Mieres Cit Off (Mire's

8/4 cd see dust from FH and SL roads head of Raft River

8/7 left the Horn and r now started toward Callifornia Pleasant Valley Steeple Rocks passed jc of Salt Lake rd - Goose Creek 8/9 in danger of starving get supper from a widow woman --- passed Thous Spr ng valley

8/10 come up to man name of Bennett w 13 wgs on HR thru the Fiery Furnace

8/31 started taking the Truckey river rt

9/6 crossed ~~last~~ time the ~~Truckee~~ Truckey here tp 9/8 sunli mity nd grandeur oth mts prayer of thanx for vg bn spared

9/14 Steep Hollow, saw the first gold-mining 9/16 passed fi rst house or cabbin since Laramie 9/18 behold Golden Valley (Sac) 9/19 to Murphysv lle or Marysville /?/. .a town of 6,000 inhabs a town that 6 months ago was hardly thought of. .stid a the head of steamboat navigation on Pitt River//Marysville//

///end p. 78 single page number totals 107 of diary prope balance is reversed, w misc notes nd accounts



LIFE AND LABOURS OF REV A E GARRISON: FORTY YEARS IN OREGON  
 : Seven Months on the Plains 1887. published by the Garrison  
 clan 1943 130 pp. overland 18-

b. 1810 Indiana?

preps to E to Ore. . start 5/5/46 2 wgs, seven yoke oxn, \$100.  
 w R Lancefield and JDWood, neighbors. . j co of 100 wgs. . L. a  
 nd I help ferryman, to speed things up /STJO?/

We er now in Oto I ct nd in a few hrs at the rendezvous  
 where all to meet for Orgion. . All there May 10, need to org,  
 4 or 500 mis until we shd interesect the StJ- I road ////  
 // sounds like they started vic future Nebr City // . We elec a legi  
 slature, Riley Cragg our Capt

lv llth. . tr a mile in length. . Our line of march for ro  
 ad we had none, was North west on the divide, bet the grand sm  
~~Namahaxx~~ Nimahas. . form a caral. . rotate in front

after ab 3 wks we passed the hdwtrs of both Namahas. . th  
 stream that crossed our coarse bg ve full we ccludd to head ch  
 turned us Northward toward the big Platte, we then bid farewell  
 to the hope of intersecting the St. Joseph road, at least until  
 we struck the big Platte

B chips a test of the fact that there is nothing unclean  
 of itself. Here I took the Rheumatism up to this time everythin  
 went off like a marriage bell, but now the gr change. I soon  
 lost the entire use of myself. . lay on my back until my bones  
 cut rñ/ thru the skin. I lay in this way to the black hills of  
 North Platte, and when about at my worst my lit boy fell from of  
 f the wg it ran over his ~~lax~~ leg, and broke it all to pieces.  
 . . I saw that the limb must mortify so I had it amputated but  
 the child died within a few mins afterward///the famous operati  
 on/ / / there was affliction I cdn turn in my bed and my  
 child a corpse. . it was the Sabbath Rev. Mr. Cornwall perforce  
 the funderal services . //no paragraphing, must be like orig,  
 recollections: / / /

We r now in the broad v oth P. . we struck it quite a  
 distance below the P vg, hss covered with women and children.  
 Th Is gathered around r wgs. .they er so saucy it was diffic to  
 make them keep the r hands off r gs nd ~~chatters~~ chattles, we ow  
 negotiatd w the thieves givg them a beef or 2 for the pr v g of  
 passg thru the r ct

We now had the rv, or south fork to cross. . men on hor  
 seback fordg it nd huntg for shallowest place pñacg flags on  
 poles to mark the shallow water, it was a x zig-zag course. no  
 stops for if we d d the wg wd sink in the sand nd b a goner. me  
 wht the Rheumism, my boys 13 hang on to ox yoke

soon on bank of NP in sight of N C-h r and Cr now pa  
 ssed quite a v of rox standg in such close proximity that we on  
 ly had room to pass between them w r wgs / ch may properly be  
 called a City of rocks /Mitchell Pass?/

we r now in the Sx I ct, here we crossed Smiths run. .  
 truly like an Oasis in the desert . We now pass Ash holler /?/  
 here we buried a man whçh was the 2nd death in r tr

Soon we got a view of the snow-caped head of LP. Now w  
 e cross Laramie fork and at mountainous FL. . walls of adobe, c

d answer as defense ag Is, but d easily be knocked to pieces by cannon . . . cross NP, on the N bank o ch we celebtd Iday, by firg a salute ~~////one page blank ////~~ p. 27

death of Martin Hoover .. we tvd down the H- to within a sh distance of the sink, here the Oregon road turns to the rt nd we enter the gr desert. /? to the right/?/ All credit is due to Levi Scott who kep in advance as pilot, and assist in openg the road. .and Mr. Gaugh who remained back to assist and cheer the hind part of the Eion. . .Mr. Applegate left soon aft turng that portion of the Eion that fod him, sayg he d send assistance fm the W to open the road which if he did I never Knew it. He sent prov to meet the Es ch he sold to them at a very hi price

I knew the eion was terribly enraged, often # swearg they d take Applegate's life on sight, but I tho no violence db cmmted on Scott, that the lives of the eion was in his hands. . \$21. was all he receivd for pilotg the E of 46; it was my \$21. //Hoover died on the cut off

Start out w water from H dug holes. .my wife is taken down also. I am still feeble -- Rabbit Springs . . my pen cann dscribe the dufferg o both people nd animals -- Black Rock .. bury Lelona Crowley on Grave Creek. Her father died next . . over mts to Goose Lake -- I attack on remaing stock --

Klamath Lake, Is kd my teamster, he fell behind, had the ~~pleurisy~~ pleurisy, Is filled w arrows - Siskiyou mts -- into Rogue River valley -- Is attack crossing RR now approach Umpqua canyon - still a hundred wagons strong /?/ canon 20 miles we'er 5 days getg thru END arriv WV p 43

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HM 16994 A Trip Across the Plains in an Ox Wagon 1857 *typewriter*

1st page photo portrait w her signatur

HELEN MCCOWEN CARPENTER was one oth belles of early Calif. She was beau and accd w sparklg intel. . imature yrs she wrote for mags nd pub ~~of~~ a number of bks. .she was the mother of Grant Carpenter the writer and Grace Hudson the painter. .d. Ukiah 17

loose pencilled note, unsigned: beg p 44, Mrs. C quotes from her bro's diary of 1854 to fill in the record bet July 6 and 21 to p. 56. . therefore pp. 44-56 must be checked ag his diary to see what r her additions. She ev did this cpila 1911 age 73

5/26 lv after preps re cattle etc. new yoke between old Smut and Snarley (leaders) and Dave & Star (wheelers). Sev tripts t Lawrence for supplies. . r party 3 fams, nd yg men as helpers. Uncle Sam McWhinney is Capt, he vg crossed in 49 - his horse te am in the lead, Old Suze and Arch - bg wgs - next r wg w A.O. Carpenter, myself nd Henry Wilson, 17, sold to us for \$25. - th last in line is fathers wg - there is father (Thomas McCowen), mother, 16 yr old sister Emily, 9yr old bro Hale etc.. Cousin Teresa gg to ride her I pony and help w catle, br up the rear of r proc . . camp 5 wgs w white drillg covers, 100 stock. .

everything wanted is at the bottom. . me married 4 months. . r wg has square bows, more roomy, double deck. .new brakes. . all v boxes at back for carryg cookg ute s ls

///120 pp ds ledger size



ab to bid farewell to Ks, 2 yrs spent here. . First river  
 boat between SL and Westport, preemption claim 50 miles from  
 Westport, all down w fever and ague, border troubles  
 now viol thunderstorms r enough to wreck the nerves of Hercu-  
 es nd the rattlers r thick as th leaves on the trees

5/27 on SF trail. . Elm Springs. McDowell Creek

5/31 nooned on Humboldt ck, s of Riley city

6/1 camp on Fort Riley reservation. . kindness of soldiers

6/2 cd at Wild Cat ck, 16 ms fm F

6/4 6/6 cd on a sm stream suposed tb the LB

6/7 repiars after fearful ck crossgs -wmn hang on at crossgn

→ Early in aft we came into the St. Joe Road, ch is the main line  
 of tv foEs this side oth P

6/9 now on the Blue, now in Nebraska /?/ Ms retg to States  
 2x as many wmn as men, and twice as mny children as women, in  
 rags, tatters sna scabs. . recd milk from us

6/11 passed I hanging cemetery. . to PR. . in eve wmn went a  
 sht dist downstr for a dip in the river, even if the water was  
 somewhat thick. . a queer lookg swimmg party

6/13 Ft Ky about noon. one lone soldi r pacing back nd forth,  
 oblivious to r presence pls in evidence everywhere, they v jno  
 clothg but r wrapped in vey unsanitary lookg blankets, magicall  
 kept in place w/ pins or string

6/15 another tr of disillusioned Ms - oxen ~~nk~~ haul in B car  
 cass after B hunt shot by Reel (husband)

6/16 Got a g view of coyotes makg an assessment on the B. .  
 a one footman db fortunate if they did not overpower him. .  
 wgs decorated w clices of meat dangling fm strings, fastened to  
 ropes that reach lengthof wg, look like coarse red fringe. .  
 met 34 merchant wgs that vbn out to FL. . clouds of dust in fac  
 s of ox drivers, as they walk beside their teams

6/17 lg grey wold keeps pace w the wagons

6/19 Where we nooned the road forked, the rt hand crosses th  
 rv soon, the left ctins a few mis farther bf crossg. Most oth  
 tv seems tv gone to the right. . we took the left hand one for  
 better feed. . to elim mosquitoes, burn B chips in wagons this  
 smokes them out - we can stand it longer tha they can. . afte  
 weatherg what remains is like papier machiem, nd burns like  
 punk. . wind nd dust has given evbody sore lips

6/21 rough road, heat, mosquitoes, cracked lips

6/22 double tem over. . nec for all drives nd oxen to cross  
 the stream 3 x. . almost upended. . shaking tremblg sensation  
 The Inmans with bridal couple, hoop skirts, and a gr-mother..  
 no time for sociability. . lucky to v a Yankee for a husband,  
 so am well waited on

6/23 bluff to ascend bet N & S P very steep the terrible hil  
 l at AH, (one of the most extens ve descriptions, 4 wheels lo  
 cked etc. -- its name I suppose cs the earth and dust etc look  
 like ashes. . 2 is hard pullg thru deep sand to reach river.

6/24 hard pulling in sand. . m disillus oned Ms. .there are  
 plenty more that db glad to leave if they cd only get away. .  
 passed the graves of 5 soldiers kld Sept 55. Tomb stones er  
 made of cedar, painted white, w black letrg

6/25 how hard does the wind v to blow bf it is cd a tornado?

6/26 CH nd CRs all day in passg this gr curiosity. . chimney proper only 4 feet across. . at SB road forks, took the one fog the river. . wg ndtent Frman nd squaws. . left road said to be the best. . road smooth. . a fair description of Mitchell Pass it looks as tho this cut has been made by a gr body of water sugh thru. . left r names w others carved or written under overhangs. . at the foot of the perp bluff ch faces the Mesa is a plainly markedgr, that has been visited by so many, that a lt tr is worn

6/29 at Horse Creek a tp and 17 I lodges

6/30 tp kept by a Pennsylvanian w squaw B robes, mocs b&a pass FL w/o calling

7/3 w/o knowg build cfire on a gr. . what we r obliged to endure each day is robbg us of all sentiment

7/4 has not seemed at all like I day, just the same old jolts w plenty of dust thrown in

7/5 bridge over NP, \$5. white man w white wife

the record of the next 15 days was lost when the hos in Potte r V Ca was burned. . I l quote m my f-os diary oth ehs same tip made 3 yrs prev. . . . but one month earlier

~~//but it is not so quoted//~~

the road thru the pass is ve disappointg, and not at all romantic. There is nothing in sight to merit the name RMS man and wife w one ox cart another w one ox, period

7/22 7/22 road forks. by csultg guide books, learned that the left was called SCO /?/ or sLLroad ad took right hand one

7/27 dn by the rv the road forked again, affordg another opp ortun to goto SL. This main road ctins tb cd Kinney's cutoff. But few r gg by SL on acct rumors that the Is r liable tb m troubleseom on that rt, and also cs there is a 50 m desert to cross ?///?

7/28 GR ferryman had bn on a spree

8/6 I vbn sick ev since we er at Big S, nd Reel has kept my diary. I now resume

8/8 Soda Springs 8/9 passed FH road. At the time we tho t it a camp road. We had thot go that way cs @o went that rt. From ap we knew that no trs had gone that way this yr, so we re luc kept to the old California road /???

8/10 after Dobbins boy left engaged a deserter from FK, nam of Scott, who threw out the boys things

threatened by Is led by white man, a M. . fend off an attac exchange of bullets. . to Raft river. . we r 4 men, 4 wmn, 3 boy 3 children, 6 months baby. . we must be the last Es on road

8/18 Pyramid circlce City rocks /the same??. .afew miles from the c ty rocks the SL rpad comes in.

8/20 Goose Creek 8/21 canon 4 miles long 8/22 thousand springs valley 8/23 catch up w ~~xxxxx~~ trains stopped by ill-ness. . Mr Farmer's md dgtr had premature baby

8/25 noon on Canon ck, hdwtrs oth H- . . join tr but at the tail oth procession. . dust so light it floated in clouds

8/26 men start off on I hunt acct sev Es kd ahead 8/28 wait. Wilsons baby died. . posse bring back 37 of 60 taken. . capture squaws, v to prevent Missourians from maltreatg them. . cowskins were doing duty as wickyups. . I hostage bed killed no, find out otherwise, rascal got away safely.

sundry atrocities revealed. .

Is } 9/7 traders tell us 9 persons kd where we saw the feathers in the road, nd the next tr that came by picked up a wmn that had been scalped and left for dead, but was still alive. They say the Is traded the womans scalp to them, and they sold it to her preservers. She was the only escapee //learned later her name was Hollingwell, brot to frs in Healdsburg, d after ayr or 2 o a setld melancholy

9/8 cb by rv at upper end of Lawson Meadows. . frequency of tps 9/13 Big Meadows 9/14 H- Lake

9/15 road forked in desert, left called Carson route .. some reasons I know not what Farmers and rss took the rt hand road called the Truckee route. . camp at Sink

9/16 24 hrs to cross the desert, go overnite. .at crossing of Truckee got news of relatives at Grass Valley, sent letter to George

9/18 crossed the river 10 x terribly stony long whip cd Pike Ct revolver. . .9/20 Big Meadows. . first hs made of board

9/21 Trs tell us there r Ms 18 m, in Washoe V. . BY hasorderd allMs back to SL, they must go, ~~ixxxxixxx~~ will sell cheap

9/23 begn to ascend SN. . Little Truckee

9/24 rd forks right to Forest City left Truckee rt, take latter more d rect to Nevada City, r destination

9/27 boys from Uncle Sams camp. . didnt recognize George. . now sports moutache and Mexican sombrero. . di get r letter

10/ hit stage road

10/8 Grass Velley

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letter June 22, 1849 camp 4 miles west of Fort Laramie  
John A. Scott to Wilson Scott 4pp 4to ink on blue paper

When I last wrote I was only 100 m from I we r now 650 to 700 vg averaged 100 miles per wk. . r teams v kept up ve, well w the xcep of sore necks. . broke two wg tongues

After we crossed the Caw rv had g road most oth time v had csid of sand to wg thru reached PR on 31st of May avg width PR 1 mile. . get water when we dig 3 to 5 feet, got to v a righ rancorous taste so we quit using it, and depend princ on rv for water. a jug to ev wg ch we fillin mg

last week passed some mag towers. . one cd the Solitary T another the Chimney Tower it is likely the early/ was mouldr d away from around these towers nd left them standg tb wondered a by man last Tues nite we enc by a g spring. Close by was a man w a small store and bss, tradg w the Is. There is an Ameri can fort a few miles after we come to the Platte called Kearney where there r some soldiers stad. There wer e 3 ? of dragoons gg to Oregon about 800 w 200 wgs

We got to Laramie today. . Sold 500 of lead for \$5., 100 of powder for \$10 nd bot 300 of flour for \$5. and 200 of bacon for nothing. . There are 2 or 3 dozen wgs left at Laramie. . we r cutting down the Lapland wagon to make a cart of it

All afflicted v recovrd fm the cholera. . 1 gr 78. .ther is a tr of wgs loaded w groceries. . xpress from here to FK nex Monday, letters 40 c apiece

To Mr. Wilson Scott Cambridge, Ohi  
cli pping; recovrd from wreck of steamer Algoma, burned at the wharf SL July 29. . w large Calif mail