

WILLIAM EDMUND PEARCE TO His father May 12, 1851 Nevada
 Californai 4 pp. fol. re trip of 1850

evidently family in England. // writing well preserved
 but his style of penmanship hard to decipher. . I like to
 tell you something about r life across the Plains. I started ~~for~~
~~from~~ Oregon with a company from ? on the Illinois river. We had
 13 waggons some worked w mules, horses and oxen, in fact mostly
 oxen. Our mess used oxen w th horses to ride when we were .
 . driving the team /?/ Our starting point was I on Mo rv. .
 next the I country, camp here and wa tg 2 weeks for the
 grass to be grown. . We finally left on the 27th of April / the
 civilized world for a trip of 2100 miles overland

The first part of our trip was splendid, the very novelty o
 the thing was the fun of it. I imagine 75 or 100 young ? from
 18 to 25 years of age w th fine fresh horses scouting out a ct
 very much like the moors of old Dorset, and ~~skilled~~
~~in~~ dressed in every kind of style, and every one of them
 ///??? fine weather and fiddling dancing in the camp every
 night after supper

this state of things only lasted 10 days when matter change
 winderfully We were about 200 miles from the settlements and t
 corn, oats we had taken in r waggons to feed the animals began t
 fail while the grass was too yg yet to support them - The Is
 thr here er hostile nd thievish never missing an opportunity
 of stealg a g horse or mule

the weather had now turned ve wet nd cold very few of us
 as far as I cd judge admire much standing guard when it came to
 their turn. . cold, straining ones eyes for things that looked
 like an I. . or startled by the howl of the prairie wolf within
 n 10 feet of your heels

We sn struck the Ca Road from Sj. Joseph this road was
 crowded w wgs nd Es so the ? and grasses got scarcer than eve
 r . . the 15th of May we got to ~~Fort~~ Harnie on the Platt
 River here the feed was ? good dn the animals egan to ttravel be
 tter. . B began to give us some sport and fresh meat they r hard
 to kill their hide is so thick. I have seen them shot at least
 a dozen times, and then was brought down. A ball l glance from
 their head all day long unless you hit the eye, when their beef
 is yours.. Certainly the meat is not so good as beef but it is
 nothing to turn up your rfse at on the plains.

We arrived at Fort Laramie June 1st 700 miles of r jind nan
 many a wgg I v seen turni g back some d'sheartened with the life
 long before we got here. . ~~At this place.~~ At this place we
 brought a few provs and again pushed ahead for we er anxious to
 keep the advantage we had gained by an early start, and to keep
 clear of the rush behind us. We soti heard o the suffergs of
 those behind us - how their animzls died for ~~want~~
 for want of food, and ~~hw~~ leaving their wagons they had to foot

We er getting ??well up to the RMS nd we began to see the
 elephant and felt him too. Here feed was scarce and water
 poisonous. The road is strewed along w th every kind of dead
 animals putrid and rotting. . offensive and sickeng to behold.
 and then the road I cant begin to describe them, and hills
 almost steep enough for a horse to fall back it often took

all the cattle in the train just to pull up one wagon besides the aid of ropes, and then the descent of some of these mts was worse yet. It has almost made one giddy to look down

~~////no paragraphs whatever////~~

June 15 We reached the summit of the dividg ridge RMS the weather which was so hot and oppressive was now cold and ? with ice and snow all around and we ~~judged~~ trudged slowly but all the romance of r trip was gone - and to ease r jaded hrss we had to walk nearly all the time and soon we had to cross deserts with not a blade of grass for 50 miles nothing but sand sand. . r tr moved ve slowly soti we had to tv all night to ge the ve nec element water nd grass for r famishg animals

It was comical enough to see the figures we made the hills along the road is generally very fine and deep and of diff colors. . the wgs r ve nearly all the time enveloped in a cloud of it while the perspiration made it stick ~~stick~~ to our faces. . About ths time you might have seen a chap my size. . clothes all torn so ? hardly deserved the name. . handkerchief tied around my head answered all purposes

. . but I am tireing your patience. . well, we passed Fort Hall about the last of June 1300 miles and in two days left the Ca Trail, and we were now in the Oregon Territory. . but the most of it is barren and desolate except in ? after crossing the blue mts. . we er now alone, none of the Es er gg to Oregon nd we had no co xcept the wild Is, but thse er fr, but it was a kind of sulky frship for they had been beaten not long before by the U.S.Troops . . we passed thru 2 powerful nat'os of them. . there er enough to v swallowed r lt tr

We finally after crossg the Cascade mts arrvd at the setlme nts in Oregon *August 16

but the decides to g to California after all. .

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WN 1827 ~~Varner~~ Margaret s Wilson (hereford). . ~~3/4~~ 3/9 Chihuahua, Mexico

Wn 1828 ditto Durango to Mazatlan

WN 1829 ditto voyage Mazatlan to SF more of same 1850

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FAC 685 April 29, 1849. Allen Varner to Elias Varner 4pp foloi Independence to Indinapolis orig Jackson Ctt Hist Soc

Depments
I am well depiste prevalewce of cholera, and burials.. it db nothing curious if more were sick or dying than there are for of all places of dissipation I have never seen the equal of I. I saw yest & today men lying on the pavement perfectly lifeless to appearance, from intoxication. there is at least a dozen bars ch are of all the time crowded with topers they keep up a contual jingle of glass ~~shear the anklaps lo g th~~ streets w/ a continual jingle of glass. You cant pass without hearing the clank of money in the upper rooms & th rap of knuckles on the tables in passg along the streets this mg I saw as many old cards thrown out by the side of l coffee hs as would pave a room 10 feet square I vbn informed that numbers v lost all their money nd r cpelled to return home, but from

the rid culous to the sublime I was a church this mg, the Methodist. . the ladies present seemed to be votaries at the shrine of fashion . . .

The most reasonable est of the nu that is here is ~~7~~ 4,000 includg those that ~~of~~ va already gone some rendezvous 12 or 15 miles above on the Kans /?/ nd some st ll further some went 15 days ago . . . another co of 18 that had encamped went of SJ on the I lands ctry to orders of the agent had all their mule s and horses stolen by the Is have returned to their homes giv en up the gole and if it had not been for a late letter of Governor Boggs of this st who is now in the gold region near 2,000 that r here dv ret'd. he writes to his s-i-l here to come by all means but not br his family he says gold is plenty and easily obtained . . .

Notes
Good

a man of Lafayette Ct, name of McLelland advises his frs to ~~of~~ come syas there r no poor men in Calif. Both he and Boggs r men of stern integrity. . about $\frac{1}{4}$ that r gg fm here r mule teams the rest oxen about the same rat o fm SJ the nu that I start vbn var estd fm 20 to 50 thousand but I believe 15000 a fair estimate ~~from~~ mules l beat oxen 3 weeks so that if there is a scarcity of grass beyond the pass, as we all antici pate I hope we shall be among the first r lame muls v got well or others v recruited on flesh. .

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dont know who will go with yet. . I write from Kansas or Westport. . 4 pp

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May 2, 1849 ALLEN VARNER TO DAVID VARNER. Independence to Indinapolis. 3 pp (both acq fm Mrs Philip K Winslow 74 (parents; other is brother nd s sters) original ms.

I xcep for eyes sore fm wind nd dust. .reached her Fri , I wrote to Elias Sunday we had g roads ~~xxxxxx~~ since I wrote. crossed the Mo river at Glasgow. . best ct bet G. and here, 90 miles. . the I square not quite so large as your CH sq has hrs nd mules hitched aroundit as thick as they c stand the streets r jambed nd the sidewalks crowded like Ipolis on public days

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4 or 5000 peron l leave this ? a great many r returng, nd had it not been for the letters of ex-gov Boggs and McLellan 2-00 more dv fod their example. I w sh they had.

mules scarce (good ones). . we er yest offered \$350. for our 3 best. . r load lb 1700 . . cholera here in mild form sev deaths but gen among the Negroes or dissipate persons one co f Missip have lost 3 it has bn among the better class of people but they recover from it. The small px o is not here as was reported we hear it is at SJ

Chol

Eulogy pronounced pon r mess by a visitor . . the first camp he had been in ch he had not seen or heard drinking gambling or swearing our mess v sev Bibles and other books. . I do not fo as bad an opinin of the Es generally as our ? For I find a gr m any men of g princs.

mess

There is a co of hacks and bgg wgs terms the Pioneer Line ch takes passengers and a scanty supply of provs for \$2 0. 2 o r 3 sm cos go on w packs a gr many r encamped ~~at~~ near the Boundary line 12 or 15 mis in advance. . we shall move up there tomorrow there to j some co. . we may g w a co fm Lexington Mo They go under the direction of Capta n Headspath a ma of exper

Pioneer

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ience as regards the route. . we exper no danger fm the Is tho they v stolen allthe mules and hrss of a co who had rendezvousd in their ct contrary to advice of the I agent

c take e ough corn for 12 or 145 days corn 25 c hay or at oats is not $\frac{1}{2}$ tb bought at any price

shd reach Calif in 100 days w 1 wagon and 4 mules perhaps or we may abnaden both nd cplete r j w packs we shall cross the bndry and stretch out abot the 10th

some statements see m equal to what brother wrote, not clea if t ey r tvg together, after meeting in I. .

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HM 16995 bq/ bound typescript of Foster Family - seems same

recollects * * *

358572/PIONEER DAYS by Mary Jane Hayden San Jose, 1915
49 pp paper bound 1850

b. Maine 1830 to Wisc. md. Gay Hayden of Ny, setld in Wisc 1849 gold fever. . Me in feeble health, w ailing infant, $\frac{1}{2}$ impos to g with husband. . I sez tohim we er married to live tog, nd I am lg t g w yu toany part of God's Foot Stool. . yu v no right to go where I cannot, and if you do you need nv retur for I shall look pn you as dead. . ~~as~~ it was settled we should go next year to the California GMs

my babe died. . sld r farm, bot 10 oxen, 2 cows nd a hrs, a str new wg. . March 10 cmcd j . . 2500 ms fm $\frac{1}{2}$ Jefferson, Wis to Vancouver, Oregon by r rt. . stopd at hotels and farm hss un til we reached CBs the only an Itp

4/1 crossed Missip Rv /?/ pitched r tents near the MWQ, wh r we restd r teams and waited for the grass. . Here /?/ we finish layg in r supplies

not quite out of my teens yet. . made tent of ozenberg. . whe we crosse dnt Missip Rv we er in IT. Bf lvg CBs we orgd 95 me n nd wmn w 31 wgs .. fog is a copy of Const ution of the Wiscon sin Blues, orgd May 8 now its 95 men and 5 women

5/5 bid gb to barren hill & CBs and Ksv, also to civz. . rt u north bank to FL. Is numerous nd trbsm begg nd stealg. . There was a picnic for sev weeks. . Then thundershower evenight. . Bs In 1845 part of tr ofEs run over by Bs and badly wrecked. Sev members er cripld., includg Mrs. Markham of Portland

one time corral for storm, evthg ready, yet it came w th su ch violence we er shocked. It was one of those blood curdling t-storms such as as only Nebraska can produce. . it seems as if the heavens and earth er strivg for the mastery, lasted 4 hrs. suddenly the earth trembled nd something struck r wg w gr force nd it cmcd to go over on its side. . we crawled out from under nd found every oxen had gone. . catl had all stampeded, all 340 head, and they all went over 3 wgs, nd ours in the middle. .we remained in camp 10 days of ch we found only a part, found only 5 of r 10. . We had no boat but Barker nd Copeland swam over nd cut down sev trees and floated them to camp ch they used to make new wagon tongues, usg the old ones to repair other breaks

Another miracle - as the herd went ov r wg they knocked d lg tent in ch 6 men er sleepg, and trampled evthg into the gr

See L & C
✓ Green SS

Unreliable

Plater

in the way of camp equipage, but no one was hurt /?/. the 6 men in the tent were all English miners, one was so frightened he had convulsions and died. This was the second death in the train, the Capt. Vg died from drinking alcohol shortly after leaving Kville.

As we approached FL the road became very sandy. In BH's stones cut cattle feet, put on sole leather shoes

beau Sweetwater. one peculiar feature of this part of the valley is an immense granite boulder. on which was painted Capt Lewis and Clark's names with date July 4, 1805, and to our disgust we saw where some vandals had put their names higher up. the inscription said L & C were here.

40 miles desert to Green Soda Springs. Where BR turned south the road forked, one for the river going to SL and Cal; /?/ the other crossing the divide to FH and Snake Rv. Powder R, Grande Ronde, Blue Mts where we found many stranded. some lay in tents sick, waiting for help. Here we divided our remaining provisions with the sick. the next day met government team with supplies and doctor from Fort Dalls

/back-tracking/ we passed through one place where the crickets were so numerous that the cattle crushed them at every step. These ticks are used for food. Near FH ticks pull me out of wagon when we say no powder, Uncle Marker applies whip

Anywhere within 50 miles from FH the ticks are troublesome up to 1853, when they murdered a large train in the most brutal manner, burning some of them alive and other outrages too bad to relate. This massacre took place at Salmon Falls

the worst of our account lack of grass and water

Old Duke tells us even we were coming to water, by snuffing

lots of repetition. Though that best I go by water and men by the mountain route. Neither Uncle Summer or I were able to take the mountain route, but I was not long to be decided we would take the wagon bed and fix it up into a boat and go the river route. sold our 12 head of cattle and running gears of wagon for \$1300 getting in only \$25 down - never saw the rest

was not able to walk the 5 miles to the portage, so had to ride perched on wagon of soldiers, the boat on top. put ashore at rapids. around Cape Horn of the Columbia, a trial for regular boats. we were not expected to survive. arr FV pp pp 26

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LUCKY BALDWIN: the story of an unconventional success. by C. B. Glasscock. Indianapolis 1933 308 pp

adventurous business man in Indiana and Wisconsin. Quotes from California indicating that position not limited to use of shovel and gold pan. found a buyer for his hotel and grocery business at Racine

outfit a score of men, with 4 strong wagons, loaded with brandy tobacco and tea for trading purposes, plus heavy furs, trade goods, and last but not least wife Sarah and daughter Clara, 6 Others included Rachel Wormer, 18, McHenry, Dr. Page, Morton and Wright

tortuous roads to CBs. Elias Jackson Baldwin capt. CBs crowded with wagons, feeble ferry service. already 4 years late for days no difference. met D.A. Shaw, offered to be guide and counselor, accepted (his second trip). ferry scows, landed near a single log cabin, and took the Carson Trail. /?/ across Nebraska Territory (future)

It was mid-April. . Am ingenuity had devd wgs ch might hope to escape disaster. . Wheels had ben made larger to escape the chuckholes, the tires wider to treat the dust or mud, th bodies water-tight to float. B. part equip d w the best.

occ effort by Is to stampede hrss. .at Elkhorn R B. swam with cord to pull across rope, stretched to prevent driftg dntstream. Second rope pulled by teams

. .they approached FL. Baldwin knew that the post existed bu was not quite certain of its position. . I w/ plug hat w greeti "Whoa, haw, God damn you." with crumpled paper: "This is a no-good Injun," etc.. . makes off only w pot of stewed apples at FL trade for supplies such as B meat and horseshoes

2 or 3 yrs of heavy migration demonstrated (1) that some white cdb as cruel and treacherous as the svgs themss. Others c b int madated. They er not supermen. Raids, murder and robbery grew more common as E increased

B- us in advance to scout, kill fresh meat. First serious mi sadventure a few days out of FL. . B. lost after vain antelope hunt. . in bad shape. . stumbles pn I lodges. . succored. . heterogeneous escort. . rewarded w th riches

near jè oth Sw a d NP B. wgs caught up w those of D. A. Shaws train. . Shaw advised fog M tr . . B. Saves \$50 at GR ferry by sinkg wg beds to tighten cracks

FB merely a grp of adobe bldgs /?/ surrd by a adobe wall. . Another rt fm the Ark R jd the main tr at th s point. /?/

18 853 Ms er profitg too much by E trade to imperil it. csu lt BY, advised to csult Walker bros about sale of h s goods. . make deal, prfit of 3 to 4,000 \$. . invest in horses, grain nd water d take the place of tob acco nd brandy. . laded for tr in desert wastes west of SLC

Quote from B- w interview w. / SF Call in 1900, nd painting by A.A .Cross. . I attack on tr 2nd mng out. . 9 dead Is. We h sev wounded. I always believed BY's bro caused the attack and was with them, d sguised as an I, was after the proceeds of sal

It is corrobrotred in part by D. A. Shaws record of his ow ov js. .B's defense both detcd and unexpected. The Is fled bf it. Es bandaged up their wounded and moved on to the main rt, fm ch they had bn diverted by advice of Young

They reached the HR in good order, fod it to the sink, and there again encntrd hostile Is. .X Drivg ahead w Rachel Wormer en attacked w/o arng. .B. bed purpose of Piutes was to take Rachel alive. . Is poor shots. .B. rides through, soon other wg trs to reinforce . . to Ragtown: one clapboard hs, 5 cloth hss, a log cabin nd 2 willow shelters

At M Station on Carson river sufrd their first loss of a hu man life. OSMeara shotts Wright in quarrel. . while B. was abs ent to Genoa. . enrout there encntrd hostile Is for 3d time.. Hrss \$150 in SL brot \$600 each in gold

To Johnson's cutoff, up Gold Canyon, where later the Comsto Lode was tb discovered later. . thence to Sac////nodates//// later worth millions

//no clue as to sources//

HM 81043

J. T. Redman. REMIS ND XPERS TR ACR PLS TO CA 16 yrs ago
when I drove 4 mules to a cvd wg. Typescript copy signed
6 leaves dated Marshall, Mo. 6/17/24. .
both copies are carbon copies. . NL has original @???

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Lockley Coll. Box 10 (54) FORBES, ALEXANDER TO WM FORBES
from Benicia, Calif. Nov 8, 1849 *type*

My tv across the plains was both long and ted ous but not
so hard as some. R jito SL was tolerably good but after that
it was tedious on acct of scarcity of grass and water and
provs got scarce with a gr many. But for my part I had plenty
~~and got along better than~~ the most of them and had my health
and got along better than the most of them
which a gr many of them did not have, and hundreds oth Es r
bound to suffer. Governmn sent 90 tons of provs to meet the Es
They were almost 300 miles (went about) and the provs
gave out, and they had to kill their ow mules bf they cd get
home

Bynetia is the mil station and is growing to be a bus nes
place etc etc. mainly mines and mining bef SF later

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George W. B. Evans MEXICAN GOLD TRAIL: THE J OF A 49er ed by
Glenn S. Dumke, pref by R G Cleland HL 1945
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MICROF LM JOSHUA /?/ H. Drake from Republic Ohio

1849

I, Mo. 4/28 first setld and built by the Ms but owg to diffics
the the inhabs sol d nd moved to SE beau s tud 3 m fm Mo
party of 3 (C. Patrick nd John McVile /?/ about 2,000 wgs
now about to start

5/3 to LB (right hand pages not fully f lmed...!!!

5/4 Patric kktaken w cholera 4 men died w it today

5/5 remd in camp waitg f Patrick . . 2 more die

5/6 ditto

5/7 left for the plains, Patr ck bg better 3 men dd

w the cholera took Patrick in my wagon passed 10 new grvs. .
cd at the Lone Elm a noted mark for the pioneers Ft. Findely c

5/10 Hutchins taken s ck w cholera, had to ride in wg

5/11 28 plus 13 49 at Ks the Lower Ferry 150 teams
waitg to cross. .break wg tyre ex w a fr-man

5/11 /again // broke hind axletree ex w an Indian

5/13 Soldier creek bad crossing L V

5/17 rope on Big V

5/18 now intersect the SJ Road at the jc oth road we
found some U.S. troops bound for FL over took the Republic
Forever /?/ ox team co..

5/21 overtook the Columbus Ohio co they lost all the
oxen in the last sotarm 30 wgs 125 men & noteams on LB. . som
er makg preps to return, and some were fixing to foot it thru.

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580

writing good

23-26 map
- 34

2 men shot by accid discharge otheir guns and burd
 5/22 evthg looks gloomy the roads band and cut up 23 mi
 5/24 to PV, in sight oth road fm CBS /?/ - heavy rains
 5/25 to Fort Childs where govt has a sta of troops sitd on
 a rising gr well watered by wells 15 ft deep and about 1 miles
 from the rv. . anation of Is on north bank
 5/27 the rv is 18-0 yards wide the timber is cottonwood &
 entirely confined tothe river banks
 5/29 very routine re miles (makes good time , like 26 m.
 lightning struck a wg w 3 men one killed other 2 stunned
 5/30 bad nite, only 10 miles cold and rainy 25 ms
 6/3 made up r minds to by the main tvd road & try to ford the
 SP 9lower ford, obviously
 6/4 Bs on the ridge. . bull takes 11 shots
 6/6 std early and ascended the mountain, over mts for 11 mis.
 (hi and steep) bf we descended into AH to the P where the Is
 have tp 6/7 the roads er mere sand cliffs and very deep.
 Saw an I deposited on a tree 30 feet up w all his moveable on
 earth rapt snugly in blankets nd B skins to keep the vultures
 and buzzards from ? him. .
 6/8 tvd all day in sight of the CH or Capitol Rock. . in sigh
 of CR all day, last 30 miles & not to it yet
 6/9 CR a splendid affair the app of a work of art instead
 o nature 350 feet hi of a greyish soap stone. . up as far as I
 cd w safety numerous names cut far above where I cut my name
 has a ver bold a d noble app
 6/10 SB took its name from some boatmen killing their employ
 er name of Scott & stole his furs terr ble rain nd hail
 6/11 tvd 25 ms over some hi mts nd camped at a fine spring on
 the prairie w/o wood. . in this days tv we found a fr bs estab
 lished a shop near the road to work for the Es we see ve fe Is
 they v lefg for fear oth cholera
 6/12 cd on the P 3 m above FL to cross LF raise r wg boxes,
 double r teams. . FL sitd in the heart oth best B ct. It is
 built of Doby bricks, and about 40 rods square the roofs runnin
 outwards /?/ nd a square yd inside it has 2 lg gates to admit
 teams nd made ve safe ag the Is few fr an I traders
 ./// seems to travel about 23-26 miles whe able
 6/19 th s day passed a reg, ment of govt troops at Deer Ck
 makg rafts to cross the river but failed cd on P 3 ms above
 the M ferry made of 3 canoes covered
 6/21 lashed 2 boats tog that had bee used as wg beds and cm
 ncg ferryg our effect across the rv 600 yds across
 6/24 Willow springs IR 1 mi in circum and 125 feet hi this
 rock is the place where where the Ms celebratd the 4th July
 on the r first v vage west almost all the Es ahead v registered
 the r names on thie rock, a gr many familiar to me, and a gen
 stoppg place for all the Es
 6/27 29 miles 6/29 cd at jc oth calif and Oregon road
 6/29 ???left sw for the last t me nd camped on the plains nerr
 the SP 6/30 SP at the Pacific Spring is the disputed terr ot
 Snake and Crow Is nd they v numerous battles near here wv yr. .
 made this day the jc oth Calif nd SL roads
 7/1 take the right hand road, SCO. . descend the steepest and
 longest rd yet encounered tothe V of GR

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we passed the U S troops on this stretch 7/2 harnessed up early and found a ferry composed of a sheet iron paid \$1 ea w/g for the use oth boat. This day a man was shot in a fray and killed . gr many mules, hrs and oxen drowned

7/4 mule stolen. no time for spilt milk purch a fine spanish mule of a I gave him \$80;.

7/7 saw about 1200 Is a war party mtd, acted sulky 24 ms over mts. 7/9 Itp to trade ~~xxx~~ stock. . BR the best ct we v seen since we left I 7/10 tvd 30 ms and cpd at Ber Spring

7/13 camped on Port Neuf river 3 1/2 miles beyond FH. . it is sitd on American Fork oth Columb a river. . built in a similar way of FL ab 40 rods sq. . here we got all the supplies w wanted here we saw sm fine blooded cattle fm England

7/16 lv Lewis Fork oth C and bore more west on Raft River 28 m. . 15 mis below this place on this river the Oregon Road runs off to the right a gr many Es go to Oregon

7/17 28 ms 7/21 34 miles, cd on hwts HR 7/ 2 down the v 35 miles 7/23 29 1/2 miles 7/24 33 miles 7/25 26 ms

7/28 30 ms 7/30 31 ms

8/1 8/2 here we found a fr. I. who had Sutters recommendatio as to his honesty and knowledge of the ct 8/4 Sink

8/5 fld vessels w water. came to the forks of the road the right hand Trucky river road the left hand the Carson River route we took to the left and immed entered the desert - arrvd at the salt well - desert is deep dust or ash or a crust of congealed salt. . brilliant app, a crow 1 mile off appeared to be as big as a stack of hay such was the reflection of the sun on the salt marshes or flats 1000 head of dead stock

8/7 in camp on Carson R. . some all in on foot

8/15 Big Kenyon of Carson River 8/16 Red Lake at the foot of the dreaded sierranevada mts 8/17 3 1/2 ms to highest pt we put 8 or 10 mules to a waggon men pushing and others pulling by ropes 8/18 Lake Valley 8/21 Leek Spr Valley

8/24 Pleasant Valley 8/25 Weavertown first settlemtn since we left the states END of JOURNAL random notat ons

Loose note in microfilm box made from original belonging to Mr. Robert N. Mullen 36 So. Lasenda Drive, Three Arch Bay, South Laguna

135 McBride, J. H., 4 letters, ms. and typescript, NSHS
1850

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Microfilm ms 422 MCKIERAN

My dear sister U v askd me to tel you all. . I know of no better way than I can do so by sending you this bok you l find it full of errors and blots of orthography Ur affec bro John.

Febr 23 1853

Mt. Pleasant Iowa Mar 18, 1852 this day I had farewell to some very dear frs. I left w the intention of gg to Oregon, the land ch now appears tb the poor man's most desirable goal. . my co. at Lowell. . 32 men in all and but one g rl and she is past the withcing age of 19 but she is g lookg . . reads novels

april 9 went to Savannah and most of the co got 4/1 today we crossed the Nodaway river /?/. . not Porters Co of Mt. Pleas 4/10 now encamp in Holt Ct nd l stay till we cross the MR. . /at Orëgon. . see lady in Bloomers or alamode

4/14 up 12 mis. . sloopy sentimental re family 4/15 Torquia 4/16 cross Nishnabotha in boat. .4/17 thru Senora, 75 mis fm SJ 4/18 this evening in Iowa state 4/19 at last to crossg pt via Old fort Kearney and such a poace as it is. . no meals. there r but 2 lt cabbins. . as for fort there is none It is a perfect no place the ferry boat a very poor thing

4/21 crossing MR. . McCullys boy leg broken when lead horse jerks him off, dragged 10 yds.. . It was the intention of Uncl Sam to build a fort at this place but f some reason unknow to me it was never done only a blockhouse

4/22 about noon left sight ov civz co now csts of 33 ^{men} 11 women nd 17 chil 65 yoke ox etc 5 carriages nd 15 wgs. . intend to throw away 3 oth wgs asa their load d is fed, they er baded w corn. . went to Ottoes camp, pretty decent fellows

4/23 vjust finished readg The Cfessions of a Pretty Woman y Miss Pardoe, 200 pages. .carriage on to FK w injured boy. I fea he l n live to get there 4/24 Salt Creek (yest WWtr). . Idnet ifies graves w inscr ps, ie. Mary Green 42, Dr. J. C. Boley 40. a d spute and talk of a split 4/25 about noon met U.S Mail,

a 4 mule coah nd guardd by 2 or 3 US soldiers. . gr Rhoda Smit age 17 and John Campbell 5/26 Grvs Mary Jameson, Calvin Hall got to the carriage, the boy is dead, 11 yrs 4/28 Platte btm //gives miles end of each day//. . hail lrgr than hens eggs, sm lumps so lg they dn go into a tin cup. .the catl helter skelter

4/30 to hunt anamials. . yest sev persons ever darly hurt by t hail 5/2 stil lookg sleep on prairie. . excitement in camp on acct dgs oth Is. . they stopped a co of 24 men nd took an ox nd a cow from them. . also rob 2 or 3 boys, cmence to str p till one draws revolver 5/3 passed thr the remains of an old I vg Gr ov one chief placed around it 76 horse heads, each head to rep one yr of his wage

mirages resembling a gr lake 5/7 we got to for Kearny. We did not stop our teams but I bg of trick /?/ I went into the place nd left a letter at the P.O. for father. There is nothin like a fort at this place not even so much as a blackhouse

5/9 see 500 B 5 of r boys went out and kd 5 5/11 visited by Shian Is near Plumb Creek they er really like the Is we v read

Original

Inquiry

*reeds
Gover*

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hail*

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lvs dead*

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Is

about Noble clean good looking fellows

Fur Co
Saying
upper country
Fur Co.
Graves
Rachel P

5/12 meet 3 carriages 2 horse teams a d 14 px teams belongg to a fur company. . passed by horse teams and packers. . gr of 71 yrs old Andrew Rose // identifies all the graves he can// B heads for gravestones. . one of McCullys it boys fell out of a wg and had the badd luck tb run over but he also had the g luck to not get ser hurt 5/15 cross the river (SP) 5/16 arv AH. Bf getg to it we had to /?/ down one oth steepest hills I v ever seen a wg g down. AH isa most romantic place but it db impossible for me to describe it. .but he tries anyhow//. . today met a nu of trappers 8 ox teams and 1 hrs team at AH. . I aaw the grvs of P H Brk and Willis Smith who both d in June 1850. I also saw the name of a yg lady the name of Rachel Pat terson age 18 yrs died June 1850 Poor thingl No doubt when she left home she anticipated much happiness but alas she now sleep far from all that loved her. .May such not be my fate.

B -

5/17 tvd 18 ms in that short distance v s een 7 grs w names and 11 w/o. . B chips so plentiful like a barnayrd for all the oxen in C-dom for 100 yrs. . crossed Lone Elm Creek

G
S/B
map?

5/1 CH or Solitary Tower, 8 or 10 mis s oth road, apprs 1 or 2. . not ve diffic to ascend, top of it vis ted by a gr many tv rs. . nearhere graves of Wm Dalton, 24; Nathan Sutton 57, nd Mrs. Lamb, prob wife of mn whose grv I saw a few days ago.

6/20 story of Scotts Bluffs. . left him, rallied along the bluffs, some Is found h m nd took cpassion on him nnd carried him to their wigwams and cured him and when he was well they sent him on his journey rejoicing///...''///. . CR like factor y chimney, said tb 700 feet hi. . passed trading station and Ex lodges 6/21 this mg passd thru a narrow pass in SBs I do thi nk I never bf behld anything so majestic and sublime or so awfu lly grand. At a distance they v very much the app of a c ty or fortif ca nd it is impos for the tamest spirit to llok pon them w/o wonder and admirat on . . we passed some more lodges and 2 tps. Now enc on Horse Creek

I 5
FL 5
G 5

6/22 passed the remains of an old tradi'g sta. Sx scaffold burilal. wrapped w all his implem nts of war a strage s ght to see a human bg thus exposed to the ctinualchanges of the season

6/23 gr L L Moore. .now cd w side of LR. . lv letters. .F sit d about 1 mile above the point where the E road crosses it. . quite a pretty place. . there is but one co of soldiers and bou as many citizens a first rate store sev bss

6/24 l not attempt to ct passers or identify grvs a ymore unless there is something stricking abot them. . the next time I wash it will be in Oregon 6/29 1/2 mi from Deer Ck there is a bridge across the Platte; we cross to s. nsnp; boat ~~xxxxxxx~~ w women a d children almost sinks; one does w men nd cattle

ready

5/31 left P for the last time and ascended the Rattlesnake Hills Sulpher springs 6/1 Willow S sage crk and fish run, saleratus lakes. Enc at IR 6/2 s v yrs ago a nu of tvrs und ertook to cross this rv w a load of sugar, lost it , hence the name Sweetwater. . DG 6/7 now in the SP, so grad as tb alm ost imperceptible. . read temperance tale by TSArthur, a very poor thing like all zoother os h s I v read. 6/8 cross edese desert to GR //illeg ble till 6/11 Yest I finished reading

Account
 accident befell r co. It was the loss of one of its most
 worthy members Washington /?/ Roberts. He undertook to swim
 the river to retrieve a mt sheep shot. . dashed over the rocks
 6/23 search for him nothing could be found. . . about 5 mi from
 SS we left the gr throgfare and took the right hand road ch is
 tvd by but a few except Oregon Es this was at one time the
 regular Ca rout but a bold adventurer by the name of Hephth
 in 1849 though that he could find a shorter rout than by Fort H
 nd w/o have ever went thru the cut bf. . etc . this afternoon
 reading Lallah Rook an oriental romance 230 pages by Tom Moore
 6/24 problem of wood ticks
 6/25 today passed Fort Hall like L built of mud. . at each
 corner is a bastion projecti g out sm 8 or 10 feet per forated
 with holes for firearms. The commandt oth fort told he me expecte
 ted a co o U S troops 6.28 how Amer can falls got their name

find
 7/4 tr w ladeis all dressed a la mode Bloomer ch I think is
 ve appropriate upon a j of this kind. . noon at Salmond falls
 7/12 at Fort Boise (on right bank) moddled after Fort
 Hall but not as large from this side oth rv it preents a ve re
 spectable appearance At th s pt the Old Oregon Trail crosses
 rv again and comes to this side 7/13 Malheur river, kios
 Is 7/13 Mrs. McDonald delivered of a fine female child nd in
 cseq we l stay at th s place dnc celebrate Today I finished
 reading Prairie Flower or Adventures in the West in 2 vols the
author was along this road a d gives descriptions of of all the
beau places 7/16 left Snake River for the last time. . to
 Burnt River. . saw Showshonees or Sankes in a perfect state of
 nudity they had a rush cano
 7/17 up Burnt river 7/20 crossed Powder River
 7/22 today I told McCully I was gg w them no longer. . after
 argument got my trunk and put it into Watson's wg
 7/25 near Blue mts I spent the day w the Caaguas . gr nu o
 hrss, and wheat 7/26 agreed to go w Watson to the Dalles for \$
 5. - Umatilla rv 8/2 on the banks oth Columbia then crossed
 Des chutes De Shutes . . 8/3 went totD. . fort garrisoned b
 U.S. troops 8/3 camped at Indiantown 8/5 cmenced crossg th
 Cascade Mountain in sight of Mt Hood 8/7 this morning at
 my journeys end, and I am now at the first settlement in the WV

next entry is Salem, OT 2/18 53. . .

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microfilm CIVIL WAR DIARY OF GEORGE TEMPLE GIBBS
 AMITY, PAGE CT, IOWA CO K FOURTH IOWA VOLUNTEERS TYPESCRIP
 Sept 17, 1862. Left Amith for the war. .

An acct written by my father whe he was 80 yrs old

b. 1836 Ohio to Illinois

In the spring the PP gold excitement broke out and I caught it (spring of 1858). I thought it'd be fine to go and make enough in a yr or 2 to take me thru college . .

So myself, Stover Hilton and Bushnell Cleveland rigged up a 4 horse team, loaded on a yrs' provisions with tools and so forth, and about the 10th of April 1859 we started west. We took David Kempton. We had a big time crossing the M^oR bottom; had to get a pole and two of us to lift up on the wagon to keep it on top of the earth. We stopped at Nebraska City for a few days to finish getting our equipment

About the 15th we started for the wild west. We drove that to the end of the settlement; camped just beyond the last field. In the night we had a big rain, and about 2 o'clock it began snowing. I waked the other boys and told them that we'd have to get the team on the road to save them. . . about 2 o'clock we came to the Sleeping Water crk. I found a place in a bend of the crk under bank where we sheltered from the wind, and cooked a big pot of beans. I dug a hole in the gr, built a fire in it, and after the beans had been cooked for a while, put the pot in on the coals and let it stay till morning. . a fine pot of beans

. . One day it was Cleveland's turn to go ahead, there came a thunderstorm. He stopped and showed me a place to drive, down in a gully. I had no time to argue as the storm was right over us. Stover and I unhitched while Cleveland stood by cursing. He swore that he'd never pick out another camp. Water was running where he wanted me to drive, about 4 feet deep

Nothing special happened to relieve the monotonous round of driving and camping, except we got in company with an outfit from Wisconsin, until we reached Ft. Key. There we met the PPs coming back. PP had busted. There were a thousand acres covered with wagons, tent tents, handcarts, and so forth -- probably 10,000 people on the way back. I had foreseen such an outcome and had got the boys to agree that if any one of them wanted to come back, he could come a foot. The rest that wanted to go ahead could take the rig. The Wisconsin boys bragged big that they'd gotten through. Well, the next morning we drove out to 17 mile pt, and the next morning we hitched up but the Wisconsin boys didn't make any move. So I went over to their camp to see what was the matter. They claim one sick, to go on, they'd catch up. I told him, "Oh no, we've got in a company and we'll stay together". They finally came and said they'd gotten back. We laughed at them for their brave talk, and then backing out.

We drove on to Elm Creek and camped; stayed in camp over the Sabbath. 60 teams passed us going back, handcarts and footmen too numerous to mention count. I forgot to say that Kempton left us at Ft. Key with the first rush. I told them that there was no going back for me, that we had a year's provisions and when it was gone, I was ready to go back if we didn't strike pay dirt. Finally I took

the map nd told them that I nv had any faith in the Cherry Ck gings, it was too low down: but puttg my finger on the map I sai "I believe there is gold." And there wqas where the best gold diggs er eventually foujd, until they struck Leadville. We we went on, meeting 60 to 65 wgs daily gg back -- until we got to CR

run into Mike O(Boy gg to California, where he had bn bf, and was taking his wife and father's family thru. There er 4 girls in the crowd

We got to Scottsbluff the 22nd of May. It snowed that nite and all the next day. The 2nd mg it was clear and we start ed out. . . no further in dents μ except the routine of tv until we got to the crossg oth PR by the California ~~Rax~~ Tra l; then the boys said so much that I gave up and agreed to go to Ca. . . We camped the first night at ϕ Ash Hollow /????/ That is the place that is pictrd in Olney's old geography, wher the Is drove the B off the predipice. It was about 200 feet hi there er plenty of bones at the bottom.

So we jogged along . . . till we got to he mts e of SLC.. We found an Irishman cd therde that had started back to the sts he had got tired of M-ism. He had lost his team. Brigham's destroyg angels had taken them. . We camped in the suburbs of th city that nite

The next mg we drove on; camped that night 12 mis west of the city at one oth 12 apostles oth M church. We hired r horss pastured a couple of days in his meadow. Just as we er gettin ~~intxxxxxxxnd~~ d nner a US Battery dove up. They went into camp and put their horses in pasture too. That ~~woman~~ night a woman walked out fm the city and demanded protec fm the Ms. The major asked her where she wanted to go. She said anywhere in t rld to get away fm the Ms, but the major hitched up his carriag e took her back to the city and delivered her up to the Ms. T teamsters said that she wouldn't live 24 hours after the Ms got her

July 4 crossed Bear River ferry , , , Bush and Stover get in an argument with knife and gun. . grabbed each by th μ throat makg them put up their tools. I told them I didnt have time to bury a coule of fools

The day we came down into Nevada, we dame dow on Goose Ck nd cpd early. Kate O'Boy went up on the mt for goosberries. W then went into camp and made pies. A horseman μ came back and reported that the Is had shot a man that afternoon, and they er xpectg tr. He said there was a big crowd of Es some miles ahead and we had better get on the road. In bot 3 minutes e e r on the road. . we came up with the crowd

To H- River, to the Sink. . Mike drinkg, knocks his siste Kate down. . In mg Kate came over and sked me if whe and her lt sister c g w th us. I told her they cd. . W/ Stover we got her grunk and drove to the desert. . strike heavy sand. The old gray horse nearly gave out sev x, but I d give hi a quart of wa ter fm the keg, and he d revive and go ϕ on. . At Ray /?/ to town S & B traded off the team and wg for a passage for the rowd over the SN. . smash wagon up, rescue Kate

The next mg we sto ped at French Petes for d nner, 25 mis ove Placerville. . to Placerville. . to Sac working. . Kate 's me to write something in her album. . to SF, got aboard the le Sam and started home. . Ithsmus to Havana to NO

YALE

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FL do not cross as the ns the best road through the hills and saves 2 ferrys of Platte //this is ms////

~~Samuel~~ ~~John~~

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May 8, 1849 crossed at SJ. . 7 mi tthrough the bottom timber, till you strike the bluffs. 17 mis

We tvd over a ve broken ct for 13 m

9th 5 miles crosssed a Wolf Creek, ch we had to bridge. .th first Is on the rt, a few mis lookg creatures (Iowas)

10th we w 4 wgs fell in w co from Springfield w 6 wgs. Orgd a co, elec Grant Addison, Capt; Thomas Baker, Wg Master

17th G. Butler we buried on a h gh hill, cholera

18th Battle Creek 16th Cedar Creek BB

18th Otter Creek 19th during the forenoon we tvd w US soldie rs, who er guardg the Es: they er destined for FL. .Sandy. . while cd here an officer and 2 pvts parched in a runaway soldie who went under the bank of the creek,nd broght at his clothes that he had hid there.

20th LB 25th tvg 9 mis over a level, heavy road brot us to the bluffs of the noted and long looked for Platte. . rd strike s the P 20 mi below the head of GI. Here the av breadth oth rv en it is not enlarged by Islands Is from 200 yds to 1/2 mi wide

26th. We went out fm the F a mile and half. . We crossed the slough at the F and got sme wood. The F is a csid place: the hss r made of sod nd covrd w plank. Some garden spots are en closed with a sod fence. Store. . the water oth P not bg fit f use we er cpeld to dig ls abot 3 feet. .

27th 29th 30th Hundreds of wgs r in sight all the time; som w the axletrees broke, others w broken tongues; Some teams givg out, princ 3 yr old mules

6/2 num p-dog vgs, shot some of the dog. .

*distans
at level*

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FK

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3d crossed SP just bf ascendg a high hill. . u must keep mov ing or else ur wgs l sink nd the sand drift ag the wheels. Her we saw hundress of Sx Is. 8 miles a d camped.

Lowm
Crest
SP

4th we turned n and crossed the bluffs to NF. . Our object wa to avoid 22 mis farther up the SF, w/o wood or water. . ll mis up NF. .then ascend

5th 5 B ran by r tr and Crum pursued them w r charger, and h the luck to kill an old bull. . down to river aga n his mileage along NF to AH totals 40 ////plus 8 up nssf fo r 48 ?

6th grove of cedar / trees, some 3' in diam. 5 mils furthe brs you to Ash Hollow ch is th ickly set with ash trees and tho usands of rose bushes in full bloom. . Is, mocs 50c

AH

7th up a stream lone cottonwood, in this tree 40' h gh is th grv of 3 sm Is 8th even with CHR. From Oak /?/ Hollow to Cas tle Bluffs 5; thence to CHR 40

9th to CR 200' hi, one mile in circumf at base. Top about 30 ' square nd cnn b reached. .nothing that I saw on the rt put m so strongly in mind of my approaching d,soolution:

CR

11th lB oxen kd by lightning city-like app of SBs in d, stanc Gg 7 mis after you get opp the bluffs you cm to a very g spring near ch is the habita o a Frman by name of Reaubeau, who has a bss and a store. Here we watered r cattle, filled r water casks nd got some wood, bg 20 mis fm w and w , as R informed us

SB X

14th: FL has a store, a bss, and a grovery. %.50 for shoeg a mule. . to Warm Spring 15th on Horse Creek, the best spring

20th. . crossed Deer Ck. . Here hundreds wgs waitg to cross, nd men er employed in makg rafts 21st 2 miles up river to a g ferry. . loose wgs float by every so often. . Sev men er drowned and came floating down; one was taken out nd buried; h e had about his person \$63. and a brace of pistols

NP X

23d passed suphur stream. . some S. Peter, or alcohol lakes

24th Willow Springs 25th Rock Independence, around base are inscribed names of tvrs; among them many r famous in history; DG one of the grandest sights I ever behld

28th mucho advice on wagons and special features, such as 4 elliptic springs. . on the goneu next tothe bed fix a broad boa rd full of nail heds for the pur of getting in andout safely. . advice re extra parts and tools, also re provs. . ending the list w tupe,tine for oxen horns, nerve and bone linament, brand y, and Dr. James' pills

Advis

July 1 SP 7/4 . .a day ch fills ev American's patriots hear t w gratitude and love to our forefatehrs for the noble and da ring deeds ch they put in execut on this day. . We took all the textra powder that we had and put it into a keg, nd wrapped it w 2 table cloths and 3 log chains. . taking it up on the hill w e sunk it 2 feet deep, put a slow match toit (and firing a natl salute 3 x, with 20 rifles besides r pistols) when r magazine e xploded seemg to make the neighbor ng mts shake

#4th

in 3 miles we came to Hay Stack Rock. . at GR 5 or 7 ferries and one reg ferry g boat, owned by Ms, load \$6. The rest r wg beds lshedtog, owned by Es, who ferriedwhile the teams rested. Takg r wagns apart, and makg 2 loads of them, cist us \$8. pwg

GR

12th name creek Bakers Fork of Bear rv in honor of r capta n. Here er plenty of Crow Is. . getg whisky fm the Es, they got drunk. Next mg they had sev knockdowns.

Is

14th Beer Spring, Soda Spring, Steamboat ditto 15 to Portneuf

19th to Fort Hall beau s, tua ss Lewis fork, on ns :Port Neuf
 RV, houses made of sod a a gr deal of busin done here.
 Flour \$7. barrel 22nd Beyond Bft r ver a separat on; 2 wgs
 for Ca; 5 for Oregon

8/9 to Fort Boyce

8/12 Here we bade adiu e to Snake River. . to Burnt River . .
 Powder Riverr Bl e Mt. .descending a long steep hill to Grand
 Rond. . Ceyuse Is, w papers to show that he was innocent of the
 death of Whitman splendid horses and beau squaws a horse
 worth \$100 they d swap for 4 blankets and 2 shirts

9/9 ascend Laurel Hill 9/19 WV Here lives a wealthy old
 farmer by the name of Foster 13 Oregon Cty in the app of
 ch I was ve much surpr sed. Pop 1400, mixed w Sandwich Islander
 rs, Mexican, Spanianrds, Is. . hemmed in by hian d precip cannon

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 THE ITHSUMUS. .NY 1850 compiled from a journal kept by him
 in a Jto that ct in 1849 and 1850

4/26/49 started frm the Bluffs of the Mo Rv, 8 mis above SJs,
 crossg the rv at Savanna. . to Wolf Rv where we camped

4/27 Wolf Creek I Agency

4/28 5/ Nimahaw 5/9 now on the Pawnee hunting gr, ch
 numbers about 12,000 warriors ///mainly rt detail

5/11 saw 25 Ps warriors on fine hrss armed w rifles, spearks
 bows and swords, ridg to overtake us, ch at first frightened me
 lt, vg but 2 men w me; fear soon vanished and we prepared for
 battle; after they rode up I gave them a lt tobacco and some o
 them attempted to haul things out of back end of waggon, I drew
 my sword and they started back a d they strated back, at the sa
 time the leader rode to the head oth team, sat his spear on the
 grm, making signs to Mr. Fitch to stop; he cocked his rifle, and
 had he not wheeled, his horse he and many others d no sdoubt v
 laid low as we shd certainly v fod up w r rifles and pistols to
 the full extent. . I drew my pistol spoke loud and sharp to him
 motiong to him to leave --bg m fr ghtened thaw we were, they ro
 ede off at a gallop. They rplundering treacherous Is, but wl
 not rob anyone if not frightened, espec ally if you present
 your revolver a d rifle

May 12 over handsome plains to the coast of the Nebraska, or t
 Platt River. . tow here Council Bluffs Road intersects as they
 come up the PR ///????// cd w Ohio tr. . a few miles back we er
 overtaken by 100 or m Chey nd Sx Is. I bought a B robe for 3
 plugs of tobacco. . exhibited 3 fresh scalps and a P pr soner,
 a lad 12 yrs old lshedon a horse - - pass ng arou d FK, . .
 Captan alker of the fort, mounted 60 men nd proceeded after th
 Is nd rescued the prisoner as we arrivd the nest day at noon -
 they rod up w the boy on a cantor, their black horses well ca
 parisoned, their swords glitterg. .

May 13 Thence to FK. . exch yoor y poor yoke of oxen for g
 here Mr. Fitch left at noon. . The Fort is bu lt d doby walls
 as well as hss, they have 12 12 pounders of brass on carriages
 pleny ot timber on the island - no timber elsewhere except floo
 wood - - think guarding unnec for oxen

May 14. Mr. Lawson Ishum came to the cclus that we cdn get ove
r the mts. . I told him if that was his honest op he had better
return; he assisted me in hitching on team, and tooke his
clothg nd went back 6 mis to FK. I vnbn able to h ear fm him.
Soon after Mr James Stilling of Ohio wa s anxious to drive for
me, and we drove on. . he contd to FH

15 As usual . .Saw thous of B crossg fm the bluffs, 5 mi
above; they crossg $\frac{1}{2}$ over the s channel of Platt, and lit covd
the island 17th forks of P Platt bluffs r realy beau. ;
here we met sev wgs loaded w B robes fm F Larimie, Dr Mteers
driving them. They told me they had 6,000 robes

21 Bluffs of the Platt nearly run out, a sure indication that
we er near the Crossing of the P

5/22 for 30 miles, deep B trails w thin one rod of each othe
r, all the way frm the Bluffs to the rv. The bo s de vache co
ver the Platt valley, like a barnyard. .P not eve navigable fo
batteaux 2/23 to crossing of PR. Here we saw 3,000 Chey nd
Sx fitting out to make war on the P s. They app fr nd disposed
to trade w Es

5/24 We descdd cautiously, locking wg wheels, and came to
Ash Valley- wind around the va and you cm near the NFPm plenty
of cedar dry red cedar in the gorges supply your wagons bf you
leave

5/27 Castle Rock. . you also see in distance CR h looks like
a dry stub in the distance

5/28 to CR 5/29 tvd along w a Michigan train . storm of su
ch violence oxen went w th the storm back to the Bluffs for shel

5/30 8 miles back. . to round up cattle

5/31 fnd a g road, leavg the rv in a few miles, and proceedg.
to SBs - ascended ahill, cross a brook, and you fnd a Mr. Robe
deau, a tr, has a shp, shoes hrss nd repairs wgs. . Thewce up a
h gh hill (5 miles?) at the summit you see Larimie Mt

§ 6/3 the olddoby fort is on the right of the road, and the
new Fort is on the left. . There is nothing peculiar in the cstr
uc oth fort, it is merely a tp. The U. S contempates purchas n
the property for a mil post. . We took the right hand road, and
kept near the river, thus avoiding some oth BHs

6/9 Ferry a deep rapid river, diffic to make your catle
swim it - wgs taken over on boats or floats built on 3 sm canoe

6/12 lose sight oth rv and make for SWrv 14 RI DG

6/19 you may know the summit, or when near it, by the mica
slate chapoings, that stick up edgewise like a roaches back,
of dark color, on the top oth mt

6/21 greenwoods cut off, called a desert, 45 mis

6/23 Green River powerful current E wgs swept off scow

7/1 Beer or Soda Springs 7/2 lv BR, turn right, course n
for FH 50 miles 7/3lv RMs descend to Snake R or Lewis and
Clark Fork oth C; it is ten miles to the summit where you see
the three Tetons north West f Fort Hall noted landmark s oth
mteers

7/4 FH. Mr Gra t, the agent, had not ret d frm FV;
we found at the F any quan of hrss f sale; A Budkey /Buckeye?
woman had charg charge oth dairy dept. . formed Karall, bg w
Capt Gard's co of Michigan; celebrated AI; fired 100 guns for
Califor ia too

7/6 to Raft River, where we leave the Oregon road 7/9 Goose Creek 7/14 to trib of HR or St. Marys. . dust 6 inches deep, ch is the case most oth way fm FH to Ca

7/28 a cross desert to Carson R

8/4 along near base of SNS CV

8/5 to Canon or Pass Creee, where comes the first ~~gug~~ tug of war through the first range of the SN mts 7 mi to a romantic v

8/6 2nd range 8/7 to Valley Lake to summit

8/11 B Weaver Creek; Dry Gold Diggins thence 15 miles to Suter's Saw mill on SF AmRv, called Culoma, where there is a po, stores, hotel distance fm FH to Camoma, as per G. S. Isham, 768 miles. From S Josephs to FH 1217 total 1,985

24 pages to end of overland trip

48 pahrd Watson

32 pages Lyons Mich

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microfilm JOURNAL OF TRIP TO CALIFORNIA NY THEOVERLAND ROUTE, etc. by John F. Riker npnd /?/

In the yr 1852 the gold excitement in Calif still continues, and thousands v heretofore and r still eing to that ct.

On the mg of the 5th of Apr A DRiker, D. E. Uchliter, and myself, bed r kind and affec frs a lg farell, dn nd strd f lnd g To Cincy. . Pn r lvg the Queen City, tk pasg on Louis Wite man, bnd for SL. . pass grv of Pres WH Harrison, euology. from SL debark on 2/26 on Alton /. . 7 days to FLV, at ch place we left the steamer. . May 3 the 30 hrss brot on shore. . Drove $\frac{1}{2}$ mi fm rv nd pitched r first camp. . We r now in Nebr Terr. . R lt co is divid into 3 messes (gives names) 17 includes 2 wmm; Mrs. Mott nd Abigail Huntington of Muskingum Co., Ohio (John Riker is from Champaign Co, Ohio

I sh now cmnec the arduous task of keepg a daly j, ch l no dobt cost me many hours of hard study; but the thoght of transmitting to r frs at home a brief sk oth princ incidents . . is alone s ff to nerve us for the task

Spent this day in camp /May 3/, procurg fm he fort such articles as er deemed ess for the j. . v sit s by fr Is. . l measle 5/5 pull out, bg drenched by rain. . pass drove of 3,000 sheep. . no fires acct downpours. . on hrsback all day, xposed to the pelts oth cold and pitiless storm

5/7 prairie rolling, most beau I ev saw 5/8 hors stamped Sunday 9th. . the wild birds of the plain warble sweetly their sabbath songs; yet man, vain delusive man, blinded b h s own worldly interests, heeds not the Sabbath day

5/11 to jc o FLV nd SJ roads; the Eion here is immense; hundreds of teams r almost constantly in s ght; cve yances of eve dscrip --htmajox teams, also hrs nd mule tms, wheelbarrow, handcarts,, some on foot. . Stony Creek

5/12 BB, boundary bet Potawatamies and Pawnies Is, both on fr terms w th whites. A rude ferry

5/13 Some oth the co now begin to wish themss at home

5/16 angry winds, ccentrate all their force to cdrive us from the plains. . v to remove wg sheets to prevent its tearing

tear them to pieces.. 18th Platte Bottoms

19th FKey, sm f situd l m fm the rv, 60 soldiers. Rv here 1/2 mi wide. Cmandr informedus that 1200 teams had passed

Platte

20th another stormy day cstantly passng nd re-passg teams monotony nd dreariness. let the weather be ever so incelement the duty is equally essential. vigilance of the night-watch. howlg of wolves and other beasts of prey, whose unitedvoices may be heard on every side. case of mumps, a wheel-barrow man, his supposed fr deserted him and left him to de

dear him

22 this mg the glorious queen of lt is rising in all her aplendor, drivg darn bf her effulgent rays. r anticipations o a pleasant day's j was soon blasted. 3 of r teamrs runaway. camped at head of Bradley's Island, 90 mis fm FK

into

23d Sunday soliloquy from the heights.

24 up SP a short distance and cross over. there r a number o crossng ot h this rv; most of them r bad. to North Fork --- up and down Cedar Hollow spring. Leavg the hollow /26th/ we ascend hi bluffs, over ch we tvd 4 miles, to (Ask Hollows /sic/ In this hollow the roads oth upper nd lower fords oth P inter- sect each other. Here too we met an express tr carryg provss and liquors, ch they dispose of tothe Es at enormous profit//. Indulgers in the latter, from its sad effect, may find a narrow home. //polished and good literary effect//

SP

to

at

what

28th C-h R or Solitary Tower cr may be seen 40 ms; covers 5 acres nd 300'. so much sand nd dirt blowing, that when we reach camp it is not w/o diffie that we can tell one from the other

SBS

29th ascended SBs, so calld fm a mmbly tht name vg bn kd near them by Is. These bluffs r ve diffie to cross on acct of the many deep ravines and crooked narrow canon thru ch the road passes. ruins of sm a cient fortifica; the view truly a mag one

FL

30 pass 3/2 Fr nd I tps
31st (FL) here we saw a gr nu of wgs, waiting to be repaired At this p lace we cross the Middle Platte or Laramie River. th bldgs r g nd so arrgd as to prevent an an enemys reachg them w/ gr r sk. A gr nu of ls near the f, abun supply g water

After lvg the f we took the Mormon Trail leading across the BHs. to LaB Labonte river //he is on the south side...'''//

June 3 icy torrents of ra.n. Lapeal ck Deer Ck
6/4 Crooked Muddy ck . . . 6/5 here we see nature8s own garde decked w all the beauty of Elysian fields

into

6/6 Another bea Sabbath has dawned; all nature seems calm and serene; the feathered songsters r busily warbling their songs of priase totheir Maker. orders to proceed to ferry, cstructed o boats suff lg f the transp of 2 heavy teams . . .scene of tyumult ous cfusion. Loud an terrible oaths of defiance salute the ear r. All tho of self-respect seems entirely at an end. After waitg, succeed in getg the ferry. We r obliged to wade in wate 2' deep a distance of 100 yards in order to get r teams atthe boat. After laboring 2 hrs w wet clothes,nd shiverg s cold, we safely landed on the opp shore. After chang r wet clothes for dry ones we slowly cmence the first ascent o RMs; casting behin us one farewll look, and b ddg a long adieu tothe trd P.

MP
pal

7th bread,water and B steak. saleratus, vast quans vbn tak to SL. IR. Those who pass hereafter l not find mine (name for it is nd there.

IR

6/8 ascend DG, panor amic view

6/11 last crossg of ~~V~~ SW. . hailstorm, Nostalgia
 about noon we reach the summit of RMs v a SP. . hi winds w
 dust, and scorching sun. . exhausted E in no postion to appreci
 ate the beautys of the scenery (or the novelty). . most unmind
 ful of the wonderf displays of a superior power in the formatio

6/14 Ms refuse to carry us over GR for less than \$11. per
 team, or \$88 for the tr. This r capt refused to pay, offerg them
 \$50. . The capt demanded their charter, ch was reluctantly
 produced; pn examina it was found that they er allowed to charg
 but \$3. per team. The the capt drew his revolver nd thretn d t
 them w instant death. . They seemd to think the later preferabl
 and acceded to his request. . We then left them, under the full
 impression that Ohio boys rntb swindled

At camp talked w a Fr I, resident of mts 20 yrs, never know
 the water as hi as at this time

6/16 FB . .the aged mteer who resides here has amassed a for
 tune in his mt home. Capt Mott is unwell; JH Armstrong is
 also quite unwell. .the most desirable place yet passed. . mt
 fever; this disease seldom proves fatal, yet few pass th s way
 w/o expercng its evil effects

6/19 the highest point bet the Sts and SL, 7700 . Sulphur Ck
 Cache Cave, Echo Creek, crsoss it 17 x. 6/21 Echo Hollow, ch
 f beau nd grandeur far excels anything I v yet seen. .Red Frk o
 Weber River. . JH Armstrong yet ve sick, each day worse. We
 know not at what hr he may b sumnd to appear bf his Judge

6/22 up Canon Creek, up a vey hi mt, fm summit sublime view
 of SL. . Browns creeks Last Creek 23d burst upon r sights th
 beau vSL. . after desolation, evthg here fresh and life-like,
 maks one feel regenerated. . . took up lodgings with Mr. Riter
 Xtensive dscrip of the city. . men w their wives and chill, in
 wgs, all neat, tidy, and ahappy lookg very good looing too

re the v and the lake 4 lg r vers: ~~B~~ Webber, Bear, Ogden, Jor
 6/25 time has cm en we must lv this beau city nd v, where wev
 bn so kindly entertained; it seems like lavg a second hime; all
 seems peace, happiness and granquillity

6/30 To Molad (s ck) Creek, has formerly bn the worst to
 cross bet SL nd Ca, but Ms v rec improvd the pasg by bridge. .
 Blue Spring. . Hundsel's Spr ng 7/1 Deep ck. Pilot Springs,
 last view of SL 7/2 Cassus ck, trib of Columb a

6/3 jc o ~~FK~~ FH and SL roads. . ascend Goose Creek mts nd V

7/4 Glorious anniv. . Even to the poor E, toilg under the
 burng sun oth desert, it is not forgotten

7/5 Thousand Sprinv Armstrong still very low. . his reason
 appears tb entirely unthroned dethroned

7/8 down v of HR .almost melt frm rays of summer sun
 meet lg nus retg Cas, tvg pn pack-mules, on their way to ~~k~~ meet
 the r respec frs, nd w them to e joy the hard earngs of a campaig
 ns spent in the gold region

6/10 near last crossg, a road fm the 75 miles desert comes in
 This lays to the s of SL, and was formerly crossd by Es to Ca.
 This rt is nowe tirely abandodned. . ll ascend hi mt

6/12 horses give out. . legions of mosquitoes, thurst their
 bills into r bodies like hungry tigers. . Armstrong eve day weak
 his reason is ent gone 13th alkali sloughs. . 17th still on

desert. . Armstrong nobetter. J. Pickerel who has watched
over him, now on the sick list. 18th forced to drink the
loathsome waters oth H. . Graves \$iolated by Diggers

19th gr meadow or marsh borderg the Sink. . readyg for the
desert. . Armstrong still alive

20th no voice or hum of instect distrubs the tomb-like
solemnity. . even the winds seemed stagnant and paralyzed
by the universal dearth around. . shortage of water casks
finally to tp where water is sold, 10 cents a drink. . at
next tp water for hrss at 50c gallon reach Carson R. .
temp canvas houses. . brot stock to CR w/o loss of an animal

25th Capt to remain in CV for 10 days, to recruit stock. .
7 go ahead. Three of them preferred the old Carson routes; the
rema, vder four choe Johnson's Cut-off. We of the latter nu.
BF we left co the sick men lodged in a g hose. .but the opinion
is that Armstrong l nv see Ca

28th. . cm to boarding house, at toll-bridge across the
American River 29th to Placerville, 18 miles distant

30th Placerville a hard-looking town

31 t to Sacramento. . I v now reached my j's end, and theref
~~byxwayx~~ must close my J; and by way of ccludg l g a dscrip oth
the teams and outfits best adapted to the safety and progress of
those who may hereafter cross the plains END OF J P 28

29 extract fm a J kep by Mr. Sinclair, member E party who
crossed the SN mts w nter 1847. . a chapter of human misery
for ch there r but few parallels in fact or fiction. . . .
signed by John Sinclair. .cannibalism

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in offering this J to the public, the publs be that a benefit lb c
frd on many who r desirs of visitg the Eldorado oth 19th cen...
W/o claimg any merit as a lit produc, the authr has simply give
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hand style. .

we comced r j fm Lake Ct, Ill 3/27

4/3/28 left Hainesville. . cross Missip at Davenport
429 left ~~xxxx~~ Grnd Rver nd crossed the Great Prairie
4/30 left r c gr nd tvd 14 m i to SJ. . cd ravine $\frac{1}{2}$ m n SJ. .
The way they fleece Cas is worth noticing. . the markets r fild
w broken down horss jockeyed up for the occ, and unbroken mules
ch they assure u ilb are handy as sheep. It is the grst place
for gambling and all other rascality that I was ever in. We v
guard our hrss as much as if we er in I ct. . /lecture against/
slavery in Mo

5/3 got r stores mostly on board and crosd the Mo, drove to Blu
fnd the whole 6 mis a ccg gr, a good sized city of tents
5/6 we r now in Nebr Terr. . The Is do not like it ve well tha
the whites camp on their gr on acct of cuttg timber (th re r ab
500 of them campd near us). . ccludd to g w same co, fm Mineral
Pt, Wisc. .9 teams, we r not organized. . we v mechanics of ev
trade, nd varios musicians. . we v 37 men in r party

10th Had 21 wgs in r tr this mg. . excellent roads. . the most
beau prairie ct in the ~~wld~~ rld, soil equal to the best in Ill.
We r 75 men in r co., chi istoo many, so many cunn agree. Two o
them r near fightg and the captain, Wm. Soublate, stands between
them. . graves and dead horses

12th Blue river. Here lg city of tents, and preaching. . Prob
2,000 men within 2 miles. . Voted 2 teams out of the r for dis
ob to orders. . BB a fav camg gr fo Ca Es, soti detained here 2
or 3 wks by hi water. . Ps r a treacherous hostile race, nd d
not likely omit an oppor to strip a solitary hunter and send him
in minus gun, clothes and perf naked, for they seem tb a people
much given to prac jokes

gr brand new yg man accid shot himself thr the head, from Ill.
LB r wgs r circled, w tents on the outside like a Tartar vlg.
lk more like a wanderg band of Tartars is we xcep the wgs. men
sunburnt and bearded w belts stuck full of bowie knives and rev
olvers

17th R co held council nd elected me Capt oth tr. . invol wit
nesses of a terrible accident to another tr. . dogs cause a run
away, shattering wg, nd injurg the driver, frm Hennepin, Ill.

19 Sunday ccludd to tv. . man had 3 hrss and \$500 stolen by
his own guard, who left him w his wife and 2 other womn w/o a
team. . . Met a train cmg fm Robadeau's tp, w 5 wg loads of B
skins nd other peltries. We stopped and sent back letter to th

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Celebs

States by them, for ch we paid 25c for ea letr. Robadeau himse lf was along, riding in a nice covered ~~wagon~~ carriage, smoking hus pipe, enjoyg all the cfort imaginable.

20th wind dv blown wgs over xcept for loads, lifted 2 feet off the gr. .dvbn swept away like feathers

FK

21st report tr cut off by Is. . Co o dragoons v left F today to investigate. . FK of adobies. . built in form of a paralelog ram, the centre forming a square ch is defended by a park of art illery. . 250 soldiers, who seem tb under xcel disipline

25 another laughable tornado

ng

26 split in tr acct decision to lieover. . no detriment. . sm: trs tv faster than lg ones. . we parted in frship nd peace. . w wish to rest r hrss one day in ev 7,nd r detd whenever we fin grass to make that th day the Sabbath. . shave and clean with a plunge bath in the Platte r ver

B

27th ct like huge B pasture, the gr bg cvd w Bchips. .The Es bf us vbn slaughterg them w/o mercy. . informed that McPike & Strother's tr lost 25 mules and hrss in a stampede .cross sfp. . 3/4 ml wide here, ch is the s or lower ford, but we had to tv in the rv at least 1 1/2 mis, the wind nd current sweepg us down the rv, sothat r crs lay in the form of a half circle. . Some oth teams er towed thru the rv w long ropes, w/ 20 or 30 men dragg at them ahead of mules and horses, up to their middle in water. . . B-stampede, infurited mass bearing down on us stopped by bg inside forks P

Crossing

28th up SF 8 mi, cross dividg r dge to nb

29 ascend bluffs today

CH

30 we got anearly start this mg nd reached AH about noon. . old Frman w party of Yanktaw Is cpd near us, teadg w Es . .pl atform burilal of chief kd by Pas

SDB

6/1 Cr like Bunker's Hill monument CHnd ct bldgs also in sight 6/4 we passed Robadove's tp, at Ssbs nd camped about 2 miles fm it at a srping of clear cold water gushing out of a rock - This ought tb cd theRock Of horeb, sitd as it is in a desert land

FL

6/6 reached FL forded LR nd cmpd 2 m fm the fort on the bluff, the authors at the F prohibitg Es fm camping in the v

7/7/ remained at cg to rite home, there bg a po at the F. . f built mostly of adobeis or unburnt brick, and res FK. The garrison csists of ab 300 men . . The CBs road comesin at this plae, nd the soldiers v a ferry across the P by ch they make csid money out of the Es, ch I understand goesinto a fund to u buy a library for the garrison

7/8 struck r tents , std on the BHs road. The maj v gone up t he Platte bottoms. . Warm Spring

7/11 between La Pointd2e ck and Deer ck, Red Stone Quarries

Ferry
K-lans

7/13 reached Upper Platte ferry noon. Found 4 boats, 2 belong to Ms and 2 to a SL co \$4. pwg. . the celb Kit Carson is here w a drop drove of hrss and mules for sales/

Celebs

7/14 crockets cover the gr, seem to get as fat as if they had something to eat. . cdn step w/o crush ng them. .Willow Spgs Cd on Prospect Hill

7/15 IR 17 DG thru ch the SW runs. Resbs the dells on the Wisc river

ng

7/20 passed the 10 wgs hh left us on the P cs we dn drive o Sunday. They had 4 days start on ud a L. When we pasd them th ey had 14 men down w mt fever

Survive

grv made yest $\frac{1}{2}$ of mn fnd w his throat cut. He had in his hand a jackknife nd near him was scanty provs. He had cmtd suicide. It is evident that he was a foot-packer

SP

21st 10 mi fm last crossg SW is SP. It is known by 2 conical shaped mounds or hills, about 60 feet hi. . At PS the Calif Express mail stops to take letrs back to the Sts for the Es. The price is 50c. . w shall go SCO

23d 24th cross desert which is not so much of a desert as a gr deal oth ct ov ch we v already tvd. It is dwst of water but we found csid grass. .the dist from Big Sandy, as measured by a oad roadometer belong to Dr. Reed's Pennsylvania train, was 41 miles, but I was told that a rd turned off 25 mis fm the Sandy ch shortened the distance to GR to 30 mis. It was but lt tvd, owing to ch we missed it. . 5 mis fm the rv we had a bluff to desncd ch was almost perp, but we got dn w/o accident by lo cking both hind wheels and sliding. . We brot a packer across t desert in r wg whowas unavle to tv on horse back, fm sickn; he ccludud to try his horse aga n

24 GR 14 mn vbn drowned here thi^s season. GR pressnet th most romantic scenery in the world; itis deep set in the midst of bluffs that take the sahpes of towers, castles, cities, and ev imaginable work of art. RNs, Green Rv mts. It is out of my power to do the subject justice -- it db a paradise for a landscape painter

26th mn died w measles and mt fever

29th Shoshones betr lookg Is than the Crows, but more indolent and filthy. . some naked as father Adam bf he eat the forbidden fruit. . both sexes

//this co helps others in trouble// escape sickness themss

July 3 Soda S. they l en the gr-rr shal vbn cstructd to th Pac fic become a gr watery place for the world Stb Sulphur Sp

4 FH road bears to the right, ch is also the Oregon rt. . The Soda Springs cut-off rt keeps directly arss^s the old crater We ccludd togo the latter rt. .16 miles to a br of Lewis or Snake River. . had a pail full of punch made, cooled w a lump of snow, to celebr r National Anniv. Vg drunk r punch, and given 3 cheers for glorious Union, we resumed r march

5 ct the paradise oth mteer in summer. It is l worth a trip to Ca for the slothful, ease-lovg ~~xxx~~ denizen o bwer cts, to see the ct, and recover their manhood

9 Raft river, the nastiest stream we v had to cross since lvg Mo. Deep, narrow and muddy, we had to pack all of our load across it, on r backs. .cp for nite at jc o the CO nd FTH roads. . w now at the end of the Soda Springs Cut-off. I like this rt much scep for descndg 2 bad hills awd, after first 45 miles, infested with Root Digger Is.

10 in sight of GSL R^{oad}. . cp Steeple Rocks

11 Pass jc of S1 and FH roads. . death and burial of man ho had bn left s^{ick} on the road by his crades. The team that had him in charge had picked him up and brought him alojg over 1000 miles and attended him until he died. . The scoudrels shd serve 10 yrs in the penitentiary if they ever get back to Mo. We find many sick on the road now, and some deaths, but $\frac{3}{4}$ of all tha t r sick r fm Missouri

Goose Creek 12 1000 spring valley

*Is
Packed*

4th

Intro

13th pasd gr o a man drowned July 1, but cnn imagine where it hapnd as there is not water enough in the ck to drown a man, if he shd lie down expressly for thatpurpose 16 HR

27th many thinkthis is the gr desert; it is desert enough, but not the Great Desert. . . We v now got far enough along to begin to v a sight of the Elephant

28 the M guide e for this end oth route is good for nothing
30 now in sight of the Pyramid, a lone peak nearly opp the upper slough of the sink commonly called the meadow. . resembles an ancient Mexican pyramid, rising by steps.. It may be seen for 40 miles up the rv, and serves as a beacon for the slough or meadows. . if there is any worse desert ahead than we have found for 70 miles I don't know what it may be. . we hand out bread to the starvg tho low on provs rss

8/1 prepare hay for crossg the Desert, ch cmences 20 mis frm the slough or meadow. . see man and wife with all their prop on a single ox, the sole remaing animals otheir team; but I was informed of a worse case by some packers, who a d they passed a man and his wife who er on foot, toilg thru the hot sand, the mn carryg blankets and his wife carryg their only child in her arms, vgn lost all the r team

8/2 a team in from Sac, loaded with provs at a price. . kd a cow we had picked up, divided her up in the tr and among the starvg people who are about us. . Some ch the teams that hadleft us ab FKcame in today, entirely dest of provs, altho they had ctrived to starve along somehow. . saved a lt beef for them

8/5 reached the Sink about sunset. .last water on the H- no grass whatever, nothing but desert. . we broke up r wg today and made pack-saddles. . night desert crossg. . a scene more horrid than the route of a defeated army

8/6 reach CR and wat er station, 75 c g

8/7 Bagwell reports how close he came to death frm thirst. g tar tongue swollen so that he cdn keep it in h s mouth, and had turned black

8/11 l pack thru on foot w Dr Cody. . man died. . had bn lef by messmates sick, w/o food or water, hands and face blistrd by sun, raw as a piece of beef. . Burng at the sake db too mercifu to tho wretches who left him sick and le helpless on those burng sands. The g-men who picked him up had bn lying bye 2 or 3 days expressly on his acct. . allthe asiduity of brothers

8/15 passed M sta, saw Cas nd Mexica s prospecting. There i gold on this s de oth mts. Entered the 7 mi Kanyon ch begins the real pass of the SN. A br oth Carson Rruns through it

8/17 this is the pt ch l stop the Pacific RR on this rt, rise 900 feet in 13 miles. . lake the crater of an extg volano. . next Snowy Peak Leek Spr ngs 8/20 passed the f rks oth Weave r ck nd Hangown road, but got on a wrong trail

8/21 lvg packs nd hrss in capwe entered ~~Sax~~ Hangtown this mg, where we found gr nus of r frs and ct people, as also my bro who had reached the mines 25 days ahead of us, vg started on th CBs route at the same date that I did

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pp. 13-15 "Coming to Oregon" by Sarah Johnson Handsaker

My father, S. L. Cannon w 4 bros and myself then 16 started fro Clinton Iowa bound for Oregon, Apr 1 (54). To ea wg er att 3 yoke of oxen. . crossed MR where O now stands, but did not see but one ho se, and I agency, on that side oth river; ne the did we see anymore hss unt l we arrvd at TD in September

Customary to elect a captain. . in sm instances it was nece t tv durg the night to reach water. .

We saw but few B but thous o their trails. Many skulls by the wayside. Many i scr ps written on these silent mementoes of a now extinct race of wild animals. Some oth drivers d lay their whips down long e ough to scrawl "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "What is Home Without a Mother," "Oregon or Bust,". One poor fellow in the fullness of his heart wrote, "My guard comes on tonight."

The ma name of r capt was Robert Bourne, in his co until we reached IR. . we doubt if those wh named it found the same curiosity on its summit -- an E wg, the owner bg bus ly eng in mak and disposg of dried apple pies, a rare treat. . No doubt this wa the most elevated pie counter of any at that t me. . and just how the wg reached the apex oth rock is known best by those who placed it there. .

At this place we jd the Winfield S. Eby tr, destined for Wash Terr. .

Pen cannot portray r feels when a few mis fm Fboise we came suddenly pn bodies of 6 men kd the day prev. It as subseq lrnd that after butcherg the men, the Is drove the wm and ch to a secluded plae, where they first kd the ch in the presence of their mothers, then slaughtered the womn and drove off the stock. 14 persons er kd. . 3 men, members of a tr ch had reached the for prey to the massacre, retracg their steps for a few miles in search of catl they had lost, and just bf reach the dark and bloody gr, er fired pn fm ambush, and l kd

Two boys named Ward er shot w arrows, but binally escaped, on of them wanderg around for sev days w the arrow st ll in his body, but finally reached Fboise, wh re he was cared for by the soldiers

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tion of (52) the largest. . My family of 7 started from Wincheste Van Buren ct, Iowa. . April 21 we crossed MR at CBs. I was 10 2 teams 4 yoke oxen each. . so cdition by atrocity storie en I saw Is at CBs I dived in a neighbor ng bush patch the moment I saw the coming. . soon lost my fear of them and became intsd in their strg manners and odd costumes

... tvd about 20 mpd ... stand guard for white as well as red rascals on the plains

... bldgs of Ft Halland Laramie of adobe, er all the hss we saw until we reached the Cascades on CR

B { a days j fm L we saw r first B. . dust storm approachg, see lowered heads of B. . knew hunters er dr vg the animals into camp. So gr was the r fright that they did not see the camp until within a hundred yards of it; scarcely cd they turn aside fm the wgs, and one actually struck a wg in passing. . Wmn nd children ran into the wgs, n d the men grabbed their rifle and cmmnced firg a fusilade. . Order was restored and it was found that we had 3 fine B, kd wihim 100 yds of camp

once we er cpelled to go into camp early in forenoon and wait for them to pass on their way to the rv for water; they er w/ always on the gallop /?/

dis
del { R tr afflicted w cholera. . It claimed 22 vict ms in one month they er all buried in the desert w/o coffins The delay thus caused brot r tr among the hindmost ones, and was the cause of much priv nd sufferg. Disease seemd to be in the air, and gave a forcible ctradict to the theory that such ctags is bred in thickly settled districts

Once on Snake River a yg warrior took a fancy to my sister Francis~~es~~, nd asked father how many hrss it d take to b y her. My father said 10 spotted ponies. . The yg lowr took the whole thing in earnest. . An hr later he ret'd w a band of spotted ponies, and, reinforced by a doz comrades, demanded his bride. His wrath knew no bounds when told that father was only jokg. . He gave us until sundown to decide. . we d cplete the bargain or we d all be murdrd

So we begd for more time to csid the matter, nd to prepare t bride's mind for the nuptials ch if we csented to do, shd take place in r camp w gr ceremony and much eatg and dancg. . . Stall for time. . we mustered 56 men under arms. . 100 warriors Father had bn chafin sorely over h,s thoughtless joke. . gives the yg brave a drubbing. . 55 rifles er levld fro behind the wgs corked up w g beds for boats to cross in. . B skull system o telegraphy . . . in powder river mother sick w cholera, buried i that desert land . . succorred in B GRV by Oregonians fm stlmnts to TD Oct 8. . We scurded 2 lg I ca oes, fastnd them 6' apart, laid a floor of boards across them. . At Cascades we disembrd nd waked around the falls; then secd a fishermans boat. . Nov 1 we landed a m. below Portland, wher 200 edest Es er camped on th sand. . taken to houses to shelter us fm the rain. . kindness of the populacd

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738 OVER THE WILDS TO CALIFORNIA or, EIGHT YEARS FROM HOME
by Joseph Batty. ed. by Rev. John Simpson.
Leeds XDCCLXVII

bro setld in Wisc. . sent me money to come over. .fm Mad son
thru snows

l, time rolled on and strg news came o findg gold in abund
in the wild mts of PP, 1000 miles from Blackheath. . R j lay
thru a ct unihabited xcept by Is and wild aniams /but bf procee
ding I must state that instead of gg, as intended to PP, we
wended r way to the far-famed land of Calif/

here comes the guide, galloping on a fiery steed. . ,

./all of a sudden he is in alkali ct, w dead cattle etc. .
into mountain passes w/o ever vg crossed Mo river
re Indians. . the male bg for themost part tall and athletic,
while the females or squaws are poor and miserable

. . now we are travelliig through a thicky wooded forest.
Freq the wheels of r wgs d get locked in between the trees, it
bg impos to extricate them . to the mines

//this bk is totally devoid of orientation 62 pp.

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THE HALL FAMILY CROSSING THE PLAINS, by Margaret Hall
Walker, w/ mater al collec nd prep by Shirley Walker. .pp
SF, 1952 "crossing the Plains" 9-26 via Texas
southern route

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Mrs. E. O. Y Tompkins: "Interestg Acct of a Trip Across the
Plains in 1853." ~~THE GRIZZLY BEAR~~ (January, 1908) p. 42

Early in 1853 father Thomas Butterfield left Appleton, Wisc
w his fam to cr pls to Ca. We had 2 wgs, 6 horss, and a lt roa
roan I pony. . We did not camp until we got to MOR for it was
too cold and stormy, but stopped at hotels. Cr Missip at Dubuq
to CB crossing. . waitg for the gr to dry. . We had a jolly
time waitg cs so many fams er campg theré. We had the use of a
lg hs w a nu of oth fams. There er many lg houss like hotels
scatrd about /?/

On 24th of April y my 22nd bd we crossed the Mo on an old
steamer and landed in Nebr. I was just the plains then. Looking
up the rv we cd see CBs

. . the poor horses climbed hillocks and wallowed thru mud-
holes till they er nearly exhausted. . If I remember rightly w
tvd up the NP. The road had bn tvd by Es ~~many~~ yrs bf , and wo
und around the bluffs, or lt mounds, so we cd hardly see ahead.

We sprinkled in corn meal to settle the mud

Saddest sight of all was where old grvs had bn dug out by
w ld animals. Skeltons er scatrd around nd fragments of quilts
nd other things that had bn used for burial. Many oth grvs
er covd w cactus, a d then they er as safe as if covd w stone.

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Grows

Is w faces scarred w rung sores. . Travois w basekd of puppies on one s de, and babies on the other. . a trader who was near said e er in danger, for the Is er seekg revenge as they had taken smallpox fm the whites. . We er among the early Es and it was the later ones that sufrd m the Is, and ctage ous diseases

Oxen d drop to the gr en stopped, too tired to eat. There was a ve sandy, hot strip of ctry this side SL, covd w carcasses of dead catle, dried like mummies. Near by was a pretty lake. . a drink of water at the right time dv saved these thirsty creatur

We stopped in SL ct 2 weeks to recruit the hrss. . How many wives does Brigham have. Forty that he ~~o~~ keeps count of, I do not know how many that he does not keep count of. . It was a lovely ct, but it was filled with unhappy d ssatisfied women.

Wehn e er on the HR we found a lg shrub w whitish ~~o~~ gr lvs and bark, bearing a very red berry, sour, therefore not poison ous. . We er delighted with them

cross ~~M~~ SN. . stopping at pretty valleys. We came at last to E gap, where the trees er worn by ropes and chains in letg down the wgs fm the mts. Then we er in Bear Valley. . It was the 28th of August, 1853. . a bng, hard, but not unpleasantxv journey

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M. Powell, "Overland Journey o To California,"
LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, VOL XXIII (1849) pp. 155-158
(from the CINCINNATI GAZETTE)

R party cposed of 10 . . big ~~o~~ cos no good

We left SJ early in June. . Beneath the brilliant and cloud less sky all nature seemed tlo wear a countenance of cheerfulness and the respndent rays of mg sun made the lg drops of dew, th hung fm ea leaf a d twig, sparkle like a thousand diamonds

We crossed the Missouri // ~~where he does nto say~~ nd pursued the l-worn road.. cholera rumors, Mr. Green goes home

First night out r tent was pitched nd mules picketed in the forest. . al aslumber in the forest. . horss stolen at night. . on trail for 30 miles, met a party of Osage Is who told us, tha they had met ~~xxpaxixx~~ a white man w r identical mules, making all speed toward Flv. . we er obliged to abandon one of r wgs

Fm this cpg gr to the m ssion ~~o~~ agency of the Sacs and Foxes we found the road almost impassable. The cholera seized Dr. Charles Duncombe of NY. . nd we left him in the care of the kin and gmlly Colonel Vaugh, cmander oth sta

On the 18th of June crossed the Neimhaw rv, and entered the plains. . diffics w the mules. . getting tossed. .

On the 10th of June /?/ we er, to allow the Hibernianism, out of sight of land; the eye searching in vain for a tree or bush, on the broad expansive priairies. . awaked by brayg of muls and lowg of oxen

Large nu of graves. . Wm Chapman of Cincy, d May 19 also
 Dr. Ryan of Ohio d May 23d. . Introspect on no end .
interspersed w/ poetry

June 20 reached LB, after a j of nearly a month /??/
 R complexions tanned to a color partaking of glowing twilight
 tinge. . all w long shaggy beards and moustache, broad-brimmed
 hats, and ref flannel shirts. . We v no idlers, no bungers. .
 pickled pork nd salt bacon.

overtaken by a son of the Emerald Isle, all alone nd on foot.
 Bgg csisted of a small bundle, hung on a stout cudgel, swung ove
 r his shoulder, the end of ch rested in a huge fist. . Anncd e
 was gg to Calif. . He accepted r invita nd is now one of us

On 25th of June endd pn open plain w/o wood or water. . Wgs
 arrgd form a hollow square, w tent in the centre. . advent of
 storm. . Byronesque description of a priaire storm

At diff points sheets of writg paper nailed up hgh on the
 trees. . they r gen headed by the name of officers of each co,
 fm what state they came, and date of time they passed this tele
 graph post

On the 28th of June lv pr airle, enter P reg'on. . thiev g pro-
 pensities r such that a white man l lose the very coat fm his
 back and the boots fm his feet, between sleepg and waking

FKey. . Nothing m than a few mud huts, app built for
 a temp purpose It is s'td on the north bank of Pr, opp GI. .
 We reached it on 30th of June nd endd on the low plat in front
 of it. . The venerable descendant of Vulcan w assits seem tb in
 gr demand, as a lg nu of Es r waitg herd to make repairs, etc.

THAT S THE END OF THAT

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"From the Mississippi to the Valley f the Sacramento," Memories
 s of Fifty Years by Judge T.H. Cann of Seattle, Washington
 OVERLAND MONTHLY v. XLV (1905) 526-528

Durg the fall and w nter of 1853 the Ca gold fever raged
 throughout the Middle West. The States of Indiana, Illinois nd
 Iowa had caught the contagion in the worst form. In the spring
 of 1854 there was a gen breakg up of hhs. .

Our j began in April, on banks oth gr Miss p rv, makg r way
 across the St of Mo to St J, and fm that point westward to the
 sfPr at Fort Kearny Kearney. . After lvg the Morv we s'aw but
 one wooden bldg unt l we reached the v oth Sac

Fm St. J we tvd over beau open ct. . The savage, painted warri
 or was ever in view. That yr the 2 gr I tribes, the Sx nd Ps
 er at war. The former bg the fr oth white man, this fact saved
 the lives of the Es. The Sx was along the line of the E road n
 kept the hostile P back. Had it not bn for this fact the Sx Is
 themselves dv massacred the lst one of us, as few Is ever v any

love for a white man

PR | R line of march fm FK, fog up the east banks of the SP, was diffic. The sand er deep. . the Es had made a gr mistake in vg heavy wgs and much hvg furniture, eetc. and useless plunder, to haul and light teams -- it shvdbn reversed. . The cseq was that hundred of pine wgs had to be left by the way-side, and the teams that had bn calculated to draw 2 wgs were all placed on one, and stacks of costly furniture er also piled along the way

It was a wonderful procession. That yr there er thousands of Es. .burned and browned by the parching rays of the desert sun, w tattered garments and unsaddled feet, tired and hungry, they tvd the deep dark canyon and climbed the timbered mt peaks

We jd up the SP about 35 mi e of a place called Ash Hollow, nd forded the river where it was one mile w de, water 2 to 4 feet deep. . Fm the west bank of the Pr we made r way to the NFP. . to BHs. . to the Sierras

We er not 40 years, as was r ancient Hebrew brethern, but we er 4 5 months . .fear of massacre. . We guarded r animals ev night as th s was r only hope

On r arrival in Ca it was a Paradise. All r wants er cared for by the noble-hearted Ca miners. Our clothg was tattered. We er neither bsrefoot nor shod. . I weighted only 102 lbs, was 6 feet high arrived at Hang Town on Friday evening. . Sunday morning in church ///???

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Washington H. Chick, "Vicissitudes of Pioneer Life,"
MISSOURI VLLAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATION v 1 no. 2
(December, 1922) 207-218

b. 1826 March 36 f & m w 7 left Howard Co nd moved to Westport Mo. . pop 50%^{recalls -} recalls re early Westport and its role in the migration, nd growth, a d prom v sitors

In B49 the gold fever struck here nd I made up my mind t g to Ca. EGHewitt and BFTibbs merchants down on the levee, decided to g w me so we bought a pony apiece nd a wg w 4 oxn. We jd a co of Wyandott Is nd w 25 wgs altog we strt across the pls in May, 1849. . 100 miles out cholera broke out

Children orphaned. . we buried the man and wmn and took the child into r tr until we cd catch the tr to ch they belongd

Another tr stalled w 5 dead

We went on thru to Calif nd reached 4 HR. . The 2 men who had come w me and myself anx to reach ming ct so we quit th tr, bot a couple of mules, each had a pony, we arted out alone.

ordeal of the desert. . the next mg we packed up nd start across the mts nd came to a town cd Sac, but it was only a town in name, as there was only a lt frame shanty. . get onion for \$1

We bot sm provs and went on to what was cd Hangtown, on nFAR. . go into butchering busines

John S. Hittell, "Reminiscences of the Plains and the Mines in '49 and '50," THE OVERLAND MONTHLY (1887) 193-208

/the first of the course of Lick lectures, delvd bf SCP
SF 1/5/87

ref my talk 9/9/85 re gold discovery. . Bigler's diary as to the date of Jan 24, B48 stands out as the only precise authority. . Marshall's recollect was vague.

the rt of most of the ov Es in 1849 was near that of Union and Central Pacific railways; south of it for the first 300 mis w/ it abng the Platte for 100 miles; north of it for 1000 mis; w it 450 mis along the H-; and s of it 150 mis to Sac

the tr of ox-teams w which I made the tr p, May 1 from MR, crossed the GR July 6, reached summit of SN August 27, on on September 17 camped on banks of Sac. At FL where a record of nu o Es passing was kept (the bk has bn lost as I learn by a letr from Lieute ant Worden, a regimental adjutant now stationed ther) we er told that about 3500 wgs and 10,000 Es were ahead of us, nd we supposed there er about as many behind us. Gen W. L. Elliott of this city, who was at Laramie in 49, 50 and 51, part oth time as adj, says that the total nu of Es in B49 was about 50,000, and in the next year 49,000

Instead of fog the main road all the way, r train was one of a number that left the HR near the present stat on of H, and took the Lassen Cutoff, as it was called, tho it proved tb atleast 150 mis longer than the main road. When we reached the Sac R we had tvd 2180 mis and spent 140 days, or more than 4 1/2 months from Mo rv, an avg of 15 mis a day.

Tho not w/o frequent d scomforts nd dangers, the trip was pleasant to mo t oth Es of '49 in the front half of the line. ~~it~~ abounded w new sensations and interstg ~~sxgkx~~ incidents. The throng of yg men, their bright anticps of a golden harvest, the ir contageious cfid and enthusiasm, the ctact w 50 or 100 trs a day, sm tvg faster than the avg and others grad fallg behind, thus cvertg the march into a long race for the best grass and the first chance in the gold field -- all these infls cbined to fill us w excitement and prepare us to accept w cheerfulness th traisl trials. . we overestimated the danger; neither in r tr nor in r s ght was there any serious lack of food, or suffering

W/o undertkg to dscrbr the j in detl, I sh recount a few of the episodes

R rt took us to the Snake Rv, the sb oth C- ch we fod down sev days. About sunset on 19th July, the day after passg FH, we camped. .after swimmg across Snake to dicker for a horse, I am g ven up for dead and drowned, lose my pants

Do buy an I horse near present Elko. . the reg on bet Goose Lake and the Sac riv is volcanic. We went east of Mt. Lassen. .At Lassens Ranch, near the present town of Vina, 115 m n of Sac c ty, the only bldg was an adobe hs. . had reced 15000 i gold dust sold in store to miners. . to Reading's Diggings

recalls

Noah Brooks, "The Plains Across," / CE TURRY MAGAZINE LXIII
(Apr 1, 1902) pp. 803-820

in the rude ballads and songs oth time, the phrase for crossg the pls was "the plains across." This form of locution was at once adopted by the plainsmen.

Durg the 10 yrs immed fog the disc gld in Ca, the main-tvd road across the ctinent was what was know as the Platte River route. Startg fm CBS the advs crossed the MR by a rope ferry nd clambrd up a steep, slippery bank tothe modern city of O. The only bg of an csid dimension was a lg, unpainted, barn-like structure, ch, we er proudly told, was tb the capitol oth Terr of Nebr.

. . |vg the v nd skirtg the n end o GSL, the rt fod the gen crs oth H-, crossed the dreadful desert ch takes itsname fm the rv, and we finally caught sight once more of civz in Honey Lake Valley, at the eastern base of SN. Here the tr begi ns a toilsome ascent oth gigantic mt wall, andscalg the roof oth rld, as it seemed to us, slid down into the v oth Sac thru the wooded ridges oth Plumas ming region

Weleft O on the 27th of May, and made r first camp in v of Sac 4th Oct.

The avg cost of a j to Ca did not gr vary whether one took th water rt by way of Cape Horn or the land rt. In either case th Es usually clubbed tog, cost reduced. . A party of ov Es, with team, number ng 4 or 5 men, er expected to invest about \$500. f or their outfit. . the commisariat was slender, nd included flou r, dried beans, coffee, bacon or side-meat, and store -- sugar, salt baking powder and yeast -powder. . //more on culinary

main disputes er over divisions of labor. . some cos had bloody fisticuffs. . one co fm souther Ill, their fights er fr equent and violent, a family fight

Nobody appeared tb in a feverish haste to finish the j /? rest stop called a lay-by, for repair and overhaulg. . days mar avgd 20 miles; an uncommonly g day 25 mis. .camp places er antipated. . Riding out of the question. . one horse reserved f emergencies; nobody but a sherk d htink of crawlg under the wg into the wg loaded down as it was with the necs of life. . In t his way we may be said to v walked all the way fm Mo to Sac

No wetness, wind or rain, ever discompsed us as did the mos quitoes in the v oth P. . at dusk they seemed to rise out of the gr in clouds. . catltormented to madness, sleep impos xcept for surr camp w smudges. . the tent smoked out bf we turned in at nite; but no precaution d exclude all the winged tormentors. - inquisitors. . next day, go to sleep on the march

B > discourse onf B. . in the early 50s the B ct embraced nearly all of what is now the St of Nebr. . kd r first B at the mouth of Wood River, and saw none after FL

r last glimpse of civ was Grand Island City, a vg of 6 or 8 hss on the P. This was on the 6th of June, nd a few days bf had passed thru Columbus, another paper c ty, w but an inn, a bss, and a tp. . . we er nv molested by the red man, but we er

I seldom less than 150 strong fr Is came into r camp to beg, pilfer, or sell buckskins and moccasins -- entertainment

deaths. . The ns IR plunges perd to gr, and along its foot appeared t v bn a ~~smoot~~ choice burial gr. On the smooth face of the rock er painted, or du rudely chisld, the epitaphs o many who slept w th the gr precipice for the r colossal headston

CR . . but greatest inter st was SP

Ancient Ruins Bluffs. . thru ch GR winds its way

FB At FB er had a slight taste of civd life, tho we er y on the savage frontier. Here er 4 cos of dragoons w all the paraphernalia of war, to say nothing of women, dogs and sheep. Here was a large well-stocked store kept by an army sutler. . Here too we got r first nsp since Mo. It was THE VALLEY TAN, pub in SLC

SLC SLC fearful descent, mangled wagons. . no welcoming embassies to meet us; no brass band and municipal delegat on. . 2 low-browed men, surly and unwelcoming, told us where we cd ca mp in the ragged suburbs. . that open space bg named E Square, but it was not suff to hold all of us

these womn had a whased-and-faded look; they nv ven tured on any light talk with us; their sad app was in their mild dickering awa in their forlorn garb

the rt fm the city oth Saints lay around the northern end oth lake but, in order to reach the road to BR, we er oblig ed to cross a few fenced fields, nd this invold a ~~skx~~ long par leys w surly owners. . thru towns, last Box Elder, now Brigham City. . ~~and~~ at Deep Creek, enter Idaho; Pilot Springs and Ston Creek bg the first water therein. . tr over Goose Creek mts very stony. .

at the City of Rocks, in present Casia Cassia Ct, Idaho we learned pats of a so-called I massacre ahead of us. . As was apt tb the case, white men er the aggressors, nd the red men er goaded to attack. 5 white men er kd. . en we reached th camp-place we came p n wrecks of their wgs, punctured with bull et holes and stained with blood

Antelope Springs. . Rabbit-hole Spr . . HL belied the sweetness of its name. It was a sm sheet of muddy water, but emptying into it was a sparklg r ver, Sunsan's River. . Here r first glimpse of SN in SN brinks w rope marks to abyss -- fm Mt Meadows to summit of Chaparral Hill, Sac V view. . Sutter's Buttes, and Nye's Ranch, now Marysville on Yuba

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Virginia Reed Murphy, "Across the Plains in the Donner Party (1846)," CENTURY MAGAZINE XLII (July 1891) 409-26

I was a child drove out of Springfield, Ill . . spring 46, v si nce benn y known in history as the ill-fated Donner Party. . My father James Reed was the originator oth party and the Donner br os, George and Jacob decided to join

"Reed Wagons" made to order. . 2-story wg or Pioneer palace ca mothers health delicate. . Grandma Keyes 75, shednb parted fm her mother,; the palace g car for her benefit

supplies to last thru first winter in Ca. . a good library of standard works, and cookg stove
 fam wg dr by 4 yk oxn, lg Durham steers a tthe wheel, others by 3, sadle horss , cow, pony
 grma Keyes carried out of the house, and invalid. . caravan of 10 or 12 wgs 4/14/46 31 in party 3 families plus yg men - Geo nd Tamsen Donner 5 chil; Jacob and Eliz D nd 7 chil -- James Fraz er nd Margaret W. Reed, sister Patty, 2 lt bros ; Eliza Wms nd bro Bayliss - Milt Elliott dr f am wg

Is ferry us over Cawr //pp 412 sketches CR and SBs, 1890//
 Grma died at BB 5/29, a beau resting place. . by this time many Es had jd r co; coffin of ctnd tree; gravestone carved by John Denton; minister J. A. Cornwall. . the wilderness blossomed into the city of Manhattan, the c ty cemetery surrounds /???/
 cstruct raft to cross BB. . on P r co numbered 40 wgs, cmndd by Col. William H. Russell, the by Geo Donner. . a pleasure tri Pasr CHR, CR and SBs, made 15 to 20 mpd
 At FL we celebr the 4th of July in fine style, grand d nne brandy. . here was a party of Sx to f ght Crows or Blackfeet; t ied to bargain for my pony, also the rider, pledges riches plus old soldier coat w brass buttons
 Resume March 7/6. . Sx curisotiy annoyng; esp wg w mirr or and stove-pipe, frightened by spy-glass

a new rt had just bn opened by Lansford W. Hastings, along s shore oth GSL, rejoing the old Fort Hall E road on H, said to shorten the distance 300 miles. Much time was ~~wasted in~~ lost in debatg ch course to pursue; Bridger and Vasques, who e in chg of the f, sounded the praises oth new road. . assured th only bad part was the 40-mi drive thru the desert by shore of l ake. . we did not know that these men had an interest in the rd bg employed by Hast ngs

r party cposed of some of the best and the worst. . The grr port on of r co went by the dd road and reached Ca in safely. 87 took the HCO, including the Dooners, Breens, Reeds, Murphys, CT Stanton, John Denton, Wm McClutchen, Wm Eddy, Louis Kesburg and others

Mg July 31 we parted w others.. but a few days showed us th the rd was not as it had been represented. . 7 days in reachg th Weber Canyon and Hastgs, who was guid a party in advance of r t left a note by the wayside warng us that the rd thru Weber C wg as impossible impassable a d advisg to select a rd over the mts ch he outlined. . He refused to return o guide, but fm a hi mt pointed out the gen course; father gone 4 days

While cuttg r way step by step thru HCO we er overtaken nd jd Graves ~~and~~ family 8 chil, Jay Fosdick nd John Snyder. Finally we reached the end of the canon where it looked as tho r wgs dv tb abandnd. . but rk was at last accomplished, by yokg all w ox on each wg. . Wor w tv nd gr discgd we reached the shore of GSL. It had taken en entire month, instead of a week, nd r cat er not fit to cross the desert

Enc in valley of 20 wells. . found desert nearer 80. . a dreary, desolate, alkali waste . . Reed on ahead , remng oxen

ahead, crazed. . stock, scentg the water, had rushed ahead of the men, prob stolen by Is, all trace lost. . week spent here on edge of desert in fru tless search

We realized r wgs must be abandoned. The co let us v 2 yk oxen sow r ox nd cow yokedtog we cd br one wagon. . make cache. . provs low. . snow on hill-tops. . Call made for vols C TStanton and Wm McCluthen bravely offr services nd started off bearg letters to Capt Sutter askg for relief

reach Gravelly Ford on H; here cpeld to double r teams to ascend a steep sandy hill. . Snyder abusing oxen, Reed remons trate, mother hit by whip stock, Reed knives Snyder

Memmmbers held council to decide fate of my father. . refused to accept plea of self-defense, decided father shd ba ished fro the co nd sent into w lderness alone. . animosity caused by Lou Keseburg, who had bn taken to task for beating his yg wife Reed even thrnd w lynching. . Whe sentense cmu icated, he re fused to go. . at last he went, but not bf he had secured a pro mise fm the co to care for his wife and lt ones

R wg too heavy, abandd, remng things to a other wg. . 2 hrss carried my lt bros. Rest of us had to walk. The Dooners er no w us when father was banished, sev days in advance. Walter Herron, on of r drivers, tvg w the Donners, left the wgsn and jnd my father

Oct 19, on Truckee, hr hearts gladnd by return of Statnon, w 7 mules loaded w provs, plus two vaqueros -- news that my fathe was alive. . We now packed what we had left on one mule and started w Stanton. . Winter a month earlier than usual. . When it was seen that the wgs cdnb dragd thru the sno,thr gs and pro vs er packedon oxen, men nd women walkg in snow to their wasits

Camp within 3 milesoth summit. . that night came the dreaded snow. . w heavy hearts we turned back to a cabin that had bn built by ~~Moses Schallenberger~~ by the Murphy-Schallenbarger party 2 yrs before. . Built more cabins and prepared as best we cd for the winter. . on shoes of Donner Lake. .Dooner camped in Alder Ck v below the lake, brush sheds

3 double cabins, Breen, Murphy and Reed-Graves; cattle all k nd meat place in snow ; Stanton nd the Is in r cabin. . sev eff orts to cross mts, driven back - 15 ~~of~~ known as Forlorn Hope, 15 started, 7 reached Ca; eight men perished. . The noble Stan ton was one of the party, nd per shed . .

Starvation. . now had nothing to eat but rawhides

On his arr at SF, fath r made known the s tua oth Es, nd C Sutter ofrd at once to do evthg pos for their relief.. but Fath and McCluthen had to turn back; all able-bodied men don the ct to fight Mexicans w Fremont. . then surv vors of Forlorn Hope arv anothe rrescue party cmdded by Captain Reasen P. Tucker went to r relief . . evening of Feb 19 they reached r cabins. .

met by father. . finds ygr children alive.. reached Dooner L March 1. . he leads party of 17; 3 of his men left at cabins to procure wd and assist the helpless.. storm on the way, father snow-blind. . "Starved Camp" a 3d relief party to rescue the living. . a 4th rescue prty to save who was left. . Out of 83 snowed in at Donner Lake, 42 perished; of our 31 from Sprigfie ld, only 18 reached Ca. . Our family the ony one intact.

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1871 railroad trip

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Indebted to Prof Warner of Bellvue, supt of schools, for letter written by his uncle, in 1853. . William Warner, from Navarre, Ohio

Nevada City, 9/23/53
aft tvg 6 months (lacking 8 days) I and fam arrvd Ca, safe and in g health, but we saw many ups and downs. .

my co cs sted of 6 persons besides my babe, 4 mn 2 wmn. R team csistd 6 ~~xxxxxxx~~ 4 yk oxen, 3 hrss, 1 mules, 2 wgs. .
//to Dear Mother and Frs//

we crossed the Mo on 17th of May and cmnced r almost endless j.. Jerry Whitestine d. his d sease was inflammation of the stomach and bowels. .h s sprit fled. .Md Mar 18, Sick May 17, d June 17. . We mad a coffin out of one of r wagon beds. . bud him on banks of Castle River.

R ox feet wear out. .traded for 2 mules. . I tvd on w 2 yoke oxn, one died. . to SLC July 27. Weremainedhere 1 wk. We attn dd ch nd heard a sermon by BT and sev oth apostles. We also at tended theatre in SLC. . They c/ø open them w prayers and close them w a benediction. . city beau. 12,000. . BY has 37 wives and each oth apostles has 5 to 12 wives, just in propor to thei pecuniary cirums. . A man is allowed one wife for every \$1,000 that he is worth

sold my hrss for \$70 and trdd my 3 oxen for a mule, swapped my heavy wg for a light one. We hitched 4 mules to the wg; we sold off every unnec art cle. My wife and Mrs. W drove the team while the 2 yg men and I took i afoot for the bala of 900 mis. of all animals that cross the plains man is the toughest and ca endure the most.

within 6 days Ca we ran out of provs. . triedto obtain soeth g fm Es as they passed along; they all let on to be nealy in my same cdit on. . tra fm Ca who hadgone E for purpose of buyg lame catle for from the Es. . bot onions and potatoes. . Infall I succ in obtaining 25 lbs of flour. . no game . . laterm more of same, ~~xxx~~ kd 2 sage he s see a She Bea r and 3 cubs. .aft a battleof 10 or 15 mins we had the old bear stretchedo t bf us - she was ours, but the cwbs made g their escape. . then I exchang some bear meat for some flour

2 days from this we landed in Nevada City. . ve lit sickness and but feaw deaths on pls this summer. I d d not see more tha 12 fresh graves on the whole tr p. .

Niles Anderson, "Grandfather was a Forty-Niner,"
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE V (%) v. 50
(jan, 1967) ~~xxxx~~ 33-50

In early summer 1849 Thaddeus Liv Levi Loomis, gf oth present writer, accpd by 8 other venturesome youths fm Ill, succumbed to the gold fever of the mystic west. Styling themselves "The Independent Co. from Illinois" the small party tvd alone across the pls nd mts to Pac w a tiny supply train of 3 mule-drawn wgs, cfid in the r own ability to cope w Is nd Natur //b 1825, trip fod grad fm Trans lvania Law School, Louisville, Ky. Stayed 4 yrs in Ca and was alternate to terri Const cv there. Retd home to Carlinville, Illiois via Panama in 1854/////

Letrs home, transcd below, r remarkbl as much for their safe delivery as for their portrayal of a west 2 generas ago. . Differe fm the many pub accts of lg convoys assembled for mutual protect on, these letrs give a day-by-day, matter of fact portrayal of the expers of one oth many sm parties of eager youth . . from SP to about Emigrant Springs, Wyo. Veerg to the nw, rt struck U.S.30 at about Cokerville, Wyo, close to the Idaho border. The path then went on into Idaho on the approx line of U.S.30 thru Montpelier to Soda prings, Idaho. . . from FH the rt fod the sbSR to about Yale, Idaho, then turned sw int Nevada. In Nev the tr reached the v/c of Wells, then fod the gen line of US40 and along the HR to about Lovelock, Nev. reached the nbCarson R in vic of Weeks, Nevada. The nbCR was f fod to almost the Ca border. . etc.

Chico
3 mws

Near Fort Childs, May 20, 1849: Officr oth F sends an express to Ftlv, I embrace the oppor,. . I say that I was never more fat, black, and impudent in my life -- my powers of endurance astonish myself (but there r graves)

Chico

We crossed the river 3 mi above SJ May 1, left river 5th. . avgd 20 mpd. .enough corn for 6 or 7 dsys. .v passed 420 teams sine lvg SJ. .Up to 10 o'c yest there had 652 teams passed the F. . we shall prob pass 4 or 5 m bf reachg Ca. R progress is owg to vg light wgs nd g mules

We left frs w ox team behind. We passed the Jersey & Green C cos about 60 mis this side SJ . . about $\frac{1}{2}$ of th Eion lg by the M settlment. . I go Salmon Trout pass SNs SF 1950 mis

At Wolf River 30 teams waitg. They er quarrelg as to the proper mode of cstrucg a pole br dge. .found we could go by raising r wg beds 10 "and put 8 of r best mules on, a man on eac mule, and went through amid cheers for 2"Independent C from Ill ch is the name we v written on r wg cove4rs, w th the names of the members of the Co,. . to sta of U.S.Agent for the Iowa Is

Next mg met 20 Iowa Is, wanted whiskey, a dwarfish, cowardly set frm the r long cnecs w the whites, & v lost all those noble traitsof char we v seen in Is far removed fm civz

8th Wolves howlnd keep us awake. .we agree to fire only at Indians, and by the guard 9th wolves night hideous as usual

10th broke wagon tongue

11th Is tried to get r mules, but failed. They dn venture

within gunshot. I crawl on all fours & imitate the howl of wolves to perfection, but the mules soon perceive the diff. They are afraid of wolves but snort & kick terribly when the Is are about

12th if BB er in Illit db worth many thousands for the water power it affords is immense. . meet 5 Crows Is /?/, all spoke g English. . arr jc STJ & I rds

14th storm. . Ps always choose a dark stormy night to commit the r depreds. A flash of lightning d occ reveal one in the distance. . they stole 13 mules from the Cincy co last night. . I v seen no guide bks wrth anything to the E. They give incorre ct dscrpts oth ct nd wrong locsto the waterg places

17th the Buffalo knats and mosquitoes took us by storm. . the bite of a BK is maddening

19th terrible rain. . for 7½ hours, about 6¼ inches of water, the grss fall of water I ever knew. . this mg the waters cover the face oth earth. . arr at P where F Key road comes i

P diff fm any other rv I ever saw. Just imagine how it d seem to v ½ of the Missip right thru the prairie bet r house and Carlinville & you have the P. . War party Sx c 530 returning home. They vbn down fightg the Pas & v burned their villgs & almost exterminated the tribe. They er all mtd on g hrss & wer whoop g & yellg like so many devils. I The dress of some oth chiefs was rich and fantastic. . I never beheld anything at a masquerade or theatre that d cpare w it. . Many otheir arrows er yet bloody. . They r always at war nd v annihilated sev nati ons. . The Camances r the only na that r a match for them in ba tl. . They r fr to the whits

I v given brief extracts fm my j up to last night. . another storm blew down r tents, wet as rats drowned rats We stood on r wg wheels about an hr to keep the wgs fm blowover. . wgs not infreq blow to atoms on these mighty prairies. . I was on watch and positively blew down 2 3 times

We v joined no other co & dont intend to

SACRAMENTO CITY August 12, 1849 Dear father, mothers & brother

I am yet in the land of the livg. . I v seen soma y new nd strange things that I know not what to write first

after lvg the fort /K/ we er in advance of most oth Eion & d tv sotl for 5 or 10 days w/o cseeg a civcd man.

The next fort was Larimie, 350 mis, a post g belongg to AFC. We found if we did not keep in advance of most oth Eions we d f nd grass scarce. . We acc made an est of the no. of lbs of provs that d last us 80 days & threw the rest away. . lightened r wgs 350 lbs each ch d enable us to make ~~up~~ sev miles more each day. .

Dscript of rt brief. . . . at NP Ferry, banks narrower & deeper unt lat the Ferry it had ctracted to 300 yds width with 12 feet water & a current like a raceway (cstrast to SF ¾ md.

The Ferry was owned & manned by Mormans. It was noth ng more than 2 hollow logs lashed tog, but this app frail struc took th wgs over safely one at a time. . to this pt we had not seen timber enough to fence 40 acres. . 150 wgs waitg tb crossed As they cd cross but 50 per day nd there er no Is about, we took r mules abot 6 ms to g grass & made rss perfectly at home

Oglesby and I ascended sev mts /note: he later 3 time Repub
governor of Illinois, USSenator, and MajGen during CW
on the 13th June ?/ we crossed safely, swimmg r mules. . roda
to SP thru ct subject to volcanic action. Game was scarce nd w
e had to come down to bacon once more. Now was gr strife to
see who d reach the Ferry on the Rio Colorado first - we made i
in $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, pass ng 123 teams SP June 19
After GR cross BR mts, higher than SP. . the soda spr ngs
may be reckoned among the curs oth natural world. . frm here to
FH 65 mis, the road was splendid. . at the F procured some
milk, butter & cheese made by a M family who keep a dairy

speed
Fm Ft to Mark Sink River alis HR, 230 ms, the road was good
w plenty of g and w. . the thot that we must cross a desert ch
swallow up the waters ot his rv made us shudder. . we detd to
increase the speed of r mules to 35 mpd & keep a man sev miles
ahead to find grassy spots. . By dg so we reached the s/nk in
6 days. .

at the sink no grass and no water but salt. . started across
Carson Rv on the new Morman trail. The old trail goes to Truck
ie river. . mules exhausted. . our thirst maddening, numerous
skeletons, including human. . ccludd to lv r wgs, takg r mules t
water and grass and come back for r wagons. . the mules appr d t
understand the object of r movements & trvd w a speed we thot t
incapable of. . Perceivg t'mber, they increased their speed. .
When in sight of water, r mules became unmanageable and started
on full run. . we ccludd we cd r de as fast axs they cd run, so
we made rss perfectly easy, knowg we d get a g ducking when we
reached the r ver. . Pn cg tothe top of the water (15 or 20 fee
deep) we left r mules & swam down to a sand bar

Missip Co furnishes breakfast. . retrieve wgs. . 120 mis up
nb to foot of SN. . This rt was first tvd by the M Battalion
that red fm Calif last fall. It crosses the mts in Lat 39 15',
the old E pass cross ng some 60 mis northward.

On last of Aug cpd on top of the high est range of mts in NA
we capd 11,500 feet, 1000 feet above perpetual snow

Fm here to Sa c City a dist 100 mi the road was g. . big tree
s. . On the 9th we struck Sac V nd on the D reached the city on
the bank oth rv. . 6000 inhabshss r frames, the frames bg broug
aroud by ship & covered w Factory cloth as lumber is not to be
had. . Moored tothe shoe are prob 100 ships and schooners

¢ bal re gold mines etc.

can 21. re a hnt Yuba R

George W. Bryan. THE LURE OF THE PAST THE PRESENT AND THE
FUTURE. LA, 1911 254737 pp 18-25

This narr of incidents might vbn written about other fams
who crossed the plains in the fifties. . story as related to me
one of hese pioneers begins in Calif 1845. . on October 21,
that year ~~Mary~~ Mary Gregg Herndon placed her hand in that of
William Evermont Bryan and got married . . in Ky, Carthage. .

winter 1853 made up their minds to g to Mo on March 15,
1853 this fam bade farewell nd embarked on stbt at Cincy for
SL, tag w them a team of fine hrss, a wg, a d 4 chil, the ygts
girl 3 months. . AAt SL, added agric implements. . boat to SJ.
There stopped with a cousin Hunt Bryan who had bn livg there.
While there they recd letr fm 2 bro who had gone to Ca the yr
bf, urgg them to cross the plains

//a lot of sentimental goo in this book

They bot 4 yoke oxen nd all the provs they cd haul. . left
SJ about April 15 for FKey. . When they reached this pt they
had tr in crossg the rv, but by the use of pike poles to prpel
the boat they finally got across. . the caravan csistd of 6 men
3 wmn, 6 chi s, 6 hrss, 8 yoke oxen, 3 wgs

When they lft FK they fod what was known as the Mormon trace,
up PR. . terrible storm, hail cutting hands oth men while they
tried to hold the covers oth wgs

diffics of crossing Platte. . When the feed was plentiful, t
Es d tv but a short d stance in a day; if it was scarce they
d make longer dr ves ///????///

About 2 wks after lvg FK Mr. B left the tr of a Mr. Burril,
who d d not prove cgenial, and jd the tr of Mr. Kimbal fm Illin
The latter was a g-man who had made 3 trips across thepls bf. .
Had M\lch cows

There was an almost unbroken tr at times of E wgs

This trail led fm old FKey on the Missouri River to Newport
Kearney on the Platte, thru Nebr to FL in Wyom, then to Fort
Steele. . At Fort Steele the M Trail leads tothe sw, and the
Lewis and Clark Trail tothe northwest. IR and DG r close tog.
Some say that L7C passed thru Dev ls Canyon in canoes, but Mrs.

Bryan says it db impos td go thru and come out alive

At Ragtown yg man shot by ox-thief for ratting on him

Sept 15, 1853, 6 months fm the t e they left the r pleasa
nd cfortbl home in Carthage, Ky we find the Bryan fam at a
ming place calleed Virginia flat, in Edlroado ct. .

Cornelius J. Dyck, "In the California Gold Rush,"
MENNONITE LIFE v. XI (January, 1956) 25-28

My gr grf Johannes Dietrich Dyck b. 12/5/26 i West Pruss a.
1844 baptized into the MC. . his diary (of his life) seems tvbn
m a chrono X record than a secret fr . . decide for US, sep
frm new wife for 10 yrs -- no no engaged

1848 2 months at sea. . thru 1849 till Feb 50 i Ill and
Wisconsin. . rumors of gold mines for Helene. .first plan to
go by boat b it did not v the nece \$250. .He bot a horse nd a
sm wg and began his trek west. . Part es undertagk the g trek u
west us gathrd at CBS or SJ ro organize, sothat was his first
dest nation //which, for christsake???

On March 14 he came tothe lt M tn. of Canesville. Here he met
sev parties preparg to lv for the West, and sev who had just ret
vowed they d nv try it again. They reprtd tha 40 mis w 2 parti
had bn cpletly dstryd by PIs only a few days bf. All had bn kd
He jd grp of 21 men, 1 woman, 5 wgs. Bot apa r of oxen for \$
80 but sold his wg /?/ On Mach 19, 1850 they er ferried acro
the Mo and found themss cut off fm cvz, in a land where the
redskin was the master.

For fearof getg lost they fod the PR closely. . Whe they cam
to the blood-stained scene of a recne mascr the party was ve qui
et. It was said that 44 men had bn kd there. But nothing un-
toward occurred. . July 22 to FL. . here he came intocontact
w a Canadian trapper, Louis Mellon. He was also gg to Ca and
had no objec to grf accompyng him. So he sold his æen, bot a
pack mule for \$120. nd started tog. Fog day they er jd by an
rishman, James McKenny

To FB mid-August, vg crossed desert of death 130 mis in 37 hr
Here they met Kit Carson who gave them further counsel on the r
t they d take

W compass in hand to find the r way thru Green River mts. .On
Sept 1 to Snake River, nd rested at lt town of Fort Wall . Durg
their tv they soti saw as many as 30 grvs in a s ngle da from
cholera. . On mg of Sept 12 at Malheur r they bund 3 white bodi
es by the tr, dead, sclaped and warm. .

Here ends the diary of my gr grf ch begins again some 10 yrs la
later in Russia. .He kept a diary dur ng his stay in Am but on
his deathbed my father hadto take thoe diaries and burn them. .

They er indeed attacked by Is but managed to escape. . Ø to Ore
gon, then s to gms

he retd to Prussia in fall of 1858. For 10 yrs Helen kd bee
faithf l to him. . /vey very lt re mines, e ther

Andy Rogers, A HUNDRED YRS OF RIP AND ROARIN'
ROUGH AND READY : THE TOWN THAT WON'T GHOST,
R and R, California, 1952 pb 59-63 of 120 pp

"Mary Catherine Crossing the Plains," Courtesy of the late
Marguerite Vineyard

Said MC in spr 1854. .wait for father to come from Des & Moins
s. . Boys play Is was the result of the gatherg of wg trs in DM
prep to the lg trek to California. .

Margaret, how d u like to j the E tr now formg in DM for Ca?
The boys dropped their dishes, and waited open mouthed for her
answer. . I sensed rather than knew that father had bn d'ssatis
fied since he sold Pt Pleasant, his Virginia Planatation, and
migratEd to Iowa

I dont know Robert. If Ca was a slave state I d say yes imm
ed. None of us r accustomed to rk. . . Within a week the die
was cast, papers er signed, ready to send to Virginia, money fo
the plantation was to be held, pendg notifica of fathers settle
abode i Calif

A heavy pr schooner nd a lt cvd wg er ready w 4 st ox . I
went w mother to say good-bye to little Antagus, whose mortal
dust lay in a lt gvyd near the Wapsep mnecan Rv

On a Sunday mg, early in Feb, 1854, the wg tr started. Evone
attended the ch of his choice. Col Woodruff, leader oth xped. .

The xped proceedd uneventf thru level fertile fields to the
wild unsettled prairie

We er camped about 6 mis fm Nebraska; we er in I ct but bg so
near the fort, precluded any fear on r part. . Jim Lunn and Ann.

Sunday stop. . "Ann -- Ann -- so yg nd handsome. Injuns got
her. Ann was found visitg at the extreme end of the line. .

Father drove the slow plodg oxn, moather drove the mares hitch
to lighter wg. . Wm Thomas nd I rode over the prairie. . We er
shortly jd by a handsome well-mtd brave. . looked at me admiring
ly. I was yg, had hi color, and lg brown eyes. "Me like you -
You be my squaw? I was stounded and said, "I like you too, bu
I have a man." "No - leave um for Ponto." "Indian raid tonig

The Is came on a run, circling the wgs as always, Colonel W
had warned us to shoot carefully. At every bust of gun-fire,
Is fell. Mother never missed a shot. .

The Is circled but three z x when the troops, who er ready n
waitg, arrived. The Is fled, pursued by the soldier s, who
prac exterminated them all

When the wgs straightnd out, father stumbled over a small
body, in horror, it was Jonathan. He was alive. . Father kd
2 Is. The arrow had pierced near the heart

We left the Is unburied. . "unmarried men er kd, also, that
was all. But for Plnto's warning, who knows what the results
might v bn. . By the flickerg firelight, grvs er dug nd lt j's
mortal ashes mingled w the other two. . No tears were shed. Tho
se pioneers er brave

Next mg we jd on. . a fam statuesque figure. . Ponto said,
Where your man? He was killed, sobbed. Father I said, this

is onto, who saved most of r lives. Me like un go with you. Father assented. He and all of us had no better fr than Ponto thru the yrs

a B hunt, of course and Ponto tans the hides

We reached the Sierras in the fall to Sac gold arrives from sale, thief thwarted

Miss Marguerite Vineyards grf Robert C. Bourne was buried on the ranch; her mother, Mary Cather ne . . On July 10, 1949 at the age of 76 ~~Marguerite~~ Miss Marguerite on a visit to R & R passed away. .

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Nancy A. Hunt, "By Ox-Team to California," OVERLAND MONTHLY LXVII (April, 1916) 317-326

prepd fm orig ms by Prof Rockwell D. Hunt, Prof in USC nd pres of HSSC. . orig ms prep m than 20 yrs ago, but chiefly fm memor

One of my sons has requested me to write the story of my early life. . fm PIONEER FAMILIES OF MISSOURI I v learned that Jacob Zumwalt emig fm Germany in colonial x. . another Jacob Z was my father, m. in Ohio. . parents and uncle Joseph Z to Illinois in 1834 (me born 1830) at 17½ I was md; no one seemed to think I was too young, nor my husband, Alexander Cotton, 19 Husband has consumption.

~~father in 1849 and until 1849 Joseph was taken w Ca~~
My father taken w Calif fever in 1849, when his bro Joseph crossed the GPs to Ca, w wife and 11 children . . talked it up. . at last, early in 1854 the drs told us that the only chance there was for my husband to live was to come to Calif that year. . we began to make arrgms. . Then my sister Sarah nd her husband James Shoemaker decided they d come with us. . Next father's fever vg never abated, mother cesnted to come

My uncle Joseph and family, who had gone in 49 nd ret'd to Ill er now ready for their second j. . . Fathers sister Nellie Troxel fam and nabors started middle of March w teams. . middle of April we started fm Joliet by rail, thence to Peoria. . by boat down Illinois rv to Missip and SL and Kainsville. . Stbt was badly snagged, leaked, had to unload evthg put on a other boat; they left the old boat at Kainsville tb used as a ferryboat

Here we met my father and advance guard. . crossed MR. . found all the ox drivers we needed by ~~payg room and board~~ for their board along the way. . co of 25 wgs, most oteams of 5 yoke pw We always went along stopg half a day each week, to wash. . also Sundays. . spring bed for s ck husband

Most oth Ewgs had the names of owners, place where they er from and where they er bound, marked in lg letters outs de cover of thick white drilling. . I must v walked half the way of Ca. . as Is, the Golden Rule helped us to get thru safely. . kept an ax handy but nv had to se it on an I. .

We mgd to sew enough to keep r clothes in order while the ox
er pokg along where the road was level. Some rkd at crocheting
g or knitting a lt occ, just for pastime. We had nothing to
read but r Bibles nd a few hymn books... for 3 weeks I wask
sick w mt fever. . otherwise fine

While the yg foks er vg thei g times, sm oth mothers er givg
birth to their bab@s: 3 er born in r co that summer. . Cousin
Emily gave birth to son in Utah, 40 mi n SL. . next day Susan
Longmire was the mother of little Ellen. . the 3d birth was to
wife of my cousin Jacob Zumwalt, while tvg SN. . named her Alic@
Nevada. . In ev instance we tvd right abng the next day

Sister Lizzie, 12 lost on the Sweetwater, lkg for firesood,
lost her bearings. . brot in by other Es. . R tr went n of SL
nd passed what was known as SCO, where Ogden now is . . to
Sierras in August. . here I met w the grts t trial and loss of
my life. . my dear husband, d 8/21/54. . nv recoverg suff strg
to get out he sat there in the wg all those logn mnths, except
for a few weeks along the Sw (consumpt(on))

Only 2 or 3 days m nd we sighted the beau v oth Cosumnes.
We went on thru to Sac. . bot farm on Deer Creek, near Daylob's
ranch, on the Soxumnes. . went to work, wmn bg scarce nd pd 1

Hunter
My first acq w Mr. D. R. Hunt was made by riding with him
for 30 mis on his grain wagon to the place where I went to rk,
called Somerset House. He was the haulg barley to Coloma, and
the landlord arrgd w him to take me up. . In a lt while I began
rkg for the Eldorado House on the Placerville Rd, as cook. .
Mr. Hunt had a squatter's right to some land on a Spanish grant
only 1/2 mile from my father's house. . So we were married in my
father's house, August 5, 1855. . 5 native sons. .

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"Memoirs of an American Gold Seekr," by Hon. Joh Wans Brown, *duany*
~~MP and Cabinet Minister in New Zealand,~~ JOURNAL OF AMERICAN
HISTORY, v. I (1908) pp. 129-154

Few left from 60 yrs ago, nd they must be men 80 /90 yrs o
old. . b 81 yrs ago. . left fm Asheville NC for Ca. . ret'd e by
way of Panama and NO, made 2nd j via Cape Hrn
Or(gj now in poss of dgtr Kaie E. Blood pf Parkersburg WV

March 15, 1849. party of 6. . by road. . fm Knoxville on boat
to SL the Sam Martin down Ennesse Rver. . Reaching Paducah,
meet boat from Cincy, to SL on Ne Plus Ultra. 150 fm Boston fo
Calif. . At SL at US Hotel, to U.S. Arsenal bot knives nd carbin
es. . had my dagerreotype taken to put in a gold locket to send
home to sister. . form mess w Dr. Stone nd Wm Taylor on equal
shares. . lg by Embassy to I for \$7. each. . SL is a wicked pla
ce, increasg rapidly in pop nd bad morals.

Lv Monday, April 2. . cholera has broken out, Va man d ed.
We stopped at a wood yard to bury the dead, fire breaks out in
galley, piston of eng ne breaks

Atw
 Sunday, April 15 //Sundays only dated// Ruminations about life and death. . Tues we landed at I landing. . Wed $\frac{1}{2}$ mi beyond on the SF road, I spend week here. . Tradg place of Mexicans and traders, waggon shops, pop 1500

veg
 We formed r co nd framed our Constitution. . bot 8 mules at \$60 each, w to each wg. .rain deluges. . Settled w the Treasure nd found each man's share is \$186.66, thoe whole out fit costin \$1120. . . took laudanum for cholera, Rx Dr. Stone

May 10 almost start; buy Comanche pony for \$60.

May 11/14 start in heavy rainstorm. . Ky co joined us

May 16 crossed the line of the U. States. . by Thurs we passed the Pioneer Line but at dinner they passed us. We rode to the forks of the road // breaking of tongues and ankle-trees Dr. Stone very ill. . gave him morphine and p ippecac

~~Wed~~ Wed Kansas River. . passed line of Turner nd Allan H A Wood d of cholera after 2 days illness. Gloom over the whole Co May 27 5 of r men ill w cholera; misfortune hangs over us Tues the sick seem better Thurs ten men r sick w cholera, me w diarrhea. I swallowed 100 drops of landu laudanum in hopes of a cure. . Capt Ball nd others of Ky co left us acct so much sick nd d; sagreeable weather

Monday 4th of June. . cd on banks of Blue Earh River. . meet 200 Is of Sx Chey tribe in pursuit of Pas that we had mt on precedg day. The Ps had stolen some ot their mules and hrss nd they er gr exasperated. . ex blankets, mocs and saviets /?/ w them

June 9 9 to FKey write letters FK still in unfinished st. Turf huts. . only one frame hs, used as Co store. Col Bonnøvil Bonnville is the Cmdr nd Maj Chilton next in cmd

Sunday June 10. . voted to rest all authority in one man, Col Wilson elected 2r 24 to 17. Monday Saw a lg tr on the N side oth river, by the Counc l Bluff road. . We overtaken the Pioneer Line

Friday. . see first B. Chas was immed g ven killg 6 of the finest. . the Pioneers killed a number

Sat 16th. . crossg PR $1\frac{1}{4}$ mis wide. .sand filledup the wagon hubs, thereby locking the wheels

Sunday 17th. . in camp. .reading and sleeping. sm oth Ky boy s violated the Sabbath by taking a B hunt. . no less than 5 ox trs in sight, all restg on the Lord's day. . find I wigwams w dead propped up, in costume, cholera

Wed ~~xxxx~~ discharge of gun of Ky an, taking effect in the rt side of Mr. Bush; no result of a quarrel. .At a meetg oth Co i was decidd that the Kyian shdb dr ven out of the Co.

Thursday. . left the /NP/river and ascended a very steep hill on ch we tvd 3 miles, whe we descended into a deep ravine wher there are sm fine springs. The bea shade nd the refreshg air in this pic place inspired one and all

Fri At this place r mess, and the mess fm Rutherford @, NC ccludd tolv the tr

Sunday. . move on Sunday. . passed 15 graves of Es d fm chole fm 17th to 23d of 1st month. . to CR, a notorious landmark, t resembles a shot tower in the distance. . 14 mi fm CR t e road

lvs the river. thru one of the finest valleys I ever saw and is decidedly the best 20 miles of road we've had. By the spring at S.B.'s store and boss kept by Rubedere, a trader who has resided among the Sioux for 13 years.

Tuesday w Horse Creek report of a gun, quickly followed by a shrill cry. to wagon of Rutherford mess and found Lafayette Dwitty rolling in agony, his clothes on fire. 11 buckshot had entered the knee. shot extracted by mess-mate accident, balls extracted by phys from Ill. Fears were entertained that amputation would be necessary. Phys advises us to hasten to the place and place him under the care of an expert surgeon.

Thurs. we reached Ft. L., det to dispose of our heavy wagon and attach 6 mules to the small one.

Fri. . . Q.M. decided the mule with U.S. brand belonged to U.S. which we gave up reluctantly. The mule was bought by Govt at SF last winter and brought in this spring to I. . . In consequence of this high handed piece of villainy we struck tent and drove 4 miles to ordinary grass.

Sat 30th. . Hains and Stone rode to the Ft., to view an interview with Maj Sanderson relative to our mules. . . after dark, H & S rode with the mule that the gov't had detained. Atkinson also rode, after taking 2nd shot about daylight in reaching home alone, on foot. Major S of Columbus, Ohio is a G-man.

Monday 5 Scotchmen came up drove to ferry, where we were kindly accommodated by Mr. Turner of the Pioneer Line.

~~13th~~ 7th. . violent toothache, crawl into wagon in grassy area. Alkali Springs tastes like Seidlitz Powder.

Sunday Willow Sp Greasy Creek

Monday re IR, nothing remarkable about the rock except its position. . . here 2 Govt trains. . . Near the rock the road crosses the river and ascends the hill to the left, in order to miss DG. . .

Tues. . a black man belonging to Kincaid is very sick with cholera and 1 in all probably die very soon.

13 14 cos camped on Strawberry Creek

Sat 14th. . to Pacific Springs

Sunday rest at Pacific Springs. read a tract, and rks of Tom Moore. . . Manes better. . . travel the "Stretch" 35 miles w/o water or grass. . . found it 52 miles. . . "Weir" all wet.

Thurs. . across GR. . call on Miss Elizabeth White. . she is quite young and pretty and very agreeable and intelligent. It afforded me much pleasure to meet her and equally as much pain to leave the trader she is trading in.

Sunday 22 Dr. Stone devoted part of evening to baking Apple Pies, a very good luxury. //fairly detailed about route details.

Tues. . on Bear River Snake lodges, 3 traders, one of whom is M, another from Tennessee. . Wed. Soda springs etc.

Thurs. drove to turn onto road to Oregon via Fort Hall, where we decided to take a left hand trail and carry us thru the mts to the St. Mary's River, thereby cutting off many miles.

Indians eating their vermin. They pick them from the trader's heads and coolly thrust them into their mouths.

Taking everything together the road is excellent and I save the Es at least 3 days try with their teams. . took us 6 days driven 12 by the ~~EW ng. rethem~~ ~~Dividing~~ ~~to the~~ ~~famous~~ ~~SP~~ ~~raft~~ and Humboldt bears a strong resemblance to the famous SP of RMS.

August 3. . Dayton Ohio co came up, vg tvd via SL, of ch they sepak n glowg terms. . 8/4 to Goose Creek Hot Sprs
 ///he identifies any number of other trains and persons. .
 approachg death of yg man from NC cholera turned to typhoid fever a d consumption

Sunday 8/12 attend preachg at the camp of the Union Band of Illinois. Takg the sermon and the preacher altog it was a very poor excuse, even for the season and the Lat tude. I had not patience to hear him out. . I get the Rheumatism

Wed (aft Sat 18th) came to forks oth road, the left bg the old road to Ca, , ~~and the right~~ x gg into the same thru the gr pass in the mts, and the r ght leadg further north, near Mud LLake and striking the head of Feather River. The majority oth Es vg taken th s road we ccluded to ty try the exper ment

At the last Hot Sprijg find Dr. Mann of Delaware, Ohio. . prob of a cutoff tb made by Mr. Myers who is a few mis in advance of us. . catch up w Mr. Myers train surrdd w about 200 teams, awaitng him to make the cutoff. At this place we found the Dayton Ohio Co, that had left us on, Goose Creek

Sat. We await the c toff w great excitmenet. . l drive w the We crossed the SNMs Augu 31. . The pressing duties, from the above place to the mines, prevented me fm atte d ng to my memo randum and I reluctantly gave it up.

L Jno. E. Brown

Biog note by Mrs. Katie E. Blood
 of Parkersburg, WV father b 1827 22 fm Asheville . fm Calif f to Australia. . in NZ, free schohs nd cpulsory educ d at Ashville NC 1895

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GHOST TRAILS TO CALIFORNIA by Tomas Hunt
 American West PC Palo Alto Ca has detaíl maps

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"A Gold Rush Letter from Bernard J. Reid," ed James D. Van Trump and Alfred D. Reid, Jr. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE v. 44 (September 1961) 217-235

Intro
renaissance figures Bernard Joseph Reid, 1823-1904, teacher, surveyor, lawyer, soldiers, and 49er lawyer in Clarion Ct nd Pittsburgh - letter ch he appended to his unpublished diary //a copy of this diary has been deposited w the HS/WP, 4338 Bigelow Blvd, Pittsburg 13, Pa. Another diary ch Reid kept in Ca nd ch covrd his life there durgin the 10 month period fm Jan to Oct 1850 was pub in PECoureir IV No 5 (Oct 1937) 9-10, 13.

in 1846/7 clerk in office of US Surveyor General at SL where he remained until April 1849 when he began his j to Calif gold fields. In Ca he was eng in ming nd tradg until 1851, when he became prof of English, Spanish, h story and math at Santa Clar College near San Jose. . fall of 1852 reted to US via Ithsmus.

fought in CW

that he possessed no small lit ability the letter and diary bear witness. He was gifted w dramatic powers of some distinction and a sure dramatic sense. . his acct of the ct is sharply observed. . His style is ~~spars~~ spare but vivid, refreshingly free both of 19th cen cliches nd the formality ch might v attended the re-working of h's youthful story. The d. is esp notable for his landscape dscrips, ch display a poetic, almost sensuous delight in his surrs

Many unpub ds oth GR exist, but this one seems tb unrecorded. Unfort the orig ms has disappeared and it seems tb lost beyond the most diligent enquiry of editors. The survg typewritten ~~xxxxxx~~ document was left to the author's son, Judge Ambrose Reid. . and by him to the sons B. Meredith and Alfred D. Reid, from whom the editors procured it. . As we know it today the next is a re-working of the material in Reid's youthful j - the new version o ch was undertaken by Reid during a stay in a Pittsburg hospital, put in final form in 1904. . original oth letr must have shared the same fate as the diary notes

R's j began April 28, 1849 when he left SL for I steamer. He had purchd for \$200 a ticket from Turner, Allen & Co. of SL as one of 120 passengers on a "Pioneer Train" to El Dorado. . the fare included rations nd a seat in one of 20 square-topped sprig wagons aswa transport for 100 lbs of bgg for member. The freig was transported in the familiar hooped pr schooners. . was to t 55 to 60 days. Totaltr consisted of 42 wgs, 300 mules, 161 men includg th crew and tr captain, John ~~Tuenn~~ *Turner*

The tr left the cgs w of I May 8, proceedg wwd to a ferry cro of Ks R. . at forks oth P the tr took the "Lower California Crossing" /?/. . SP July 19 SCO HCO. . Beyond RR tr fod Goos e R nd Thous Spr Ck to hdwtrs of Hu- . Tr was choked w alkali animals exhausted, and men suffered fm inadq diet forced upon them by Captain Turner. . after a desert march fm HS, Reid and 4 others left the tr with a pack-horse to cross Sierras alone Sept 18 they crosd Carson Pass /s of Lake Tahoe//found by Fremont and Carson in 1843-44// on 21st reached diggins on Weber's Creek. . soon to SF

Fog letter to sister in Clarion, Pa 3 days after arrv SF

SF, Ca 10/24/49

Thank god I v outlived the lg j here, tho it has bec fatal t many of my poor fellow passengers

When I look back it appears like a long dreadful dream fm ch I v just awakened. As to the PL we er all grievously deceived by the press and leadg merchants of SL. It proved an infamous imposture; its proprietors swindlers and worse than that, criminals of the deepest die -- for the deaths of sev men nd the tears of widows and orphans r the cseq of their bad faith, cupidity and inhaminity

When I wrote home fm FK, FL and Big Sandy, a portion only of thie villainy had been developed. The worst came last. The wa yside over the deserts oth GB and beyond r marked by the graves of the wretched victims of the Pioneer Line. Instead of getg thru comfortably in 60 or 80 days, the tr was 165 days on the

road fm I to this city -- and only 8 out of 120 passengers came through. The others, who did not die on the road, left the tr to save their health and their lives. We er m than decimated -- 18 vg died on the way in the train. . food was worse than that g ven to convicts in any state prison. . D, d and scurvy er the cseq. 20 or 30 er ctinly sick .

all the passengers too sick to wade thru the sand er ~~at~~ left in the carriages.. . Brewster and I still had the pony.. the rest of r bagg we nv expected to see again. . I carried about 25 lbs on my back and we avgd 25 ma day

A hundred miles beyond SP r teams er cpletely broken down. . We acc agreed to sacrifice r bgg . . Each man was lited to 75 lbs. . I threw away, cseq, more than half my outfit. Soon after lvg I I began to find that Dr. Brewster was not quite the person to suit me. A trip on the pls des char most cpletely. . separate. . We divided our affairs. . Bæwsters won Don. . He also made it to the mines

I v better health now and m m robust than when in SL. I am one of 2 or 3 psngrs who v improved by the tr p, takg no spir its and no med cine. . After lvg my tr was the worst time on the pasngrs. When I went to their camp ø at Weber's Creek I saw a gr change. The well er sick -- the sick er worse -- several er dead. Two of my mess-mates died. It made my heart sick to see the cd oth tr. They had no flour, nothi g but miserable pinola (parched corn) and bacon -- and Turner, w inhuman stinginess procured nothg for the pasngrs -- nothg even to relieve the sick. .

a fr dies, whom Turner refuses to carry back to camp. On relatg a few facts respectg r tr to people at Wever's Creek they expressed their feelgs so strongly that I almost feared they d assemble en-masse and hang John Turner. Certa nly had I but calld a meetmg here and made a simple stm of facts JT dv expa ted h s crimes w his life. But I believe there l yet come a day of retribut on

I had a cpanion in poverty Mr. Davidson of Maryland // note: a compnd in the wg tr who escaped death 2 x on the j; once by cholera nd 2nd time when he was rescued by Reid fm drowng in the Platte See 1849 diary 13, 32

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recollections -

281172 James Meikle Sharp / BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE EXPERIENCES
OF _____ np 1931 pp 18-37

8 yrs old
b. 44 Ohio in 1848 by scow down Ohio to a landing in Ind an cd Rising Sun, where took river steamer. . came to Smith's Landing, disemb, transp to sec 12 mis fm I, Mo Jackson Ct. . ~~in order to procure~~ stock nd equip he had to borrow 500

In crs of 4 yrs father succeeded in gathers ox nd cows. . enabled to carry out his plans to go to Oregon
planned to start the trip in 1852 .. Father 55 mother 44, had 7 children. . we cut wheat straw, soaked itin water until it became soft and pliable, the braided it in such a way that

mother was able to sew it into hats for us

CROSSING THE PLAINS; we strtd w 6 yoke oxen, each vg his personal name in order, begng w Bill and Berry

fm a diary kept by mother I note that we hitched up our motive power and made r start May 5. . the diary showed daily mileage of 2 to 25 mis, but the mileage was largely a matter of guesswork

Kansas River crossed (wgs nd humans) in a ferry boat, propld by 3 husky Is on each side oth boat, pushing it w poles as they walked fm bow to stern, the walkg forward nd repatg the opera.

We crossed one other stream in a ferry boat, this bg the NP

29th of May came upon bocyof a man who had bn murdrd, nd r party buried him. We did not learn his name

May 31 we arvd at the Platte or Nebraska River. . During month of June the estd mileage as recorded in the Diary was 419 bg an avg of less than 14 mpd. . passed Fs K and L. On the 10t of June we reached the upper crossg of SP nd cd at AH. This place I remember cs o th many swallows nesting on some precipitous cliffs. . We also passed sm intrstg formas incl Sol tary Tower and CR - natural obelisks of a striking char

We also passed thru SBs, a deeply eroded region

July 1 we crossed the NP

Somewhere on this tr, we enctrd co of SxIs migratg. . the warriors er decked out gaily, nd prac all er om horseback. .
(dscrip of travois

Acc to D we tvd some 445 mis July, rain and hail 6 x. We crossd NP by ferry at \$5. pwg 50c pm. Here I saw 2 men on opp shore, stripped to the waist, dg battle w their fists. It was said they er bros. .

July 3 we passed IR. . the rough roads served us well when i came to the matter of churning the cream for butter. . SP 7/9

Quotg fm mother's Diary. . Sat July 23 '52. Today we made ab 20 ms --passed the celebrated Soda Springs ch r indded a gr natural curiosity. On 27th FH

Now in August along Snake. . no wood on this Plateau. . fir ξ fm bunch grass. . Sept 1 into Grand Round Valley, w grass and I pop. . Blue Mts. . Umat lla V "Out ofprovs and family sick"

Those who er supplied w funds cd plan to load their outfits on a steamer at TD to Portland. . Those w/o funds cfronted w nec o drivg 80 mi trip across Cascade Mts s of Mt Hood at a tme en winter storms db prevalent.

Sept 25 arvd at Indian creek, r road after crossg Deschutes R vg veered to sw to pass to s of Mt Hood. . Buy $\frac{1}{2}$ bu potatotes. more family sick and out of bread / Summit Hill. . oxen give out . . yoke cows. . tvd 10 mi. Passed over Laurel Hill, stee p and diffic to get down. Crossed Zigzag ck. . Sandy Creek. . Dr ove to Foster's where we remained 4 days

Durg the night at one of the worst camps a woman died. . t husb and my mother scooped out a lt depression. . met a relief t fm WV. As flour was \$1. lb, nd we er on the bankrupt list, our folks didn't buy any. Some kind-hearted person gave us a small supply. . huckleberries. . crossed Clackamas Rv, arv OC 10/16 did come in w r wg. . . . to Geo Nelson place at Chehalem V Chehalem

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Philip C. Marshall, "New Jersey Expeditions to California,"
in 1849" PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LXX (1952) 17--36

/mainly re sea travel/

One of first overland cos to start for th West was Col.
Henry L. Webb's group of 100 men, ch left NY 2/8. . this group
org in strict mil fashion, included sev former soldiers who hd
servd under Col Webb in the Mex ca war. on March 4 the co, af
tvg d Ohio nd Misip rvs by stbt, left NO for the Brazos river
by sea

p. 26 among thousands overland fm US lvg MoR was a small co
of 36 men called the Newark Ov Co. . altog 400 Jersemen migrate
by sea and land in B49

appendix list of ships

NJ men taking part in the GR 1849-1850

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Philip C. Marshall, "Y The Newark Overland Company,"
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173-187 includes Charles Gray Andrew J. Gray and John S
Darcy in members . . see OFF AT SUNRISE

//ALL SOURCES FROM NEWARK DAILY ADVERTISER, March 2, 1849 to
January 28, 1851 //

3/1 lg crowd at Market st rr sta in Neward, bid farewell to New
ar Overland Company. Led by General John S. Darcy, headed for
Ca. . 36 men, fm Neward nd surrg towns

by slow stage tofrom Cumberland to Pittsburg, reached 3/5. .
meet to decide relv merits oxn and mules. . voted for oxen
now 37 men among ll wgs, exch tb dr w 6 oxen. . 3/8 resume j
aboard steamer SL, \$8. per. . arrv 16th hard passage, described
by one of company /anonymous//

at SL split into 2 groups for tr to I. . advance party of 10
who preferd mules left 3/21, reachg I 3/25. . 3/29 Darcy party
reached I after hard 6-day trip up MR, 450 ms Of their diffics
General Darcy wrote: We v had a ve g nd pl party but more of
disaster, not fatcl, than anyone on board has ever witnessed.
Our boat is nearly a wreck. Cholera.. But we r safe.

sev oth gr left Darcy at SL gg to Ill to purchase sadel horsse.
Had not reached I by 4/5 looked for daily. . Darcy finds co
had arvd too early. . in April 9 issue of St Louis Republican
states: A company fm NJ, ~~NOX~~ NOC, under General JSD, r in
th field. They v ll wgs, ll tents, suff mules, and provs for
6 months. . maps, field glass, compass and telescope, and ea
man w a revolvng pistol, db gun a d a rifle. .suff clothing for
3 yrs, a prec wholly unnec. . ev an is to rk on his own hook
after arrival

At I 2 mn desert. . 3d man Joh n B. Overton left I 4/17 / w th
Stephen DeHart's wg co (under guidance of Col. Russell()), reach
SF July 29. . fog souther rt by way of Green River

Darcy party still at I April 22 but D. in letter expressed hope that they d' b able to lv w thina week. . reasurg news fm SF traders re grass and Is favorably d' sposed, "waitg / the liberality oth govt for the r-o-w across their terr. -- ch plac es them on their good behavior."

While wa ting I, flood of Es grew. . Each stbt filled, and in ea boat chol. claimed its victims. . deceptive claims by agents re power and trustorthisness of their mules and oxen. . ev lg owner of hrss, oxen and mules v their drummers. . ardent, un- tiring and deceptive

April 17 the mule div o NOC left I for camp of Col Russell, loc 10 mi w city. Gen D w ox div did not lv unt 1 April 26 b nd by the time they reached the Russell enc, those who favord mul had tvd another 10 mis westward. . On fog day a small reunion of 2 parties took place when Andrew J. Gray, Charles Gray and Benjamin Casterl ne, vg ridden ahead to the mule cos enc, er entd at dinner by C. B. Gillespie. They infd G- that ox co planned to proceed another 10 mis on Monday, the camp to wait further for grass. Mules cd feed on much shorter grass, n so the mule co was able to proceed w/o delay

May 3 ox co made its final start for Ca. . acc by wg w 80 bus corn, ch left the co 3/8, near KR . . oppor to send letters hom

Next learn of D. co at FK, May 24. One oth co who kept a daily record ocf events: all bldgs of mud, xcept a saw-mill driven b 12 mules; sev frames in process of erection . . May 25 camp under foot of water, nd oxen wandered . . weather turned cold on 26, 35 degrees. . May 30, 31 drenching ra n kept party fm tvg

Weather cleared June 1. . June 2 crossed nf. . B chase June 4 rocky ravine of AH. . bot moccs and deerskin breeches fm Is . thous of freshly kd B carcasses both s des of road
June 6 lone elm tree in ch Sx had buried their chief, covg him w B robe and various decors, whole surmounted by rifle/tincup

June 11 FL 1700 mis fm I. . exude cfidence. . wg bads getg lighter and oxen m trained in their duties, cholera seemed b e hind. . cfid of arrival September 1

June 14 co tvg thru mtous ct. . amazed at mag nd extensive views obtainable fm hi ridges . . Overtook Gillespie and Martin with their mule teams who had started out sev days in adv

Sunday . . sev E cos lg group to l listen to a sermon by an E missionary. . 6/18 10 mi below M ferry. . arrgmet w Ohio co to use their raft instead of waiting for 300 wgs. . help Ohio gr w th their 20 wgs. . their own 8, wind increase, Johnson's wg lost, and nearly some lives

June 26 SP. . July 8 left FB 7/14 SLC to avoid the bare an eate over camp district on the Ft. Hall line. . wgs repaired. . Gold optimism: R prospect for getg the precious metal is g. Th Ms vbn out there, nd today I vseen 100 lbs, nd hv handled piece worth \$250. each . 7/19 left SLC by the new M trail around north end of SL, ch interected w FH route at HR, 175 mi nw.

After D party left SLC the record of their travs is less complete. In letter from GD at Sacramento 11, 49 that party had taken the northern route, which passed close to the Ore border, thinking in grass. They were misdirected hundreds of miles off their route by a "fur hunter" who professed a knowledge of another road." They crossed several deserts where there was no water for distances of 10 to 70 miles and passed hundreds of dead animals. However, most of the oxen in the D train were saved by careful handling.

Upon reaching the Sacramento the company divided into several groups. 7 men detached themselves from the party and went to the upper mines. In October the N company was on Feather River. Here two died, probably victims of cholera epidemic.

Darcy, also ill, left company went to Sacramento for winter. April Ashfield Jones died. from cholera etc.

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William H. Richardson, Jersey City, "The Argonauts of Jersey City," PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY V. 11 (1926) vol 11, pp. 170-186 369--377 525--532 the last is No. 4 (October, 1926)

bare mention of Darcy overland party -- mainly sea routes.

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"From Tennessee to California in 1849: Letters of the Reeve Family of Medford, New Jersey," ed Oscar Osburn Winther. JOURNAL OF THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY XI (June, 1948) 33-84

importance of personal records. A large part of the material is repetitive; much, too, is lacking in feeling and human interest. But in these respects the material presented here is refreshing. Tell of Clayton and Robert Reeve, brothers, and sister Rebecca Foster Reeve, whose first voyage of the California Trek was aboard a homemade flatboat down the full length of the Tennessee River. . . recounts by what means and over what route the journey was reached.

Father Mark Reeve in NJ. . . 1821 sons moved to E Tenn where they resumed the manufacture of iron. . . events preceding departure of the 3 from California not known. . . Clayton reveals that he liquidated his iron operations, joined Robert and Rebecca on their flatboat, etc. His letter carries the narrative as far as I, Missouri near which city their rendezvous with other Teams was established. . . The overland trip to Sacramento is recounted by Rebecca in letter to her Medford cousins. She places emphasis on the last lap of the journey over Lassen's Road, along which Clayton met death from Modoc. . . sore trials of those who traversed the ill-fated cut-off to the northern mines. . . remaining letters from R. and his California husband, Dr. John Scott very specific in that they satisfy one's curiosity as to what became of individuals who managed to survive the overland journey. . . Robert went to the Washoe mines where he died, and Rebecca lived in Sacramento and San Francisco Bay cities before she succumbed to TB in 1881.

A. A letter from CR to cousin Josiah of Medford. . . largely in journal

journal form the author recounts the flatboat j oth Reeve party down the full le gth of the Tennessee Rv enroute to Calif gold fieldds. . . Mar 12 start. . j not completed until late December, 1849. . start was a little above Knoxville where Holston and French Broad rivers j to form the TR in ne T

pp 42--74 Sec B. Letter by Rebecca to cousin Mary W. Ely of Medford, NJ, princ a deta led acct of the expers, hardships and disasters encntrd while entrg the Sac V by way of the Lassen Road late summer and fall of 1849

SacCity December 30: re terrible arrows oth savage Is pierceing me as they pierced our dear brother .. the Modocs ///gen regarded as the most warlike of all Ca I tribes and at all times a serious menace to A Es and pioneers// . . we er in the tr of Gen. Row of Ohio. . killed while alone to repair a wheel. .brother Robert turn me around to head for the train - -grief, terror and fatigue. .18 ~~xxxxxx~~ of their horrible arrows, some had passid entirely through him and out again other in withdrawing thim always left the terrible, pointed head within his boddy. . In themg his grave was y made ~~betwexx~~ beneath a lg pine, he was laid out in the tent of Gen R. . . hisname and manner od death carved in lg letters pn a tree. . For more than a week the savages ha nted us

5 yg men in persuit of some they had stolen er nv heard of a after brother R and myself but just escapwd w r lives or me worse than a thousand deaths, Captivity among th s horrid tribe. . My former letters nd xtrctsfm myj was all the sunny side oth picture, all happiness -- now I must g ve thee the dark side, the side filled w the sufferg nd distress of hundreds

The whole E had intended to g by sinks of Marys river, but there er cards puts up at this pasture gr, addressed to the Capta ns of d ff trs, that there was a new rout discd, reportg only 30 miles of desert - It took w lg trs immed, and half the Eion changd their mind to come this way. It was called the Cherokee cutoff .//to end, one week over 9 months/// mett by govt tr, sent by Gov of Ca w provs for Es. .this rt instead of shorteng the distance added 350 miles. .

fnReeves entered upon a widely used cut-off ch began at a big b bend on the HR ne o Carson ~~Sink~~ Sink. The t rn-off place was called Carson Meadow; the rt fod was variously known as the Lassen Road, Lassen Ot-off, Lassen Trail, and Norther Route. It was also cd by some the Cherokee cut-off -- socalled because a Captain Evans Co from Arkansas had passed thru Cherokee IT The first sec thru nw Nevada to s end of Goose Lake (ne Ca) t ch pt the road was also a pa t of the South, or Applegate Road leadg to Oregon. From GL the LR dro ped south and f 60 mis fod the rugged upper Pit River (Scharmann says crossed and re-cross no less than 11 times. The thru the lava bed area e of Mt Lassen the rt dropped s to Big Meadows at the hdwtrs of Feather

River; thence west along a ridge septg Deer Creek and Mill Creek to Lassen's ranch on ~~Feather River~~ Sac River, roughly half way bet Chico and Redding.

geog ignorance of sm miners ch cfused Pit River w Feather River. sotim referred to as the Death Route or Lassen's Horn route. . The LR was extremely treacherous, and I meanc menace was gen recognized.

See Alonzo Delano, and Bruff. . the Bruff party was not far ahead of the Reeves

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HM 36381 George McKinley Murrell, California Overland Journey 1849 (letters to 1854. . . ~~xxxxsxxx~~(legat) ms

undated Steamer Gen Worth Ohio rv 10 mi above Owensborough dear Father: . . Although the boat jostles so that I can scarcely write, we r getg along at a swimming rate. . Myself and Reubin (a slave) r cfortably quartered. some on floor. . I g to Louisville, transfer to SL on Gen Washington . . now in Luisville. . the Calif boys r in hi spirits. . Tell mother not to worry for we r in the hands of a merc ful Providence 3pp

HM 36348 April 5, Steamer Boreas, Missouri River 30 miles above Jefferson. Dear t. mother //ink, good script, on different sizes// had sick headache. . I v cversed w many old mteers who v spent a nu of yrs out there who say that they nv enjoyed better health in their lives than when wandering over the pls nd camping out. Got to SL on Sunday nite and left the next Tues Did not write s'nce all my time was appropriated ~~to~~ to the bus oth co. .most bound for Ca that I v seen r g-menm most of 200 psgrs Cas. . I l now devote a few lines to Rhewbin. . pieties. I endeavrd to put dn what he said in his own language, for the purpose of gratifyg him. Rhewbin isve g & kind to me and I l take g care of him

HM 36373 Independence Mo April 8, 1849: Sister Sally: Ve pleasant tr up to this time. . tho boat run aground a dozen x a day. . landed yest or Sat. . in tents, raining, I 3 mi fm rv pop 2,000, . . about 3,000 here for Ca, fm ev sec oth union . . many v gone to Weston and SJ. . give my love to all oth childre and all of the servants. .

Dear Father: bot 10 wgs at \$75 w beds. . oxn cnb had \$40 to \$50 per yoke //to Miss Sallie B. Murrell, Bowling Green, Ky

HM 363 Camp at I April 17 sister Mary: it is falsely reported that there r 17,000 Es here and $\frac{1}{2}$ have cholera, a monstrous ex aggeration. .ac about 3,000 but arg daily, sm 400 in last 3 day Ther vbn deaths. . The most oth cases are mild and easily mgd, en the us remedies r applied in time. . and it is cfined entirel y to those who v been e ther intemperate in their diet or drink or who v exposed themss unrec. . a wretched climate, so far. . masonic fraternity hv a lodge here also the some of Temperance, & Odd Fellows. They gave a grand proc f the purp of biddg adieu to frs on eve of departg for CA. . to hear lectures nd sermons Many churches, also a lot of dissipation

HM 36339 Dear Colmery, from California Camp near I 4/17
 the capt was s survly cross-grained sort of fellow not calcu-
 lated to mingle w & please a jolly set of boys from old Ky. .
 Camp life is glorious. . reports fm those in Ca whose veracity
 is unimpeachabl, re richness & inexhaustibil ty oth mines. .
 cold nd disagr weather has retarded the gr of grass
 4/20 . . much personal crap

HM 36341 I 4/24 Encampment of the Green River California Co.
 S A. Gossom: no accid xcep loss of hats blowing off on Mo
 rv. . dn come back home for \$2,000 in cash. . sev of co v had
 the mumps and measles.. sm 3 to 5000 Cas Es in this xt, sm
 est at 6,000. . ev stbt is loaded down. . mn on horsbk fm SLL
 said he passed a thousand waggons . . some say more at Weston nd
 SJ than here. . They v begun to lv as the grass l begin to do.
 Wev had a split in the co. . what we needed. the Hopkinsv ll
 portjon oth co hv bn an incubus pnthe progress oth co, we v ha
 all the rk to do. Ther r 5 or 6 perf scoundres among them
 We no..33 in r cond they r all the right sort of boys, hones
 t and high-minded. . there lb a thous temptat ons to walk in
 crooked paths//////~~much moralizing and piety~~////. . Rheubin isll
 and is of gr benefit to me he sends his lv to you and frs

HM 36359 April 25, 1849 Green River Cal. Encampment Near I Mo
 Sister Marie: no bed bugs, like you in feather beds. . v sm
 cook stoves made of sheet iron. . make biscuits . maninly bacon
 biscuits & coffee

Sister Ellen: improve in knowledge nd wisdom. . I present a
 fine bk to the one who has improved hæs mind the most, and pa
 shall be the judge

Sister Eliza. . must be the youngest

HM 36364 April 27/ Camp near I Sister Mary: . nostalgia, melan
 choly musngs. . chide for not writ ng... vbn detained by sick
 ness. . 2 cases chol in sight of r camp. . ev case I v heard of
 cb traced to intemperance. . diarrhea apremmointary symptom. .
 one of Hopkinsville boys died, had a quack of a steam doctor
 Apr 30 most o r co v already gone to the ct 10 m

HM 36383 May 21 6 o'c in mg Captixix Camp in vic of Big Ver-
million 150 or 160 mis from I. Dear Father. . Some one on the
 rt is bg to I. Now among Ps, who r gr raseals. . Rheubin nd my
 self r both / l and nv in better health or f ner spirits

HM 36365 Enc May 24 235 or 240 m w I Sister Mary
 oppor to forward letr vnbn out o sight of a tr since we start
 ea . . v tonite formed a Corallw a co of 37 fm 6 diff states, b
 the princ part of them r fm Texas. We l tv w them. q The object
 of r unitg is that we may secure r cattle better at night. . was
 a co 15 mi fhis place lost 110 head catl on stampede, may or ma
 y not vbn occd by Is. . v found only 47 cseq most oth co lv to
 ret to Ill nd Ohio. . . wind blows constantly and coldly. . I
 do not find the prairies tb the fair land that Romance represen
 ts it to b w flowers of ev variety enlivns by music ofh feathrd
 tribe. .but interm prs may b ranked among th curs oth rld. .I
 pay 20c to v this sent back. . Rheubin sends his lv to all GMM
 and black

HM 36349 Fort Kearny on Platte River 350 ms w of I May 31
 1849 noon Dear mother: We r not at FK yet but 15 bf the
 night where I l v an oppor of sendg this to the States. We r
 all in fine health every one of us. The Northwesters that swee
 p over the Plains constntly have blown evthg like disease from
 among us . . no t mber, not even a ridg switch. . FK is situa
 ted on this island. The Govt is sending out a tr of 3 or 4 100
 wgs w a regiment of soldiers to Oregon. We vbn tvg in sight o
 r rather in the vic o them for the last week. Soti r tr db in
 the lead and soti theirs

I v ~~z~~ not seen an I f 200 mis. . we met w sm ind vs every 2
 or 3 days retg disheartnd at the nos who v gone ahead. Or they
 v lost their stock in a stampede nd r cpeld to return. . We v
 lost only 1 yoke of catl since we startd nd that was a yk we pu
 rchasd fm an I. . sm o r catl fatter than en we started. . if t
 Pls fm this on r as productv as those we v passed over there is
 a suff of ~~p~~ grass on them to graze all the catl in US and half
 of Europe. .

The Oregon troops r desertgon ev occ, some of them for the di
 ggg, nd some for home. They er cd just ahead of us last night
 nd 20 odd deserted. . Rheubin isl nd seems to enjoy the tr he
 says tt tell them all howdy for him. . There is a register here
 ///ps/// kept by govt officers to keep an acct oth waggons as
 they pass & the register shows that about 5000 wgg v passed and
 they l avg 3 or 4 persons to the waggon

HM 36384 Sac City Ca Sept 17 1849 Dear Father. Safely arrvd
 in the land of my destina I forthwith proceeded to rite to you
 thankf to prov f the bles gs that vbn extend to me thru the
 whole trip I got within ash dist ot this place yest I left
 the wgs sm 400 mis back for the pur of gg ahead and lookg out
 a loc. Instead of cting on the old rt I left it 80 miles above
 the sink of HR nd fod Myeres an old mteer who said he was gg to
 make a cut off and get a better road he did not make the cut
 off But increased the length oth road some 300 or 350 miles or
 else we dvbn heremuch sooner

We crossed the SN above the hdwts of Pitt River and fell into
 the Sac V 160 fm this place. If r teams ctind on the old rd ch
 I am induced to be they did they ought tb almost h re now. Whe
 n I left the tr Rheubin & all the rest er l exdpt a lt dutchman
 r temas er in tol g order. . Thr r a gr many Es here. . many of
 those far in the rear r doomed to undergo many privations if no
 t to perish in the mts. Govt is dg evthg in its po er to per s
 aid them in Gen Smith has handed over \$100,000 dollars for tha
 purpose even the citizens r alive to the r distressed situation
 nd r makg liberal donations

I am gg up tomorrow to see (about the tr). . re mines, price
 s etc.. .sallow lg emaciated bgs. . tidewater here, sev vessels
 layg at anchor

Of my trip across the plains. . suffice it to say that iwas a
 tiresome one but not as mcuh so as I expected to find it. I v
 not seen a man ~~who~~ that is not unwilling to take it again under
 almost any csiders. I d not g one g farm in old Ky for all the
 land fm here to within 200 mis of the Mo. line. The m a man d
 v of it the poorer e d b. . I wrote to you all the time on the
 road until I got to the last crossg of Platte. But I dont know

recd a y of them. . . . I left the wgs on the 19th August

RHEUBIN MURRELL TO BROTHER SAM 4 pp. HM 36403

Sac City, Ca Oct 4 I take pleasure in writg to you nd let you know that I v arrvd safely in Ca etc. . . hope you all v had a revival of religion among you. . and vbn dutiful in keep ing up the worship of God. . Wages r now pretty much as they er en Master George wrote to Master Sam sev days ago

MASTER SANDY GOSSOM: I find the same God in California that I found at home

MASTER DICK AND MISS CAROLINE PATTERSON

MASTER SAM. . Give my love to all the famil white & black

DEAR FATHER: At Rheubin request I v writn the above lines. Now a word toyou, mother nd my sisters. My health is good. R teams got into the mines on weaver creek the 1t Sept. But I di

not meet w any oth boys until the 2nd of this month . They had a pretty tight time in getting in and out of the 8 waggons we s tarted w we only got here with 3 the others bg left on the road Ouft of 64 head of catl we brought in 44. The joint stock oth co was managed rather badly they disposed of evthg that they c dn divide directly after they arrived & I was not there to bid against them. . thankful that R and myself arvd here in g health boys r scattered. . The Es still ctin to pour in both by land & sea the ct is rapidly fillg up but I see none who expect to make this their home

A word about the Hopkinsv lleCo. who z started w us. It p split all to pieces some packed in some r just getting in whil 5 of them became alarmed and turned aside into the v of SL for winter quarters. A gr many Es did the same & well enough they did. I think the steps that Government has taken l in a gr measure allev the sufferg of th ear Eion & avert the clamitics w ch they dv undoubtdly bn overwhelmed

Oct 26 I am startg for the mines today ///all space taken some w cramped lettering

HM 36350 Sac city Oct 15 to Dear Mother. .ccerned about no let rs fm home. . hear chol there in States. . I was w chol so much comeing out here that I think I understand the premonitory symp toms & shd it visit this ct durg my stay here I do not appreh a gr deal of danger from it. I waited on all three of r men wh died w it . . I do jnot regard it as ctageious. . I placed my c fidence in God

am in partnership for mines, but both sick. Rheubin is in fine health & employed in the boarding house. . There r but few ladies in Ca in fact I seldom \$/ ever see ones face

HM 36358 SBRNF AmRv May 16, 1850 Sister Ellen some oth the Es just arrivg r the worst homesick fellows that I ev saw. And if the 60,000 that r reported to attempt to cross the Pls thous of thm l either perish, winter at some of the forts, or return to the States for it is my cs drd op that there lnb forage enou gh for he animals of half that no of men I crossed the Pls on ce & do not care pat about dg it again. . when I return l relat some oth thrillg events that transpired on that vast and interm waste . . tinted tintype portrait

*E-1826
d-1872
copy of C. Benton
1969*

Ida PcPherrin en, IMPRINTS ON PIONEER TRAILS. Boston, 1950

Preface a collect of stories told me by old timers added to the experx of my gr uncle Hugo Hoppe, a Montana pioneer nd my own expers in pioneerg in Montana

Chapter I Huge Hoppe he kept imp dates nd events in a lt, pocket-sized memo bk cs he always hoped that some day some one d write the story of his life in Germana, here and back again

On mg 13th we pulled out for a pt close to I where tr was to gather

Chapter II TRIP TO CALIF RNIA. 27 wgs, 53 men, 30 wmn and 12 children. . We er all Germans. . April 15, 1851. . sm oth wgs brot along things that showed how lt they understood the trek. . spinning wheel; fancy dres for the Ball whe wgs stoppe at a town; washb owls and pithcers; parasols and fans. .

Dutch ovens er more prac. . starter for bread. . wgs in corral, stock inside, stoves outside

When tr reache Ft Lv /?/ ux intrigued by sight of RM & W,. owned 250 bull trains of 25 wgs each. . each pulled by 15 yoke of oxen. . J. Murphy wagon, made at SL, wg boxes lg as one roo of an ordinary house. . own d 6,250 wgs, 75,000 bulls

fm Flv to FK. . an old abandoned trappers' p/ tp but it served in '51 as a supply station for the gold stragglers

FKey was known as Doby Town cs the stockade was made of adob there was a tall wall around the barracks

At SP we had to turn our p schooners into river scows . took 5 days of hard work to get across. . 3 Is lookg like warriors, wants sothing t eat . B herd running by us. . llok like lions long wait for them topass

Chapter III 2 days later /than what?/ we reached LR. . the go vt was negotiating the first treaty with the Is. . their tepees stood in rows facing one a other to make a st w a road in betwe the hole forming a vg. . squaws goggle-eyex us and taked among themss like a bunch of magpies. . Most oth Is around FL did not wear a ything except the improvement over Adam's fig leaf, bead ed mocs nd paint in hideous designs. . some oth bucks in soldie cast off unifiroms; , some in ræzz red flanner underwear; some w white-colored hisrts and bare legs.

After a while a lt came fm the f to tell us we cd purchase supplies fm the sutler at the fort. On r way we saw square squaw throwing rocks at a dog on rope, chokesit to death, ready for meal.

/// many asides about history bf and after // No one knows when the old tp was built. . In 1816 the post was purchased by AFC when Astor bought up all the tps from Lake Super or to the RMS. Astor's co expended \$10,0 0 improving the post. .the tp w as not named until 1820 t qhen Jacuges LaRamie was drowned in t rv while cossg the stream to sell his pelts. . It is supposed that LaRamie was pursued by Is and in attempting to escape was drwoend. . the tp was the site of the annual rendezvous oth trs

the govt purch the old tp fm AFC and garrisoned it w 500 soldiers and placed 2 howitzers in each fort /old and new/. . We met a mn w/ meanderg about the f who had bn scalped by Is wmn frightened b Is. . we pulled out bf breakfast next mg

we er still I-jittery enwe reached IR that Father DeSmet named the Great Register oth Desert. . aside re hanging of Ella Watson, she and Jim Averell 1889. . w tnessee vy 15yr old Joe king, done by Sam Johnson and Bill Lykens, USMarshall to Calif tra in Idaho. . Indian attack, c'rcle the wagons wmn folkscarri d water and whiskey to the men who gulped it down and went on shooting. . man shot in eye w arrow, pulls out poigt and eye also. . fight raged for sev hours. . 3 dead, 2 wounded. . re wounded, d remove arrows in Calif

these er the Ba nack Is who kept Es terrified w their drpeds for 2 a decade longer whe Gen Connor surprised them in winter quarters

a month later we / skirted the n end oth GSL nd passed thr what the guide books gave s the GAD. .

reach Sacrame to V October 3, 1851 5½ months

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"Letter of a Gold Rusher of 1850," ed A. R. Mortensen
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Occ a member of that gr mass of unnamed and unknown lvs a fragment ch in its s mplicity and artlessness gives insight into the thots nd expers of those who rarely expres themss. Such a person was Andrew McFarlane, who was swept west in the flood tide of 1850. . His letter reveals ve lit about himself and really offers nothing new or unique in the way / of info about the ct. Only frm the address do we gather that he was prob fm Sabula, Jackson ct, Iowa a lt town on the Missip rv

After 2 trips fm I to FL earlier in the summer e finally ctd on to the v GSL where , cs lateness, he decided to remain f the winter. . It was fm here in M capital that he penned his letter to Deare Sister. . He speaks oth Saints in the warmest o words. . He spikes the legend of sterility. .

1850 marked statehood for Calif, and terri status for Utah and Az. SLC Deserest News was born, and Parley Pratt opened up his famous but short-lived Golden Pass Road

Which direc r fr took when spring came we know not. Of on e thing we r quite sure, he did not continue west via HCO. The prev yr had seen both the peak and end of tv on that much malign ed (and justly so) trail of sufferg and death

Dear Sister: I am in the land oth living. . arived here 23 day of September. . I had a midling pleasant jorney across the planes this somer I expect I know as mutch about this Jorney as any that has crossed these planes this season because becaws I v croused these planes twice this sommer. I started about th 10th of April from I w the express to Ft. laramy and intended to go to calafornia from that point w pack animals but mules and poneys cost so mtch here that I ccluded t come back to I and ta