

Tucker, Charles W., "A trip to California - 1849."

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entries are not sep. or clearly fm one writer rather  
as a running accv of the j w/ date note inserted in the  
texts of sentences. No entries of some days ... nothing sig or  
too weary ... 4 children when he left j Calif., 1  
after ... a pract man, observant, but unacc to put his thoughts  
in paper. ~ not too firm w/ orthodox rules of gr + spell ...  
Cath to write of what he saw & did, most of what he thought.

Ashlande Settled. - Wayne Co. (Ohio).

Agreed to go together until tea is eaten, the day being  
as a co., surprisingly our trip, only 1 injury. Before start  
114 days. 3 factors of speed: size + homogeneity  
of party (30), an early start, & the fact consist of a  
Ma Co. - crossing both the NP + Green rivers - - -  
by Fl + FH, one section of 53 m in 23 hrs

71 - 12 f. Ashlande Ashland Co.

72 5th April 1. St Elyria Hamlin

of St Joseph, April 3. St Jo. April 9.

Got a cat in yoke at an orange \$50. Each + one

house at \$40. up saddle & bridle, and 3 cows at \$10 each  
4/14 way got shot accidentally - 4/19 to Savannah  
Landry 4/20 [among others]

[shot = they w/ his own gun & an accident /  
John Hayes trapping an ox herd while plowing up  
the stream. The home of the gun is very a piece long as cap.

73 2/21 we got 2 traps framed around the river &  
one - I hunting - 4/26 we took a final leave of  
the frontier - more weeks 27<sup>th</sup> we are at the  
missionary site about 10 AM where Uncle Sam keeps an  
I ays - 51. on west side Niangua 5/4 we are  
at BB - a 5 miles or even 6 miles

5/16 we passed Fox Charles 300 - & 5/17 -  
arr. at 3 miles W. Fox

5/22 - we arr. just above Little Creek  
the feed was poor it had been set dry. There is  
not much wood at this place

5/26 we a. SF Platt. it is one of the muddyest  
streams I have seen. the course is ab 40 miles  
of the N. & a. fork of the Platt. 3/4 m wide &  
2 1/2 deep, at times we are there was no 40 wds  
in the river at once

5/27 up SF in m & measured at an I &

here was also 100 lobes. Strung along the river & about  
600 ft. we see for about 100 m. To NW on a way  
to NE PR

28<sup>th</sup> we strike a way & run NNE 11 m. We  
passed the A.H. at 5 AM. There is a gushing spring of  
cold water here. The only spring we had seen of 60 m.  
then cold sand - not at ~~the~~ here we K. 7  
little smoke this day

29<sup>th</sup> we had very sandy roads. There is no  
wood on the river & but a few cedars - the  
bluffs - there are 5 m. of it to the river we had to use  
3 m. more of wood - etc.

30<sup>th</sup> we lay over & rained a little so  
had time to eat & travel

June 1<sup>st</sup> we get candle rock (?) &  
one up on the bottom - base of the rock is  
in the form of a long streak & on top of the  
basement part stand a purplish rock 100' high above  
as big as the tip as it is at the bottom. The whole  
stack basement & all is all 250' above land  
of river scattering narrow pine & cedar  
trees on the bluff

here was also 100 lodges string along the river & about  
600 Is. we saw from an altitude of 14 m to river on a way  
to NF PR

28<sup>th</sup> we stop on a way & at NF 11 a.m. we  
found the A.H. at 9 AM. Then in a gushing spring,  
cold water here the only spring we had seen of 60 m.  
then cold sand - rock ab<sup>t</sup> the river width 7  
metres another this day

29<sup>th</sup> we had very sandy roads. There is no  
wood on the river here & one or two cedars on the  
bluffs. Then on 5 m of the river we had to use  
3 measures of wood. - the

30<sup>th</sup> we lay over it rained in Glen so  
bad that we did not travel

June 1<sup>st</sup>. we f. Castle rock (?) &  
the opp. cr. in the bottom on base of the rock is  
in the form of a hay stack & on top of the  
basement part stand a purp. rock 100' hi above  
as big as the top as it is at the bottom. The whole  
stack basement & all is ab 250' above level  
of river ... covering narrow pine & scrub  
trees on the bluff

June 2 we are at Scotts Bluff we travelled  
this day 25 m or Scotts Bluff. There is a Bi shop  
owned by Amberson a fr. He has a Squaw & a  
wife. The Bluff around this place are high &  
crooked you can see the Blue ridge of the Rocky  
mts & Laramie Peak 150 - off

4/5 we are at Flaming Gorge about noon. This  
built in the form of a fort of adobe &  
unburnt brick. The wall encloses abt 1/2 acre of land.