

Emigrant's last name: Carr Surveyed by: NLS-16 Mary Jo Sprague
first & middle names: Dobney T. Date surveyed: 08-29-76
Title: Copy of Letter written by Dobney Terrill Carr on route from Missouri to California
to E.C. Broadhead dated Platte River near Chimney Rock, May 31-1850

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Emigrant's occupation: _____ Origin: MO St. Jo

Age: _____ MF: M With family? (Y/N) N No. in family: _____

Departed from (code): J3 Arrived at (code): _____

Date of departure: _____ Date of arrival: _____ (use form mm/dd/yy)

Party: _____

Mode of travel: W (one code only: W - wagons; P - packing; L - passenger lines; H - handcart; X - other)

Number of wagons at departure: 1

Number of people at departure: _____ total _____ men _____ women _____ children

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Ball	Benj.		M			5			
Logan	Finley		M			5			
Hibb	G.		M			5			
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McPike			M			5			
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1850
May 31
Platte RiverA. I. S. (Copy of)
Deputy T. Carr
To
G. C. Broadhead

Subject:

Copy of Letter written by
Deputy Terrill Carr,
on route from Missouri to
California, to G. C. Broadhead
at the Platte River near Cheyenne Rock
May 31 - 1850

My Dear Cousin

At the time for putting my
promise I was at home, I have the
advantage of a word to write
a letter to you, as I have written to
Frank and to Maria (x), and it is
nothing but fair that some one from
home can see me next. As Mr. Terry
has given me his story an account of
your trip as far as Ft. Kearney,
it is hardly worth while for me to repeat
it, and all I have to say about it is
that we have had a much better trip
than we expected. Some were sadly
disappointed as they were in hopes that
the hardships they would have to endure
would be an excuse for turning back.
Several accidents have happened in
other companies, but not one in
yours and mine.

Subject:

ours. One man in a Company
Illinois shot himself by accident
It happened near our camp on
Rock creek. We have seen several
wolves turned over and broken, also
a good many dead horses, a few dead
beaver and one mule.

We have passed many emigrants who
left the States in March, and early
in April. There was no grass and they
were obliged to give their provisions
to their animals to keep them alive.
The great annual spring freshets came on
fast, some with one ox or
a horse, who said that all their ani-
mals had died, and all that they
wanted was to get back alive;
poor men they looked without their
halt. They made no preparation
for the visit of the stormy Orion,
They knew not what a March storm
on the prairie was; sadly they
paid for the knowledge. A man
told me that his oxen and horses
would eat beaver with the same

Subject:

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anxiety that they would come.
 They have offered as high as \$20.
 per hundred for flour at Ft. Kearney,
 but the officer said he could not
 spare any, as the provision train
 had not arrived, and how they
 are to get through I do not know.
 To finish with the heart-rending detail
 that has been now suffering on this
 trip. You are our medicine, and now
 it is to end. God only knows.

There were over 2000 wagons passed
 Ft. Kearney before us, and numbers of
 these had not 100 pounds of flour to a
 wagon. They are now pushing on in
 the hope of reaching Salt Lake, but
 the grass is very short and it is very
 doubtful whether they will live to get
 there. The health of the emigrants, as far
 as my knowledge extends, has been very
 good. We have had several cases of
 measles with us, some have recovered
 and the others are doing very well.
 We had some cases of small pox
 behind us, but none near us.

A. L. S.
Deben
To: G. C. B.

Subject:

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Travelling as we do, we have little opportunity of seeing what is going on behind us, therefore I am not of what is near or before us.

We started from Ft. Smith, Missouri, in company. After travelling a few days we found it difficult to get grass for all of our stock, some species.

There are now ten of us, but whether the horse teams will be able to keep up is doubtful, as the grass is rather scant and it takes a horse some time than a mule to get enough to satisfy him, and those that have mules are getting rather impatient of the delay that the horse teams occasion.

Walker Bird & Co. have been here for several days and should our and their horse teams hold back we will join company. The pack company from Fruit Hill are near us. They passed us three days ago, then stopped half a day, when we passed them. I was all the boys they are getting along very well. Mr. Oglesby had a severe attack of sickness which in Missouri, but is now improving.

Opp.

A. L. S.
Dah
To:
G. C. B.

Subject:

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since entering the prairie
Benj. Ball is well as his best friend
could wish, in high spirits and
feeling than I ever saw him.
Hugh ^{is} looks so natural as ever
and Finley Lyon looks no less so
than I ever expected to see him at
his age, browned like a veteran of
many campaigns, all he wants to reach
him a fit representative of one of
Napoleon's old guard is, the birds
and mustangs. Their animals are
improving and their chances for getting
over are among the best.

I have not heard anything of L. H. H.
since I left St. Jo. Mr. George Lee is
four days ahead of us - all well.

We left W. Pike at Ft. Kearney and
have not heard from him since.

There is a report that he had 30 mules
killed by running off with some of his
mules but it wants confirmation.

We are now encamped on the
Platte River 2 1/2 miles below Ft. Laramie
resting our own animals, writing and
washing as we are about to enter the mountains

A. I. J.
 Date
 To
 A. C. H.

Subject:

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and there will be very little
 tiring of walking before we enter
 Grand River valley. The route to it is
 one of the most romantic parts of our
 trip. You enter the valley at the
 hollow by a descent of about 400
 feet in two miles. The road's descent
 down a ravine bounded on each side
 by cliffs between 3 and 400 feet high
 from the crevices of which grow
 cedar, pine and a little evergreen
 shrub some autumn, giving to the scene
 a romantic and picturesque appearance.
 On emerging from the hollow the scene
 changes, the valley of the Flatta spreads
 out itself before you from one to two
 miles wide, the river rushing along with
 a velocity that is almost incredible in
 such a bold country, and one would
 give a specimen of sandstone and clay
 interpermed with a granite like rock
 that is peculiar to this country. It extends
 in a line nearly parallel with the
 Black Hills, and often springs up into
 some of the most romantic chasms that

A.L.S. (20)
Dakota
Doc
S. C. Broad

The eye can behold. But to join
with the Platte valley. The rocky
wall on the south now approaches
the river so close as scarcely to
admit of the passage of horses.
Now roads with a bold curve
forming an Amphitheatre of several
miles in extent, now betwixt as it
now by some mighty commission of
nature forms those isolated mountains
to which have been given the name
of Court House, The Chimney, Scotts
Bluff. There are springs scattered
along under the base, which have rocks
to little brush or timber, consisting of
Big elder and Cherry, which make
the most beautiful camping grounds
with the high wall above covered
with cedar and pine. The river in the
distance, a broad prairie around you
plenty of provisions, and good Company
who would seek to be elsewhere.

On reaching the highest point of Scotts
Bluff, you have one of the wildest and
most dreary views on the Platte. The rocky

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A. S. ...
No. ...
S. C. ...

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will be known the river, and a few
 only at intervals, with the dry beds of the
 winter torrents running among deep, steep
 peaks without one vestige of vegetation
 and what few streams that I find
 their way to the Plate without one
 stick of timber I should have been led to
 believe that there is no wood on
 the Plate from the hollow to the
 top, nor can one imagine a more
 dreary prospect, except that it is visible
 the banks of the Humboldt River.
 But before us and in sight is the
 Black Hills with their peaks rising
 its head above the clouds, presenting
 to our imagination cool streams
 plenty of woods, and we are in hopes
 of finding grass plenty except on
 the crowded ground from Plate to Sweetwater.
 The Guide for moving Camp has arri-
 ved and I must close for the present. I will give
 you a better description of our route when I get to
 past the Red Butte. There seem to be no prospects
 to westward towards Laraine to move and as the
 horses in a few days, my little will get to you, so
 we are in good health but all who do not use
 tobacco have sore mouths.

Barney G. Carr



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When Debuoy J. Carr returned
from his stay in the Upper
Missouri about the year 1849,
he gave to Clark a list
of following Indian words and
their definition.

I saw the Black-foot Indians
(Ak-tow-na)

Aka woman

Aka young woman

Tipa Tally Old woman

Tapay - an Old man

Alina - a young man

Chickee - a little boy

Coosa - a little girl

Wka-wa - blanket

Aha - Buffalo robe

Loos - a coat or covering

Ahitape - a warrior

Aporeta - The man that loves birds

Napaguine - a white man

Sikspaguine - a black man

Mene fruit Napene

Sikachin - coffee O'Sila

Napeka - Whisky - white man's

Napeis - Horse or fit

Black gut

Muchinunucke Gun
- Sato quatie Ammunition
- U' Mitower Dog.
A' Peu Wolf Ito, the
A' Peu cord Iki
Cotokane Horse Ota, with
Cotokana Elk Paha
Mists - wood Pomi
Itawanna knife Yaki
Kanuskeo - trouse
Apo Kristimaska bead
Pokesimha deatis head
Pah Kokesimeka - ghost
Kunnakokit give it to me
Pokes a' pote come here
Tista 'pote go away
O' jistatou - to fix it
Michitchitche - I have none
Michi' Li'ina - There is not much
A' Li'ina - a great many
Hou-na-ey - You have done very well.
Mitou - take it
Kitsiapit - you lie
Nesto - I - Cresto - you a sub-no.
Nesto nishemun - mine - Muk - far off
Cresto chise - yours. Mofit - gut
Kresto minika
An droquis - to fight or whip.

2
Indian words

Kanas

Sah-ba, tunga - a black man

Sah-braska - flat nose

Sah-sha-ger - Deer hair

Sah-shitunga - lewly head

Arapahoe

Wai-ta-wah-ti - long knife

Siou

Nash'ohis'he - a white man

Sah-lah-O-dan-we - a waiting situation

Soolo-issua - I have not any

Nash-fa-hotah - the man that wears a white hat

Sash (one) Ahuto (two) Yes

Mumrah-

Mumkote 1

Somber 2

Yomina 3

Sopa 4 Satta 5

Sapta 6

Sako 7

Sagolo 8

Mikshimira 10

Alla-teen

Mikshimira Nömben 20