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COED - Census of Overland Emigrant Documents

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E1552 - ETHEL SULLIVAN

Emigrant's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: M With family? (Y/N) ? No. in family: \_\_\_\_\_Departed from (code): 13Arrived at (code): (DIARY INCOMPLETE)Date of departure: 01-21-52

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people at departure: \_\_\_\_\_ total \_\_\_\_\_ men \_\_\_\_\_ women \_\_\_\_\_ children

Draft animals at departure: X oxen \_\_\_\_\_ mules \_\_\_\_\_ horses \_\_\_\_\_ other (use X or a number)Other animals: 0 (H - horses; C - cattle; S - sheep; P - pigs; F - fowl; D - dogs; X - other)Routes: 1B 1D 1E 1M 1W \_\_\_\_\_ (use codes from the trail maps)Notes on back? YES - PAGES 1+3

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PAGE 3: Survey of Names (page 1 of 1)

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Last name	First names	Age	M/F	Origin	Party	EMS 52 - OTHER SULLIVAN		CODES
						Page	Date (mm/dd)	
WEBSTER			M			1	04-21	
WALACE	WEBSTER		M	(E)		1	04-21	
WENSON			M			2	04-30	
PALE	CYNTHIA (SEE BACK)			(C)		2	05-02	
LUSH			M			3	05-09	
NIRL						4	05-31	
WAVES	HENRY H.		M	Chs. Washington Co.		5	05-04	
GAGE,	DANIEL		M	(C)		8	06-01	
	JUNEALY	F		(C)		8	06-01	
MLN	HOLDAH	F				8	06-05	B
LUSH						9	06-11	
MLN	CAROLINE	F		(D)		9	06-12	G
BAHSEY	LEON		M	R.T. Cook Co. (C)		10	06-18	FD
BEAL	MATHEWS		M	R.T. Cook Co. (C)		10	06-18	D
"PARTY"					WENSK & Co.	11	06-29	
"PARTY"					WAVES & Co.	11	06-30	
"PARTY"					VIRGINIA Co.	13	07-12	
HAMILTON			M			15	07-23	
"PARTY"				Mo.	MISS JONES & MRS. FOSH Co.	16	07-26	
MLN	SARFUL		M	(E)		16	07-27	E Q

## CODES for column 1:

A - birth	G - marriage (*)
B - death, illness	H - registered name
C - death, accident	I - name on roster
D - death, murder	J - turned back
E - death, other/unknown	K - traveling east
F - name on grave	

## CODES for column 2:

L - capt. of party	R - Black
M - guide of party	S - Indian
N - military	T - Mexican/Spanish
O - govt. surveyor/explorer	U - non-US citizen
P - trader	V - Mormon
Q - non-immigrant	W - joined other party

Codes may not apply to all names. Use up to 2 codes in each column, if multiple codes apply.

\* For marriages, bracket the spouses' names and number the couples sequentially.

② PALE CYNTHIA = THINK THIS COULD BE A DECEASED PERSON OR  
AN EXPRESSION USED AT THAT TIME POSSIBLY  
"REFERRING TO 'THE GODS' (??)"

③ I ASSUME "UNCLE" OF AUTHOK.

④ I ASSUME "UNCLE'S" WIFE OR OTHER RELATIVE

⑤ SOMEONE FROM HOME.

(E) 1ST NAME OF "WEBSTER" GIVEN ON PAGE 12 -- 07-04

(F) AUTHOR'S COUSIN

(G) MR. BALSLEY WAS SHOT FOR MURDERING MR. BEAL.

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EMS52-ETHEL SULLIVAN

Location	Page	Date
WOLF RIVER	1	04-27
BIG NEHEM	2	04-30
LITTLE NEHEM	2	05-01
STONY CREEK	2	05-02
BIG BLUE	3	05-03
SPRING CREEK	3	05-03
INDIANWELL ROAD	3	05-04
LITTLE BLUE	3	05-09
PLATT RIVER	4	05-12
FORT KANEV?	4	05-13
PLUMB CREEK	4	05-15
SOUTH PLATT	5	05-21
NORTH PLATT	5	05-21
SOUTH TOWN	6	05-22
COURT HOUSE ROCK	6	05-25
CHIMNEY ROCK	6	05-25
SIXTE BLUFFS	7	05-26
FORT NEBRASKA	7	05-27
TOW TOWN	7	05-31
ROCK SPRING	7	05-31
HOUSE ROCK ROAD	7	05-31
BLACK HILLS ROAD	7	06-01
NEBRASKA PEAK	8	06-01
LEAFONTE RIVER	8	06-01

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RED BANK CREEK	8	06-01
LEADAL RIVER	8	06-02
LITTLE DEER CREEK	8	06-02
LITTLE ALKALI LAKE	8	06-06
WILLOW SPRINGS	8	06-07
FISH CREEK	8	06-07
SWEET WATER RIVER	8	06-07
INDEPENDENCE ROCK	8	06-08
DEVIL'S GATE	8	06-08
WIND RIVER RANGE	9	06-09
SOUTH PASS	9	06-13
POPLOPIE CREEK	9	06-13
DRY SANDY	9	06-13
JUNCTION OF PT. HALL & SALT LAKE	9	06-14
LITTLE SANDY	9	06-14
BIG SANDY	9	06-14
GREEN RIVER	9	06-15
POPLAR GROVE	10	06-18
HAMS FORK	10	06-18
MANSA SPRING CREEK	10	06-20
WASH RIVER	10	06-20
TALLIE FORK	10	06-22
ASHLIES FORK	10	06-23
MUDDY CREEK	10	06-23

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Location	Page	Date
SODA SPRINGS	10	06-24
STEAMBOAT SPRING	11	06-24
JUNCTION OF FORT HALL + CALIFORNIA ROAD	11	06-24
WILLOW CREEK	11	06-24
RAFT RIVER	11	06-28
WEST BRANCH	11	06-29
CEDAR CREEK	11	06-30
CITY OF ROCKS	11	07-01
SALT LAKE ROAD	12	07-01
GOOSE CREEK	12	07-01
HOT SPRINGS	12	07-04
HUMBOLDT RIVER	12	07-06
CARSON RIVER	15	07-20
RAFTOWN	15	07-20
HOUSE SHOE HEND	15	07-23
JUNCTION OF DESERT + RIVER ROADS	15	07-24
CARSON VALLEY	16	07-24
ELEPHANT MO. (MOUNTAIN)	16	07-27

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<u> D </u>		<u> 1 </u>	<u> 02-22 </u>
<u> C </u>	<u> PAWNEE </u>	<u> 3 </u>	<u> 05-04 </u>
<u> D </u>		<u> 4 </u>	<u> 05-15 </u>
<u> D </u>		<u> 4 </u>	<u> 06-24 </u>
<u> I </u>		<u> 13 </u>	<u> 07-07 </u>
<u> I </u>	<u> DIGGERS </u>	<u> 13 </u>	<u> 07-10 </u>
<u> E </u>	<u> DIGGERS </u>	<u> 13 </u>	<u> 07-22 </u>

CODES (use up to 3 for each entry)

- A - attacked
- B - begged
- C - robbed
- D - saw Indians
- E - imagined sighting
- F - worried about Indians
- G - were warned about
- H - traded with Indians
- I - other
- J - paid toll to Indians



GAGE, STEPHEN T.

DIARY OF STEPHEN T. GAGE, PIONEER, APRIL 21,  
1852-JULY 27, 1852

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Gage 1852

- Ap. 21 - 3PM crossed Mo. R. - then bluffs + camped 6 mi  
at small stream
- Ap 22 - no travel
- Ap 23 - no travel
- Ap 24 - no travel
- Ap 25 - Camped by small run or spring - little grass  
or wood 8 mi.
- Ap. 26 - Camped by side of small stream - good campground  
few miles
- Ap 27 - Small stream for dinner <sup>12 noon</sup> 8 mi. This was 2  
<sup>10 AM</sup> hrs after Wolf River. 2PM at missionary  
station. Camped 5 miles after mission by  
small stream. 19 mi total
- Ap 28 - Camped by sm. stream 15 or 20 mi
- Ap 29 - <sup>passed stream</sup> Saw no <sup>water</sup> from 9AM till night. Had to go  
1 mi off road to camp by spring. ? mi
- Ap 30 - Crossed Big Nemaha + camped.
- May 1 - To Little Nemaha at noon. On 5 or 8 mi.  
to camp. Rd. Crooked before little Nemaha.
- May 2 - Camped at Stony Creek
- May 3 - Arrived at Big Blue at 2PM. Camped on East  
side
- May 4 - Crossed Big Blue. Passed Indep. Rd. - 16 mi  
<sup>at noon</sup>
- May 5 - 17 mi (32 mi. from Big Blue)
- May 6 - Camped by side of small stream



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DIARY OF STEPHEN T. GAGE, PIONEER

April 21, 1852-July 27, 1852

St. Joseph  
April 20/52  
S. T. Gage Esc.

April 21st 1852

This day we left the State of Missouri & all the other States enroute for California crossed the river about 3 oclock P.M. and made through to The Bluffs a little before sun down Snubed our teams and stuck our tent & retired Webster & Wallace for watch camped by the side of a small and nice little stream of water 6 miles from St. Joseph

April 22nd 1852

A fine pleasant warm day. Wallace & Webster went to town with wagon to get it repaired I staid in camp with cattle Grazed them & c Indians came arround in abundance some of them quite boozy. Wallace & Web. returned about dark all s well looks some like a rain. I watched cattle in evening.

April 23rd/52

Was up quite early in morning one of the oxen got down in yoke broke the yoke my oxen loose found them roped them and got them into camp comenced raining about sun rise reloaded provision after Brekfeast took out cattle to grass & aint thru yet wind in south with occasionally a scud of rain.

April 24th/52

Fine pleasant day in forenoon grazed the cattle in afternoon wes & I went to town for the last time I hope for a while

April 25th 1852

This day we rolled out from camp and proceeded about 8 miles and encamped by the side of a small run or spring not much grass or wood. This is the first sunday from town or upon the long road to California

April 26th/52

In morning it was a raining great smurt. wind in No or North west continued raining till nearly noon then as we had but little wood and less grass we started out made a few miles and encamped by the side of a small stream of watter considerable grass Good camping Ground nothing occured of much importance

April 27th/52

Started from camp about 7 A.M. and travailed about 8 miles before noon stopped by the side of a small stream for dinner Passed the wolf river about 10 A.M. This river bridged pen'd toll. Boys were ahead at noon at missionary station. came to station about 2 P.M. looked very much like farming good fences and as fine looking land as I ever saw. It is situated 20 miles from St. Joseph went on about 5 miles and encamped by the side of a small stream for night. I am now out with 2 yoke of oxen about 1/2 mile from camp letting them graze in a slough. made about 19 miles this day. Got into camp about 5 P.M.

April 28th 1852

Was up and dressed in morning Grazed the cattle and started out passed the forenoon quite well in after noon we got glouped bairly took out some of our loading and got out smashed our watering pail in the Then jogged on until nearly night put up by the side of a small stream turned the oxen upon the Prary to grass for the first time made between 15 or 20 miles this day

S F GAGE

April 29th 1852

Encamped by the side of a small stream moved off quite early in morning passed a small stream the about 9 in morning the last we saw until nearly night then had to go a mile from the road for water found a nice spring & good camping ground. I killed a rattle snake this day the first I saw

April 30th/52

Very windy blew a perfect storm almost all the latter part of the night. At times it shook our frail habitation to its center so great was the blast that Wallace stood or rather lay at the door of it and held it level. wind in the morning, rather increasing until middle of forenoon when it blew a perfect storm rain came like small shot We started on about 6 A.M. proceeded but a short distance before we were in a slough soon out & on again Before noon we passed an ox wrecked by the side of the road this is the first of this that we have seen. a plenty of old wrecks of former years lay scattered along mostly oxen. Passed on a little further came to an old wagon "pegged out" by the way probably an old grain wagon Benson & myself rode on to the Big Nehema which at this time is quite small about the size of pine creek (our way ordinarily). However at times they say it has to be forded or ferried. Passed over the creek and stopped to feed calculating to proceed still further But upon considering awhile we concluded to camp for the night on account of vind & Wind towards night going down. The trees are mostly leaning out upon this river. All nature appears to be vegetating Have a pleasant camping ground to night

Saturday May 1st/52

Left the Big Nimehah quite early came to the Little Nimehah about noon which is a very nice little stream After noon proceeded on 5 or 8 miles & encamped by the side of standing watter. In the latter part of night there was a heavy thunder storm as vivid lighting as I ever saw However did not rain a great quantity Before arriving at the little Nineha the road very crooked. Nothing occurred of importance

Sunday May 2nd/52

We indulged a trifle in sleep a little this morning Started however in comfortable season made through to Stony Creek and put out for night Grass just about midling water poor not much wood It has been a fine pleasant growing day looks like rain this evening It is now past sun down Pale Cynthia is looking down with her full face upon us. O if I were in Old Shef. I would be among them (well I would)

Monday May 3rd/52

We are all up this morning and dressed rather cool. Oh! Gals how the wind blew How it rained and thundered & lightened Good Granny how the sand blew whew. Left camp about 8 A.M. for Big Blue where we arrived about 2 P.M.



passed Spring creek without knowing it was looking for it when we came to the Blue Encamped on east side of the river. The big blue is a very nice looking stream the water is as clear as lake water and as blue

Tuesday May 4th

Crossed the Big Blue this morning water not very deep down to its lowest point forded with ease we are now in the Pawnee nation rather of a hard people On the independence road on the night of the third the indians stole 14 oxen came in among their cattle shook their Blankets & skared them away & then took them The whites folowed them & paid them 20 dollars & they returned them they took 5 horses which they would not return. We came about 16 miles passed the independence road about noon large trains coming in from it This day we joined a company of 5 wagons makeing with us 20 men apparently a good company signs of rain The wind blew a perfect storm sand blew like rain. We were a fine looking set when we camped & no mistake

S. F. Gage

Wednesday May 5th/52

We resarcted about up befor 4 in morning it rained considerable through the night proceeded onward about 7 A.M. very muddy & slippery made 17 miles & stoped for night feed not the best Just before sun down there came up most a tremendous rain A hail storm I was out with the cattle through the whole not much feed Nothing occured of great moment we are now 32 miles from Big Blue A hard days drive

Thursday May 6th

Started the cattle out about 3 oclock A.M. where they are at this time Are a calculatng to start towards the promise land about 10 A.M. if it stops raining Which However looks uncertain at this time journeved on & encamped by the side of a small stream kep the cattle out all night for the first time I was out half the night I gave a Prairie wolf a chase but did not get a shot

Friday May 7th

Started about 6 1/2 with very muddy road and proceeded on to the Little Blue a distance of 24 miles very warm all day Decidedly the hardest days drive yet Camped on the Blue herded the cattle I was taken with a lame breast the first in my life cause I think hard lifting at the wheel in Greusing Nothing occurred of importance roads very hilly & muddy

Saturday May 8th

Looks very much like rain commenced about 6 in morning & rained all the forenoon Cleared off about noon but we did not leave camp on account of the old man Lusk being sick A plenty of wolves I stayed in camp all day on account of indisposition Brought the cattle to camp & staked them for the night Towards night Wes & I went out to hunt wolves but saw none Erratu We have not come to the Little Blue yet

Sunday May 9th/52

Fine pleasant day we left camp in good season came to the Little Blue. Did not cross it but passed along its north side up about 12 miles & encamped by the side of the Little Blue Passed this day a number of land marks 16 that

came within our notice & all in 1850 this was about 2 to the mile This is along the Banks of the Little Blue Good roads but very hilly made between 20 & 25 miles & encamped on the Banks of the Blue

Monday May 10th

I Was on watch the latter part of the night a very comfortable night We had a fine fire by setting the prairie kept warm & nice we are on the Pawnee tract considered as a dangerous camping ground Took breakfast & left camp with prospect of rain which commenced soon & continued untill about noon without cessation we proceeded however until 11 A.M. where we put up for the night upon the little blue traveled about 10 miles Great no.s of teams have past during our stay here two droves of cattle one large one past Feed not very good yet are calculating to get an early start & make a big drive tomorrow This afternoon had a small frolic in shakening two pair of socks & bakf... in the water of the little Blue odd sport But I got along very well considering the wet rainy day.

Tuesday May 11th

Cloudy & wet in the morning roads very heavy cleared off about 9 in morning. This day we folowed up the little Blue quite rough & hilly We have passed but a very little timber as yet made about 16 miles The whole plains are covered wagons & Cattle passed 2 droves Camped by the side of Little Blue for the third & I hope the last time I rove the cattle across on the oposite side to good grass for the first time Looks like rain

Wednesday May 12th.

This morning left the Little Blue & proceeded across the Prairie to the Platt River distance about 25 miles. In morning I took a tramp after an antelope saw some but did not get a shot saw a white wolf. Pleasant & warm in the forenoon & part of afternoon had a powerful rain towards night camped about 1 mile from river great scarcity of wood not very good grass

Thursday May 13th

Left about 6 in morning cool in morning but pleasant until noon Then had a powerfull rain & wind storm stopped untill nearly over then proceeded on to fort Kaney which was in sight miles before reaching it proceeded about 1 mile beyond the fort & encamped for the night there is 4 wood buildings besides the turf hut. Soldiers in sight where we passed very bad roads in afternoon

Friday May 14th/52

Left Ft Kaney about 6 A.M. roads the worst kind wagon cut down to the hub hardes kind of wheeling Passed on and without great trouble our travel was along the bank of the river all the way on places the river was at least 2 miles wide in places. The water looks very much like the missouri Fine pleasant day but looks like rain at evening camped by the Platt again made about 20 miles

Saturday May 15th/52

Rained a little in the morning. Started teams as usual. Saw 4 indians in morning the first that we have seen since leaving Big Wolf River Proceeded up along the River Platt but back a short distance untill noon when we came to river again In afternoon passed over Plumb creek & on about 4 or 5 miles & encamped about 1 mile from the river. Had to back wood from the river quite cool & windy towards evening

Sunday May 16th/52

I was on guard the after part of the night and it was the coldest that I have yet experienced Had on 2 coats & two Blankets & yet suffered with cold. In the morning it was quite sensally snowed <sup>severely</sup> times wore 2 coats all day. But it was a little warmer in afternoon travelled about 1-10 miles & stopped for dinner in afternoon we made a good drive & encamped by the side the Platt again & for the first time had to resort to "Buffalo Chaps" for culinary purposes Passed in afternoon a horse with one leg broken by being caught in wagon wheel & was left to perish by its owner However we disposed of the animal by shooting it a very mercifull act Today, Benson has had a wolf hunt & has killed one so he says & saw large numbers of them back from the river 5 or 6 miles Nothing more occurred of importance

S. F. Gage Scribe

Monday May 17th/52

Weather quite cool in morning froze ice 1/2 thick pleasant After we started the teams Webster & I took a buffalo hunt but unfortunately saw none. We saw one Elk & 2 wolves got back to wagons soon after they had started for afternoon clear & pleasant drove over 20 miles & encamped by the side of Platt again feed better than last night good roads

S. F. Gage

Tuesday May 18th

Fine pleasant day had good roads made over 20 miles Nothing occurred of importance forgot to write or rather neglected it until 19th Hence it is cut short

S. F. Gage

Wednesday May 19th

Fine pleasant day made about 20 miles Good grass for teams stoped about 2 hours at noon in afternoon met the Salt Lake mail Soon after met 10 teams from Scotts Bluffs loaded with Buffalo skins for the States. Camped by the side of a branch of the Platt Good grass wood & water shall probably cross the Platt the 21st cattle are rather improveing in speed load is growing lighter

Thursday May 20th

Looks like rain sprinkels & snows a little rolled out about the usual time of starting This morning a little occurrence happened which caused some anxiety by some it was this the guards 2 of them left at 12 for camp with 9 horses had proceeded but a short distance when 2 of them broke loose & they took after them but lost them they however the horses returned to the cattle & the men after wandering awhile lay down for the night & did not get in until the others had come in & reported their care Proceeded about 25 miles the greatest days drive yet made Rained but a little during cool a good day for driving are we suppose within 20 miles of crossing the river. But moderate grass no wood but chips in abundance Are a getting along very well teams are getting well. Quite a dull rainy evening

S. F. Gage

Friday May 21st/52

Rainey & wet in the morning did not leave camp until quite late proceeded on until we crossed the south Platt without feeding. The Platt was not more

than 2 feet deep crossed without any difficulty the river about 1/2 mile wide made about 15 miles and camped about one mile below the ford no wood but some "chips" Tomorrow shall cross over to north Platt. Clear but cool toward evening

Saturday May 22nd/52

Heavy dew in the morning I was on guard the afterpart of night. I met with a slight accident namely by losing my wallet & its contents which however happened to be rather gaunt at the time containing only \$2.00 with some few little notions. Supposed to have escaped through an apperture near the lower portion of Breeches pocket caused by not haveing a woman to have closed it. so it goes very foggy in morning The ground from South fork very uneven The descent into the hollow very steep & difficult passed down through the hollow which was about 9 miles to the river found a fine spring & wood here Took smal quantity of both & proceeded up the river about 5 miles & encamped by the side of river good camping good spring of watter

Sunday May 23rd

Fine plessant day our roads this day have been considerably through deep & heavy sand the most so of any that we have had yet made about 18 or 20 miles & camped on the bluff near the river soon after camping a circumstance occurred which caused not a little excitement A horse was discovered upon the oposite side of the about one & 1/2 miles a running & as near as we could see something attached to it by a rope and was running & nieghing furiously The river was about one mile wide & 2 men on horses attempted to ford it but could not on account of the depth & quick sands Then for volunteers to swim it. So I crocket like was first to volunteer after a while they drummed up another. and then for the tru game So we pulled of our Dry socks & undertook the task which we accomplished in about 3/4 of an hour distance one mile after reaching shore we had to prosecute our journey still further over 1/2 mile of newly burnt Prairie decidedly a tearer upon bear feet. Upon coming up to the horse we found out as we had supposed but that it was only the work of wolves 2 of the largest class being present the horse was badly torn & we left him to the tender mercies of his tormenters haveing nothing to dishack him with & then retraced our steps with no little difficulty got to camp just dark.

Monday May 24th/52

warm day made near 20 miles through deep sand roads quite a portion of the way & encamped near a the best spring that I have yet seen upon the route no wood nor Chips except what we carried with us nothing occurred of great matter warm near evening & looks favorably for rain before morning I am threatened a little this evening with the "(diarrih)"

Tuesday May 25th

Fine pleasant but dusty travailed 24 miles over for the most part hard gravel road some deep sand however Came in sight of Court House rock yesterday but did not come to it until after noon this day This very much resembles a large building at a distance it is situated so says the guide 10 miles to the left of the road but I think it can be not more than 4 or 5 miles. Chimney Rock appeared in sight this morning looks like a chimney very much and no larger. unwell to day

Wednesday May 26th

Fine pleasant this morning after starting the teams Benson & myself took the horses & took a tour to Chimney Rock some 2 or 3 miles distant This was indeed a great wonder The greatest that I ever have yet seen it is said to be 300 feet high Its form is at the bottom round or nearly so rising gradually about half way in the form of a frustrum of a cone then comes the beginning of the chimney which is set on in a nearly conical form at first per 40 or 50 feet then it runs up nearly one half the whole height the top is split or there is a seam running from the top down 75 or 100 feet from the top of the rock or as high up as we could go it the finest prospect that I have ever yet seen on my whole life the Platt upon the right some 40 miles distant. Court House rock in the east miles distant and then fine Prairie bottom land as far as you can see. We then proceeded on after the teams which were some 2 hours ahead not however until I took a tramp about 3/4 of a mile to a beautiful little spring in a rock. We came up with the teams soon after they had turned out for noon After noon proceeded on to trading station then on to Scotts Bluffs by way of cut off by 8 miles Passed through them & on to Platt again where we arrived about 8 1/2 Pm traveled 28 miles this day.

Thursday May 27th

Clear fine day

Saturday May 29th

Clear and fine in the morning started on for Fort Laramie where we arrived about 9 a.m. crossed over Laramie fork on an excuse for a bridge toll \$1.00 per team stopped an hour or so. I wrote a letter home & sent it down to office about 1 mile up the river Then we proceeded on about one or 2 miles and turned out for noon After noon proceeded on 7 miles from fort over a variety of roads & encamped near an Indian village a Black Smith shop here also had but just got turned out when we encountered the most terrible hail storm that I ever saw Hail as large as hens eggs & a plenty of them at that. 7 head of cattle broke for the hills but we soon stopped them

Sunday May 30th

The warmest day that we have had started about the usual time & proceeded over rough hilly & stony road about 18 miles & encamped near a spring creek. passed good springs through the day Bought some ox shoes & paid 1.25 a pair fun Last evening some of us with the boys about getting mushewuz Did not get encamped until dark This was written by the light of Pitch pine fire about 2 A m May 31st while on guard

Monday May 31st/52

Dry warm day I was on guard last night fine evening Left camp about the usual time & proceeded on 15 miles and encamped for noon Afternoon proceed on eight miles & encamped near the Platt again which is yet a rising Passed a very large & flourishing Dog town about noon passed rock spring in forenoon & crossed horse creek roads quite hilly Thus ends the spring of Eighteen hundred & fifty Nirl is yet very sick & prospect I think poor

Tuesday June 1st

Warm day started up the Platt bottom about 2 miles and then ascended the Bluffs over a dividing ridge between 2 streams of water & encamped for noon near the junction of the Black hills road. Had quite a smart shower at noon without any cloud nearby are now after 6 days travel nearly opposite

Learmie Peak. In after noon we proceeded on over very hilly road to Leabonte River which is a fine stream then proceeded to the Red Bank creek encamped for night good grass water & wood Traveled 24 miles

Wednesday June 2nd

Not as warm as previously high wind in forenoon Passed over very hilly & stony road turned out for noon near a spring. In afternoon proceeded on & crossed the Leapeal river which is the deepest to ford yet proceeded on & crossed Little Deer creek & encamped for night prospect of a heavy storm Creek raised about 2 feet through the night Did not rain much I stood guard last night

Thursday June 3rd

Started in morning as usual fine pleasant day in afternoon proceeded on until we missed the old milker which resulted in a recorderter & I turned back after the same about 5 miles found her with other stock drove her up to cricket muddy nasty Creek when I found Webster in wait for me had to swim the horse & cow although it was no more than one rod wide Had a hard time for a small stream went on a short distance & found the train encamped

Friday June 4th

Warm & dry proceeded on to the ferry where we arrived about 2 P.M. could not cross until next day In after noon we had a general airing of our wagons & provisions washed some & then reloaded Saw some cattle tried to be crossed with out success made about 17 miles Saw a man from Washington Co Ohio by the name of Henry H. Jaynes he is acquainted with Uncle Daniel Gage & Junealy

Saturday May 5th

In morning we tramped up the river to find a place to swim our cattle but without success In afternoon we tried cattle crossed over about or nearly all. all but 9 head which went down about 1 mile & did not cross we then ferried them over with wagons Prices \$5 per wagon \$1.00 for wheel team others \$2.00 per team Crossed over about 100 teams besides the cattle per day A regular coming ship the most money made that I ever saw in one day Huldeh is falling fast

Sunday June 6th

warm day left camp about the usual time Passed about 1 mile beyond the little Alkali Lake & there being no grass we only stopped to eat a bite The girl was falling very fast I told them that I thought she would not live an hour & so it was for we had not gone a mile before she breathed her last There being no water we went on to sage spring & encamped for the night out a grave & buried her This was a little the hardest time that we have had yet Grass very poor cool night A man drowned last night in attempting to swim cattle

Monday June 7th

Warm in the morning passed in to the willow springs which are good & then on to fish creek & stoped for noon caught some fish &c In afternoon we passed through a Strong Alkali county to the Sweet Water River & encamped for the night saw some Oregonians on the return trip

Tuesday June 8th

Soon after starting we came to Independence Rock which is a rare specimen & came to ferry but we forded it without trouble passed on to the devils Gate in the wet water on a little further and one of the wagons upset into a stream went in a little & stoped for the day traveled only half day 9 miles

Wednesday 9th

Came up the river 27 mile & encamped on the bank of the sweet water

Thursday 9th

Came 9 miles over very sandy roads the river & 2 miles then 18 miles one half which we made this day passed a marsh where we found ice by digging 6 inches in plenty came in sight of wind River Fanse for the first time came about 20 miles.

Friday June 11th

This morning concluded to separate from Lusk follow up S. Water & encamped upon the highest bluff that we have ascended yet & the worst altogether I sick & rode in wagon for 2 days past

Saturday June 12th

snow all along the road on all sides came to the river ferried ourselves & encamped made 12 miles Caroline s birth day at home I would like to see her. Yes I would

Sunday June 13th

came 16 to S. pass 2 1/2 miles to Pacific shrimp feed here This is the first water runing west from the Rocky mountains 2 miles to porcupie creek here a new road to Salt Lake 7 miles to Dry Sandy & encamp water bad no grass

Monday June 14th

6 miles on to junction of Ft. Hall & Salt Lake 3 miles to Little Sandy 7 miles to Big Sandy came across 2 miles & encamped 18 miles this day

Tuesday June 15th

We now leave for Green River across 41 miles desert no water left in morning & traveled all day as usual turned out sun 1 1/2 hours high & started in again at sun down & traveled until 11 1/2 p.m. & then put up until day light then put on & arrived at Green River about 9 1/2 am Here we watered & turned our cattle 1 mile up the river to quite good grass feel quite like taking a rest I feel some better begin to show it some

Thursday

Wednesday June 16th

Very cool in morning froze some after breakfast we crossed over our wagons & then went & swam our cattle which we done without great trouble Here we or the woman sold the old mule ox which was very foot sore for \$25 & bot a wagon & harness for \$15 a good trade I guess we then started on & proceeded to a branch of Green River 9 miles & encamped for the night good Grass & water & wood nothing more except Wallace have cut

Friday

Thursday June 17th

Left camp about the usual time proceeded 3 miles up the branch & the crossed without any trouble Good rout this then proceeded up the bluffs again & proceeded on to the mountain Springs when we arrived about 2 P.M. Here camped for the night Good grass wood & water chored it a little in after noon washed shirt socks & cattle are recruiting

Saturday

~~Friday~~ June 18th

Left the Springs about the usual time & rose the mountains and proceeded over them all day tremendous hills the worst that we have had yet & the most of them Pass Poplar Grove in after noon a stream runs through it made from snow banks then proceeded on to Hans Fork & camped for the night passed the grave of Leon Balsley shot June 14th/52 for the murder of Mathews Beal both of Boone Co. F. I.

Sunday June 20th

Left camp about the usual time teams proceeded up the platts about 2 miles then ascended the bluffs I & another of our co. took immediately up the bluffs which was indeed tedious before reaching the top we was attacked by a new adversary big innumerable herds of mosquitoes they were indeed Blood thirsty The way they poured their venom upon us was surprising we at first bore it well but soon we got tired of their co. we brushed them with our hokfs.. until it had no effect we then pushed them off & ran & plunged into bushes but this did not rid them still they were there & soon drove us from our supposed protection we then proceeded on until we could go no further stoped & kindled a fire & lay down in the smoke this seemed to check them we then proceeded on & passed through a splendid grove of fir Pine & poplar indeed beautiful Proceeded on down tremendous mo to Marsh Spring Creek which was as fine a a little stream as we have seen yet here took dinner & proceeded on to Branch of Bear River & camped for the night myriads of tormentors yet

Monday June 21st

Left camp & proceeded 2 or 3 miles & crossed a branch of Bear River 3 times within a few rods had to raise wagon beds for 2 of them After crossing the 2nd time we had tremendous bad roads completely filled with Large rocks passed on terrible huge rocks upon the right of road in after noon travelled down hill down a branch of Bear River & camped one mile from a branch

Tuesday June 22nd

Left camp as usual & crossed branch with no great trouble passed 4 miles down the river & then rose the mo & proceeded over mo. & down some of the most splendid vallies yet seen but narrow passed 11 miles over these & down to a branch of Bear River & stoped for noon It commenced raining soon after raising bluffs rained quite smart for an hour or 2 during forenoon sun clouds lower then the mo. The only rain since we were on S. Platt In afternoon we travelled on 7 miles & encamped on Tallis Fork Rained some in afternoon

Wednesday June 23rd

In morning started usual time & passed on to Ashlies fork & encamped for noon a fine stream indeed as well as all of the branches of Bear River travelled 11 miles At noon we had a smart sprinkle of rain travelled on 10 miles & encamped on Muddy Creek Good road not stony Good wood grass & water.

Thursday June 24th

Left muddy creek usual time & proceeded on to Soda Springs these are quite a curiosity the water boils in them all & is not very pleasant for me at least to drink it has a sweetish taste Here is situated the largest Indian



village that we have yet seen I should judge that there was at least 40  
always also there is some Mormons stationed here passed on about one half  
mile & came to Steamboat Spring This is situated off from the road about  
50 rods & upon the bank of Bear River about 5 feet from same upon a small  
projection into the river the water boils up 2 or 3 feet at times not re-  
gular quite a curiosity & is soda water in afternoon passed the junction  
of Fort Hall & California road passed over 16 miles without water & camped  
upon the Mountain Willow Creek first rate water wood & grass made 27  
1/2 ms.

Friday June 25th

Started in morning as usual & proceeded up the mo about 3 ms then des-  
cended into the valley through the most difficult pass we have yet had  
badly collid or we passed down & run 5 wagons upset before us in morning  
train fortunately we had no bad luck & camped upon valley mont. creek made  
18 ms.

Saturday June 26

We left as usual in morning & passed up the mountain & crossed a small  
stream after which we passed on & stopped for noon without water In after-  
noon had quite a severe hail storm proceeded down a descent of 7 ms to gra-  
vell creek & encamped Good grass wood & water made 24 ms

Sunday June 27th/52

Got an early start & proceeded <sup>on until noon & encamped</sup> without water In afternoon passed on to a  
spring instead of creek & encamped made 27 1/2 miles

Monday June 28

Got an early start & proceeded on to springs passed 2 or 3 & found one by  
the side of the road Good feed water & grass in forenoon we travelled up  
hill all forenoon & in did not reach the summit until after noon then tra-  
velled down descending ground until night & encamped on a branch of Raft  
River travelled 23 ms & encamped within one mile of the crossing

Tuesday June 29th

Crossed the Branch & mak 11 ms to Raft River crossing very bad here met a  
large no. of Packers here, first-rate mules then passed on 4 ms. to West  
branch & on up it 2 ms. & encamped Good grass wood & water Grass or rather  
wild Rye as high as a man's head To day came up with our old sojourners here  
Lensk & co. Made about 18 ms. to day Packers say times as usual about Cat-  
tle in good demand yet

Wednesday June 30th

Started on as usual in morning passed down creek 2 ms. & crossed it then  
passed over a dividing ridge to a small stream 7 ms. & encamped for noon  
in afternoon we passed on ~~in afternoon~~ to Cedar Creek & encamped near the  
train of Jones & Co. fired a salute in evening. After tea Benson & myself  
took a tramp & visited a very singular rock built in fine carriage style &  
could contain 5 or 6 persons with ease Thus ends the month of June 1852

Thursday July 1st/52

Left in good season & passed through the City of Rocks. These are indeed a  
great curiosity resembling very much at a distance very much a city upon the

sides of them are the names of 1000 of emigrants I was driver today so had not time to take extended observations passed on & made 11 ms & nooned by the side of small spring stream Passed the junction of salt Lake road 5 ms after starting in afternoon had very stony & hilly road but right side up with care passed on 9 ms & camped on Goose Creek we are now 641 ms from Sacramento city according to Guide

Friday July 2nd/52

Left Goose Creek or rather followed up it until noon & put up for noon The boys had a game of fishing in afternoon proceeded on crossed a very bad stream came on through a ravine & encamped on a small stream Good camping

Saturday July 3rd

Rolled out as usual in morning up stream & crossed it for the second time then ascended the Bluffs over very rough stony bad road 14 miles without water or grass to a small stream no grass but stoped in after noon very windy & dust passed on to natural wells & stoped for night made 21 ms stoped about 3 p m & did some washing

Sunday July 4th/52

This morning we rolled out earlier than usual & proceeded on about 12 ms & stoped for noon A fine pleasant morning but cool in afternoon it was quite cool & squally it rained a little we passed on to within one or 2 miles of the Hot springs & encamped about 3 1/2 Pm & then commenced operations for a 4th supper which in due time was prepared & ready to commence depreddations Our supper consisted of Oysters Oyster soup fine Biscuit Good Boston Crackers & tea. Preserves & some fine Fruit Cake &c. &c. After partaking Webster Wallace & myself assisted in singing some National Airs & other sentimental peices which Rivt. us nearly to the close of the day & quite to close of our celebrating This was the glorious Anniversary of the 76th year of our American Independance celebrated by our company And long will it be remembered by each & evryone

Monday July 5th

Left camp as usual & proceeded about 2 ms. to the Hot Springs These are a great curiosaty They cover an area of about an acre of ground not entirely but it is interspersed with islands. the stream 15 or 20 rods below the springs was so hot or hot enough for washing dishes. At the spring the water is so hot that I could not hold my hand in it at all the water is impregnated with several mineral substances among which is sulphur Had in the morning a neavy frost quite cool all day in after noon especially In afternoon I went back about 2 miles after the white ox & gave him a sweat to catch up I reckon This is the day of amusement I guess in the States Oh! if I S. F. Gage were there wouldn't I. made about 20 miles

Tuesday July 6th

This mornins cool with signs of rain left as usual & proceeded on The Humboldt Mo are in sight ahead & upon the left & are covered with everlasting snows which is the cause of the cold In forenoon it was very cold so cold was it that ve were uncomfortable with Overcoats & mittens on. It commenced raining before noon & as cold was it as a rain in Ohio in the month of Nov. stoped until over for noon then on for the Humboldt. rained some in afternoon, still cool Arrived at the river by way of Right Hand road & crossed & camped. Good camping This is a fine valley splendio made 25 miles in good time

Wednesday July 7th

This morning we left camp quite early & proceeded down to the junction of the two roads then proceeded down the Humboldt about 12 or 14 miles & stopped for noon fire cross in afternoon we passed on & crossed the west branch of river & on about 4 ms & encamped for night made about 26 miles to day A very heavy frost this morning The indians a little troublesome back to day so some say

Thursday July 8th

Left camp & c as usual except a little earlier & made a very good drive in forenoon Good road but very dusty in afternoon well did on to within 1 or 2 ms. of the 55 mile stretch & made it in 2 days met quite a large Packing train to day bound for the states They left Placerville the 17th They talk quite favorable

Friday July 9th/52

Left camp as usual proceeded about 2 ms & ascended the Bluffs over about 15 miles with no water for Then we found some water & proceeded on to Humboldt & stopped for noon Good camping In afternoon proceeded on only 4 or 5 ms & camped for night Here I took a sam Patch slide into the river & had quite a swim Then washed out a shirt & we cleansed our wagon & were ready for an early start in morning.

Saturday July 10th

Left early in the morning for a long stretch without water according to guide fortunately however we were favored with springs & grass for noon In afternoon we proceeded on down thru rough road to the river where we crossed over onto south side a first rate fording proceeded on 3 or 4 ms & encamped for night In morning about 2 am we were aroused by Guard fire in at the Dispersers However we saw none a shame

Sunday July 11th

Left camp as usual in morning & proceeded down the river about 5 ms then took over the point of Bluffs about 1 1/2 miles to bottoms again then on to "blue" or rather a part of river or slough & stopped for noon In afternoon we passed on to bend in river then left river to right & did not come to it again had to strike for it and did not get to it & stopped upon a nasty stinking slough & stayed for the night The water was so bad that I could not drink it any form whatsoever This made us about 12 ms from leaving the river & 30 or over for the day

Monday July 12th

Left camp as early as possible for the river which we reached after traveling about 5 ms Here we watered our teams & I need not say ourselves for this we did. & then passed on & encamped for noon by the side of a slough from the river In afternoon we passed on to river again & encamped by or with virginia co made about 25 miles Passed a small lake about 10 AM 12 or 15 ms in water clear & full of trout

Tuesday July 13th

This morning we left camp quite early after the virginia co & proceeded on until noon & to river. Here we concluded to stop for the day as we had had a quite a close time for a day or 2 past. After dinner we lay down & took about 3 hours sleep which however after we got up we did not feel much bet-

ter made about 15 ms                      day

Wednesday July 14th

This morning left as usual & proceeded on over white clay ground by the side of river most of the way after leaving about one mile however & raised the point of hill and down to the river again then up bluffs again 4 or 5 ms & down to the river proceeded down a few miles & stoped for noon by river In afternoon we travelled on a part of the time & most of it sandy sage plains to river here we found a spring leaking out of Bank of river a little above water Then on 5 miles to river first rate feed great quantity of grass & first rate 25 miles

Thursday July 15th

We left this morning we left as usual & jarred on to the river over good road upon rive but upon bluffs very sandy camped on river for noon In afternoon we ascended a heavy sand Hill immediately & on over a sand bed deep & hot 2 ms to fleets again then on 4 or 5 miles by side of river Then took turn to the South west nearly & on a few miles & camped upon river by side of an old fording Here we saw a train upon oposite side of river they say only 60 ms to sink If so we will be there day after to morrow made about 25 ms

Friday July 16th/52

Left camp this morning as usual & proceeded up river occasionally raising the bluffs through deep sand In morning we met quite a no. of men from California to meet their wives & famalies They told us a desert ahead 12 ms from camp 25 ms without water or grass so we stoped at river for noon Then in after noon we ascended desert & made through very deep sand & more dust than I ever saw blowing before blew like snow we could not see oxen for it. passed on about 10 ms found some grass so we stoped for night without water. we calculate to get an early start in morning

Saturday July 17th

"There is no peace for the wicked". This proves true with us for this morning we were up & brekfasted before day break & Benson & myself took horses & rolled on towards river. But unfortunately we there was forks in the road & we took right hand track which this time proved to be the crooked one the left ran nearer to the mo. there was a very cold mo. stream crossed it so they got to water firs. we passed on to river & watered then we proceeded up to junction of roads & up 3 or 4 miles & stoped for noon good grass Then in after noon we passed on 10 or 16 ms. & stoped for night no grass but willows &                      20 ms

Sunday July 18th/52

This morning we left as usual & proceeded on 3 or 4 ms upon bluffs thro deep sand until we struck a ravine this we folowed down 2 or 3 ms to river. Here we watered & ascended the bluffs again thro very deep sand to river & stoped for noon & met a man who said that we were within 10 ms of the meadows In afternoon proceeded & came to meadows proceeded down about 4 ms & encamped for night with tolerable water grass but no wood made about 25 ms I reckon

Monday July 19th/52

Very heavy dew this morning which is something uncomon here After Brekfast we filled in our water & then commenced our Razing for ~~the~~ the season had but

the old cythe for all which was not in the best of order but we manage to scrape off some. Then we spread it for drying until noon & after then bound it yoked up loaded in & rolled on about 8 or 9 ms & encamped about the same grass but water & little sulphury not as good

Tuesday July 20th & Wednesday 21st

Muskitoes not as thick as we have seen them but were very attentive. After breakfast rolled on for desert & met first relief train at lower end of meadow Then rolled on down by side of Lake on east side the near bluffs The Lake is situated between bluffs on 3 sides & should think it was for 10 ms wide & about as long. Past on around to south side & stoped up on hill by side of slough here we saw another relief train took our teams about 3/4 mile across & up slough for noon Afternoon & about 1 1/2 P.M. we started into desert & drove about 10 or 12 ms by sundown Then we stoped & fed & cooked took supper &c & then we started on quit dark & drove on like horses until about 12 or one when we came to the 12 ms of sand. Here was stationed traders Here we stoped again fed & watered again about 1 1/2 hours Then started on through sand this was deep & heavy No. of traders all along & as soon as day light met them from the river\*about 7 1/2 A.M. Here we of course watered & travelled up river 2 ms and encamped in a fine shade of cotton woods & right upon the carson river Here we turned out & boys lay down to snooze I & Benson like to have got left at Ragtown but we up after a little & I sleep about 2 hours Then after dinner we took a bath in carson river which was truly refreshing a very fine day & splendid evening. Took bed about 9 & was called up to guard alone at 12. upon the desert saw lots of old wrecks of cattle was not out of sight of 8 or 10 at a time at no time One man counted 14 or so he said & perhaps not one half in sight Thousands the pass over the great American Desert

Thursday July 22nd

Started about the usual time & came up with Lusk soon after starting & passed on over 17 ms without water leaving the river or the river leaving us taking a bend we passing over sand & volcanic ridges Arrived at the river about 1 P.M. stoped & fed then passed up river 3 or 4 ms & encamped for night Good grass wood & water muskitoes very troublesome Had quite an excitement in night by Guard firing at indians rather guess perhaps they might have seen somebody but they got fooled a little calling horses & pelicans diggers

Friday July 23rd

This morning we left river & took across the bend called HorseShoe bend to river again road tolerable about 10 miles & watered teams proceeded down 2 ms & stoped for noon good grass & water Hamilton & myself had a time after his horses. In after noon we proceeded down along the river road tolerable good fine grass all the way camped within about 5 ms of junction of roads

Saturday July 24th

This morning left as usual & proceeded up to junction of Desert & river roads 2 ms Here we found our old sojourner Lusk who started in when we did he across the 25 mile desert we around the river road we passed him of course which made him look a little beat I reckon Passed up river 8 ms & stoped for noon befor rising bluffs again In afternoon we put over bluffs which

\* Teams stood it very well & we arrived at river about 7 1/2 A.M.

were very slow<sup>d</sup> rough to river then passed up a little & encamped good This day struck north east end of Carson valley

Sunday July 25th

This morning left camp quite early leaving Lusk in the rear a little and passed over ridge of sand & gravail to a small mo. stream then on again passing mo. stream until noon In after noon proceeded on passing near the mo. leaving river at the left a little passed several trading stations & on to mormon station about 3 P.M. The mountain upon the right look quite "Pictureck" being covered with pine timber which is very convenient to the carson vally a no. of "ruhanches" here & nos. of cattle & horses

Monday July 26th/52

This day left as usual & passed on near the mountains passing numerous spring & mo. streams to the bluffs which we gradually raise the road being somewhat rough to carson creek valley 4 1/2 ms Here we stop for the day arriving here about noon a trading post here. Also it, as the place of indian depre-dations 2 men being shot but a few days since Here we found one old Missouri River Scudies Miss Jones & Mrs. Fosh & co

Tuesday July 27th

This morning left camp about usual time our old friend Lusk getting the start of us a little Proceeded about one mile to first bridge road good to this crossed & soon found some road & no fooling crawling over the worst rocks yet seen upon the route We had to pass up between 2 mo which shut in upon the stream & never yet had I dreamed of such road as being passable climbing for 3 or 4 ms. over rocks from 1 to 5 feet in height yet we tugged on with very good luck until noon when we were found upon dry land once again with good grass water & fine shade & with thankfull hearts for our deliverance One little circumstance occurred which pleased us some We were following behind Lusk at a slow pace when we came to a bend in the road he going around so we took a "cut-off" on him leaving him among the rocks & saw him no more In after noon we passed up the only near the stream as before having good road to the Lake The valley was thinly clad with Pine timber and was very pleasant snow being in sight upon all sides After arriving at lake we concluded to ascend the first & said to be worst of the Nevada mo. This we found to be Elephant & no mistake the road going up over ledges of rocks Almost perpendicular & having at same time almost right angles for bends or crooks Had I command of all the languages run upon this route yet I could not describe it as it is no never & so that a person not seeing would half appreciate Were it in the States there is hardly a man that would think it possible to drive a sheep over it alive much less a wagon & 4 yok of oxen but it has & is being done After ascending the Mo. we passed down over very rough road 2 or 3 ms & encamped grass not good Had no brake sirous although a plenty of old wagons scattered all along This was my day of driving Jonahs luck One year to day was for Stevens & if I recollect it is one year this day since Cousin Sameul died Drove 18 ms to day biggest yet