

COED - Census of Overland Emigrant Documents

PAGE 1: Document Description

Document ID: ( 59 GRI 03 )

Emigrant's last name: Griffen

Surveyed by: M.1546 Mary Jo Sprague

first & middle names: Eli Augustus

Date surveyed: 09-29-96

Title: Journal of trip to Pikes Peak, Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> 1859

Year of journey: 1859

Year written (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Pages numbered by surveyor  
Page numbers surveyed: 1-6

Type of document: D (D - diary; J - journal; R - reminiscence; L - letter; N - newspaper article; G - guide; A - autobiography; O - other)

Items in document: M (use all applicable codes)

M - daily mileages

D - emigrant drawings

P - emigrant maps

Q - maps by editor

K - biographical sketch

I - Introduction

B - bibliography

N - Index

X - photos

F - footnotes/commentaries

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first & middle names: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes about publication history: \_\_\_\_\_

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Notes about format of document: Photocopy of handwritten manuscript.

Notes on back?

56GRI92 - Emigrant name spelled Griffin (Eli Augustus) ?  
59GRI03 - " " " Griffen (Eli Augustus) ?

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

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

Departed from (code): J3 (Belmont Crossing) Arrived at (code): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of departure: 03-30-59 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 of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ oxen \_\_\_\_\_ mules \_\_\_\_\_ horses \_\_\_\_\_ other (use X or a number)

Other animals: \_\_\_\_\_ (H - horses; C - cattle; S - sheep; P - pigs; F - fowl; D - dogs; X - other)

Guidebook used by emigrant (enter either a title, or an author and title, if given):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Routes: 1C \_\_\_\_\_ (use codes from the trail maps)

Notes on back?

Diary ends without emigrant reaching his destination.

Last name	First names	Age	MF	Origin	Party	Page	Date (mm/dd)	Codes	
								1	2
Cross			M			1	03-29		
Griffin			M			1	03-29		
Lisette	Dick		M			1	03-30		
Rising	W.H.		M			4	04-07		Q
Hendricks	Wm.		M			4	04-16		
Brown	J.		M			5	04-16		Q
Seward	Len		M			5	04-24		
{ Company				MT St. Clair	St. Clair Mich. gun Company	3	04-03		

**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 - Hispanic
O - govt. surveyor/explorer	U - non-US citizen
P - trader	V - Mormon
Q - non-immigrant	W - joined other party or left 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.

Location	Page	Date
Troy	1	03-30-59
Wolf river	2	03-31-59
Pilot Grove	2	04-02-59
Hiawatha	3	04-06-59
Spring Grove	3	04-06-59
Sebetha	4	04-07-59
Grasshopper Creek	5	04-16-59
Nemaha	5	04-24-59
Richmond	5	04-24-59
Bennett's Station	5	04-25-59
Ash Point	5	04-25-59
Big Blue river	5	04-26-59
Marysville	6	04-27-59

CODE	Tribe name (leave blank if not mentioned)	Page	Date
	None Mentioned		

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
- K - helped by Indians, visited/talked to Indians

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and do not ask exorbitant prices  
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Journal of trip to Salt  
Lake. Apr 5-1859

Mar 28 1859

Camped in St. Jo. Mo

Called up stakes  
and went up the river 6 miles  
to Belmont. Camped about 1  
mile from Belmont. Snow and  
rain all day.

Mar 29<sup>th</sup>

Still camped in Belmont.  
Clear cold weather. Jack went  
to St Jo to get supplies and  
did not return. Pross & Griffin  
arrived at camp.

Mar 30<sup>th</sup>

Packed up and started on  
leaving Jack behind. Drove 10  
miles. Lattles wagon broke down.  
During afternoon Jack arrived  
in camp with a fine dog. Jack  
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Clair 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Started early and drove 12 miles. Cold raw day with prospect of rain or snow. Camped 1/2 mile from road. Water scarce and no hay. Passed a cold disagreeable night with rain pouring down in torrents.

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and myself slept in Mr  
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Saw Lee Leland. Bad road.

Apr 25 Drove 22 miles to Bennetts  
Station. Passed Ash Point.  
Good road and fine weather.

Apr 26<sup>th</sup>  
Drove 24 miles to Big Blue  
river. Good road and good weather.  
Camped and concluded to lag  
by a day or two.

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 -ville. Cold saw day. Wrote  
 a letter home to wife,

Apr 28

Part	Mrs Part. 1872		
10	1 pair boots, gun, woodward	4	50
12	1 pair boots, Algeria	1	75
25	1 pair boots, Straton's Book		
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