

Hampton 1852

- May 12 - Camped 4 mi from St. J.
- May 18 - Crossed Mo. R. in flat boat at 3 PM.
Drove til 6 PM. & camped at Small Creek.
- May 19 - 4 mi & camped by grove.
- May 20 - Crossed Mosquito Creek, Crossed
Wolf Creek (350)
- May 21 - Passed Ind. Agency. Camped on Mill Creek.
- May 22 - Camped at small creek - 22 mi
- May 23 - 21 mi. Camped $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi so of Rd.
- May 24 - Crossed Nemaha. Camped on creek
- May 25 - Crossed Little Nemaha. Camped
on Elm Creek.
- May 26 - Crossed Rock Creek at noon. Camped on
West side of Big Blue by spring.
- May 27 - no travel
- May 28 - Passed Junction. Crossed cottonwood
Creek. Camped at stream 1 mi so. of
road.
- May 29 - Crossed Withe Creek.

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May 29

DIARY OF
WILLIAM H. HAMPTON

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EMIGRANT - ETHER SULLIVAN

Emigrant's occupation: _____

Origin: IL., PAW PAW GROVE

Age: _____

M/F: M

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

Departed from (code): 12

Arrived at (code): 12

Date of departure: 03-14-52

Date of arrival: 03-15-52 (use form mm/dd/yy)

Party: _____

Mode of travel: ? (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: C (H - horses; C - cattle; S - sheep; P - pigs; F - fowl; D - dogs; X - other)

Routes: 13 12 10 14 _____ (use codes from the trail maps)

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PAGE 3: Survey of Names (page 1 of 5)

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Last name	First names	Age	M/F	Origin	Party	Page	Date (mm/dd)	CODES	
								1	2
						2	05-28		
(E) HYDE	H.		M			3	06-06		
(S) SULLIVAN	E. D.					11	06-19		
BASE			M	Mo.		1-Back	06-29	(C)	
"PARTY"					COURTRIGHT & CLARK'S TEAMS	4	07-23		
HARKINS	MRS. (4 SON)	F				11	04-25		
V.	H.					5	08-05	W	
PRATT						5	08-05	W	
"PARTY"					DR. WATSON	5	08-05		
(D) SELLER						2-Back	09-06		
(S) PARSONS						2	09-06		
(F) BURNS						2	09-06		
FLEMING						2	09-06		
COURTRIGHT	C.		M			3	09-10		
(C) HAMPTON	ROBERT		M			3	09-15		
LEWIS	P.		M			3	09-18		
(C) FRENCH	M.		M			3	09-18		
TAYLOR	JOSEPH		M			3	09-20		
TAYLOR	JOHN		M			3	09-20		

CODES for column 1:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
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EMSO2 - ETHEL SULLIVAN

Last name	First names	Age	M/F	Origin	Party	Page	Date	CODES	
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③ GRIMES	Wm.		M			3	09-30		
GOODPASTU-	L.--					3	09-30		
WIRICK	V.		M			4	09-23		
① LEMOIN	REUBEN					4	09-29		
PRATT	D.B.					4	10-04		
VAUGHN	L.					4	10-04		
② SMITH	J.					5	10-10		G
SPOLDEN	M.					5	10-12		
AMES	O.					5	10-17		
LUSTEAD	S.					5	10-17		
"PARTY"					BADGER Co.	5	10-21		
ELEAZER						5	10-21		
WIRICK	J.					6	11-03		
WIRICK	E.					6	11-03		
HENNER						6	11-04		
HARDY						6	11-12		
HUGGS	M.R.		M			4	11-12		
EDARS	D.		M			4	11-28		
JOHNSON	J.					8	12-25		G
FRENCH	S.M.					48	01-01-52		

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								1	2
McGABRY	M. S. GABRY		F			9	01-16		G
WISE	SAM		M			10	02-13		
FRENCH	S. M.					10	02-23		G
FARWELL	S.					10	02-24		
KELLEY	M.					11	03-06		
① HYDE	S. F.					11	03-06		
CLARK	L.					11	03-10		
H.	E. S.					11	03-12		G
McCURDY	S.					11	03-16		
L.	S.					11	03-20		
L.	I.					12	04-07		G
HEDGECOCK	M.					12	04-10		
MOSE	M. P.		M			12	04-23		
LEWIS	E.					13	05-01		
WEDDELL	MISS		F			13	05-07		
WIBBIS	M.					13	05-08		
BULLOCK	M. D.					13	05-11		
STREPPEND	J.					13	05-13		
ADSTON	WILLIAM D.		M		(AUTHOR)	13	05-16	G	
WEDDEL	A. J. (MANA)		F			13	05-16	G	
						* 14	05-26		

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						Page	Date (mm/dd)	1	2
DAVIES	JACK		M			13	05-16		
REID	JACK		M			13	05-19		
NLN.	DEER					13	06-05		
NLN	NORM					13	06-05		
HAMPTON	L.S.					14	06-12		Q
SOTZEN						14	06-20		
WOOD	MRS.	F				14	06-26		
PLEASANT	GEORGE		M			15	07-10		
HEDDELL	WILLIAM		M			16	08-20		B
"PARTY"					MEMBERS OF GOSHEN DEMOCRAT, ILL.	16	09-10		
SIMMONS						16	09-13		
PARKER	MASON		M			16	09-17		
STEVENS						17	09-18		
HUMES	EDMUND		F			17	09-25		
SHIELDS	F.M.					17	10-02		
WIRICK	W.					17	11-20		
WIRICK	W.					17	11-20		
HIGLEY				SAN FRANCISCO		18	12-04		
PADDON	G.W.					18	02-03-54		
CAMPBELL	TR.					18	03-22 A		

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- 1854 Clara Agnes was born Wednesday the 22nd of February, 11 OC morning, weighed $9\frac{1}{2}$ lb.s
- 1856 Jessie Elizabeth Utoka was born 6 OC Sunday morning January the 27th.
- 1857 Amanda Josephine was born early Tuesday morning the 21st of April.
- 1860 Fanny Rebecca was born early Monday morning the 12th of April.
- 1862 Effie was born 3 OC Sunday morning the 12th of January.
- 1869 Nellie was born 10 OC

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Deborah T. D.

500 4th St.
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EM552 - ETHEL SUKIVAI

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BATTONWOOD CREEK	2	05-28
LINE CREEK	2	05-29
BIG SANDY	2	05-30
TINY SANDY	2	05-30
LITTLE BLUE HILL	2	06-01
WHITE HILL	3	06-03
WANT SANDY	3	06-04
PLUM CREEK	3	06-05
BRADYS CREEK	3	06-08
ASH CREEK	3	06-08
ICE CREEK	4	06-11
CHIMNEY & BENTON CREEK	4	06-17
LAURENCE CREEK	4	06-17
ELM CREEK	5	06-19
ELM CREEK	5	06-19

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MINERAL SPRING	1	07-02
ALPINE SWAMP & SPRING	1	07-02
WILLOW SPRING	1	07-03
SWEETWATER MOUNTAIN	1	07-03
SPRING FLATS	1	07-03
SPRING FLATS	1	07-04
INDEPENDENCE PLATEAU	1	07-04
SPRING FLATS	1	07-04
DEVILS GATE	1	07-04
BITTER SPRING PLATEAU	2	07-06
WINDY MOUNTAIN	2	07-08
STANBROOK PLATEAU	2	07-09
CLARKSON PLATEAU	2	07-09
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SODA SPRINGS	4	07-27
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MYERS CUT OFF	4	07-27
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NEW YORK

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E. 10th Ave, New York

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ORRINE

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TOLEDO

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EMMERT COUNTY, TN.

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PAUPAW GROVE, FL.

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AMBOY, FL.

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LA SALLE

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07-08

TORONTO

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BRANT

22

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HOME

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PAUPAW GROVE, TN.

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A copy of the diary of William P. Hampton was brought to the attention of Park Supervisor John E. Dixon, Marshall Gold Discovery State Park, who referred it to the History Section, Division of Beaches and Parks. Permission to copy the diary was received from Mrs. Harold Burwell, Redding, California, the great granddaughter of Mr. Hampton. The original diary is in the possession of a cousin of Mrs. Burwell's who resides in Wisconsin. The diary has been copied as received without editing.

JACK R. DYSON
Assistant Historian
History Section
October 28, 1958

WILLIAM R. HAMPTON'S DIARY

March the 14th, 1852

Left home, went to mothers, stayed all night.

15th- Stopt at Dover at LaPooles Tavern, bill .75.

16th-took dinner Barney's inn, Providence, Bill. 25. rained, turned cold, hailed and froze. Laid up at Braces, 9 miles from Lafayette, bill .65.

17- Very cold, this morning. Cold and windy all day, roads rough, put up 5 mi from Galesburg.

18th Cold wind in my face all day - - - very disagreeable.

19th cold and disagreeable, traveled 30 mi. stopt at the Union house

20th looks pleasant this morning, clouds up and snows cold wind, got to Chili

21st Cloudy and cold cleared out about noon, got to A Js about 2 OC, went to I G, stayed all night.

22 Went to A.J.

23 Went to Mill Creek

24 Went to Aunt Sarah's.

25 Went to Eli Hampton.

26 Went back to A. J.

27-28-29-30-31 April 1-2-3-4- the fifth snow fell 4 or 5 minches deep. 6th clear and warm.

7 Rained 8 went to Quincy

9 Left - - got as far as - - - rained stayed all night.

10 Got on the Wioming, went up to Burlington, fare \$3.00 put up at the Western

11th-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22 and 23 at Burlington waiting for the team the 23rd went to Marsdon, left, went over the river, passed Pontoosue 4 miles with the teams

24 Crossed the river, stopt 2 mi from Madison, the first night with teams.

25 Sunday morning foggy, corn worth 30¢ at this place.

26 Crossed the Desmoin at Farmington bridge.

27 Clear and pleasant, crossed over into Mo. went back into Iowa ..

28 traveling on the divide ridge between Fox River and the Desmoins

29 Went through Bloomfield traveled 20 mi. Corn 40¢

30 Windy and disagreeable camp on the Chariton bottom

May the 1st 1852

still camp on the Chariton bottom

2 Dito, rained all night

3 passed through Centreville, corn worth from 75 to 100, roads rough and crooked

4 hilly and crooked roads, corn \$1.00 per bush, bacon 10 cts per lb, butter and eggs none to be bought grass so that cattle can live by driving moderate camp in Mo. 3 mi from line

5 in Putnam Co. came through St. John, a town with 2 houses in it.

Roads rough plenty of grass, rolling Prairies, thinly settled - warm.

6 Traveling in several bad creeks to cross rained in the PM hard, and again at night camp in the Grand river bottom, Mercier Co. near Princeton.

7 Passed through some splendid timber land mostly white oak. Ferryed the east fork of Grand River, rained in the night

8 in Harrison Co. passed through Bethena, warm.

9 Sunday, fine pleasant day some hansom land. thinly settled crossed big Samson creek.

10 crossed Grand river, West fork at Gentryvill, Gentry County, rained camp on a long prairie 20 mi wide pretty land

11 Pleasant day fine land, timber scarce, camp 15 mi from St Joseph

12 Crossed the Platte River and hundred and two which is quite a stream, camp within 4 mi of St Jo

13 Went to town, wind blowed hard, disagreeable day.

14 Stayed at camp and wrote two letters.

15 went to town the streets were crowded.

16 Sunday morning

17 Frosty morning started on our journey again got to the river and could not

- 18th Frost this morning, clear and pleasant, crossed the river in a flat boat, got across about 3 00 went out 6 mi to clear creek, good water and grass, hilly country
- 19 Very cool this morning, laid by till afternoon, grass short very rolling prairies with little clumps of trees in the hollows. Went 4 mi, camped by grove
- 20 Frosty morning, clear and pleasant, high rolling prairies with a few scattering of trees in the hollows, grass good, crossed Mosquitoe Creek clear water. Also Wolf creek, the Indians have a bridge here, they charge 25¢ per wagon for crossing, saw one new grave, Co. all well.
- 21 Rained last night but we have a good tent, to sleep in and are all happy as kings. raining this morning, laid over till noon, passed Indian Agency at this place there quite a number of Americans living, it is the agency of the Miami and Kickapoo Indians, there is several fine farms here, camped on Mill creek, saw 4 new graves.
- 22 Cloudy and cool, pretty prairies with little groves along the streams saw 3 new graves, camped at a small creek with a few scattering trees along it, come 22 miles.
- 23 Sunday, warm today traveled 21 miles saw 7 new graves, camped 1½ mi South of road, good place, first rate water, all one vast prairie
- 24 Warm, crossed Nimehaw, this is quite a stream, plenty of timber, saw 8 new graves, camped on a little creek of clear water, some scattered trees along its banks, one case of Cholera on the road.
- 25 Rained last night heavy wheeling, crossed Little Nimehaw, hilly country some timber, saw 5 new graves, camped on Elm creek, water poor.
- 26 Foggy this morning, crossed Rock creek at noon, poor water, got to Big Blue River in good season, fordedit, camped on the West side by a first rate spring, of clear cold water, saw 9 new graves today.
- 27 Laid over to wash. went in a swimming. A drove of -- passed today, one of their Co. died last night. good many teams passed today
- 28 Started bright and early, passed the intersection of the Independence road, saw one of Mr. Hick's droves, he is taking 2400 head of cattle to Cali. crossed Cottonwood creek, camped on a little stream about one mile south of the road, poor water, saw 3 new graves today, clear and warm.
- 29 Clear and warm, crossed several small streams with some standing water in them, water poor crossed Withe Creek, camped saw 8 new graves today. Met a team of waggon from the rocky mountains, 17 in all, they had 7000 Buffalo robes.
- 30 Sunday, we push along keep moving. the country is getting poorer, we crossed big Sandy and dry sandy and a good many small creeks with steep sandy banks and water poor, some entirely dry, we camped on a small stream with a little standing water in it. Co all well, saw 11 graves today.
- 31 Very warm today, roads considerable rough and sandy, we passed a good many teams that stopt on account of sickness, one good spring today, 21 graves
- June 1st
travelled along the little Bleu river it is about a rod wide and about 3 feet deep, there is some Cottonwood along the banks, the land along the river is sandy, there is a few springs along the river but no other water running into the river from the north side, Passed a good many that were sick. saw 15 new graves today, very warm, camped on the banks of the river, good place.
- 2 traveled along little Blue until noon, crossed over creek of clean nice water, that ran into the blue. some good land along the river, saw 7 antelopes, left the river crossed a creek some timber water poor. Met a train of 10 waggon, loaded with buffalo robes and furs, clear and hot rained very hard in the night and the wind blowed one tent down, saw 7 graves

- 3rd Cool and cloudy this morning, the land today is level and sandy, got in sight of the bluffs of Platte river -10 OC, there is not timber on the bluffs, camp on the Platte about 5 miles from the fort. Had to burn little willows to cook. Some timber on an Island but we could not get to it. Saw 6 new graves.
- 4th Clear and pleasant, passed Fort Kearney, there is about 60 soldiers here. There had passed here up to the 1st of June - 4,931 waggons. Cattle 50,889 Men 14,621, Women 3,120, children 4,092. Horses, 6041, mules 3,377, sheep 2,813. Camp 4 miles from the fort on the banks of the Platte, nothing to make fire with but willows. 5 graves today.
- 5th Cool in the morning, hot at noon and cool and cloudy in the evening, traveled along the Platte, no wood but on the Island, had to use Buffalo chips and dig for water, 2 graves, rained just as we ate supper.
- 6th Cool this morning, traveled along the river bottom, crossed Flumb Creek, a small grove at the foot of the bluffs, saw the first buffalo today, gave it a chase and H. Hyde shot it. Saw a great many teams on the opposite side of the river, camp on the bank of the river, no wood.
- 7th Rained this morning and the wind blowed hard, the wolves got after the cattle in the night and run them off about five miles, bit some of them pretty bad. The bottom here were verry wide, road first rate. Camp near the river, no wood, 5 graves.
- 8th Cold this morning, pleasant through the day, passed Bradys Island, plenty of timber on it and a few trees on the banks of the river, crossed Cottonwood Creek, some timber and standing water, also Ash Creek, the bluffs here are high and broken, bottoms about a mile and a half wide, roads first rate. 6 graves, camp 1 mile from Ash creek. 377 miles from St Joseph
- 9th Pleasant, I went out with 6 others a hunting, went up the bluffs in the neighbourhood of Ash creek. Bluffs verry high and rough, one continually string of steep hills and deep ravines, some Cedar and Cottonwood trees in the hollows. These hills extend back 4 or 5 miles. Saw a great many Antelope and about 50 or 60 Buffalo, gave them chase, run them 5 or 6 miles over steep hills and shot at some of them but didnot get them. Started back to overtake the waggons, traveled till after dark and stopt with a train about 5 miles behind our own. Tired and hungry. 15 graves. Plenty of good water about half a mile north of the road.
- 10th Came up to the waggons just after breakfast. Crossed the south fork of Platte river, verry good crossing, put blocks under the waggons boxes and doubled teams. The river is verry wide and shallow, went up the north fork, roads good, weather warm, grass short, used river water, camp on the bank of river, saw 3 new graves.
- 11th Traveled along the bottoms till noon. stream of water to the right of road, good springs of water along the creek, for several miles. Cedar bluffs - 429 miles from St Jo. went up a long hill but not very steep, verry hot wind, blowed verry hard and the sand flew so that we could hardly see, verry disagreeable day to travel. Long hill to go down to get on the bottom again, didn't get to the river till after dark, some time - we were all tired and hungry. I was about half sick and had no water to drink but river water. 4 graves.
- 12th Went about 5 miles and camp. Road runs close to the river, some hills, roads sandy, dug a well and got good water, grass tolerable good, some of our oxen lame, in good condition otherwise.
- 13th Sunday- laying over to rest our teams. Company all well, warm and pleasant, rained in the evening, rest came in good time. I lay in the tent and slept while the cool wind blowed around my head. Some were sleeping, some playing cards, some reading, some washing and some went out a hunting. The hunter brought an antelope into camp. There were a good many teams passed us today on this and the other side of the river.

- 14th Got an early start this morning, some places the bottoms are pretty wide and sometimes the bluffs extend to the river, the points that extend to the river are not very high, but sandy and heavy hauling. The main bluffs are rocky and rough. We baited near the river where there has been a small grove of cedar trees, feed poor. Afternoon went over the bluffs into Ash hollow, long hill to ascend and descend, went down Ash hollow to the river, high rocky bluffs on each side, Ash Hollow is 409 miles St Jo. After we struck the river we kept close to the bluffs the road is very sandy in places, some cedar trees along the bluffs and some ash trees in Ash Hollow, some springs along here and considerable alkali water. 8 new graves.
- 15th Roads today have been very sandy, heavy hauling, some dry creeks with steep banks, high rocky broken bluffs, some very curious looking rocks bottoms narrow, grass poor, just before night we came to where the bottoms were wide and grass pretty fair. 14 graves.
- 16th Clear and pleasant, got an early start this morning, roads very sandy in places feed rather poor, considerable alkali water, some cedar groves on the bluffs several miles off. Bluffs not so high along here, camp near some good springs, no wood, but also chips scarce. 13 graves.
- 17th On the move pretty early, saw Chimney and Courthouse rocks early in the morning, crossed Lawrence creek, baited opposite courthouse rock. Had quite a blow and some rain in the afternoon. Camp to the left of road about 1 mile on a nice rise of ground, three first rate springs here. 3 miles from Chimney Rock, some grand scenery high rocky bluffs, some cedar groves in the distance, grass tolerable good. 10 graves.
- 18th Started late this morning, went and took a view of Chimney Rock there is many -- in it 200 feet from the bottom. There is a great many curiosities here, the rocks are two or three hundred feet high and in a great many shapes. Considerable many cedar trees growing along the bluffs, camp near the river 10 miles from Scotts Bluffs, there is a blacksmith here, they charge 10 dollars for setting waggons tires all around. \$4 for shoeing an ox, and they ask \$15 per hundred for flour. Some of the cattle are very lame and have been sometime. 2 graves. Chimney Rock is 524 miles (from St Jo)
- 19th E. D. Lemoin had to leave one of his oxen, he got 5 dollars for it. The road left the river long hill to ascend to get on the bluffs, roads first rate until we got to Scotts Bluffs, here there was some deep ravines steep banks. Very long hill to descend to get on the bottoms again. Here are some of the highest rocks I have ever seen. By hard work I got to the top of one of them, here was feast for the eyes, had a splendid view of Laramie peak at the distance of 100 miles, some Pine timber along the bluffs, there is a U. S. mail station and a blacksmith shop here, also some French traders and Indians, the first Indians I have seen since we left Fort Kearney, Camp near the river some of the company had to get their waggons fixed. Have to use river water, settled with Prickly Pears. Saw 6 graves. Scotts Bluff 554 miles.
- 20th Sunday, laying over to repair waggon. A great many teams passed us today found 2 springs, tolerable good water. Wrote a long letter home. Clear and warm, Company all well and full of fun.
- 21st On the move early, the bluffs not so high here, country more level. Came up with some teams that had stampeded, killed one man and broke 2 waggons. Crossed a small creek tolerable bad to cross, also Horse creek, this is a broad shallow stream, good crossing, cool and cloudy in the evening. 5 graves.
- 22nd Cloudy and cool this morning, left the river, went over the bluffs roads very sandy until we struck the bottom again in a few miles, roads good along the bottom, cleared off about noon clouded up again and rained cold enough to wear an overcoat. Road went over the bluffs again. camp

- on the bluffs about half a mile from the river, plenty of dry wood.
8 graves. Horse Creek 566 miles.
- 23rd Rained all the forenoon gently, cloudy and cool in the afternoon, travelled about one mile and come onto the bottoms again. Passed an Indian village and several trading posts, crosses Larime Fork of Platte river a little after noon, there is a bridge here, they charge 2 dollars for 4 yoke of oxen and waggon. 25¢ for a horse. The fort was $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to the left of road, went on about 5 miles and camp near the river, plenty of wood. We are now among the black hills, they look beautiful, scattering trees all over them. 2 graves. Fort Larime 604 (from St. Jo)
- 24th Rained last night, cold and drizzling this morning, a ternoon rained hard but we did not stop, road hilly some places verry steep and rocky, left the river, crossed bitter Cottonwood creek and another small creek, plenty of wood and watter, the river is narrow and rappid, pine and ceder on all the hills, camp in a valley. 6 graves.
- 25th Clear in the morning, heavy rain shedd about noon. Crossed Dead Timber Creek, some firststrate springs. Some long hills and some places steep. Came to the river in two places, in some places the river runs between perpendicular rocks, had a fine view of Larime Peak, saw snow on it. Camp near the river at the foot of the bluffs, plenty of wood. 6 graves. Horse Creek 641 miles.
- 26th Ascended long hill and descended into a valley along the river, then ascended another long gravelly hill on the top of which had a splendid view of Larime Peak and surrounding mountains. Traveled on a ridge between two creeks, several hills. Afternoon kept on the ridge went down a long hill some 3 miles long to Laboute river, crossed over and camp La Boute river 669 miles, 6 graves.

This is the end of the first book, the next is more interesting, and is a continuation of this first one.

* on page 4, "baited", its definitely baited, but I have no idea what the word means.

The spelling is Grandfathers and I have left it as is in most cases. All the words that have double s's in them such as grass, are written to look like grafs, which was the old way of doing. At that I think his vocabulary and even his spelling were good, for that day and age.

He probably had no idea that he was writing for posterity! otherwise he might have put in: the arrangements for the trip and with whom, how he travelled, whether he walked, rode, drove a wagon, or what. Later on I believe he mentions something about selling his pony, so maybe he rode all the way.

In the back of this first book he has a hand drawn calendar with the days marked off, and a record of the letters he wrote back home, with the addresses, but in most cases just the initials of the people to whom he wrote.

I have his birthdate somewhere, but would have to look it up, I believe his was born in the late 1820's, so he must have been in his 20's when he started this trip.

WILLIAM H. HAMPTON'S DIARY
Book two

Sunday June the 27th 1852

Clear and warm, roads verry hilly and stoney, traveled about 5 miles to branch of La Boute river, the earth for 20 or 3 miles on each side has a dark red appearance, about 6 miles we came to a small stream, good spring below the road. Road hilly all the way. Hyde's little girl fell out of the waggon and it ran over her, hurt pretty bad. Afternoon roads verry hilly and gravelly, hard on cattles feet, high mountains on all sides. Plenty of wood along the streams, campt on Laphrete? river found a spring of clean cold water, 4 graves.

18th Got a late start this morning, went about 1 mile and crossed Laprele river, bold rapid current, about 2 rods wide, plenty of timber, 4 miles further a small creek, water poor. 1 mile further Box Elder Creek, plenty of firstrate watter, not much timber, 5 miles further little Deer creek from there to the river sandy. In the evening cloudy, wind blowed hard very dusty. 6 graves.

29th Traveled about 3 or 4 miles to a ferry lately got up by some emigrants. It is about 30 miles below the upper crossing, they charge \$3 per waggon have to swim the cattle. We have to wait until tomorrow to cross. A man by the name of Case from Mo. was drowned today, he was driving cattle on norseback, the horse threw him and he could not make the shore, he left a wife and one child.

30th Got across the river about noon, all safe. Road hilly and crooked and very sandy, timber plenty, grass rather scarce. Campt near the river by a nice -- (corner dogeared, so last word is gone.)

July the 1st

We have traveled through a sandy barren country today, the roads have been heavy and rough and runs close to the river, plenty of timber for camping purposes, no watter but river watter, campt 4 miles from the main ferry. They charge \$5 per waggon and driver, 50¢ apiece for men. They have 3 groceryys at this ferry. They charge \$8 per gallon for brandy, 25¢ per drink for whiskey, saw 4 new graves.

2nd We traveled 4 miles and came to the upper crossing, there were a good many teams here. 13 miles further we came to Mineral Springs and lake, the water below these springs poisonous when the watter stirred up it becomes black. About 7 miles further we passed between some high rocks that form a kind of gateway. 2 miles further we came to Alkali swamp and springs, 4 miles further a small creek, here we campt by a spring, the roads this distance somewhat hilly, the country covered with wild sage but verry little grass-- 762 miles from St. Jo. 2 graves.

3rd Got a late start, went 4 miles to Willow Springs, good watter here. Ascended a long hill from whitch had a fine view of the Sweetwatter mountain. 4 miles further crossed deep slough. About a mile further ascended and descended a steep hill near the foot of which is a small creek. About 2½ miles further we came to another small creek traveled along this creek about 1 mile. 1½ miles further we crossed Greaswood creek, traveled down the creek a peice and campt the country along here is barren and sandy. Sage brush and greaswood, pretty thick along here, grass verry scarce. 2 graves.

4th On the move this morning tolerable early, traveled on to the Alkali Springs and Lake, 6 miles from Greasewood Creek. At this place are several acres of low swampy ground covered with a crust of Saleratus in places several inches thick which at a distance has the appearance of snow. The ground under this is very miry. About 4 miles further we arrived at Sweetwatter 1 mile further Independence Rock, this rock stands on the north side of the river and is so close to the bank that there is but room for waggons to pass. It is composed of hard granite and is a singular curiosity. It stands alonenear a mile from anny other rocks or chain of mountains, it is 600 yds long, about 120' wide and about 150' high. It bears the names of thousands of

emigrants put on with paint or cut in. One mile further we crossed sweetwater, the river here is about 8 rods wide rappid current, 4 miles further we came to Devils Gate, this is a place where the river passes between perpendicular rocks 400 ft high, camp near this gate. Verry windy and dusty. Rained and snowed a little in the afternoon. Some wood. 2 graves.

5th quite cold this morning. Did not start out till afternoon, traveled on about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and crossed 2 small creeks. A little further passed a trading post. Good many articles for sale here. 6 or 7 miles further crossed another creek. Camp at the foot of the bluffs. Verry cold at night, grass short, no timber. 5 graves.

6th Cold this morning. Here we left the river, very sandy road 7 miles returned to the river again, about 2 miles further crossed a small creek. 3 miles further Bitter Cottonwood Creek, some green timber here we left the river 6 miles, returned crossed over and came to high mountains on each side of the road, those on the north side bare rocks, on the South side timber on them, and some of them snow. Some showers of rain in the afternoon and in the night rained hard, quite cold found a overcoat necessary for comfort. Saw a good many dead cattle along here. Grass short. 6 graves.

7th Got a late start, traveled along the river 7 or 8 miles, crossed it 3 times. Crossings not bad, noon at the last crossing. Here the road leaves the river, traveled 6 miles to where there was several acres of low flat land below the surface of which is a bed of ice about 2 inches thick. Went on 4 or 5 miles further and camp. No good water, after we left the river. Grass scarce, warm in the morning, rained and hailed verry hard before noon. Afternoon verry windy and cold, came in sight of the windriver mountains. They are very high and covered with snow. 7 graves.

8th Clear and cold this morning, had a splendid view of the Windriver mountains as the sun first began to shine on them, they were dazzling bright. On the move early, got to the river at noon which is 17 miles from where we left it yesterday, no good water and but verry little grass this distance. Afternoon crossed the river and went over the points of some high bluffs to the river again. Went up the river 5 miles and crossed the river twice in this distance. Camp near an Indian village. Windy and cold. 6 graves.

9th On the move early this morning, ascended a verry long rocky hill. Verry hilly for 5 miles, 3 miles further we came to a soft swamp and verry small creek and 2 miles further a couple of small creeks 2 miles from them Strawberry creek. First rate water and some willows. 1 mile further Quakenaspe grove this is a small grove south of the road, good water here. 3 miles further the North fork of Sweetwater, this stream is about 1 rod wide, clear good water, 2 miles further we crossed Willow creek and camp first rate water and some willows, wind blowed verry hard in the afternoon, grass verry scarce. 2 graves.

10th Again resumed our journey onward, road first rate except 2 or 3 short, steep hills, 5 miles to Sweetwater, which crossed for the last time. Here we found snow where it had been drifted. 9 miles further we arrived at the summit of the South Pass Road, this distance first rate, from here we began to descend gradually, road good, 3 miles further Pacific Spring camp below these springs, verry soft and miry below these springs, grass very scarce on these mountains. Hardly annything but wild sage and greasewood grows here, but there is plenty of that. We are now 885 miles from St. Jo.

- 11th Sunday. We went about 3 or 4 miles in the direction of the Windriver Mountains and camped to rest the teams. Here we found good grass and water. Cold nights ever since we have been on the mountains. Had a light shower of rain today. Have been in sight of snow every day for the last week. Plenty of Indians along the Sweetwater. They appear to be very friendly. Company all well.
- 12th On the move again in the afternoon went 4 or 5 miles to a spring of as good as ever run. These springs are 4 miles from the road, north side behind a mountain. 15 or 20 Indian lodges here. Good feed here.
- 13th On the way again, struck the road a little past Dry Sandy, 5 miles further we came to the fork of the Salt Lake and Subletts roads. We took the Salt Lake road to avoid the desert, 8 miles further Little Sandy crossed and went down it about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and camped. This stream is about 18 feet wide, some willows. The country here is barren and sandy.
- 14th On the way again, went on to Big Sandy, 8 miles this stream is about 6 or 7 rods wide, rapid current, went out on a 17 miles stretch 7 or 8 miles and camped, river from 1 to 2 miles from the road, grass tolerable good.
- 15th On the move again to Big Sandy again 8 or 9 miles from here to Green River 8 miles. Here we found 2 ferry boats running, they charge 3 dollars per wagon, swam the cattle and horses, they have a grocery here. They buy lame cattle here for about 3 dollars per head. Went up the river a piece and camped. Some scattering trees along the river mostly bitter Cottonwood, in the morning warm in the afternoon cloudy and cool. 2 graves.
- 16th On the move again the road runs up the river 10 or 11 miles and left it, we went on 7 or 8 miles to a small creek road somewhat hilly this distance had a heavy shower of rain in the afternoon, this road is called McKinney's Cut off. Some bunch grass in places.
- 17th On the move again, went on to a spring at the foot of a bluff, distance 12 miles and the road somewhat hilly, this distance from here went over the highest mountains and the steepest that I ever saw, a road runs over. Distance 5 miles, camped at the foot of the mountain by a small stream of water.
- 18th Sunday. traveled 8 miles to a nice little stream of water at the foot of a mountain, good grass, road this distance somewhat hilly. Passed several good springs. We are on Sublette Cut Off. Had some nice showers of rain. There is 2 roads here, one goes over the mountain and one around it. We go around it.
- 19th Got a late start this morning, road good to Hams. Fork of Green ?? Here are a number of Indian Lodges, also a trading post from here we went up a long rocky hill and some places steep. We then had a gradual descent and ascent, to Poplar Grove 7 miles, here we found good water and grass.
- 20th Traveled on to a small creek 4 or 5 miles in this distance went through fine groves this is a pretty place from here to the creek was the longest and steepest hill that I ever went over. Here the boys broke their wagon. Fixed it up again and went on to Bear River 8 or 10 miles this distance had one long steep rough hill, some small streams and a good spring and plenty of grass., pleasant. 4 graves.

- 1st We traveled on down the river to Tullichs Fork. This is a pretty stream and abounds with trout, there is a bridge across it, toll 50¢. 1/4 miles further Thomas Fork, here are 2 bridges, one across a slough, the other across the river, toll \$1.00, the road this distance good, several good springs high mountains on each side of the valley. Went on about one mile to a spring on the side of the mountain and camp, mosquitoes very thick along here, saw 1 grave.
- 2nd On the way early went on up a long hill then down a long hill into a deep hollow, down this hollow and across another hollow and creek, then up a very long hill and steep. Then turned to the left down a bridge, then to the right around the head of a hollow, then to the left down a ravine, steep and rough, then to the right up a ravine, here is a narrow place just wide enough for waggons to pass between the rock then to right again over some table land and up a long hill then down a verry long steep rough hill to the bear river valley again, distance 8 or 9 miles. Early in the afternoon found plenty of wild currants ripe, mosquitoes very thick here, plenty of grass. 3 graves.
- 3rd Laying by still worked for an emigrant that is making a road around the mountains, some Indians here, we have had some splendid trout here. Court-right and Clarks teams went on. Grasshoppers verry thick, the air at times full of them.
- 4th Still laying over and working, we get \$2.00 per day, hot and sultry working at the foot of the mountains and the mosquitoes verry thick. We can hardly eat for this nights. Mrs Harkins and son left for Oregon today.
- 5th Sunday. On the way again traveled 8 miles to a creek and nooned, roads good. This is a splendid stream of watter rushing down from the mountain. Trout and other fish in all the streams along here. Afternoon crossed several small streams, road good. Warm today, camp near a small creek, had to burn small willows. 2 graves.
- 6th Road somewhat hilly until noon, had a light shower in the afternoon, plenty of good watter and grass, camp near the river by a spring. 3 graves
- 7th On the move again, went about 2 miles to Soda Springs, here we found a great many curiositys, the watter comes out of the top of a rock, some 10 or 15 feet high, there are a greatmany curious along here for several miles among the rest Steamboat Spring to the left of the road, close to the bank of the river, nooned near the forks of the road close to the river distance 5 miles from Soda Springs, afternoon took Myers Cut Off went 13 1/2 miles to one of the longest and best springs that I ever saw, it forms a round basin about 2 rods across and verry deep. Roads this distance stoney in places. A long hill to ascend and descend, not steep no watter this distance, after dark when we camp, verry dusty coming down the mountain sometimes we could not see where we were going, plenty of wood here. 4 graves
- 8th On the way again a verry long hill to ascend and descend some places: verry steep and rocky to Pannock river 4 miles nooned near this stream rained quite a shower. Afternoon went on through a valley to Pannock river again distance 4 miles took in watter and went on to the top of a long hill and camp grass plenty, no watter, verry warm today, we are among the mountains - or certain. 1 grave.

29th On the move again, long hill to descend to Fall creek, 8 miles from Pannock river, had to go up this stream quite a piece to get across it, was so swampy from here to the summit of a mountain 4 miles from here to the summit of another mountain, camp near the summit good water in the valley, verry warm and dusty today. 1 grave.

30th On the way again early this morning, went on up the mountain then descended to a creek, descent gradual from here to Gravel Creek 8 miles. Here we laid over the afternoon, rained and hailed, there is a trading post here they have potatoes and onions for sale, potatoes 15¢ per lb. onions 25¢ per lb, flour 10cts, butter and chesse 50¢, sugar 50¢, had another shower in the afternoon.

31st Started before day, ascended a mountain to the summit 7 miles then descended down a long steep rocky hill to a valley 2 miles, traveled along the valley and up to the summit of another mountain 10 mi. Good road then down the mountain to a small creek 4 3/4 mi. here we camp, no water untill we got here, had a good shower in the morning and one in the evening.

Sunday, August the 1st

Laid by until noon, afternoon traveled 7 miles to a Spring and camp, plenty of wood and water, had 2 good showers of rain, the roads hilly part of the way up a deep canyon high mountains on each side. 1 grave.

2nd On the move again early travelled on down the canyon to Muddy Creek 5 1/2 mi. here are some good springs, 3 miles further crossed another small creek the road runs close to the creek for several miles 5 1/2 miles further came to the East branch of Raft river and camp, traveled in a deep canyon nearly all day, high mountains on each side. Several groves of small poplars, saw a good many dead cattle for the last few days.

3rd Quite cold this morning traveled on to Raft River 11 1/2 mi. road this distance level and good. 7 1/2 mi. further we arrived at the West Branch of Raft river, went up this a piece and camp, road quite warm and dusty. Not well today.

4th On the way again, traveled on to the second ford of the west branch 8 1/2 mi. 7 1/2 mi. further the valley stream and 3 mi. further a small stream, 2 mi. further another small creek, here we camp. Roads good, grass plenty. Had 2 heavy thunder showers today 1 at noon and 1 at night. Quite unwell, had to ride in the waggon all day. I have the best of care taken of me by the Co.

5th Laid by till noon. E.D.L. and H.V. and Pratt put their teams together and left Le. waggon (as written) afternoon on the way again. Crossed a small creek distance 3 1/4 mi. 5 mi. further came to the junction of the Salt Lake road, from here the road is descending 5 miles to a small creek. Camp near this creek, road somewhat hilly and stoney. I am still unwell.

6th On the way again, ascended to the summit of a mountain distance 2 mi. then descended the road is descending for 5 mi. and in many places extremely steep, rocky and rough. A small creek at the foot of the mountain 2 mi. we came to Goose Creek and nooned. Afternoon went on up Goose Creek 5 or 6 mi. and camp. Good place, still unwell, saw 2 graves.

7th Traveled on up the creek to within a mile or two of the mouth of a ravine 18 mi from where we first came to the creek, crossed several small streams rather rough crossings. still quite unwell. warm.

- Sunday, on the move verry early, good road to the mouth of the ravine from here we had 5 mi. of verry rough, rocky road, the rest of the way not so rocky, but bad enough, got to thousand spring valley, distance 20 mi. no water for 15 mi. plenty of water here, but verry little grass. Still unwell.
- Traveled on in the valley all day, roads good. Watter scarce had to watter the cattle out of a well at noon, slow work, warm and dusty it was dark when we campt, grass plenty but little watter. Getting better.
- Traveled on to the head of the valley and campt near a spring we have now traveled in this valley 35 mi. passed several fine springs and some boiling springs, plenty of grass today, warm and dusty, roads firstrate, saw a good many lame cattle today, dead cattle all along the road.
- On the way again, went up a long hill to the summit 3 mi. road good, then descended a verry long hill, descent gradual about 2 mi. passed a spring on the right here the roads work, took the right hand went on about 3 mi. further and campt at a good spring to the right of road, plenty of grass and clover, laid by in the afternoon. I rode a piece on horseback today
- On the move early traveled on down the creek to a deep canyon, high mountains on each side. Down the canyon the road is very rocky and rough in places, crossed the creek several times, some lazy warm springs here come through the canyon out on a nice valley, plenty of grass in this valley. Traveled on down the valley to the junction of the old road and campt, very cold this morning, froze ice on the watter in the wash dish, 1 grave.
- On the way again, traveled on down Canyon Creek to the Humboldt 6 mi. the river is verry low and so narrow in places that I could step across it. Crossed the river and traveled down it until night and campt, plenty of grass all day. 2 graves.
- On the way early traveled on down the river roads level and good grass plenty campt near the North fork which is 20 mi. from where we crossed the river campt about 3 O.C. the river is about 1 rod wide here and verry crooked, watter clear, there are some streams that emty into it on the south side some alkali watter along here, no timber except willows and they are small, quite warm today, roads dusty all the time. 2 graves.
- Sunday, on the way early crossed the north fork this stream is about 40 ft. wide clear watter, crossed the points of three high bluffs and came to the river between each of them, distance across the bluffs 7 mi. road runs down the river, good road all the way, warm and dusty. 1 grave.
- On the way early traveled on down the river to the foot of a mountain, 27 mi. from the North fork, here the old road goes over the mountain, we took a new road down the river through a deep canyon, some places rocky and rough crossed the river 3 times crossings good, bottoms narrow, grass short, campt at the end of the canyon, 4 droves passed us after we campt, verry dusty, guarded the cattle for the first time.
- Traveled down the river, crossed a nice creek one or two small hills. Came to where the road leaves the river, stayed until noon, some warm springs here a ternnon went on up the mountain up hill 8 or 9 miles but not steep went down the mountain about 1 mi. to a spring and campt, some bunch grass here.

Traveled down the ravine, rocky and rough, several springs in the ravine went up a hill the descent of which is very long but gradual to the river but very little grass here, crossed the river and traveled down the south side, camp near the river plenty grass.

On the way early, continued down the river went over a point of the bluff and crossed the river then traveled down the north side road good, plenty of grass camp near the river, thick brush all along the river. 3 graves.

Traveled on down the north went round the point of the bluff, road runs close to the edge of the water, we here turn to the right nearly north across a barren sandy plain returned to the river and camp, the most of the travel is on the south side, passed three fords today.

Traveled down the north side, part of the way the road was quite a piece from the river on a barren sandy plain, some hills between the road and river considerable alkali in places, camp near the river plenty of grass the river here is about 4 rods wide, but not deep.

Sunday, laid by in forenoon, frost this morning, warm and pleasant in the day. Afternoon on the move again, traveled down the river until night and camp plenty of grass the bottoms here are wide and the valley is very wide, 1579 miles from St. Jo by S. L. This river is now quite low which is lucky for us on account of feed and the road is shorter in a dry time. The road now runs on both sides of the river. There are a number of fords along it there is but 2 or 3 streams that empty into this river, it is about 4 rods wide with steep banks we have to travel along it sometimes several miles before we can find a good place to get the cattle to water. This river is very crooked and sluggish but not deep it can be waded most any place there are some deep holes. Willows all along close to the river and very thick. There is hardly any game along here except hares and Sage hens, some wild geese and ducks and now and then a sandbill, I have seen a few elks. I have not seen an antelope since we crossed Green river. We have had first rate times all the way, plenty to eat and drink and good appetites. There is a high range of mountains on each side of the river all the way. Some places the valley is very narrow and in other places very wide. There is a great many sloughs in the bottom which are filled with water when the river is up.

Book Three

On the first fly leaf is written:

Dexter B. Pratt's book
from PawPaw Grove, Illinois
bound for California

William P. Hampton's book
bought from D. B. Pratt

Sept 23rd, 1852

Traveled down the north side, passed over some barren sandy country the barrens are covered with a thick growth of sage and greasewood bushes, turned to the left and went across the bottom to a branch of the river and camp, abundance of rich grass here.

On the move early, traveled on down the river a piece and crossed over to the south side, this was a great saving in distance, passed a trading post, they sell sugar here at 75¢ per lb, brandy 50¢ a drink. Roads sandy, nooned opposite where the old road comes to the river, 116 mi from the sink. Afternoon traveled on untill night and camp, saw 8 antelope.

Traveled down the south side a few miles and crossed over to the north side again, went down the river over a sand plane, heavy wheeling, nooned in the river bottom. Afternoon crossed over to the south side, traveled down the bottom roads good. Very warm and dusty, disagreeable traveling, grass short in places some places heavy, saw 2 new graves.

Traveled down the river a piece and crossed over to the north side, went on and then left the river and went across a barren sandy plane to the river 11 mi. Plenty of grass across the river, passed two trading posts, they ask 25¢ per lb for flour, some places grass is short, warm and dusty.

Traveled down the river, passed over some points of bluffs, the road on bluffs are sandy in the bottom good, passed two trading posts. Camp at noon on the bank of the river, good grass on the south side, there is a little snow on a mountain opposite here, we are now about 75 miles from the sink. Saw 1 new grave.

Traveled on down the bottom 2 or 3 miles, some splendid patches of grass this distance, then we left the river and traveled across a barren sandy plane, utterly void of vegetation except sage and greasewood, the river along here has very narrow bottoms with high bluffs, grass scarce, camp on a high bluff about 50 miles from the sink, found some grass in a bend of the river.

Sunday, on the way again, traveled on the plane a piece then down a ravine $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the river, no grass then up a ravine about 1 mile then the road ran from 1 to 2 miles from the river country entirely barren. Nooned about 1 mile from the road near the river on the bluff, afternoon traveled on over a sandy, barren country returned to the river at night and camp, very little grass here. 1 grave.

Left the river again and traveled down the bottom road 2 or 3 miles from the river traveled 10 miles to a slough and turned to the left towards the grazing ground, distance 8 miles. Here are several thousand acres of low wet land covered with a heavy growth of grass, there are several trading posts here, traveled along this a piece and camp. Wood very scarce here, the bottoms here are very wide and mostly barren and sandy except greasewood and wild sage, there is an abundance of that all over the country, very windy in the afternoon, cold nights all the time.

Laid by today and cut grass for the desert and took in water. Started out after sundown and went about 4 or 5 miles and camped, plenty of grass all along here but no wood, had to use chips. Valley very level here and mostly barren. Mountains not so high. 1 grave.

After the 1st. On the way again down the river, traveled over a barren country in many places where it has been overflowed and is perfectly level and hard, camped about 4 or 5 miles from the sink, the river forms quite a lake. The water spreads over a vast extent of country in sloughs and ponds, the water here is brackish, grass scarce, plenty of geese and ducks.

On the way early traveled on down Pyramid Lake to a trading post where they have water for sale from Truckee river at 25¢ per quart, from here we crossed a slough that extends 2 or 3 miles further than the water sinks. A little further another trading post, went up and down a hill then we were on a vast plane in places entirely bare and level, some sand ridges all covered with little hillocks, some creosewood and wild sage on the ridges. Nooned by a slough of salt water, then traveled on till night then got supper, fed and watered the cattle and let them rest awhile then went on till 2 or 3 OC and feed again, then went on again at daylight we were at a trading post 12 miles from Carson river, here I went on ahead of the teams, went on 4 miles and bought a pailfull of water for the poney to drink, cost \$1.00. Got to the river about 9 OC, here are number of shantys where they keep provisions, groceries and hay for sale, hay 10¢ per lb. beef 25 to 30¢, pies 75¢, liquor 25¢ per drink, they have runners out on the desert to buy cattle that give out, had to leave one waggon back on the desert 4 miles, the others got over before noon. Stayed here to let the cattle rest, no grass here, the last 12 miles of the road verry sandy. Lots of dead cattle and old irons all along the road. A great many teams camped here. I bought some hay for the poney and a pie for myself.

The other waggons got in a little before noon and we left ragtown in the afternoon and went on up several miles and camped close to the river. Grass all eaten plenty of willows and some Cottonwood, trading posts all along here, this river is about 2 rods wide and verry crooked but not deep, saw 15 new graves. 1 at ragtown and 2 at another place and 7 in another place.

Traveled on up the river apiece and stopt untill noon, then went on over a 12 mile desert to the river and camped, road rough rocky and sandy. Saw 2 graves.

Traveled up the river to a nice valley and camped to let the cattle rest. Several trading posts here, myself and 5 others concluded to pack the rest of the way.

Mr Kellog, Prickett, Miller, Burns and Fleming left the teams and took our packs and traveled. Went over a 10 mi desert road very sandy to the river then the road ran up the river, passed 2 or 3 trading posts. Camped in a canyon, traveled about 20 miles. 1 grave.

On the way before sunrise, traveled to Gold Canyon and got dinner here we saw 2 houses the first I have seen in a long time, distance 16 miles. Considerable heavy mining, passed 3 trading posts. Afternoon the road left the river ascending a long stoney hill verry stoney for severall miles, got across to the river 10 mi. about sundown, camped here. 3 trading posts here. Bacon 1.00 per lb. flour 40¢, sugar 50¢, potatoes 75¢, milk 25¢,

Traveled on to Eagle ranch here, we came across Courtright and concluded not to pass the mountains here, so we traveled the rest of the day in Carson Valley, this is a splendid valley, severall farms commenced here. Saw wattermellons, potatoes, beans and other veggatables, several snug log houses here splendid streams of water all along. There is a great many out here buying cattle.

traveled about 30 miles near where the pack trail goes over the mountains
plenty of fine lumber on the sides of the mountains.

On the way again. C. Courtright joined us went about 2 miles to a trading post
where we took the pack trail over the mountains. The trail up the mountain is
very crooked and steep. Plenty of pine timber all the way, 4 or 5 miles to the
summit then went down the mountain, descent more gradual, some of the way the
road first rate, camp on a nice little stream of water, some grass, some
splendid timber along here, mostly yellow pine and Spruce pine, some Cedar
and Fir trees. Plenty of good cold water all the way.

On the way early traveled on in lake valley to the second ridge, splendid timber
all the way one trading post in this valley, the ascent of this ridge is long
and steep, descent gradual. Traveled along a branch of the South Branch, some
of the finest timber along here I ever saw, mostly spruce, pine some yellow
pine, cedar and Fir trees. Went over some steep hills, camp near the south
fork of the American river. The water rushes down through the rocks, quite
cool nights.

Early, went over another very high mountain, road gradually descending for
several miles, nooned at a trading post 45 miles from Hangtown, bacon 75¢ lb.
beef 50¢, afternoon went 10 miles to a spring road, most of the way down hill
some places steep, had a good bait of red raspberries, some gooseberries and wild
strawberries, quite warm today.

On the way early this morning, traveled to the south fork, here is a trading
post and bridge, they charge 50¢ for a man and horse, distance 15 miles, we would
not pay toll but forded, very bad ford, went up a long mountain through the
brush, nooned 1½ miles from the bridge. Stopped at a trading post 17 miles from
Hangtown, sold my poney here for \$65.00

On the way before day got to Hangtown about noon, got dinner paid 75¢ for it,
stayed an hour or two and then went on through Diamond Springs, little Villages
all along the road, stayed at the Shingle Spring house, 12 miles from Hangtown.

I and Kellog hired our passage to Sac. City for \$2.50 apiece, took dinner at the
Pleasant Grove House, bill 75¢ got to the city half past four, put up at the
American house, they charge 75¢ per meal, 50¢ for lodging, got a letter from
home, R. H. (Robert Hampton, his brother)

Went around the city awhile and then went down to Pearces and wrote a letter
to R. H. Had all the water mellons I could eat, started back about 4 OC
went out about 5 miles and put up at the Rising Sun.

Started for the Mo. bar to see Lemoin, took the Coloma road at the ten mile
house, took dinner at the Alder Spring house, bill 85¢. Afternoon went on to
Mo. bar, found it was not the right one, put up at Mcda--will, very warm today.

Traveled on up by Salmon Falls and Mo bar to where P. Lemoin and M. French were
working, found French at the house, he had been sick sometime, Lemoin was well
and at work, stayed here the rest of the day, very warm.

Stayed at Lemoin's, and French's until 3 OC then went on to a tavern 1 mile from
Lemoin's and stayed all night bill \$1.75. Miners working all along the river,
plenty of provisions and tools for sale, provisions high.

Went to Coloma, here I found Joseph and John Taylor and Wm. Grimes also r--
went up with Grimes to where he was mining 3 miles above Coloma
had dinner with him then went across to Placerville, Grimes went with us put

up at the Pittsburg house, a very good house, they charge 75¢ per meal.

11-1 went to Diamond Springs and put at a boarding house near the Stearn Saw mill, board \$39 per week. This is a flourishing place, new buildings going up in all directions. Good dry diggings in this neighbourhood. I was quite unwell in the afternoon.

11-2 Stayed in town all day waiting for the teams, they got in about 10 OC at night and stopt in town, all well except E. D. Lemoin's wife, she was sick, they stopt back 30 miles. I am better today got a bad cold. Cool and pleasant today.

11-3 Laid round nearly all day, bought a pair of boots, cost \$7, took care of E. D. Lemoin's cattle, came across V. Wirick, he was in good health.

11-4 Drove the cattle out of town and graze, nothing of importance occurred. Cool.

11-5 Drove the cattle to Hangtown and sold them 2 cows for \$175.00, 1 yolk of oxen for \$65.00, bought a pair of pants and a overshirt, pants \$5 shirt \$3, went back to Diamond Springs.

11-6 Sunday, lay around as usual, expected D. D. Lemoin would come in today but he didnot. Went to a gambling house, it was crowdded with men gambling and drinking, some were merely looking on. There was meeting at night. I did not go, want to bed, beautiful moonlight nights.

11-7 E. D. Lemoin came in, he left his wife in Hangtown, I went back to Hangtown with him and he went to Coloma and I got a team and took her to our camp, paid \$1.00 for our passage.

11-8 Doing nothing as usual.

11-9 Washed some shirts and drawers, Lemoin came back and Reuben Lemoin came with him, concluded to go to the south Fork of the American River to keep boarding house and mine.

11-10 Moved to Poverty bar, South fork of American River, bought a house and a river claim for \$200, also groceries to the value of \$148.50, three of us in company, E. D. Lemoin, R. Lemoin and myself. Took an invoice of the goods but did not pay for them, going to tomorrow.

11-11 to the 1st, 1852

I worked at mineing untill noon, was quite unwell had to quit work. J. M. French took R. Lemoin's place in the company, we paid for the house, groceries and river claim and took posession of the same. Some flying clouds at night but everything is as dry as can be, river low. Men are very busy working out their river claims. Some of these claims pay firststrate, others dont pay wages.

11-12 Quite unwell yet not able to work anny. Had a splendid shower of rain today, quite cool at night, light frost.

11-13 Sunday still unwell the boys worked putting up an addition to the house for a dancing room, the chinese were passing all day with their packs on their shoulders one boarder came in today, we charge \$9 per week, have not got things fixt up yet to keep boarders.

11-14 I dont yet feel able to do much work, we took in four boarders today. D. B. Pratt & L. Vaughn paid us a visit, stayed all night. We bought R. E. Lemoin's share in the claim

worked a little about the house. We had 2 Chinese to work for us today, took out \$10.00.

went to work in the mines, we are bothered with the watter, took out \$22, we bought some dishes today.

worked in the mine today, the watter bothered us considerable, took out \$42.00

working in the mines tok out \$29.00

in the mines, took out \$41.00

Sunday, verry pleasant warm day. Wrote a letter to I. Smith, quite still times today, the boys all off once in a while a Chinese comes in to trade. There are a great many of them around here. Cool nights all the time.

did not work in the diggings. J M French went to Coloma and got a pump, it cost \$15.00, put a Canvas cover on the dineing room.

ried the mines again, had two tin pumps a running till 10 OC but could not get the watter out of the hole, give it up in afternoon, washed some from the edges have 2 Chinese to work for us. O. Spolden give up the diggings, took out \$4.04

bought a rotary pump for \$25, got the watter out with it and took out \$23.50

had 3 Chinese to work today, took out \$28.80.

Some cloudy today, worked in the mines, took out \$65.40

worked in the mines under great disadvantage on account of the watter took out \$3.31

Sunday, had several visits today. N. A. M. Kellogg, O Ames, S Olmstead, and several others, Clear pleasant, warm days, cool nights.

worked on the Badger claim, have to give half we take out, took out \$17.25, hired a man to work for us at \$5 per day, he boards himself.

took out \$18.14

" " 20.37½

" " 18.14

Turned off our hired man. One of the boarders had a fuss with a Chinese, he was going to shoot him. The badger Company tried to catch him and whip him, but he got away.

took out \$12.16, Cloudy in the morning.

Took out \$9.60 Frost this morning.

Sunday. Bull and Bear fight at Coloma. Eleazer and some of the boarders went to it. The miners are leaving the river in a good many places and hunting for winter quarters. I started a letter to Robert today.

Give up working on the Badger claim it did not pay to give half. Worked a little about the house and prospected some

went down to deep digging bar and took out 1000 ft of lumber out of a floom that we had bought.

- 17th Cloudy nearly all day. Prospected in the bar in front of the house, didnot get anny sight to make annything.
- 18th Rained nearly all day, the boarders nearly all stayed in the house and played cards for the liquor and cigars.
- 19th E. D. Lemoin started for the City to get a load of goods. I didnot do anhything got some hands.
- 20th Clear and pleasant, settled with the butcher from the 1st to this time, amount \$60 doing nothing as usual.
- 21st Sunday. The Badger Company came near losing their dam from a break above. Clear and warm, I stayed at home all day and helped about cooking and waited on customers. Sunday is the most busy day in the week in this country, a greatdeal of drinking and gambling on this day.

November the first. Out of employment.

- 2nd This is Presidential election day. there was none that went from here.
- 3rd Our load of goods arrived today, there was 1000 lbs, cost \$258.62. Eleazer got home about sundown, J and E Wirick come home with him and stayed all night, they fetched the news of the great fire in Sac. City.
- 4th To work for the Badger Company at five dollars a day, quite windy today, there is a man verry sick here today, his name is Wenner.
- 5th Cold this morning a little ice. R. E. Lemoin and J. M. French left today for Diamond Springs, not verry well today.
- 6th Unwell yet, doing nothing.
- 7th Sunday, we bought three thousand seven hundred feet of lumber at \$50 per thousand great demand for lumber in the city since the fire. Produce and provisions have taken a rise. Flour is worth 30¢ and scarce, potatoes 15¢, cornmeal 20¢ butter \$1
- 8th Went out on the Coloma road to get some teams to take our lumber off to the city, could not get any on Dry Creek, went on up to Uniontown and Coloma, stayed all night but could not get a team.
- 9th Came home, Eleazer had bought some lumber, went to Grass Canyon and measured and piled up 5000 ft of lumber. Cloudy all day. Eleazer went to Diamond Springs to hire some teams to take the lumber off.
- 10th Eleazer got home about dark got three or four teams.
- 11th Got two thousand feet started for the city. Got some more up on the hill, rained all day.
- 12th Had H. H. Hyde to work for us with a yoke of oxen and waggon getting lumber up the hill, had 4 Chinese in the afternoon carrying lumber up the hill, the hill is about 60 rods long and verry steep had to pay them \$2 apiece, the Badger Company Dam broke and stopt their work.
- 13th Got Hardy started off to the city with about 600 ft of lumber, took till afternoon to get out the road.
- 14th Sunday rained last night about half of the night and nearly all day today. We have only our boarders the rest have gone off to dry diggings rather dull times here at present we have some trade mostly with the Chicago

33¢ per lb., potatoes 15¢, butter \$1.00, bacon shoulders 37½¢, lard 35¢, corn meal 10¢, dried apples 25¢, salt 25¢, sugar 20¢.

rained all day, went to Gass Canyon, moved our lumber, hard job.

went over to Diamond Springs, stayed all night.

went to work with L. Vaughn in the mines.

rained last night and the wind blowed verry hard nearly all night. Rained all day we worked all day, worked a tom in the afternoon, did not get much. Boarded at Turners hotell, had 3 meals, paid \$2.00.

rained again all night, cleared off in the morning and the watter ran down so that we could not work a tom. Throughed up dirt, went to Mr Huggs to beard at \$10. per wk.

Clear and cool today, quite unwell with the diarrhea, did not work, got a bottle of Port Wine and took it with black pepper in it.

Sunday - 1852

Still unwell, but some better, did not work.

rained hard last night, ran a tom part of the day and the watter failed, got \$3.00 There are a great many idle hands on account of the scarcity of watter. Provisions of all kinds high, flour 26¢, beef 30¢.

Went back home, rained in the morning.

Froze ice about as thick as window glass, quite cool all day, doing nothing.

Groze ice again last night.

Clear day, cold night, wrote a letter to Robert.

Clear and cool

Sunday. Rained all night last night and all day today. D Ewers came here on his way to Diamond Springs, there is hardly anny boddy on the river now but Chinese. Rather lonesom place now.

Still raining.

Rain continues. Some times the sun will come out and shine a few minutes, then it will rain as hard as ever, the river has raised about three feet.

December - - Steady rain all the time, 2nd Still raining. 3rd Cloudy with a little rain, 4th Showery all day.

Went to Diamond Springs, some heavy showers or rain, got wet, roads muddy, creeks high.

Went home, was quite unwell with Diarrhea.

Went and got a team to move us to Gold Hill. Clear and warm.

Moved to Gold Hill and camped out. Had to pay \$25.00 for hauling one load, distance 15 miles, clear and pleasant.

Worked at building a house.

- 10th Went to Coloma to send some money home, but was too late, wrote a letter to Robert. Rained a little at night.
- 11th Moved into our new house, pleasant day.
- 12th Sunday, clear and cool, took 2 claims and put up notices.
- 13th Went to work with a tom, washed out \$3.00 in the forenoon, couldn't get water in the afternoon.
- 14th No water to work with, commenced raining and turned into a snow storm verry windy, and cold. Claimed 160 acres of land and got it recorded.
- 15th Snowed hard all day.
- 16th Rained all day and night, wind blowed verry hard.
- 17th Still raining and windy.
- 18th Rained hard all day and night.
- 19th Sunday, the sun came out in the forenoon. Rained all the afternoon mined in the forenoon, got \$3.60. The watters are verry high. Roads bad, ground verry soft. In Gold Springs flour is worth 40¢, potatoes 20¢, beef 30 to 35¢, butter 75¢. Dull times.
- 20th Clear today, went to Gass Canyon to see about our lumber, the river had been up and took off about 2000 ft. of it.
- 21st Mined. Snowed.
- 22nd Snowed all day, went to Diamond Springs, got a letter from R. H.
- 23rd Snow and rain, letter to R. H.
- 24th " " " mined. got \$4.25
- 25th Christmas. I stayed at home and cut wood, snowed and rained all day and night. Sent a letter to A. Johnson.
- 26th Clear and pleasant, Sunday.
- 27th Clear most all day, ground froze hard this morning, mined part of the day, took out \$4.25.
- 28th Rained all day, mined half a day took out \$5.25.
- 29th Rained all day.
- 30th Rained, mined took out \$6.50/
- 31st. Rained all day, worked clearing off land, at night there were guns fireing in every direction, a parting salute to 1852. Dull times, provisions high.
- 1st January - The sun shone part of the day, mined. Wm. Grimes workd with us took out \$10.37, Re E. Lemoin, J. M. and M. French came here, stayed all night.
- 2nd Sunday Clear and warm, our visitors stayed all day.

- 3rd Clear and verry warm, mined half day, got \$8.00.
- 4th Clear and warm, worked at clearing off land. E and L went to Diamond Springs.
- 5th Rained this morning.
- 6th Rained, I and R. Lemoin mined part of the day. Took out \$10.50.
- 7th Rained, mined half a day alone, took out \$8.00. E. and L came home.
- 8th Rained verry hard last night and all day today.
- 9th Sunday. Cloudy, mined in the forenoon, took out \$3.75, Excuse for working to save buying watter, and extremely hard times.
- 10th Rained in the afternoon, mined in forenoon took out \$4.00
- 11th Cloudy, spading up land for garden.
- 12th Rained some lastnight, worked at garden, clear in evening, bought some garden seeds.
- 13th Clear, sowed some turnips and onions.
- 14th Clear. Bought some provisions, flour, potatoes, salmon at Cold Springs. Put in some rutabagas.
- 15th Sowed lettus and tomatoes, rained a little last night, paid 30¢ for beef, wrote a letter to Mother.
- 16th Sunday. Warm and pleasant, wrote a letter to Margaret Mc Carty.
- 17th Worked in a ravine, with a rocker, got \$8.00.
- 18th Mined part of day, got \$10.00, sowed some turnips.
- 19th Sowed radishes.
- 20th Worked in the garden.
- 21st " "
- 22nd " "
- 23rd Clear days and frosty nights all the week, provisions coming down a little.
- 24th Sunday. D. B. Pratt, N.A.M. Kellog and R. E. Lemoin were here today.
- 25th Cloudy, mined half day alone, got \$2.62. Got 2 letters, one from Mother the other from Robert.
- 26th Mined, took out \$20.00, have to pay \$3.00 a day for watter.
- 27th Wm. Grimes worked with us got \$14.00
- 28th Took out \$17.00
- 29th Rained a little in the night, sowed some turnips this morning. Took out \$14.50 got a letter from A. Johnson.

- 27th Bought a canvas house, gave \$25.00. Got a letter from I. Smith.
- 30th Sunday. Moved our house to the one we bought. Have 8 boarders.
- 31st Clear Days and cold nights.
- February
1-2-3- " " " "
- 4th We have 13 boarders most all the week. Wrote a letter to Robert.
- 5th - -
- 6th Sunday Quite lonesome here today, the folks are all gone to a foot race to Dry Creek. Wrote a letter to Isaiah Smith.
- 7th A. Burns came here today, stayed all night.
- 8th T. Burns came here, stayed all night.
- 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Clear and pleasant, have 15 boarders this week at \$10 per week. Provisions some lower, flour 14¢, potatoes 14¢, beef and pork about the same. Had a man to plow for a day had to pay him \$21.00. Worked building fence and clearing land.
- 13th Sunday. Clear and pleasant, frost last night. Had a call from a merchant from Sacramento for \$130.00 that we owed him for goods, had to borrow the money of Sam Wise.
- 14th Clear and warm. 15th Ditto 16th Sowed some onions today.
- 17th Had a light shower of rain last night. Bought some provisions.
- 18th Sowed some onions, warm.
- 19th Cloudy in the morning, rained.
- 20th Sunday, clear with cool winds. Provisions are coming down. Flour is 12¢ lb. potatoes 12¢, sweet 16¢, turnips 16¢, bagas 20¢, beans 12¢, pork 33 1/3¢, bacon 40¢, lard 45¢, butter 75¢, wrote a letter to mother.
- 21st Heavy frost last night. Warm.
- 22nd Cloudy, looks like rain.
- 23rd. Rained got a letter from S. M. French, wrote an answer.
- 24th Mined, S. Farwell worked with us. Have to pay 6 dollars per day for watter. Took out \$14.50, rained in the afternoon.
- 25th Rained, mined took out \$3.65.
- 26th Rained, and hailed. Mined 2 or 3 hours got \$4.50, bought some provisions.
- 27th Sunday, variable.
- 28th Moved the tom to our old claim and went to work. Wm Grimes worked with us took out \$9.00.
- March 1st Moved the tom again to another ravine. S. Farwell worked with us took out

- 2nd prospected 2 or 3 places, poor prospects, got \$1.40, quite warm planted some potatoes
- 3rd planted potatoes and sowed beets.
- 4th sowed some pear, warm.
- 5th E. B. L, and S. F. mined got \$9.00. I planted potatoes.
- 6th Sunday. D. B. Pratt, H. Kelley and S. F. Hyde were here stayed all night. Verry warm, only seven boarders last week.
- 7th wrote a letter to A. Johnson.
- 8th rained, commenced mining in a new place, got \$1.53.
- Mar. 9. rained all day hard worked alittle while with a rocker got \$1.85
- 10th snowed a little mined in Co. with L. Clark S. Farwell and W. Grimes. the watters bothered us so that we couldent do mutch got \$4.80.
- 11th mined. took out \$20.00. light frost this morning. cool day.
- 12th mined. took out \$12.00 got two letters one from R. H. and one from E. S. H. Frost
- 13th Sunday. Ground froze this morning. longest long day to me.
- 14th mined got 4.25. commenced raining about dark. rained all night.
- 15th rained nearly all day. cold.
- 16th mined S. McCurdy worked in S. F's. place took out 6.50
- 17th didnot work. heavy frost
- 18th moved the team to a ravine nearthe house. 4 of us work got \$11.00. frost
- 19th striped of the top dirt in the forenoon afternoon washe five of us worked. got \$14.00
- 20th Sunday. clear and pleasant. E. B. and W. L. gone to F. mine. wrote a letter to E. B.
- 21st 4 of us mined got \$24.00.
- 22nd 5 " " " " \$11.00
- 23rd 3 of us " " " \$10.00 verry cold night froze ice.
- 24th heavy frost. mined got \$17.00
- 25th moved the team to another ravine worked a little while got \$4.50. wrote a letter to Isaiah Smith.
- 26th went to Coloma and got 2 letters one from Mother and one from A. J. stayed all night with E. B. founin bought a pair of pants and two shirts.
- 27th Sunday. rained. J. A. French came home with me the trees are all leaved out and all the vegetation going finely. flour is worth \$ 1/4 cts. potatoes 12 1/2 cts. Fresh Salmon 15 cts. other provisions about the same as they have been all winter.
- 28th rained all day and night. mined a little in the forenoon got 5.00 M. Jones worked with us.

1. Rained nearly all day.
2. Clear. Mined in the afternoon, got \$8.00.
3. Mined, hired S. F. at \$4.00, got \$16.00.
4. 1st, 1953 Mined, got \$8.00
5. S. M. C. worked with us got \$8.75, have to pay \$1.00 per day for water.
6. Sunday. Clear and warm. Had visitors from Cold Springs. Had a mess of lettuce of our own raising.
7. S. F. and I mined got \$4.50. Very warm and sultry. E.D.L. got a yoke of oxen at \$7.00 per day and ploughed.
8. Ploughed. Still very warm.
9. Planted mellons and squashes.
10. Ploughed, got two letters one from R. H. and one from I.L.
11. Planted mellons.
12. I and S. Farwell, mined got \$20.00.
13. Sunday, W. Hedges called. Wrote Robert. Pleasant.
14. Rained nearly all day. S. F. and I mined, got \$6.00.
15. E.D.L. & S.F. & I mined got \$50.00.
16. Heavy thunder shower in the evening. Mined got \$75.00.
17. Mined got \$20.25 15th Ditto got \$20.00 16th Ditto got \$76.00.
18. Sunday, rained nearly all day. Wrote a letter to Mother.
19. Rained in the afternoon, worked a little over half day got \$45.00.
20. Mined got \$66.00.
21. Mined got \$100.00 21st Got \$108.50 22nd got \$88.25.
22. Didn't work today, bought S. Farwell's share in the claim for \$200.00 and sold it again to Mr. Morse for \$250.00. Verry tired and sore, have worked hard the last two weeks.
23. Sunday, clear and warm.
24. Mined got \$96.00. 26th Worked stripping off the top dirt got \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$.
25. Mined got \$47.25. 28th Rained, worked half a day got \$11.00.
26. Snowed verry hard in the morning, showery in the afternoon with occasional sun shine.
27. Rained, sunshine cold and warm, mined in the forenoon got \$20.00, Stripped in the PM

- Sunday May the 1st. Wrote a letter to I. Smith and went to Coloma and got 3 letter, paid a note of \$100.00 to C. Derick.
- 2nd Rained in the evening, hired a hand to mine so one of us could work in the garden. Took out \$70.00. 3rd Mined got \$35.50.
- 4th Our hired man left us at noon, took out \$67.00.
- 5th Worked stripping and washed some. Very warm bought 2 sows gave \$250 for them.
- 6th Worked mining till noon took out \$162.00.
- 7th Afternoon went to Coloma got a draft for \$190 and sent it to Robert, staid with R.E.L Miss Weddell came here.
- 8th Ran around town some, took dinner with Mr. Morris, then came home, pleasant day.
- 9th Worked stripping.
- 10th Washed out \$113.00. Cloudy in the afternon.
- 11th Rained. We bought Mr. Morris out gave him \$200 for his share and sold to Mr. Ballou for \$250.
- 12th Commenced Cuyoating got \$60.00. Showery.
- 13th Hired J. Shepperd to Cuyoate for us. Got \$70.00. Bought 5 shoats give \$175.00 for them. 2 sows and 3 barrows.
- 14th Mined took out \$123.00, got a letter from Mother.
- 15th Sunday, verry pleasant fine day. R. E. L., D. B. Pratt and N.A.M. Kellog were here today. Had oysters for dinner, had a good visit. We have taken out \$2440., since we have been in this country.
- 16th I and A. J. Weddell were married by Mr. Davies. Replanted our wattermellons, pleasant day. Shepperd and Ballou worked getting out dirt.
- 17th Washed, got \$42.00
- 18th I and B getting out dirt when they get out enough we wash it.
- 19th Rained in the afternoon. Went to Cold Spring took supper at Mr Reids. Sold out claim to Mr Ballou for \$500. down and \$100 on condition.
- 20th Rained all day. 21st Pleasant.
- 22nd Sunday. T. F. Hyde, A. Burns and several others were here, quite warm.
- 23rd Some clouds with distant thunder. 24th Foggy morning. 25th Cut rail timber.
- 26th got five hens and 15 chickens, paid \$32 for them.
- 27th Blasted some rail cuts and worked in garden. Distant thunder.
- 28th Cloudy untill noon fixing up round the house.
- 29th Sunday. Cloudy with light rain. 30th Bought 6 hens, gave \$24. light showers.

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1st Splitting rails and posts.

2nd June Worked in the garden.

3rd, 4th Worked in the garden and irrigated some, warm and dry.

5th Sunday. Deck and Norm were here and Reuben has been here several days. Had a good time, verry warm.

6th, 7. 8. 9. 10. Have been working in the garden. Irrigated the garden nights. Verry warm. Had a light shower, turned cool and windy.

11th Working in the garden, irrigating.

12th Sunday. Had the watter running in the garden all day. Wrote some, have not worked but verry little this week. It has been verry warm and dry. Worked some in the garden and fixing fence. Wrote some in a letter to send to L. J. Hampton. Saturday has come and nothing done. Let watter on the garden at night and worked with it until 10 OC.

13th Sunday, worked irrigating untill breakfast. Verry warm day.

14th E.D.L. and Sotzen started out on the plains. E.D.L. took \$500. Sold some summer squashes and beets at 8¢ per lb.

15th Sold 4 doz. of eggs at \$2 per dozen the first we have sold. The rest of the week worked in the garden and on the fence, wattered the garden by hand. Dug a hole and let the watter into it from the ditch and then carried it around to the hills. Set a hen the first we have set. Verry warm all the time.

16th Sunday, cloudy and cool. I and Amanda went to Cold Springs to see Mrs Wood.

17th Went to Coloma.

18th Worked in the garden.

19th Went to Juliatown to try and sell our claim, hardly annybody on the river, very warm.

20th Took some squashes to Coloma left them with R. E. Lemoin to sell.

21st the 1st. Sold some squashes at 6¢ per lb.

22nd Sold some beets, turnips and cucumbers. Cucumbers at 75¢ per dozen, turnips 4¢ lb. beets 8¢.

23rd Sunday. Had visitors they were T. A. Burns and wife and S. F. Hyde and girl. Verry warm and dry.

24th Independence Day. We were awakened at early dawn by the firing of guns, little and big in every direction witch was kept up all day. We stayed at home, our visitors left in the evening. Verry warm. The rest of the time spent as usual working in the garden, selling vegetables, squashes no sale, have an abundance on hand. Watter a part of the garden every evening and hoe in the morning. Verry warm. Some more air a stirring than usual. Emigrants beginning to come in from the states.

- July 10th Sunday. Had visitors today. They were R. E. Lemoin, D. B. Pratt, N A. M. Kellog and Mr. George Pleasant. The rest of the week spent tending to the garden and selling vegetables. Got L. H's ring, sent it off. Had a ripe watermelon. Had 2 hens hatch out 26 chickens. Warm and dry. The water has failed in the gold hill ditch this week.
- 17th Sunday. Had a light shower of rain.
- 18th Cloudy. 19th warm.
- 20th Very warm. Unwell.
- 21st Light shower in the morning. Verry bright rainbow.
- 22nd Went to Coloma, got 2 letters from Adams County.
- 23rd D. B. Pratt and George went to Cold Spring, got four letters.
- 24th Sunday, Mr Hedges and T. Burns and wife came to visit us. Also N. Kellog. Hot. The rest of the week spent as usual selling some garden stuff. Paid a not of \$55 given to leavit for lumber, this was a dead loss. Got the money of the boys. Sotzen got back from the valley reports that he and Lemoin have had bad luck, lost one horse and mule, have not made anything.
- 31st Sunday. The weather still continues verry warm and dry. Flour is worth 10¢ now price rising. Vegetables verry low. We have lost considerable by the trip out in the valley by neglecting our business at home. It wont do to have too many irons in the fire at a time.
- August 6th This week nothing done but running round to find a place to make or lose something. Found a sight or two but have done nothing definite. The weather continues warm and dry. The ground drying up fast.
- 7th Sunday. T. F. Hyde came here and stayed all night. The nights some cöbler, days warm.
- 8th Went to Cold Springs. Partly bought a share in the Temperance House, went to Coloma in the afternoon got \$150 on a note due from the boys.
- 9th Went to Cold Springs and bought one half of the Temperance House of Mr. Reid. Gave \$500 for it with all the furniture and fixtures belonging to it. Paid \$150 down, \$100 to be paid next Monday. Gave my note for the rest. Had a load of mellons left here for me to sell to the Indians.
- 10th Went to an Indian funeral. Wrote home.
- 11th Went to Coloma and got \$105 being the amount due from the boys.
- 12th Went to Cold Springs and paid Read \$100 on the house.
- 13th Down to the Springs again, got two Chicago Democrats. T. F. Hyde was here in the evening.
- 14th Sunday, clear and pleasant, nice breeze stirring.
- 15th Went to Cols Springs with some tomatoes, sold them at 8¢ lb.
- 16th At home doing nothing.

- 17th Went to Cold Springs. Got some China rice and barley. Rice 10¢ barley 6¢
- 18th Went to Cold Springs visiting, had a good supper at the Roads.
- 19th Went to Coloma the boys well and hard at work, times verry dull.
- 20th Went to Cols Springs got a letter from William Weddell. A Polecat got at the chickens, killed 26. Verry warm.
- 21st Sunday. This week has passed without annything being done worthy of notice. Cant do annything till Lemoin gets back. The time tolls slowly and heavily away, nothing to do and not making annything. Had verry light shower of rain Friday & Saturday.
- 22th Sunday. Had some heavy thunder last night and a little rain.
- 23th Same, cloudy cool wind.
- 24th Cloudy nearly all day, commenced cutting wood.
- 25th Chopped wood in forenoon. Afternoon went to the Springs.
- September 1st Chopping wood.
- 2nd Not well today. Clear in the morning in the afternoon windy and cloudy.
- 3rd Went to the Springs got some chicken feed.
- 4th Sunday. Verry long lonesome day, nobody stirrring round, no one on the hill for there is no watter so that they can work. Verry dull times.
- 5th Went to the Springs and bargained for the remaining half of the Temperance House, am to give \$580.00.
- 6th Went to Coloma and borrowed \$100 of Kellog & Pratt. E. D. L. came home from the plains he has had rather bad luck.
- 7th Had to go for the Doctor for Lemoin early this morning, had a family time, the product - a girl.
- 8th Setting up with Lemoin. Took possession of the Temperance House in the evening. Have 9 boarders to begin with .
- 9th At work in the house.
- 10th The same. Dull times received 5 members of the Goshen Democrat, Indiana.
- 11th Sunday, quite warm.
- 12th have 9 boarders.
- 13th Paid Simmons \$100 give my note to Read for \$122 and took a bill of sale of the remaining half of the Temperance House. 2 of the boarders left.
- 14th Rained all the forenoon, cool in the evening.
- 15th Cool and pleasant.
- 16th Cloudy in the afternoon.
- 17th Rained a little last night. Borrowed \$250 of Jason Parker for 4 months at 3% per Mo.

- 18th Sunday. Quite warm. Pratt, Kellog & Stevens called to see us. Borrowed \$150 of C. Derick, 1/2 months time, 3% per month. The rest of the week spent in the usual way, have 7 boarders this week past. Times dull as usual. Verry warm most of the time.
- 25th Sunday. This day unusually dull. The rest of the month past off heavily enough to me for Amanda has been verry sick all the time and I am nearly worn out. Had to hire Amanda Humes to help do the work, have 7 boarders this week.
- October 1st Very warm and dry
- 2nd Sunday. A. verry sick yet had a girl to work since Friday noon at \$10 a week. Amanda sick all this week but getting some better. Employed Dr. F. M. Shields. Have 8 boarders and some transient custom.
- 9th Sunday. A still sick, this week has gone without much change except in Amanda's health, it is gaining. Still have a hired girl, paid her \$5 a week and had paid \$10 on last week, got 400 feet of lumber to fix house, cost and hauling \$20.25.
- 16th Sunday. Fine pleasant day. The sound of the workman's hammer is ringing in our ears all the time. No news of importance this week, had 10 boarders most of the week, some have left. Dull times. I joined the Sons of Temperance Tuesday, fee \$5. Amanda's health improving slowly.
- 22nd Sunday. Clear and pleasant. The balance of the week dull as usual. Nothing occuring worthy of note, some frost nights. Have only 5 boarders this week.
- 30th Sunday. Clear and pleasant. Had a fight in town at night in the street.
- 31st Preparing to fix house. Have 6 boarders.
- November 1st Clear and pleasant, went to Division at night.
- 6th Sunday. Quite an excitement in town at night. The people tore down a house of ill fame and destroyed all its effects.
- 8th The mail came in today, got three letters.
- 9th Debate in the hall at night.
- 10th A lecture in the hall and a Chinese exhibition at the Cold Spring House.
- 13th Sunday. Pleasant day, have only five boarders. Verry dull times, money verry scarce and commands 3% interest per month.
- 17th Had a grand Ball at the Young America house, there were 30 ladies at it.
- 18th Cloudy and cool. The States mail came in but no letters for us.
- 19th T. J. Pricket came here, got 4 papers from the States.
- 20th Sunday. W. and V. Wirick gave us a call today. Clear and pleasant.
- 21st Commenced on the floor, have to raise it 10 inches.
- 22nd. At work on the house.
- 25th Cloudy in the afternoon. Commenced raining in the night, wind blowed hard, blowed our sign down and the water came over the barroom floor.

- 26th Rained all day and night.
 27th Sunday. Raining yet steadily, have only 3 boarders.
 28th Went to work at the floor again, disagreeable job.
 29th Working at floor. 30th Fixing up bunks.
 December 1st Fine weather. 2nd working at home.
 3rd Prickett left for Weaver. I went with him to No. flat.
 4th Sunday, Pleasant. 5th Working at house. 6th Went to Division.
 7th Division met again. Marched with Regalia on to the church, had a lecture from Higley, from San Francisco.
 8th States mail got in, got 2 letters. Division met again, rained in the night.
 9th Rained some through the day and verry hard at night.

January 1st, 1854

Warm pleasant day, some cloudy in the afternoon. Verry dull times, money verry scarce. We are still in the Temperance House, Cold Spring. Have only four boarders, not making annything and in debt. Our prospects are verry gloomy indeed and there are a goodly number in the same awfull fix, but we have hopes of better times.

- 2nd Borrowed one hundred dollars of W. L. Grimes to pay C. Derick.
 14th It is raining now, commenced Wednesday night and has been raining verry steady all the time. The ravines are full of watter at last the watter has been rushing through the street in front of the house like a river. Came near comming in the house.
 Flour $9\frac{1}{2}\phi$ lb. Potatoes $5\frac{1}{2}\phi$ lb. Onions 9¢ Corn meal 10¢
 Beef 25¢ Pork $37\frac{1}{2}$ Sugar Crush. 25¢ Orleans Sugar 16¢
 Tea \$1.00 Coffee 30¢ Pickled beef 25¢ Pickled pork $37\frac{1}{2}$
 17th Considerable snow today and quite cold.
 18th Snowed last night 19th Cold winds but clear.
 20th Verry cold this morning, the coldest I have seen in California.
 31st Quite warm, borrowed \$160 from Kellogg and Pratt at 2% per month.

February 1st Verry warm, paid \$150 on note given to Jason Parker.

- 3rd Paid G. W. Paddock \$50 on account of note given to Parker, also paid \$20 to C. Derick on note for \$150, ballance due on note \$10.
 22nd We had a daughter born this day 11 OC in the morning, it weighed $9\frac{1}{2}$ lb. had Doctor Campel.
 April 9th Moved from Cold Spring into a log cabbin $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Diamond Springs.
 24th Prospecting, got \$1.00.
 25th " " 2.00

- 25th Moved the tom back to the old claim, got \$13.00. H. H. Hyde and I worked together.
- 27th Went to Mormon hill a prospecting.
- 28th Mined again got \$8, rained a little.
- 29th Rained hard all day and all night, did not work.
- 30th Rained Considerable.
- May 1st Bought a half of T. J. Prickett's share in this claim. I am to work with Hyde and P pays me for half of my time, commenced sluicing of the top dirt.
- 2nd and 3rd, worked on the claim. Paid Kellogg and Pratt \$60 on note of \$100.
- 4th, 5th at work on claim.
- 6th Cold and rainy went to Diamond.
- 7th Sunday, cool with occasionally some sun shine.
- 8th Frost this morning.
- 12th Commenced on our claim in Burns barley field.
- 13th Cleaned up our sluices, had \$8.
- 20th Had \$119, this week have to pay \$12 for watter, verry foggy this morning.
- 27th Took a lot this week, \$142.50.
- June 3rd, Took out of the barley field claim \$108.75 and out of the Red Ravine claim \$77.40 this last week.
- 10th Took out of the RR claim \$85.40 and \$127.55 out of the B F Claim.
- 17th " " " " " " 61.66 " 156.78 " " " " "
- 24th " " " " " " 31.00 " 55.37 " " " " "
- 26th Bought T. J. Pricketts share in the Barley field claim and Red Ravine, being 1/3 of the B F claim and 1/4 of the RR claim, have to pay him \$200. for them.
- 28th H.H. Hyde sold out.
- 29th W. Grimes commenced work on the claims.
- July 1st Worked 3 1/2 days this week got \$49.66. Watter bill \$10.50.
- 8th Worked 4 days this week took out \$47.40, verry warm all the time.
- 15th Worked 4 days this week took out 45.25, verry hot so that we could not half work.
- 22nd " 4 1/2 " " " " " 56.75, some cooler this week.
- 29th " 5 1/2 " " " " " 96.50, watter bill \$13.56. Some verry hot days and nights, commenced using quick silver in our sluice.

August

5th Worked 5 days took out \$57.75, watter bill \$12. Some verry warm days.

12th Worked 5½ days got \$44.10

19th " 1½ " " 21.30. Sold my house in Cold Springs for \$250.00.

26th Quit working the BF claim and went to work in the Red Ravine Claim with T. Burns.

October

1st Moved into our new house, it has cost us \$52.00, it is 14 x 20.

January

1st The old year went out with wind and rain and the new year commenced with wind and rain, verry stormy disagreeable weather.

February

24th Started for home. Stopped in Diamond Springs at the Howard House. Fare to Diamond \$1.50. Howard house \$2.50.

25th Took the stage from Sac City, fare \$2.00, breakfast on the way \$2.00. Went aboard the Steamer New World, did not stop in the city, fare to San Francisco, \$10, got there about 9 OC, put up at the Rosette House.

26th Rained all day verry disagreeable getting about.

27th Rained verry hard in the evening.

28th Rained all day. Bought our steerage tickets, paid \$300.

March

1st Clear and pleasant, paid our bill at the hotel, \$16. Got aboard at the Golden Gate about noon. Got underway about ten in the evening.

2nd I was sick all day. Fair weather for traveling.

3rd Pleasant weather, hardly any wind. I have felt verry well today, have run 286 miles in the last 24 hours.

4th Fair breeze all day, verry pleasant, saw land some times. Lat 27° 28, long. 115° 25 W. Dist run 300 miles. Dist to Cape St. Lucas 413 miles.

5th Clear and warm. Saw a steamer in the morning, passed Margerette Island in the forenoon and Cape St Lucas after dark. Reckoning taken at noon each day. Lat. 23° 56 long. 111° 33 W. Distance run 300 miles, dist. Cape St Lucas 113.

6th Lat 21° 10 Long 107° 42 W. Dist run 276, distance to Acapulco 520 miles. Head winds in the - - Quite warm and sultry;

7th 12 Oc Lat 18° 17 Long 103° 36 W. Dist run 285 miles. Distance to Acapulco 235 miles. Head wind clear and warm in sight of the coast of Mexico, rocky, barren coast, saw a ship in the morning.

8th Arrived at Acapulco a little after 8 OC the John L. Stephens was in port on her way to San Francisco with 425 passengers, all well. Verry warm all day, we were detained until about 12 OC at night loading in coal and watter.

- 9th 12 OC Lat 15° 40 N Long 98° 07 W Dist run 124 mi . Dist to Panama 1316 Mi.
Verry warm, head breeze, all well.
- 10th Lat 13° 14 N Long 93° 47 W. Dist run 292 mi. Dist to Panama 1024 mi. warm.
- 11th Lat 11° 33 N Long 90° 22 W Dist run 227 mi dist. to Panama 797 mi. Head winds, sea pretty rough.
- 12th Lat 9° 39 N Long 86° 47 Dist run 244 mi. Dist to Panama 553 mi. Pleasant breeze all the time.
- 13th Lat 7° 28 N Long 82° 00 W Dist run 315 mi. to Panama 220 Mi. Head winds Passed several islands.
- 14th Landed at Panama in the morning, stopt at the American and got breakfast, bill \$2.00 Bill for carrying baggage \$4.00 and for freight across the Isthmus \$5.50, got on the cars at 11 OC and got in Aspinwale in the evening all safe. Put up at the Crescent, verry hot.
- 15th The George Law arrived about 10 OC but we could get aboard until 10 OC at night.
- 16th Traveling on the mighty deep. I am verry sea sick, all day verry rough.
- 17th Still sick, distance run in the last 24 hours 253 mi. Distance from Aspinwale 363 miles.
- 18th Still sick. Lat 19° 15 N Long 83° 30 W. Dist. run 273 mi. Dist to Asp. 636 miles.
- 19th Lat 22° 46 N. Long 81° 18 W Dist run 247 to Asp. 883. In sight of Cuba early in the morning. Amanda quite sick.
- 20th Dist run 275 mi. Distance from Asp. 1100 mi. Amanda verry sick all day, I am verry sea sick. Saw several vessels.
- 21st to 24th All sick as death. Strong head winds. Sea verry rough. Verry cold got to New York about 10 Oc in the morning of the 24th and stopt at F. Lovejoy's Hotel and stayed untill the morning of the 26th. Left for home, stopt at Corning all night.
- 27th Got to Toledo.
- 28th Got to H. Morehouse's, Elkhart County, Indiana.
- April 3rd Arrived at home, Pawpaw Grove, Illinois. Cold backward spring.
- June 20th Moved on our place, the house not done yet, the corn crop is verry backward.
- July 1st Cool today, corn is verry small and backward, but wheat and oats look good.
- 23rd Commenced cutting my spring wheat, there is but verry little wheat cut yet, my health is poor yet.
- August 16th Heavy rain, my grain yet in the shock. There is some grain to cut yet, but the harvest is mostly done. My eyes have been verry sore, so that I cannot work for three weeks and they are verry sore yet.

January 1856

Verry cold weather this month and the most of last month, verry cold, plenty of snow on the ground all the time.

27th Jessie Elizabeth Utoka was born in the morning. Sunday.

February

22nd Rained a little the first rain since the middle of December, it thawed enough to spoil the sleighing. There is considerable snow on the ground yet.

March

11th Commenced doctoring my eyes at Amboy, Illinois. Doctor Bainten.

July

3rd The Doctor moved to LaSalle and I went there and stayed 9 days, paid \$2.75 per week for board, found Amanda sick with the Ague when I got home.

25th Commenced cutting our wheat, it is verry good. Corn looks well it is tasseling and silking, it is verry dry. Corn needs rain, my health is poor, not able to work.

August

17 & 18th Had 2 good showers of rain after a long dry spell. Corn and potatoes are injured some by the drouth, my health is verry poor yet. I am hardly able to be about

September

19th & 20th Had frost to kill corn and vines. Verry dry weather. Water verry scarce for stock.

30th Had a light snow and at night a heavy frost, froze ice $\frac{1}{4}$ in thick, still verry dry.

1857

April 21st Amanda Josephine was born in the morning.

Sept. 15th I and mother started to Canada.

16th Stopt at Uncle Hiram McCarty's.

18th Got to Toronto and visited around among our friends.

October 14th Left Berlin for home.

18th Arrived at home.

1858

Wheat crops this year verry poor. Oats nearly a failure, corn not verry good.

1859

June 4th & 5th Severe frost killed corn, potatoes and vines.

- 1854 Clara Agnes was born Wednesday the 22nd of February, 11 OC morning, weighed $9\frac{1}{2}$ lb.s
- 1856 Jessie Elizabeth Utoka was born 6 OC Sunday morning January the 27th.
- 1857 Amanda Josephine was born early Tuesday morning the 21st of April.
- 1860 Fanny Rebecca was born early Monday morning the 12th of April.
- 1862 Effie was born 3 OC Sunday morning the 12th of January.
- 1869 Nellie was born 10 OC