
Ezekial Whitehead Headley
Born in 1830 in Licking County
Ohio (near Columbus)
Traveled from Ohio to St.
Joe to begin gold rush
journey.

He moved to Missouri
(near Richmond) in 1859.
He married Mary Margaret
Foster and lived near
Oregon, Missouri in 1882.
He died around 1917, and
is buried at Oregon, MO.

proceeds. Unloaded at Carrolton because of smallpox. On the California Road, tragic scenes resulting from cholera epidemic. Hired hands talked of backtracking. At South Platte ford, Harvey told them to quit now or go all the way; they all agreed to stay on. In Ash Hollow, "28 fresh graves." South Pass so level, not aware they were across the divide until he realized the streams "are running in the wrong direction." Avoided Salt Lake City "as Mormons are down on Missourians generally." Vivid picture of Fort Hall and Indians there. Writer's horse died at junction with California Trail (mouth of Raft River), had to walk the remaining 800 miles. Emigrants starving; relieved by soldiers with provisions at The Dalles.

Recollections more reliable than most. Interesting episodes: difficulties with hired hands, ravages of cholera, concern about Mormon hostility.

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MARY JANE HAYDEN

HUNT/UCBL

Recollections, in *Pioneer Days* (San Jose, Calif., 1915), 49 pp.; reprint (Fairfield, Wash., 1980), 68 pp.

Leave Jefferson, Wisconsin, March 10, to Council Bluffs, cross Missouri River April 1 at upper ferry. Depart May 5, to South Pass, Fort Hall, Oregon Trail to The Dalles and Fort Vancouver.

At old Mormon Winter Quarters waited for grass to grow before bidding "goodbye to civilization." Belonged to "Wisconsin Blues," thirty-one wagons, ninety-five men, five women. Journey up north bank "a picnic for several weeks." Then came storms "such as only Nebraska can produce." Stampeding cattle overran wagons; many cattle never recovered. One man died from convulsions. The captain died "from drinking alcohol." On the Sweetwater, crickets blanketed the country, crunched by the wagon wheels. Mountain stones cut ox hooves, so fitted with leather shoes. Indian tried to pull Mary Jane out of her wagon; driven off by whips. Descended Columbia River in "wagon bed fixed up into a boat . . . we were not expected to survive."

Mrs. Hayden made this trip while she was "with child," so was confined to her wagon. She is confused about some details: Says "Mississippi River" when she means the Missouri; and she is fooled by some prankster painting "Lewis and Clark, 1805" on Independence Rock. However, she offers much feminine insight on the overland experience. John Steele (entry 978) was another member of the "Wisconsin Blues."

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MARTHA SPENCER HAYWOOD

UTHS

Diary, t.t. of original ms., 63 pp.

Leave Kaneshville, cross Missouri River at Bethlehem June 30, to Fort Kearny July 26, to Fort Laramie August 24, Independence Rock September 8, Fort Bridger, and Salt Lake City October 13.

Referred to "Bethlehem Camp." Mormon company of seventy wagons. Ash Hollow "quite a change in scenery."

There wife of Dr. Campbell injured "jumping out of the wagon when coming down a bad place." She died at Scotts Bluffs a heroine. In the act of saving her baby from injury, she herself received a fatal blow. Company rested at post of "Mr. Bordeau," highly esteemed by Mormons for past kindnesses to them. Big Indian village nearby. At Fort Laramie got provisions from "Major Sanborn." Stampede west of fort injured women and children. At Independence Rock, all hands climbed to the summit, said Martha, "except myself."

This Mormon lady is much given to pious introspection. However, some of her entries are historically poignant. It is possible that the remains of the heroic Mrs. Campbell lie in one of the four graves of "unknown emigrants" in Robidoux Pass, preserved with a granite memorial erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution, which I helped to dedicate in 1940. "Mr. Bordeau" was James Bordeaux, onetime chief trader at Fort Laramie before that American Fur Company post was sold to the U.S. government, in 1849. He figured prominently in Francis Parkman's famous visit there in 1846 (see entry 193), and in 1847 he was courteous and helpful to the Mormon Pioneers under Brigham Young when they passed through there on their way to begin the colonization of Utah (see entries 220, 243, and 256). His new post, about eight miles east of Fort Laramie, was the setting of the fateful Grattan Massacre of 1854 (see Bordeaux, entry 1457).

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EZEKIEL W. HEADLEY

UCBL

Diary and notes, original ms., 40 pp.

Cross Missouri River May 6 at St. Joseph. Pass Fort Kearny May 24. Cross South Platte June 3. To Fort Laramie June 14, South Pass June 30, and vicinity Soda Springs July 14.

Buried a companion near Big Blue crossing and another two miles west of "Fort Carny." At that place, 2,300 wagons tabulated to date by the military. Platte River wildlife included "plenty buffalo" and giant mosquitoes. At "Robidoux Canyon," Scotts Bluffs, a blacksmith shop operated by "Antoine, one of the Robidoux brothers of St. Joe." Bridge toll over Laramie River two dollars per wagon. At Fort Laramie, several frame, plank, and sod houses. Drownings observed at Upper Platte crossing and Green River. Independence Rock, "great register of the desert, named by fur traders July 4, 1830."

Headley's origin and company not identified. Diary ends at volcanic crater above Soda Springs, but appended "Table of Distances" indicates his arrival at Placerville. Valuable appended notes, diary afterthoughts, some reflected above. Although the Bancroft Library catalog dates the diary as 1849, no year is actually given by Headley. That the year was 1850 is proved by his description of buildings at Fort Laramie (in mid-June 1849, there were no bridges and only one building—the old adobe trading post). Another proof is meeting up with big emigrant trains on the north side of Upper Platte.

(In 1849 all emigrants followed the south side to that crossing.) Headley kept a daily count of graves seen, but identifies only that of his doomed companion, William Pravel. Headley became the custodian of Pravel's assets, totaling eighty-nine dollars after an auction, presumably to be mailed from California to his survivors back home.

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GEORGE HEARST

SFPL

Recollections, in articles published Aug. 14, 21, 28, and Sept. 4, 1966, in *San Francisco Examiner*, edited by William Randolph Hearst, Jr., from ms. autobiography in his possession.

Leave Missouri "lead mining district" May 12, to Independence, to Fort Kearny, to Diamond Springs, California.

Arriving at the jumping-off place, Hearst's party of fifteen discovered that their wagon train had left ten days before. They proceeded on horseback. Caught up with company at Fort Kearny. Cholera raging. "At Plum Creek I took a chill. I had a little brandy I paid \$66. for in St. Louis, and took a drink of that and some pills a man gave me. The cholera was worse when it was raining and we had rain all along the way for 21 days in one stretch." One couple buried five sons at Plum Creek.

These recollections are out of the ordinary, not so much for their skimpy revelations as for the fact that the writer was later U.S. Senator George Hearst, whose great wealth came from some of the historic gold and silver strikes in the West, including the Comstock Lode near Virginia City and the Homestake mine in South Dakota.

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EDWARD HENRY

CASL

Letters, original mss., 8 pp. and t.t., 6 pp.

McLean County, Illinois, to St. Joseph April 4. Depart April 28. To Fort Kearny May 12.

Of several gold rush letters, two relate to the overland experience. At St. Joseph on April 13 reported cholera on steamboats. Cold winds blew down tents, no timber to serve as buffer. Plenty of buffalo, but so poor of flesh as to be unfit to eat. Fort Kearny letter revealed soldiers "live very comfortable in sod houses." Abandoned grain wagon there. That Henry reached Sacramento is evident from later California letters.

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HENRY LEEDS HEWITT

WAHS/NSHS

Diary, in *Washington Historical Quarterly* 24 (1933): 133-41.

Leave Vermillion, Ohio, March 21, by boat to St. Joseph April 29. North overland to cross Missouri River to Old Fort Kearny May 14. To New Fort Kearny May 25, Fort Laramie June 10, South Pass

June 24, Salt Lake City July 4, to City of Rocks and Humboldt River.

Writer and companions traveled alone in one-mule wagon until they reached Salt Lake City, where they sold wagon, made a packtrain. "Started for the planes" from "old Fort Karny," at New Fort Kearny eleven days later. Crossed South Fork at lower ford, reached Ash Hollow: "a steep bluff to ascend before you get to the Hollow." Indian village and trading post where they crossed over Scotts Bluffs. Laramie "a very pleasant place." Though most emigrants took Sublette Cutoff, they elected to go via Fort Bridger and Salt Lake City, where there were "dull times." Had fine view of "Steeple Rocks" near junction of Salt Lake and main California roads.

This is a simple, fairly routine, but well-written diary until July 21, when Hewitt's account ends abruptly at the headwaters of the Humboldt. Like some other emigrant diarists, he did not travel, he "travailled." Confusing reference to driving "to Fort Karny" and after that, "crossed the Missouri." Obviously, he refers to the place where the ferryboat was located on the eastern shore of the Missouri, not the abandoned fort of that name, the site of which is within modern Nebraska City.

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JOHN BIRNEY HILL

YUBL/CASL/WYHD

Diary, original ms., 65 pp.; t.t., 29 pp.; reproduced in part in "Gold, A Story of the Plains," *Annals of Wyoming* 9 (1933-35):35-42.

Leave Vigo County, Indiana, cross Missouri River at St. Joseph May 10, to Fort Kearny May 28, Fort Laramie June 14, South Pass July 1, Soda Springs, Fort Hall, City of Rocks, via Humboldt River, to "Werberville" September 3.

Party headed by Dr. Ogle, party of five teams, fifteen men. Camped one mile west of Fort Kearny. From there to lower ford of South Fork, "the road is the levellest and nicest I have ever seen in any country. Platte Valley a perfect Bone-yard . . . lots of prairie-Woolves." At Laramie Fork, wagons upset in the swift current. Loss of footsore animals from rough ground. At Upper Platte ferry, animals wanted to swim in circles. "Independent Rock . . . looks like a kettle, bottoms up minus the legs." Grasshoppers "trimming a swath 6 miles wide." Near the pass, strawberries in full bloom. Beyond Pacific Springs "struck the desert which is 53 miles wide." Beyond Green River ferry, roller-coaster hills and murderous mosquitoes.

A fair specimen of an overland, pleasantly written, with sense of humor. Mistakenly calls California Trail from Fort Hall to the Humboldt "Sublette's Cutoff."

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ADAM HILLABOLD


HUNT

Letter, original ms., 1 p.


St. Joseph to Fort Laramie.

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Notes Ezekial Whitehead Headley

21 years old when he left for California Gold rush with brother William (age 24) in 1852. It took 5 months to make the journey (from April to September). They stayed in California for 2 years, then took a ship down to the Isthmus.




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Notes of Panama, crossed the Gulf and up the Mississippi River to New York. There, he spent a month sightseeing. He then went to Philadelphia where his share of gold was minted for about \$5000. He then attended Wm and Mary college. He graduated from there.



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Notes and became a teacher and farmer. Ezekial served in the Civil War, buying horses for the government.

He married Mary Margaret Foster at age 52. (She was 27 years old) They had 3 children, Charles, Ezekial, & Orloff.



DIARY OF EZEKIEL W. HEADLEY when he crossed the plains going to the gold digging in 1849 in San Francisco California. (the aforesaid title was written by Ward Headley to title the diary for future generations.)

DIARY

April 23 - Landed in St. Joes on our journey to California. Drove out four miles from town and there we encamped thirteen days. The seventh day (seventh of May) we started on our journey we crossed the river on Friday the seventh of May and started on Saturday the eighth. Had very bad roads until we got to the bluffs. We traveled about seven miles and encamped. Had good grass.

Sun. May 9 - Crossed Wolf Creek and encamped and lost our jug of Molasses. Twenty-seven miles from St. Joes crossed Buffalo Creek (May 10) and see three graves. Thirty-six miles from St. Josephs.

Tues. May 11 - Seen three graves.

Wed. May 12 - Seen 6 graves.

Thursday May 13 - Crossed the big Nimahaw and seen 5 graves.

Fri. May 14 - Seen 11 graves and come in the Pawnees territory.

Sat. May 15, Crossed big Blue about 5 o'clock. one hundred and fifty miles from St. Joes and seen 17 graves.

Sun. May 16 - Crossed Cottonwood Branch. Seen no graves.

Mon. May 17 - Seen two graves and had a heavy frost this morning.

Tues. May 18, Crossed Big Sandy about 1 o'clock. Crossed Elm's creek (spelled Bimes) about five o'clock in the evening and encamped. (I am not sure about the creek name - writing almost unreadable)

Wed. 19th of May - We had to lay by 1/2 day on account of a sick man. We buried him at 10'clock and started on our journey. We buried him on the bank of Little Sandy. We seen 6 other graves. He died with an attack of bilioys fever.

Thursday May 20 - We struck the little Blue about 8 o'clock. Traveled up about 16 miles and encamped. We had a small stampede. Mr. Weiswanders oxen ran away. Broke nothing. Hurt two men quite bad.

Friday May 21 - We traveled till about 12 o'clock and put up on account of rain.

Sat. 22 May - I seen where a man had been shot and staked. Met 19 wagons of fur traders. They told us there was about 2500 wagons ahead of us.

Sun 23 May - Started about 1/2 after five. Drove till sundown and encamped near Flat river. Very warm and pleasant.

Mon 24 May - Past fort Carney(Kearney) about 300 miles from St Josephs and encamped. On account of sickness stopped about 2 o'clock with Wm. Fravel. They told us at Fort Carney that their was about two thousand three hundred wagons ahead of us.

Tues. 25 May - Laid by with Wm. Fravel on account of sickness about 2 miles from Ft. Carney.

Wed. 26 May - Laid by with Wm Fravel.

Thurs. 27 May - Wm. Fravel died about ~~3 o'clock~~ 3 o'clock after an illness of about 5 days. We buried him about 2 miles west of Fort Carney. Money was found with him to the amount of fifty-six dollars and fifty cents. Clothing was sold, to the amount of thirty-four dollars and 61 cents amounting in all to \$89.11 which was left in the care of Coulter ~~xxx~~ Stambaugh Weismander And _____ ? (illegible - three letters Bin or Jim)

Thurs. May 28, Laid by on account of sickness with Sebern and was visited with 5 styang (strange) indians. We treated them and let them slide. We buried an other mans child today. Ther was four buried in a row there beside Wm. Fravel.

Sat. 29 May - Left where we buried Wm. Travel about two miles west of Ft. Carney.

Sun 30 May - Very warm, after we encamped wh had a small stampede. ~~xxxxx~~ Our horses got scaert and run off.

Mon May 31, Killed an antelope and seen plenty of buffalow.

Tues. June 1, Warm and dry.

Wed. June 2 - Warm and Dry. Stood guard tonight and the mosqueters like to eat me up. They are as big as a two wheeled cart in this country.

Thurs. 3 June - Crossed South ~~xxx~~ Plat about 12 o'clock. It snowed on the evening of the second.

Friday 4 June - Killed two antelopes and came into Siouix territory. (this work sioux is almost illegible and I could have been mistaken)

Sat. 5 June - Warm and pleasant. Had to quit and Buffalow chase.

Sun. 6 June - Laid by the day on account of sickness with Benjamin ? There was a service inside of our camp. Seen 4 others going. Cold and windy. We was quite uncomfortable with our over coats on. Send half boot ~~xxx~~ thick.

Mon. 7 June - Left our encampment about 12 o'clock. Cold and windy. After being by one day with Benjamin (looks like Bob)

Tues 8 June - Started five o'clock. Passed 17 graves. Very sunny. Seen where they had been two graves dug beside or each other and they had not been buried yet. They was all being buried between 2 and 5.

Wed. 9 June - passed 14 graves. Crossed near Creek and encamped by Court House rock. It gets it's name from its form. It is composed of lite colored clay blocks gradeal like a sun dried brick about 150 miles ~~xxxxx~~ from Fort Carney and fifty miles east of Fort Laramy. (Laramie)

Thurs 10 June - Traveled 16 miles. Came by Chimney Rock, 13 miles from Court House Rock and encamped. It is about 300 ft height and a most delightful ~~xxxxxx~~ seen. It covers about fifty acres of ground about one and one half mile from the river ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ It runs up with a gradual slope of 250 and about fifty ft chimney. It is a ~~xxxxxxx~~ gradeal the shape of a circus canvas. Seen four graves. Passed two trading posts.

Fri. 11 June - Passed Scott's bluff - a delightful scene. Seen 10 new graves, nine miles from Chimney Rock to Scotts bluff. It receives its name from a man being killed by the name of Scott. He was a trader with the indians. They charge ~~xxxxxxx~~ 4 selling 4 hoppers, 10 dollars for setting a set of wagon tires. 16 a gallon for liquor.

Sat. 12, June - warm and windy. passed horse creek about 11 o'clock. It is a clear running stream. Seen 15 graves.

Sun 13 June - Passed two trading posts. Seen how the indians buried their indians. Encamped about one mile west of the trading post. A man died about 150 from our camp. Seen 5 graves dug by 1/2 day Sunday.

Mon 14 June - Passed Faraway River about 6 o'clock. Stayed in Fort Laramy about one hour. Laid in some flour. Cost ten and 1/2 dollars per hundred. Cost 12 for wagon to cross the bridge per wagon. 25 for a horse and 10 cents for loose stock. Three frame houses in Laramy, several plank houses and several sod houses. Passed five other trading posts.

Buffalow skins and Mockasins. Had a small shower of rain this evening. Geaves, I did not keep account of. 670 miles from Fort Laramy to Ft. Joes.

Tues. 15 June - Past a trading post. one house and blackmich shop. several lodges. Mockersins and buffalow robes. Passed 5 graves. Crossed bitter ash stream in cite of Laramy peck. It is six thousand five hundred ft above the surface of the ocean.

Wed. 16 June - Laid by with Antony Rhodes and done our washing.

Thurs. 17 June - Started on our journey. Crossed over hilly country. Crossed dry creek about 9 O'clock. Crossed Blk creek about 12 o'clock. Crossed Horseshoe creek about 1 o'clock. A good clear stream about one ft. deep.

Friday 18 June - Ascended the bluffs. Traveled 16 mi. and come to a nice stream of water called

Labonta (or Fabonta) and there we took our dinner. Stopped about 2 hours and started again. Traveled 6 miles and crossed at Branch of the Labonta and came into the Crows and Snakes territory. Seen where a man had been buried that had murdered an other. One murdered him in cold blood.

Seen four other graves. The one that was murdered was buried on the 14th. The other on the 15th.

Sat. 19 June - Traveled about 11 miles to a good stream of clear water about 15 inches deep called LaPeals (or ~~xx~~ Lasseals) creek, and took dinner. Started at one o'clock, traveled about 5 miles and crossed two small streams of good water. Traveled on about 3 miles and crossed deer creek and encamped. Seen 9 graves.

Sun 20 June - _____ And struck the plat in 4 miles. Traveled 5 miles and struck Big Deer creek and encamped. Traveled till about 10 o'clock in the morning.

Wed. 21st June - Left Big Deer Creek. Traveled about 25 miles and encamped. Crossed 2 good running streams of water. Seen grave.

Thurs. 22 June - Made the last drive on plat river. Drove about 7 miles and crossed Flat. I seen one man drowned. Tried to swim plat. we got to Flat a about 3 o'clock and got all of our stock across. About 12 o'clock. We now are in the Crows and Snakes territory. A large emigration is now on this road. Seen 2 graves - about 150 from Fort Larany to the flat where we crossed.

Friday 23 June - Left Flat and traveled 29 to Willow Springs on account of water for our stock. It took us till after dark. Seen 9 graves.

Sat. 24 June - Left Willow Springs. Traveled about 5 miles and crossed fish run. Crossed an other small stream. Traveled about 8 miles today and laid by on account of rain.

25th - Left Fish Run. Traveled 12 and come to Sweet Water. Passed independence Rock about 11 o'clock. Passed 2 trading posts. Crossed Sweet water three times. Seen 1 grave. Passed Devil's gate about 3 o'clock.

26th - Left our encampment and ~~xxxxxx~~ traveled 1 mile ~~xxxxxx~~ and crossed a small stream. Traveled 7 miles and struck sweet water. Traveled on 5 miles more and crossed Sage Run. Drove on about 3 miles and took dinner on Sweet water. Grass poor. Passed 5 graves. Encamped on Sweet water.

Drove 29.

27th - Left Sweet Water. Drove 9 miles and struck Sweet Water and took dinner. Drove 9 miles and encamped. Seen 1 grave. In the Rocky Mts.

28th - Drove 13 and struck Sweet water and crossed and took dinner. Drove 7 miles in the afternoon and encamped on Sweet Water. Passed one trading post. Seen 3 graves and where they was just about to bury an other one. Seen snow on the Rocky Mts.

29th - Left Sweet Water. Drove 4 miles and come to the marsh. Drove on 7 miles. Come to Strawberry Creek and took dinner. Started 1 o'clock. Drove five miles and passed a ~~xxxx~~ of Little Blue. Two miles and past Willow Creek. Drove 4 miles and encamped on Sweet water. Passed an Blacksmith shop on branch of Sweet water. Seen 3 graves.

30th - Left Sweet water. We traveled on Sweet water 89 to the south pass. 10 miles to the pacific springs. 12 miles - drove a half day and laid by to recruit our stock. Encamped on Pacific creek. Drove 14 miles.

July 1, (from here on the days and dates don't seem to be in order and I feel that he lost track of time and lost a few days as one will do when not in routine and without a calendar.) Crossed Little Sandy, 10 o'clock had no water nor grass. Stopped about one hour to rest our cattle. Drove on till about 6 o'clock, before we got any water. Drove 24 miles. Crossed Big Sandy and encamped. Saw one grave.

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July 2 - Left Little Sandy. Traveled 8 miles and crossed Big Sandy. Traveled 3 miles, down the river and laid by till 4 o'clock and started across the desert 29 miles without water. Left Big Sandy and traveled about 20 miles and crossed Green River. It cost 3 dollars a wagon and 25 cents a horse. We swam our cattle. There was one man drowned in Green River. On the 2nd we seen one grave.

4th - Left our encampment and traveled 7 miles and laid by. Drove till 10 o'clock.

5th - Started again. Drove 20 miles. Came to a good spring and encamped. Crossed State Creek about 1 o'clock.

6th - Drove 3 miles. Crossed the mountain Springs. Drove 5 miles. Crossed an other small stream. Drove 3 miles and encamped. A hard hail storm today at no noon.

7th - Started. Crossed Fams Fork ? a large mountain. Traveled on to Fur Grove and encamped. Good timber and grass. Seen 3 graves. Passed several springs. Today a hard shower. This evening very cold. We was quiet uncomfortable with our overcoats on all day.

8th - Left our encampment. In 9 miles struck Bear River at 9 o'clock. Traveled 11 miles and crossed Smith's fork and encamped. Seen 8 graves.

9th - Left Smith's fork and traveled 14 miles and crossed Thomas's fork. Paid one dollar for crossing a bridge - a wagon. A great many Indian Ledges long B Bear River and trading posts. Drove 23 miles. Very mountainous. Seen 4 graves.

10th - Left Bear River. Traveled 11 miles and took dinner. Crossed several small mountain streams of good water. Seen two graves.

11th - Laid by and fished in Bear River. Started again. Passed the soda springs. Seen 6 graves. (this is the 12th)

13th - Drove 21 and rested by where they had a volcano burnt.

14th - left our encampment. Plum some very high mountains. Drove about 22 miles to a good spring and encamped. Crossed several good streams of water. "Székfal ~. Headley - his notes of travels across the plains"

TABLE OF DISTANCES FROM ST JOSEPH TO CALIFORNIA

Across the no. river - 1 mile
To first stream - 6 miles
To Wolf River - 20 miles
To Iowa Mission - four miles
To small stream - 4 miles
To another small stream 14 miles
To another small stream 5 1/2 miles
To another small stream 14 1/2 miles
To Big Limaha - 16 1/2 miles
To Little Limaha 14 miles
To small stream 2 miles
To Six Creek stream 5 1/2 miles
To Stony Creek 6 1/2 miles
To Spring Creek 13 1/4 miles
To Big Blue 2 miles
To Cotton Wood Branch 14 miles
To Little Sandy 22M
To Big Sandy 14 1/2 mi
To Ale Seas Creek (?) 9 mi
Little Blow Creek 5 mi
Big Blue good camping up river 5 mi
River again 21 mi
Good camping up river 6 mi
Good camping up river 10 mi
Small stream 16 mi
Fort Carnoy 31 mi

To Flat river - 20 mi
 To Plumb Creek - 16 mi
 Bradleys Creek - 50 mi
 Lower crossing of Flat 50 mi
 South fork of Platt 31 mi
 Middle crossing of South fork - 28 mi
 South fork - upper crossing 6 mi
 Ash Holler - 12 mi
 North fork of platt 3 mi
 Lone Elm Creek 25 mi
 A small stream - 1 mi reverse these two
 another small stream 17 mi
 another small stream 10 mi
 Court house rock 6 mi
 chimney rock 13 mi
 Scotts Bluff 20 miles
 Horse Creek 12 1/2 mi
 Small Stream 13 1/2 mi
 trading post 11 mi
 Fort Laramie 15 mi
 Lime Kill springs 19 1/2
 Bitter Cotton Wood Creek 3 mi
 Dry Wood Creek 4 1/2 mi
 To Elk Creek 2 1/2 mi
 To Rock Springs 2 mi
 Horse Shoe Creek 3 1/2
 Platt river 5 mi
 Platt river again 6 mi
 Labonte River 16 mi
 A branch of Labonte 3 1/2 mi
 Red bank Creek 3 1/2 mi
 a small stream 6 1/2 mi
 Lapeal creek 5 mi
 a spring branch 5 1/2 mi
 Little deer creek 3 1/2 mi
 Platt river - 4 mi
 Deer Creek 5 mi
 Platt Ferry 1 mi
 Mormon Ferry 22 mi
 a small stream 10 mi
 a small lake 2 mi
 To Willow springs 10 mi
 To Upper springs 2 1/2 mi
 Sage spring creek 2 1/2 mi
 Fish run creek 6 mi
 Sweet water 4 or 4 1/2 mi
 Upper Ford 2 mi
 Small stream 6 mi
 another small stream 2 mi
 Sweet Water 4 1/2 mi
 Second Cut off 2 mi
 Sage Creek 3 mi
 Sweet Water 3 mi
 Small Stream 2 mi
 Bitter Cottonwood 3 1/2 mi
 Second Ford 6 1/2 mi
 Sweet water 9 mi
 Bluffs 2 mi
 Marsh 4 mi

To river again 14 mi
 Bluffs 10 mi
 marsh 4 mi
 some springs 3 mi
 to small stream 1 mi
 Strawberry creek 2 mi
 Ash Holler 1 mi
 Aspen springs 1 mi
 Branch of sweet water 2 1/2 mi
 Willow springs 2 1/2
 Sweet water 5 mi
 South pass 10 mi
 Facilito springs 2 1/2
 Facilito creek 1 1/2 mi
 Dry sandy 7 mi
 Junction of salt lake and Fort Hall 6 1/2 mi
 Little sandy - here we take Mormon road
 to green river 3 1/2 mi
 By little sandy 7 mi
 To green river 4 1/2 mi
 Ford on ferry 1 1/2 mi
 Ford on ferry 1 1/2 mi
 Branch of green river 5 1/2 mi
 Ford of the branch 3 mi
 a small stream 6 1/2 mi
 another small stream 3 mi
 Mountain spring 2 mi
 Elk the springs 5 1/2 mi
 Polar ridge 6 mi
 Hams rock - green river 2 mi
 Mountain peak 2 mi
 Fowler timber grove 6 mi
 Balsam timber grove 3 mi
 Marsh spring creek 4 mi
 Bear River valley creek 8 mi
 Smiths fork of Bear river valley creek 5 mi
 Thomas fork 1 1/2
 Silver again 11 mi
 Potliss creek 7 mi
 Willow creek 5 mi
 Ashleys creek 6 mi
 Muddy creek 10 mi
 Willow Springs 5 mi
 Soda springs 5 1/2 mi
 Bear River 1 mi
 Junction of cuples cut off Fort Hall road 4 mi
 Mountain Willow creek 13 mi
 Kaset stream 5 mi
 same again 3 mi
 Valley North creek 1 mi
 Spring Ford water 8 1/2 mi
 Muddy Willow creek 7 mi
 Muddy gravel Creek 8 mi
 The Summit 7 mi
 Summit Valley 2 mi
 To its summit 10 miles
 a small stream 4 2/3 mi
 Spring Good water 7 mi
 Another 2 1/2 mi
 Another 1 1/2 mi

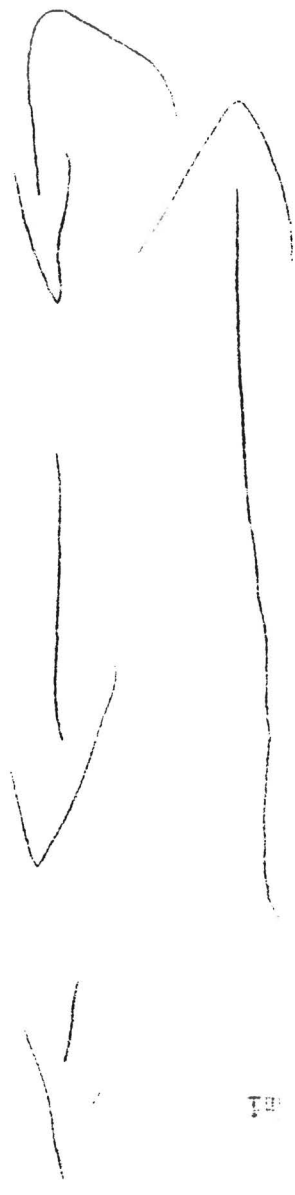
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 Salt Springs 12 mi
 Sand Ridge 15 1/2 mi
 Carson River 12 mi
 Bluffs River 8 mi
 White Clay beds 7 1/2 mi
 River 1 1/2 mi
 to river again 18 1/2 mi
 Bluffs 1 1/2 mi
 River again 6 mi
 River again 6 mi
 Bluffs on Ridge 23 mi
 Canyon Creek Valley 4 1/2 mi
 First Bridge 1 mi
 3 and last bridge 4 mi
 Hope Valley creek 8 mi
 Foot of Mountain 5 mi
 Red lake 2 mi
 Its inlet 1 mi
 its summit 1/2 mi
 Mountain lake 2 mi
 Point of mountain 1 mi
 summit top mt. 2 mi
 Summit of Mt. 1 1/2 mi
 small stream 5 1/2 mi
 To rock lake 9 1/2 mi
 Fudge springs 2 mi
 Gravel Rock 2 mi
 Leek Springs 4 mi
 Camp Creek 9 mi
 Cold Springs 5 mi
 Cold Flatts Springs 7 mi
 Mountain home 4 mi
 Fork of Bearville 4 mi
 Placerville road 1/4 mi
 Emigrants retreat 5 mi
 Johnsons ranch 1 mi
 Placerville Ranch 6 mi
 Sept 26th - Gold dust up to this point
 152.50
 32.00

184.50

There are a goodly number of notations
 that are unreadable because the copy machine didn't
 pick them up.

mountain salt lake and California lake and road lake 5 mi

Headley diary 6
 small muddy creek 5 1/2 mi
 another 3 mi
 East branch raft 5 1/2 mi
 Raft 11 mi 1/4 mi
 river again 2 mi
 West Branch Raft R. 5 mi
 The Ford 8 1/2
 Valley stream 7 1/2
 Another 3 mi
 Large stream 2 mi
 Mountain stream 3 mi
 Junction salt lake and California lake and road lake 5 mi
 To a small stream 2 1/2 mi
 another 1 mi
 another 1 1/2 mi
 A small creek 4 1/2 mi
 a small stream 4 1/2 mi
 Goose Creek - a branch 3 1/2 mi
 small stream 7 mi
 river again 2 mi
 Head of the valley 10 1/2 mi
 The Ford of the valley 2 1/2 mi
 Springs valley 12 mi
 down this valley 10 mi
 Hot Springs 2 mi
 Spring - good water 18 mi
 Collection of hot springs 1 mi
 Springs good water 7 mi
 small stream 6 mi
 Springs good water 6 mi
 To another valley 6 mi
 To Bearhead valley 5 mi
 The creek 4 mi
 Marble River 9 mi
 North Branch M.R. 21 mi
 The end of valley 5 mi
 stream good water 2 1/2 mi
 The Ford water 2 1/2 mi
 A spring - good water 1 mi
 More a spring 1 mi
 Marble River 17 mi
 River again 4 mi
 Stony creek 6 mi
 The Ford 3 mi
 Rock Point 11 mi
 River again 1 1/2 mi
 Bluffs again 1 1/2 mi
 Small creek 5 1/4 mi
 Creek again 4 1/2 mi
 To river again 11 mi
 Grass and water 4 mi
 River again 10 mi
 Sulphur Springs 5 mi
 Sand Hill creek 2 1/2 mi
 Sand Hill creek 8 mi



Headley diary 7

May the 8th 1853 he sold to George Noble the interest
on four claims.

list of provisions in california

November the 2 paid out the company money for provisions; June 26 1853

17 lbs of pork 7.65
1 lb candles 1.00
1/2 gal mollasses 1.75
3 1/2 lbs beef .87
2 lbs salt 70¢
1/2 gal mollasses 1.75
1 1/2 lb butter 1.75
100 lb flour 36.00
3 lb onions 60¢
canvas 4 .50
21 lb beef 6.35
45 lb cornmeal 15.75
1 cag of butter 18.50 (probably keg)
1 bottle liquor 1.00
20 lb beans 4.40
5 lb sugar 1.15
3 lb fish 1.00
6 lb fruit 1.80
4 lb pork 2.25
5 lb coffee 1.75
8 lb butter 7.20
3 lb tacks 1.00
1 bx b of nails 35¢
11 lb ham 4.35
1 b nickles 1.65
2 b press tacks 33¢

Name E. W. Headley age 21
Wm Headley age 24
Organized a party of 36
men forming emigrant
train. Left St Joe May 7
1852.

9-wagons - 27 yokes of
oxen -

Calif. gold rush.

Kept count of graves of
those going on before them
over same trail.

Daily mileage traveled
rivers & small streams
crossed. List of lost men
~~the~~ bars of their party,
Indian territories passed
thru.

Cost of provisions pur-
chased and services
rendered. And other
daily data - points of
interest passed. Stone-
pedes of livestock. Visits
by Indians at points
of encampment. ~~etc etc~~
murders in 1-form or another

men drowning in rivers
Ravenous appetites of
mosquitoes.

Passing over long stretches
of desert without water
or feed for livestock.

Swimming livestock across
rivers. Transporting by
ferry of wagon & livestock.

36 Emigrants - EW. + Wm.

arrived in St. Joe Apr 23, 1852
We started our journey to Calif in
search of gold.

Drove out 4. miles from town
and encamped for 13-days to get
organized for the trip.

We purchased 4-wagons, 3 yoke
of oxen for each wagon (54 in
all) ~~several~~ horses, saddles & bridles and
loaded the wagons with 2-gal
flour, bacon, lard, potatoes, some fruit
patent medicines and ^{other} necessities.
moved across the Mo
River on May 7

On ^{Saturday} May 8, 1852 we ~~crossed~~ the
~~Missouri River~~ and started on
our journey to the gold fields
of California.

Roads were bad until we
got to the bluffs, about five miles
west of the river where we en-
camped and where we found good
meat for our livestock.

On Sunday May 9th we crossed
Woj Creek and encamped. Here we
bought our jug of Sorghum Molasses
27-miles from St. Joseph.

On Monday May 10 we crossed
Buffalo Creek where we saw
③ graves about 36-miles from

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Labonta
 Independence
 Rock.
 Devils Gate
 Sage Run
 Slate Creek
 Bear River

 Indian Terr.
 Pawnee
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 Sioux
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St Joe. (2)

Tues. 11 - no graves

Wed 12 - (6) Graves

Thurs. 13 - Crossed Big Nemahaw
and saw (5) graves

Fri 14 saw (14) - graves and
entered Pawnee Indian
territory

Sat 15 Crossed Big Blue about 5-
o'clock 150 miles from St Joe
and saw (7) - graves. Then

S-16 Crossed Cottonwood branch

M-17 Had a heavy frost on
the ground this morning
saw (2) - graves

T-18 - Crossed Big-Sandy about
1: o'clock and crossed a
small stream about 5: o'clock
in the evening and en-
camped.

W-19

We laid by half-a-day on
acc't. of a sick man. We
buried him on the banks of
Little Sandy about 11: o'clock
beside (6) - other graves and
resumed our journey

Our sick friend died from
an attack of bilious fever.

(3)

Thurs 20

We struck the Little Blue about 8 o'clock. Traveled up stream about 18-miles and encamped.

We had a little stampede. Mr. Neiswander's oxen run away - broke nothing but hurt two oxen quite bad.

Fri 21

We traveled until about noon and had to pick up on account of rain.

Sat 22 2500 Wagons Ahead
Saw where a man had been shot and stabbed.

We met 18-wagons of fur traders bringing their furs, buffalo hides, robes, moccasins and other products acquired from the Indians, back to the states to market. They told us there were about 2500 ~~wagons~~ ^{emigrants} wagons ahead of us. This was an indication that the gold rush fever had not started to die down even though it started in 1849.

S. 23

Started about 5:30 AM. and drove until sundown and encamped near Platte river Very warm and pleasant

Mon. 24

Passed Fort Carney about 300 miles from St Joe and encamped on acct of sickness Stopped about 2 O'clock with Wm Gravel. He were told at Ft Carney that there were about 2300 wagons ahead of us

T. 25

Laid by with Wm Gravel on acct. of sickness about two miles from Fort Carney

W. 26

Laid by with Wm Gravel

T. 27

Wm Died about 2 O'clock after an illness of about 5-days. He buried him about 2-miles west of Fort Carney. Money found on him amounted to \$56.50

(5)
Clothing was sold amounting
to \$34.61 amounting in all
to \$89.11 which was left in
the care of Coulter Stam-
baugh Neiswanger and
you

Fri 28 visited By Indians
Laid by on account of sick-
ness with Sebern and was
visited by 8 Shany Indians
After a short visit we treated
them and let them slide.

We buried another
man's child today. There
was four buried in a row
there beside of Mr Travel

§ 29
We moved on a short
distance and encamped
It was very warm.

5³⁰ After pitching camp we
had another small stampede
This time it was our horses
that got scared and run off
Took some little time to get them corralled

Mon 31

Saw plenty buffalo and killed
one Antelope.

June 1+2 Warm & dry

On night of June ⁽⁶⁾ 2nd I stood guard. Mosquitoes as big as a 2-wheeled cart liked to ate me up. Had a nice shower on evening of 2nd.
T. 3rd Crossed South Platt
Killed 2 Antelope
we are now in Sioux territory
115-miles from Fort Kearney.

S. 5
Warm & pleasant - Had quite a Buffalo chase - Killed one.

S. 6 Laid by 1/2 day on acct of sick man, Benjamin Bobo
Saw a woman buried within sight of our camp and saw (4) other graves. It was cold and windy and we were quite uncomfortable with our over coats on. The sand was half foot deep.

M - 7

Left encampment about 12:00 o'clock - Cold and windy. After laying by one day with Benjamin Bobo.

T. 8th

Started at 5:0'clock

(7)
passed (17) graves - Very
sandy. Saw where there
had been (two) graves dug
beside each other and they
had not been buried yet.
They will be buried
between 2 and 5

W-9th Court House + Chimney Rock

Passed (14) graves -
Crossed Bear Creek and
encamped by Court House
Rock. It derives its name
from its form. It is
composed of ~~light~~ light colored
clay. Looks great deal like
a sun fried brick - About
150 - miles from Ft. Carney
and 50 - miles east of Ft.
Daramie.

T-10

Traveled 16 - miles - Came
by Chimney Rock 15 miles
from Court House rock

(8)

and encamped. It is about 300' high and a most delightful scene. It covers about 5-acres of ground about 1 1/2 miles from the river. It runs up ^{with} a gradual slope about 250' and then about a 50' chimney. It is a great deal the shape of a circus canvas. Saw (4) graves and passed (2) trading posts.

Fr-11
Passed Scotts Bluff a delightful scene. Saw (10) graves. 20 miles from Chimney Rock to Scotts Bluff. ^{Scotts Bluff} It derives its name from a man being killed by the name of Scott. He was a trader with

(9)
the Indians:

They charge \$4⁰⁰ for
setting 4-horse shoes
\$10⁰⁰ for setting a set of
wagon tires and \$16⁰⁰
a gallon for liquor.

S-12 Warm and Showery
Passed Horse Creek about
11:00 o'clock. It was a
clear running stream
Saw (15) graves

S-13

Passed 2-trading posts
Saw how the Indians
buried their Indians.
Encamped about 1-mi
west of trading post,
a man died about 150
from our camp. Saw (5)
graves. Laid by 1/2 day

(10)

Sunday.

Mon. 14th

Passed Laramy River
about 6:00 o'clock. Stopped
in Ft Laramy about 1-hour
and laid in some flour.

It cost \$10⁰⁰ @ hundred
~~insert page~~ It cost 2⁰⁰ @ wagon

To cross the bridge.

Cost .25¢ for a horse

and .10¢ each for loose
stock.

There are 3-frame-houses
in Laramy - several plank
houses and several sod
houses. Passed 5-other
trading posts. Buffalo
skin and Moccasins had
it. Small shower of rain
this evening. Guess I
did not keep acct. of
630 miles from Laramy to
St Joe

(11)

Tues. June 15.

Passed 2 Trading posts
1-house and Blacksmith
shop and several lodges.
Moccasins and Buffalo
robes. Passed 5 graves
Crossed bitter ash
stream in sight of
Laramy Peak it is
6500' above the ~~surface~~
of the ocean

Wed. 16

Laid by with Anthony
Rhodes and done our
washing.

Thur. 17 -

Started on our journey
crossed ~~to~~ ^{some} very hilly
country - Crossed dry
creek about 9:00 o'clock

(12)

Crossed Elk Creek
about 10:00 o'clock

Crossed Horseshoe Creek
about 11:00 o'clock, a
good clear running
stream, about 1 foot
deep

Fri 18

Ascended the bluffs
traveled about 16-miles
and came to a fine
stream of water called
Labonta and there
we took dinner ~~and~~
stopped about 2-hours
and started again.

Traveled 6-miles and
crossed a branch of the
Labonta and came into
the Crows and Snaker
Territory. Saw

(13)
where a man had
been buried that
had murdered another
one - murdered him
in Cool blood. The one
that was murdered
was buried on the
(14)th the other on the
(15)th. Saw (4) other
graves

Sat 19th

Traveled about 11 miles
to a good stream of
clear water about
15" deep called Sapeals
Creek and took dinner
Started again at 1:00 o'clock
traveled about 5-miles
and crossed two small
streams of good water
Traveled on about 3
miles and crossed Dec

(14)

Creek and encamped
saw 9 graves

Sun 20.

Left little deer Creek and
struck the Plat in 4-miles
Traveled 6 miles and
struck Big Deer Creek
and encamped. Traveled
till about 10:00 o'clock
in the morning.

Mon 21

Left Big Deer Creek -
traveled about 20 miles
and encamped. Crossed
2-good running streams
of water. Saw 1 grave.

Tues. 22

Made the last drive
on the Plat River. Drove
about 7 miles and
crossed the Plat.

(15)

I saw one man drown
He tried to swim the
Plat

We got to the Plat about
8:00 o'clock and got all
of our stock across
about 12:00 o'clock.

We are now in the
Crow and Snakes Terr.
A large emigration is
now on this road.

Saw (2) graves. About
150 miles from ^{the} Heramy
to the Plat where we
crossed.

Wed 23

Left Plat and traveled
29 miles to Willow Spgs
on account of water for
our stock. It took us
until after dark. Saw
(3) graves

(16)

Thurs. 24

Left Willow Springs
Traveled about 5-miles
and crossed fish run.
Crossed another small
stream - traveled about
8-miles today and laid
by on account of rain.

Fri 25

Left Fish run traveled
12-mi and came to
Sweet water. Passed
Independence Rock
about 11:00 o'clock
Passed 3-trading posts -
Crossed Sweet Water
3-times. Saw D grave
passed Devils Gate
about 3:00 o'clock in
the afternoon.

(17)

Encamped on Sweet
Water.

Sat 26

Left our encampment
traveled 1-mile and
crossed a small stream.
Traveled 7-miles and
struck Sweet Water -
Traveled on 6-miles more
and crossed Sage Run
Drove on about 3-miles
and took dinner on
Sweet Water - Grass Poor
passed (5) graves. En-
camped on Sweet Water
Drove 29 miles.

Sun 27

Left Sweet Water - drove
9-miles and struck Sweet
water and took dinner
Drove 9 miles and en-
camped. Saw (1) grave

(18)
In the Rocky Mts

Mon June 28

Drove 13-miles and struck Sweet Water again - Crossed and took dinner.

Drove about 8-miles in the afternoon and encamped for the evening on Sweet Water. Passed 1- trading post. Saw (3)- graves. And where they was just about ready to burry another. Saw Snow in The Rocky Mountains

Tues 29

Left Sweet Water - Drove 4-miles and come to Marsh Grove. Drove one 7-miles and Strawberry Creek and took dinner. Started at 1:00 o'clock drove 5-miles crossed a branch of Little Blue. 2-miles more crossed Willow Creek

(19)

Drove 4-miles and encamped on Sweet Water
Passed one blacksmith shop on the branch of Sweet Water - Saw ③ graves

Wed. 30

Left Sweet Water - Traveled on Sweet Water 89 mi to the South Pass 10-miles to the Pacific Springs 12 miles - Drove a half day and laid by to recruit our stock - encamped on Pacific Creek
Drove 18-miles

July 1, 1852

Left Thurs. Morning July 1st
Crossed Little Sandy 10:00 o'clock
Had no water or grass - stopped about one hour to rest our cattle. Then drove on until about 6:00 o'clock before we got any water. We drove 28-miles crossed

(20)

Big Sandy and en-
camped.

Saw ① grave.

Fri July 2.

Left ~~Little~~ ^{Big} Sandy - drove
8-miles and crossed
Big Sandy - Traveled 3
miles down the river
and laid by till 4-o'clock
and started across the
desert 17-miles without
water

Sat. July 3

Left Big Sandy and
Traveled about 20
miles and crossed
Green River. It cost
\$3.00 @ wagon and .25¢
@ horse. We swam
our cattle across.

One man drowned in
Green River ^{on the} 2nd.

(21)

On the 2nd I saw ①
grave.

Sun July 4

Left encampment -
Traveled 7-miles and
laid by - Drove till 10:00
o'clock.

Mon. July 5

Started again drove
20 miles - came to a
good spring and en-
camped. Crossed State
Creek about 1:00 o'clock

Tues July 6, 1852

Drove 3-miles -
Crossed the Mountain
Springs - Drove 5-miles
Crossed another small
stream - Drove 3-miles
and encamped. A hard
hail storm today at noon

Wed. July 7

Started - Crossed Hams
Fork raiser.

(22)

A large Mountain
Traveled on to Fur
Grove and encamped
Good timber and grass
Saw (3) graves

Passed several Springs
Today. ~~was~~ hard shower
this evening. Very cold
we were quite un-
comfortable with our
overcoats on all day.

Thur 8

Left encampment - In 9
miles struck Bear River
at 9:00 o'clock. Traveled
11 miles and crossed
Smith's fork and Encamped

Fri 9 Saw (8) graves

Left Smith's Fork and
Traveled 14 miles and crossed
Thomas's fork. Paid one
dollar @ wagon for cross-
ing a bridge.

(23)

a great many Indian
lodges and Trading posts
along Bear River.

~~Drove~~ 23. miles - Very
Mountainous. Saw (4)
graves

Sat 10

Left Bear River -
Traveled 11-miles and
took dinner. Crossed
several small mountain
streams of good water
Saw (2)-graves

Sun 11

Said by and fished in
Bear River.

Mon 12

Started again. Pass-
ed The Soda Springs.
Saw (4) graves

(24)

Tues 13

Drove 21. miles and passed by where a volcano had burned out

Wed 14

Left our encampment. Climbed some very high mountains. Drove about 22 miles to a good spring and encamped. Crossed several good streams of water
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The remaining portion of the journey was pretty much the same: mostly mountainous until we reached Ereka Quartz mines and Poor Man's Creek, ^{where we staked claims} in the early part of September. 1852

(25)

I took sick with mountain fever and was unable to keep a daily log of our journey. Up to this time I had counted 186 graves of travelers who had journeyed over this same trail ahead of our group.

We had traveled through Indian country of 4 different tribes and lost several of our own group. Had two stampedes and killed some Buffalo and Antelope.

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Until we could construct cabins in which to live we endured many hardships. We found gold in paying quantities often times large nuggets of great value. We stayed until the spring of 1854 or about two years. We then decided to take a trip back to the states to have our gold dust minted. Took a ship down the Pacific coast to Astoria of Panama crossed to the Gulf and up the Mississippi River to New York where I spent about a month sight seeing then on to Philadelphia where my share of gold minted about \$5000⁰⁰.

I then reentered college, farmed and taught school in Ohio until 1859 P.P.

(27)

Cattle were transferred
to a farm in Ray Co.
Missouri near Richmond
Here he followed farming
and stock raising until
the civil war broke out
in 1861

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in the mid 1960's.