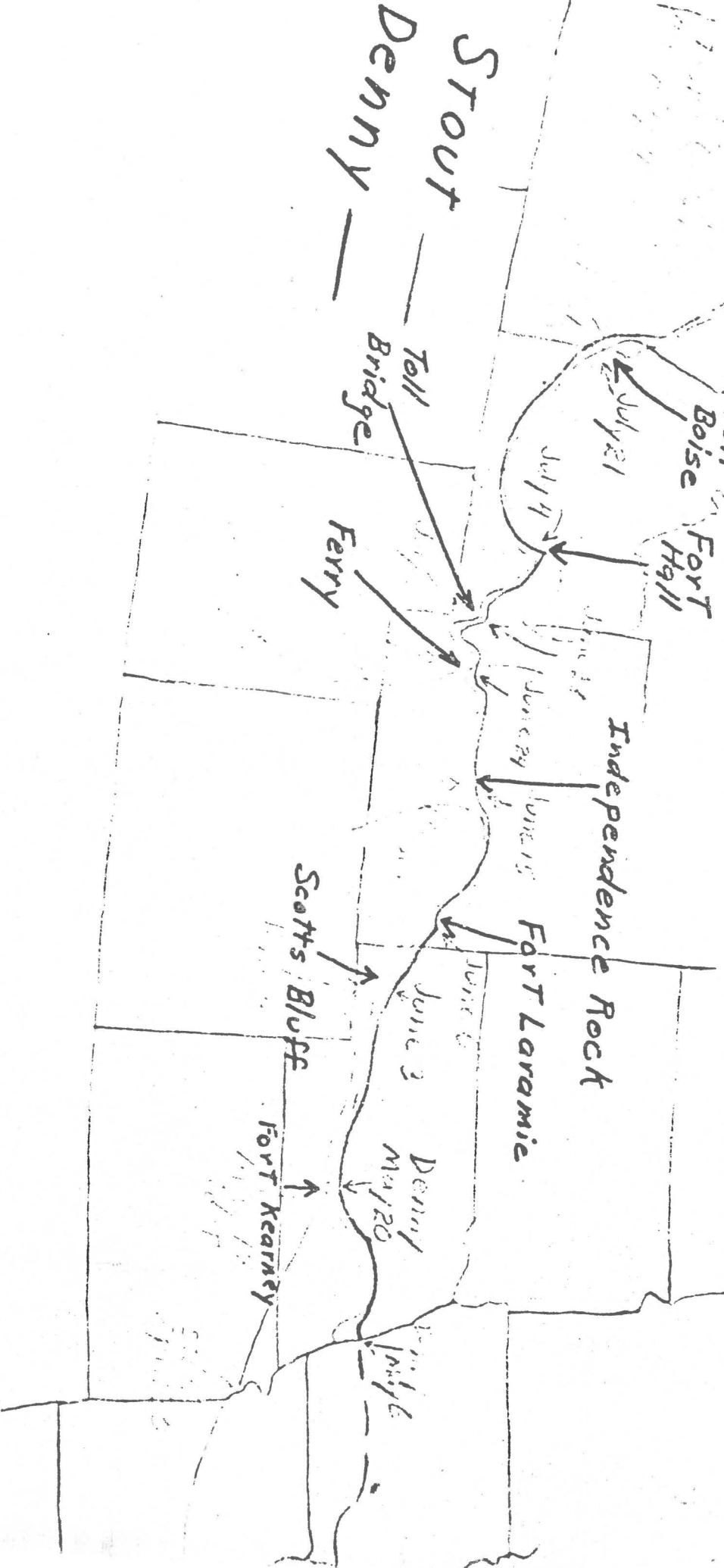


# Routes of the Stout and Denny Trains 1851



DIARY OF SAMUEL STOUT  
WAGON TRAIN  
OREGON TRAIL 1851

Started at Independence, Missouri

- April 24 - Crossed the river and camped at Pup Creek.....(6 miles)
- April 25 - In camp, cattle unruly.
- April 26 - In camp.
- April 27 - In camp.
- April 28 - In camp.
- April 29 - In camp.
- April 30 - Started, camped at Wolf Creek.....(20 miles)
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- May 1 - Passed the indian agent's, camped at Mill Creek...(10 miles)
- May 2 - Long travel, 21 miles, camped at small creek.....(21 miles)
- May 3 - Long travel, 31 miles, missed camp, camped at a  
grave one mile south of the road.....(31 miles)
- May 4 - Camped on the Big Nimehow.....(4 miles)
- May 5 - Camped in the prarie at the U on the waters of the  
Little Nimehow.....(16 miles)
- May 6 - Camped on Rock Creek.
- May 7 - Camped on the west side on Blue River. Here wee  
organized and chose me Capt. and Johnson May, Lieuten-  
ant, and Nelson Miller, clerk.....(18 miles)
- May 8 - Camped on small creek.
- May 9 - Camped in prarie.....(20 miles)
- May 10 - Camped on Big Sandy from Wyth coup, ruff and hilly  
insert (Hezekiah Stott was born)
- May 11 - Layd by today, rain in torents, some sport in hunting.
- May 12 - Passed Little Sandy, the hills high and sandy, camped  
on a small creek 1 mile to the left.....(16 miles)
- May 13 - Today at noon wee (crossed) the Little Blue and  
traveled along the botom, verry sandy, the river is  
about three rods wide.....(16 miles)
- May 14 - Travled up the river all day and camped on its banks.  
Met a fur train today.....(16 miles)
- May 15 - Camped on small creek.
- May 16 - Another to nite met another train.
- May 17 - Reached Plat River and camped on its bank.....(19 miles)
- May 18 - Passed fort kerny, camped in prarie.....(17 miles)
- May 19 - Reached Plum Creek and found it verry big and went  
around its mouth in the river and passed 91 wagons.
- May 20 - Camped in the prarie.

- May 21 - Camped in the prairie near the river. I had taken cold and set the watch and went to bed at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock the cattle took fright and broke the corral and all ran off. The men followed them and checked the most of them about 8 miles at another camp.
- May 22 - Hunted cattle all day; most of the cattle found.
- May 23 - Started at the usual hour, spliced the lost teams and at 11 the returning with all the cattle but one found them 30 miles up the river.....(about 17 miles)
- May 24 - Turned off to camp.....(about 17 miles)
- May 25 - Some rock in the bluff, came to the forks of the Plat.
- May 26 - Missed the crossing, met some soldiers, news of hostile Indians and fell in with a herd of buffaloes.
- May 27 - Travelled up the river all day and camped on its banks. At half past ten the cattle took fright and broke the corral. The guard gave the alarm and the cattle was quieted after about 30 had broke out.
- May 28 - Three o'clock a.m. the guard gave the alarm that the cattle were frightened and had broke. I had to hunt. 7 o'clock the stock all found and we got under way at the usual hour. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles brought us to the ford, crossed and the (river) was about a mile wide, the hill high but not steep. 17 miles brought us to the hill of ash hollow where we camped at the spring. The hills are (21 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles) high and rocky. There is some cedar, ash trees and grape vines and under brush, buffalo ones and about dark the cattle took fright and started to run. Being in the hollow and all the men rite with them we turned them and quieted them and in a short time they started again with all the men around them. We yoked and tide them up.
- May 29 - This morning we came near some Indian wigwams and lots of souls. This is their nation. 4 o'clock we met a party on their ponies and totes on which they fastened their packs. The rode sandy.
- May 30 - The rode sandy. We met some French and Indians. No timber. camped on a low bottom.
- May 31 - Today we passed 28 wagons loded with goods for Salt Lake at Spring creek. 3 o'clock broat us in site of the Chimney Rock. 4 o'clock broat us in site of the lonely tour. 6 o'clock to the creek, camped on the banks of the river.
- June 1 - This morning the company divided, and I fell in the hind company. 2 miles brought us even with the lone tour. Camped 3 miles from the chimney rock.
- June 2 - Today we passed c. rock and court house rock and camped where the rode leave the river.
- June 3 - Today we passed Scots bluffs and camped on a creek 3 miles west.

- June 4 - Today wee pas ash pint a trading post; hail storm.
- June 5 - Started and kep along the bank of the river all day, passing a trading post.
- June 6 - Today we reached fort laramay and camped 3 miles above lots of indians.
- June 7 - advanced 7 miles today and camped near a bluff.....(7 miles)
- June 8 - 2 miles brought us to the black hills and wee passed over ruff rode passing bitter cottonwood creek and camped on ded timber creek.
- June 9 - Today passed a creek. 4 miles in site of the river. 9 miles more broat us to another creek. Here the rode forks. Wee took the rite hand fork and 6 or seven miles to the river at the mouth of a crik that is dry and 2 miles across the hills to the river again where we camped.....(22 miles ?)
- June 10 - 3 miles brought us to the hills, the rode hilly and gravly. no water till wee got to labent river where wee camped.
- June 11 - Passed over ruff rode; killed 2 buffalow and some small game.
- June 12 - Passed over severl creeks to the river and camped on deer creek near the bridge.
- June 13 - traveled along the river and camped on its banks.
- June 14 - traveled along the river to the uper ferry and crossed and camped on the bank.
- June 15 - traveled the river rode 12 miles and camped where the rode leaves the river. hills and sand.....(12 miles)
- June 16 - traveled 17 miles to willow springs. The rode ruff and sand and gravley.....(17 miles)
- June 17 - Started and assend the prospect hill from where wee saw the Sweetwater mountains, snow capt. Some of our oxen alkalized. The rode sandy and heavy. camped on the Sweetwater. it is about 3 rods wide and 2 feet deep.
- June 18 - passed independent rock and devels gate folowed the river all day camped on the bank.
- June 19 - traveled up the river and camped at the second ford.
- June 20 - Formed a and camped on the high.sands.
- June 21 - 8 miles brought us to the river again. wee crossed the river hills and crossed the river and camped on its bank.
- June 22 - Today the rode leaves the river and passes over high rocky hills to Strawberry creek.
- June 23 - Today wee came to the South pass. passed 4 miles down the spring branch and camped. This is the pasific spring.
- June 24 - Crossed dry Sandy, Little Sandy and cameds (camped?) on Big Sandy. The rode level and sandy but good without grass. At camp grass good.

- June 25 - Today wee are ingaged in arangeing our lodes and wagons. At 3 o'clock wee took the desert. At 7 wee halted to super one our when the train of heanay and mule hollen came up and a mule ran in to one of our teams and kicked an ox and started the team. 3 teams ran off. No harm done. Wee drove all nite. The rode good 1 hill.
- June 26 - This morning in the desert. The rode hilly. 12 O'clock brought us to Gren River. About 45 miles without grass or water. Wee ferryed over and camped on the west bank.
- June 27 - Started at 11 and traveled 7 miles to Ferdinel Creek. (7 miles) The grass good and wee lay the 28.
- June 30 - Started and traveled 3 miles the creek and ber off to the left to Hams Fork. The rode hilly.
- July 1851
- July 1 - Ten miles brought us to Willow creek where we camped... (10 miles)
- July 2 - A hard drive brought us to the botom of Bear River where wee camped at a spring. No Wood.
- July 3 - Traveled up the river botom 8 miles, brought us to Smiths Fork; 10 more to Thomases Fork. This stream is bridged and wee crossed the bridge and camped. .... (20 miles)
- July 4 - Traveled over high mountains 8 miles to B River and traveled to a hansom stream of water runing out of the mountain and camped..... (8 miles)
- July 5 - Traveled up the botom passing a good many springs, passed over a bute and struck off to the river and camped.
- July 6 - The rode coffes (crosses?) many slues. Noon brought us to Sodah Springs. This is as good sodah as need bee. The first thing that strikes the travelers eye is a large white pile of volcanic rocks and the Spring is on them. 2 yards up the creek from the north pile there is a pool of boiling water 3 feet underground and clear as sristial and verry cool. 2 miles more brought us to the Steamboat Spring. This is close to the waters edge and boils out of a rock about 3 feet high and is about blud heet. Camped.
- July 7 - 3 miles wee left the river and struck off up a holow. 7 miles brought us to the Sodah Pool, 3 more to clear springs, 10 more to an other branch where wee camped in the valley. The rode from S. Springs has a volcanic appearance..... (23 miles)
- July 8 - This morning therre was most all of our cattle sick and about 50 puked. 4 miles brought us to Port Neff. This is a tributary of the S. River. A bute runs to ward Bear and there is a vally in that direction. 2 miles more to the bridge. Here wee camped..... (6 miles)
- July 9 - Today wee traveled over high hills 8 miles brought us to Round Springs. No grass. This is the hed of Rosses Fork. 4 miles to a bute on the rite. 4 more to R. Park. Here wee camped..... (16 miles)

- July 10 - This morning wee traveled 4 miles down the creek and then took the sand. 7 m. to the botom of Snake river in site of fort Loring. The botom is full of deep swampy slues. Grass good and Some timber. Camped in site of fort Hall.
- July 11 - 1 miles brought us to Ft. Hall. Noon to Fort neff and 1 mile to a nother creek. About 8 to a nother creek. Here wee camped.
- July 12 - We traveled along the bluff pasing the american falls and lots of curants. Camped on a small botom of the river.
- July 13 - Today wee traveled over seders bluffs to a deep creek. The rode verry ruff. Here wee camped.
- July 14 - Today we traveled about 8 miles to Cusha Creek. Here the California rode turns off. Here the foot packers left us.
- July 15 - This morning there was child died. A little boy, 3 years old, S. McCoy. Wee carried the remains to a big marsh. Here we berryed it. Camped.
- July 16 - 8 miles brought us to the river. Good grass. 8 more to goose crek. Here wee camped.....f.....(16 miles)
- July 17 - Today wee traveled to Dry Crek, good grass, water in pools. 8 miles brought us to Rock Creek. Here we nooned. 8 more to the crossing. Here wee camped.
- July 19 - Today wee traveled 7 miles and camped.....( 7 miles)
- July 20 - This morning wee started at 6. 22 miles without grass or water to the river. No grass. 5 more to Salmon river. Here wee found grass and camped.....(27 miles)
- July 21 - Today wee started at noon. 1½ miles brought us to the mouth of the Salmon in site of the Great Springs. There are a number of large springs that break out of the bluff and fall a great distance down to the river and it makes the water look blue for miles. Camped one and a half miles above Salmon Falls.
- July 22 - This morning we started at 5½ o'clock. 1½ miles brought us to Salmon Falls on the Snake River. These rapids are about ¾ of a mile long and fall about 25 feet. Here wee left the river and went up a hill one mile long, steep and sandy. Here wee leave the river. One o'clock to the bluff, the rode steep rocky and sandy. One mile to water. From here hilly and sandy. 35 miles to the ford.....(38½ miles?)
- July 23 - This morning wee moved up to the river and lay here till 3 and examined the ford and found that wee could not ford. Moved down to the ford. Camped.
- July 24 - Moved down the river 12 miles. The rode narro sideling steep and stony.....(12 miles)
- July 25 - Today wee traveled 8 miles. wee came to the river. Here wee camped and Set 14 tires.....(8 miles)

- July 26 - Here wee leave the river, traveld 10 miles to Bruno creek. Here is good grass.....(10 miles)
- July 27 - 5 miles came to the river; leave the river; 8 miles to the river. Travel 20 miles, good rode, camped on the river.....(20 miles)
- July 28 - 5 miles brought us to the river and good grass. 8 to Curre Creek. good rode, camped. no grass.....(13 miles)
- July 29 - This morning started at 5 and traveld up a high slope. Has grade steep and rocky. 15 miles to the river and 5 miles to Bitter creek. Here wee camped.....(20 miles)
- July 30 - This morning when we woke wee found the indians had come up and drove off our horses and started off to the mountains. Wee folowed them on to the river. wee stole upon the indians when they were in their wigwams. They turned and showed frite being on the edge of the river. Wee did not surround them at the river.
- July 31 - Today wee traveld 12 miles and camped (with) Capt. Williams. (12 miles)
- August
- Aug. 1 - Today we traveld 20 miles. good camp. on the river at the mouth of a day (dry?) creek.....(20 miles)
- Aug. 1? - today passed 4 miles of heavy sand and moved to the bend of the river. 8 more brought us to Fall river. Here we camped.....(12 miles)
- Aug. 2 - This morning wee had some bother to get our cattle out of the willows. 3 miles down the river to the mouth oposite Fort Bois. Here wee remained until 4 a.m. Drove out 7 miles and camped without water. Good bunch grass. 4 miles to traill creek. Good camp and plenty of willows. The rode crosses the creek or middle river. Some ruff stones on the trail.....(11 miles)
- Aug. 3 - Wee started but Mr. Houlett was to sick to travel. Advanced one mile and camped.....(1 mile)
- Aug. 4 - This morning Houlett insisted that the train should travel. Wee started up a dry branch folowed sum 3 miles, then bore to the rite 11 miles. Brought us to Sulfer Spring but spring was so week that wee could not water all our stock. 11 more brought us to Burch creek. Here wee camped. Houlett worse. When wee camped up Capt. Joseph Williams train was bureying the remains of P. Black hoo died of wound from an indian that he got on Rock Creek 14 days before. Good rode.....(25 miles)
- Aug. 5 - At day lite this morning Houlett died of mortification. 4 o'clock under way. 5 miles over a rocky hill to Burnt passing the banks of the Snake the last time. On this stream was good grass all along.
- Aug. 6 - This day wee advanced about 12 miles crossing the river a number of times. The rode verry ruff and rolling. The stream lined with willow and bitter cottonwood. Some tall.....(12 miles)

- Aug. 7 - Today the rode continues ruff. Wee advanced about 10 miles. The hills verry high and covered with grass.....(10<sup>1</sup> miles)
- Aug. 8 - This morning we started. 2 miles brought us to the mouth of a branch. We kept up this branch one mile crossing a number of times, then bore off to the left up a big hill, then down a dry holow 2 miles to a spring folowed down to river. Here is wide. Wee traveld over hills and holows to the lone stump, 12 miles and to the foot of the hill. camped.....(17 miles)
- Aug. 9 - Today wee traveld 18 miles, 15 miles to a slough 3 more to a nother slough. Here wee camped. Good rode in Powder River valley.....(18 miles)
- Aug. 10 - Traveld down the valley 7 miles to the first fork, 1 morre to the second, 14 to the third. Wee travelled 22 miles to a slough.....(22 miles)
- Aug. 11 - Today we traveld 10 miles over rockey hills that were coverd with grass to Grand Round. This is a butiful place about 12 by 24 miles and has the apearence of being round. The soil is good. Wild rye, clover, oats. 8 more to the foot of the hill. Here we camped good water and grass.....(18 miles)
- Aug. 12 - This day wee advanced 7 miles to Ronde River (must mean Grande Ronde) over hard hills through butiful pine groves. the soil is good. The mountains high and grand, the country timbered and openings for camp....(7 miles)
- Aug. 13 - This morning wee started up a hill and traveld all day in high ruff hills crossing the high ridge of the blue mountains and only water that was 10 miles from the river  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the left in a deep holow. 2 hills the worst in the mountains. Camped in an opening 19 miles. the drive too hard.....(19 miles)  
The past two days hundreds of Cayuse Indians passed us flying from the diger that had killed some of them. (see footnote).
- Aug. 14 - Today wee advanced  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles nearly to change camp and camped without water. The rode good and good grass..( $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles)
- Aug. 15 - Today wee traveld 21 miles, 11 on the high ridge and down the hill to water, then 10 more down the Umatila River. The botom is wide and furtile and covered with Indian poneys. The grass ate off. Good rode.....(21 miles)
- Aug. 16 - This morning the rode turn to the left over the hill. 4 miles struck the creek and crossed, 2 miles leev the creek, 8 miles more and camped. No water. ....(14 miles)

FOOTNOTE: As it was the habit of these Indians to go into the mountains at this time of year to pick huckleberries and dig camas roots, the typist wonders if the immigrants perhaps misunderstood what the Indians told them. Perhaps some were killed trying to dig camas where another tribe was digging.



- Aug. 17 - 8 miles wee came to the creek and turned to the rite. 2 miles down to camp and while resting in the shade Mrs. McCoy took a coal of fire in her waggon and blew it up burning  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lbs powder but did not hurt her and child verry bad.....(10 miles)
- Aug. 18 - 4 miles brought us to the crossing of the creek. There is a house there. 10 miles brought us Burch Creek. Here wee camped.....(10 miles)
- Aug. 19 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 p.m. started and traveld till 2 the next morning, halted but did not unyoke.,
- Aug. 20 - Sun rize started. 1 mile to a spring but there was a caravan there that used all the water most so we pulled on to willow creek 15 miles further. The rode hilly and sandy.....(16 miles)
- Aug. 21 - 3 o'clock started, traveld till dark and made a dry camp. The rode hilly and smathe.
- Aug. 22 - erley start heded over a few hills and fell in to a valley and traveld down it to a spring at the forks of a rode. There is not water a nuff to water 2 teems so kept down the valley to a small creek and camped at the end of the valley.
- Aug. 23 - Traveld down the creek crossing severl times over ruff rocks. One waggon upset. No serious damage done. 4 miles to the mouth of Days river, 2 miles to the crossing. Here wee rested and then pulled the hill that is high and runs up a holow--crooked and rocks. 4 miles to a dry camp (10 miles)
- Aug. 24 - 24 miles to the lookout. Here wee camped. The rode smooth but hilly.....(24 miles)
- Aug. 25 - 4 miles to the deShoots river. This is a wide river. Wee ferried it payed \$5 per waggon. Pulled the hill high and steep. 3 miles to a spring---we camped but did not have any water for our cattle.....(7 miles)
- Aug. 26 - 5 miles to a small creek. Here is a steep hill to come down. 2 miles more to the forks of the rode. The rite hand rode to the Dalles 6 miles, the left to a creek 6 miles. Here wee camped.....(7 miles)
- Aug. 27 - Today wee traveld up the creek 8 miles to the forks of the rode and camped.....(8 miles)
- Aug. 28 - Today wee traveld to Indian creek 16 miles over hills. One verry steep to go down by waggon.....(16 miles)
- Aug. 30 - This morning wee started. 4 brought us to Barlow's Gate. Here wee make the cascade mountains. Here wee lost all distance of hours after the rain commenced. The rode ruff without much grass.
- Aug. 31 - The rode continues ruff, one verry bad hill. Wee turn to the rite and went up the creek and camped at the cabins. Grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

Sept. 1 - Hunted our cattle and started and met R. Denney with 3 yoke of fresh oxen to help us. The rode gets worse. 2 o'clock wee taked the sumit and camped at the first prarie.

Sept. 2 - T. Denney met us with 3 yoke oxen today. Wee passed the swamps and camped at the

This is the end of the journal. Why Mr. Stout did not finish it is unknown.