

NIMROD LESLIE WATERS

JOURNAL

NIMROD LESLIE WATERS (8) WAS THE SECOND CHILD AND OLDEST SON OF SIX CHILDREN BORN TO MARY POLLY (CLARK) AND GEORGE WATERS (16). HE WAS BORN IN TENNESSEE ON JULY 16, 1826; COMING TO MISSOURI WITH THE FAMILY AT THE AGE OF THREE IN THE YEAR 1829. HE HAD A TOTAL OF TEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS HIS FATHER GEORGE WATERS MARRIED THREE TIMES. AT THE AGE OF TWENTY-THREE HE LEFT HOME TO SEEK HIS FORTUNE IN THE GOLD FIELDS OF CALIFORNIA. HIS THOUGHTS REGARDING THIS VENTURE, LIFE, AND RELIGION ARE FOUND AT THE END OF HIS JOURNAL.

THE TYPEWRITTEN COPY OF HIS JOURNAL IS EXACTLY AS IT WAS WRITTEN, NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN FORMAT OR SPELLING. SOME NOTES HAVE BEEN ENTERED ON THE RIGHT SIDE FOR REFERENCE. AT THE BEGINNING AND END HE SPELLED OUT VARIOUS KNOWN WORDS AND THE ALPHABET IS RECORDED SEVERAL TIMES FOR REFERENCE TO ASSIST WITH INTERPRETING HIS HANDWRITING HIS HAND IS QUITE LEGIBLE AS INDICATED ON THE SAMPLE PAGE. NOTE THAT THE JOURNAL WAS ACTUALLY COMPLETED ON MAY 22, 1853; ONE YEAR AND THREE MONTHS AFTER HIS RETURN HOME FROM CALIFORNIA. ALSO, A FEW NOTES WERE ADDED IN 1867, SEE PAGE THIRTEEN.

NIMROD WATERS LEFT HOME NEAR CENTER, RALLS COUNTY, MISSOURI ON MARCH 25, 1850, AT THE AGE OF TWENTY-THREE YEARS AND TEN MONTHS. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT HIS WIFE TO BE, MARY (BETTIE) ELIZABETH ALFORD WAS FIFTEEN YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF HIS DEPARTURE. THEY WERE MARRIED SEVEN MONTHS AFTER HIS RETURN. HER NAME WAS WRITTEN AT THE END OF THE JOURNAL BUT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ENTERED LATER RATHER THAN IN CALIFORNIA. WHEN HE RETURNED FROM CALIFORNIA THEY WERE MARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1852, WHEN SHE WAS EIGHTEEN AND HE THEN TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE.

HE WAS GONE FOR ONE YEAR, TEN MONTHS AND TWENTY-FOUR DAYS, RETURNING FEBRUARY 18, 1852. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE JOURNAL THAT HE FOUND ANY GOLD IN CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, IN THE BOOK "PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF RALLS COUNTY" BY THE OWENS COMPANY DATED 1895, IT INDICATED THAT HE WAS "REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL." IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THAT HE PURCHASED A FARM SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN. THE ONLY REMAINING TOKEN OF HIS TRIP, OTHER THAN THE JOURNAL, IS A WATCH FOB WHICH IS INSET WITH MAROON MARBLE LINED WITH GOLD. THESE ITEMS FOUND THEIR WAY DOWN TO THE PRESENT TIME THROUGH WILLIAM THOMPSON WATERS (8/3), NIMROD'S YOUNGEST SON AND, IN TURN, TO HIS SON TIMOTHY LEE WATERS (8/3/2) OF NEW LONDON, MISSOURI. I PRESENTLY HAVE THIS WATCH FOB, A GIFT FROM TIM.

ENJOY THE FOLLOWING JOURNAL AS WRITTEN BY NIMROD WATERS IN MAY, 1853, AND TYPED BY HIS GREAT GRANDSON GENE TAYLOR WATERS' IN APRIL, 1986; SOME ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE YEARS LATER. NIMROD WATERS MAKES NOTE ON PAGE THIRTY-SEVEN "WHEN THIS YOU SEE REMEMBER ME." LET'S DO SO AS WE FOLLOW HIM AS HE LEAVES HOME AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING OF MARCH 25, 1850, TREKS ACROSS THE GREAT MISSOURI TO A POINT NORTH OF ST. JOE, CROSSING INTO KANSAS TO JOIN THE OREGON TRAIL, THENCE INTO NEBRASKA, FORT KEARNEY, TO ASH HOLLOW, CHIMNEY ROCK, SCOTTS BLUFF AND ON INTO WYOMING. HE PASSES FORT LARAMIE AND INDEPENDENCE ROCK FOR HIS FIRST VIEW OF THE ROCKIES WHILE CROSSING THE SWEET WATER, GREEN AND BEAR RIVERS INTO IDAHO. THEN ON ACROSS TO THE SNAKE RIVER'S AMERICAN FALLS LEAVING THE OREGON TRAIL TURNING DOWN TO THOUSAND SPRINGS VALLEY IN NEVADA. HE FOLLOWED THE HUMBOLT RIVER OVER 300 MILES THEN TO CROSS A "DESPERATE" PART OF THE WORLD BEFORE REACHING THE CARSON VALLEY RIVER VALLEY. HE ARRIVED AT CALIFORNIA'S SACRAMENTO VALLEY SOME 135 DAYS LATER ON AUGUST 7, 1850. HE WORKED PROSPECTING FOR GOLD UNTIL LEAVING SAN

FRANCISCO ON NOVEMBER 15, 1851, ABOARD THE BARK "ARTHUR" HEADED FOR CENTRAL AMERICA. LANDING AT SAN JUAN DEL SUR, NICARAGUA AND CROSSED OVER TO SAN JUAN DEL NORTE TO BOARD THE "RACHEL T. BROWN" FOR MOBILE BAY THEN OVER TO NEW ORLEANS WHERE PASSAGE WAS TAKEN UP THE MISSISSIPPI ON THE "CATARACT" TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI AND BACK HOME AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 18, 1852, SOME 95 DAYS AFTER LEAVING CALIFORNIA.

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NIMROD WATERS' JOURNAL CHRONOLOGY

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
LEFT HOME	MARCH 25, 1850	CENTER, RALLS COUNTY, MISSOURI
ARRIVED CALIFORNIA	AUGUST 7, 1850	TRIP OUT WAS 4 MOS. 13 DAYS
FIRST PROSPECTED	AUGUST 12, 1850	GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA
DECIDED TO RETURN	MARCH 10, 1851	PROSPECTED 7 MOS. 10 DAYS
LEFT FOR HOME	NOVEMBER 5, 1851	FORKS OF SALMON, CALIFORNIA
LEFT SAN FRANCISCO	NOVEMBER 15, 1851	ABOARD THE BARK "ARTHUR"
ARRIVED NICARAGUA	DECEMBER 28, 1851	SAN MARI DEL SUR
CROSSED OVERLAND	JANUARY 4, 1852	SAN JUAN DEL NORTE
LEFT NICARAGUA	JANUARY 16, 1852	ABOARD "RACHEL T. BROWN"
GREAT CORN ISLAND	JANUARY 17, 1852	MORE BALLAST AND FRUIT
MOBILE, ALABAMA	FEBRUARY 5, 1852	20 DAYS FROM NICARAGUA
NEW ORLEANS, LA	FEBRUARY 6, 1852	ABOARD THE "CATARACT"
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	FEBRUARY 17, 1852	10 DAYS FROM NEW ORLEANS
ARRIVED HOME	FEBRUARY 18, 1852	TRIP BACK WAS 3 MOS. 13 DAYS
COMPLETED JOURNAL	MAY 22, 1853	GONE FOR 1 YR. 10 MOS. 24 DAYS

SEE MAP OF HIS TRAVELS AND
PORTRAIT OF HIS FAMILY.

Nimrod Leslie Waters (8) was the son of George (16) [b. 9/30/1795, d. 9/21/1869] and Mary Polly (Clark) [b. 5/1/1799, d. 9/30/1846] Waters. He was born on July 16, 1826 and died September 8, 1901. His wife Mary (Bettie) Elizabeth Alford was born July 5, 1834, and died March 6, 1928. They were married September 28, 1852, and had three sons: Timothy Waters (8/1) [b. 10/1/1853, d. 3/25/1935]; Stephen Albert Waters (4) [b. 3/29/1858, d. 3/27/1946]; and William Thompson Waters (8/3) [b. 7/31/1868, d. 10/27/1955]. His brothers and sisters were Nancy Jane (Waters) Briggs, Samuels, and Biggs (16/1); Sarah (Sally Ann) (Waters) Harris (16/3); Julia (Waters) Jackson (16/4); Polly Berlinia (Waters) Waters (16/5); George Washington Waters (16/6); Emily (Waters) Wilson (16/7); Edwin Carney Waters (16/8); Irene (Waters) Ogle (16/9); Cornelia P. (Waters) Poore (16/10); and Diannia (Waters) Cummins (16/11).

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CALIFORNIA GOLD SEEKERS
1850
DIARY 1850
ROME ROMULUS
BOTANY BENEDICTIONS
WISDOM WILLIAM WELN
KNOWLEDGE H. TIMOTHY
F Y T T T F
RALLS COUNTY MO
NIMROD WATE

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OD WATERS'S PROPERTY PREFACE
1850 SHINING HOUR
BUSY BEE IMPROVE EACH
FROM EVERY OPENING FLOWER
C H I H I P N H O P 2
FORNIA CALIFORNIA
GOLD MINING
YUBA COUNTY CALA'
SALLY A. WATERS SARAPATA I. BROWN
MARY P. WATERS SARAH E. BROWN
GEORGE W. WATERS LOUISA A. BROWN
DELIA SUTTON
L. N. SUTTON

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AND NOTES
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NIMROD WATERS JOURNAL PAGE 1
MARCH 25TH AD 1850
RALLS COUNTY MO
PATIENCE
A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE COMPANY WHICH STARTED
FROM RALLS FOR CALIFORNIA ON THE LAST WEEK OF
MARCH 1850

PAGE NUMBERS
ADDED

----- WM B. NORTON
LETTERS WRITTEN THOMAS N.D.ROBINSON
S A WATERS APRIL 29" JOHN MASTON
G W BROWN----- THOMAS A. SPALDING
1852 JAMES F. HAGARS
SALMON CREEK 1851 NIMROD WATERS

BOYS FROM
RALLS COUNTY
MISSOURI
GOING TO
CALIFORNIA

LETTERS RECD. JOHN S. BRISCOE
MONDAY OCT 28" 1850 F PAREMAS BRISCOE
DATED JUNE THE 29"/50 APRIL THE 1ST 185
JAN 21ST/51 FROM FATHER
DATED OCT 21ST 50----- JOHN MASTON MARCH 29"
MARCH 7TH/51 FROM F & M ----- APRIL 30
DATED NOV THE 10 & 11/50 FROM JULIA DATE MAY
JUNE THE 9 THEN ONE JULY THE 16" NEE
FROM FATHER DATED JAN THE FROM FATHER SEPT 13----
24"/51 ONE FROM FATHER & DATE JULY THE 2"/5
DATED MARCH 13"/51 FROM W.L. WATERS DATE
THE OTHER FROM SA & F JULY THE 8 & 18" RECD
DATED APRIL 20"/51 SEPT 25/51

AND

LETTERS
RECEIVED

A JOURNAL OF THE TRAVELS OF N WATERS PAGE 2
LEFT HOME THE 25th OF MARCH A D 1850 LEFT HOME
MARCH (IT BEING MONDAY ----- 1850 MARCH 25,1850
25th LEFT HOME ABOUT 10 O'CLOCK CROSSED SALT RIVER SALT RIVER
TIRE BROKE GOT TO BENJ SPALDING'S - COOL.
26th WENT FROM SPALDINGS TO J HAGAR'S - 6 MS
27th CAMPED ON INDIAN CREEK - 6 MS WEST INDIAN CREEK
28th CAMPED NEAR PINEBROOKE 15 MS MONROE CO
29th PASSED SHELBYVILLE - REACHED JACK HAGAR'S GOOD SHELBYVILLE,MO
LAND ROLING 20 MS
30th RESTED AT HAGAR'S WARM & PLEASANT-MADE A TENT VC
--RAIN IN EVE--
31ST CAMPED ON BILLY'S CREEK 10 MS EAST BLOOMINGTON
APRIL 1ST CAMPED ON GRAND CHARITON-PASSED BLOOMX POOR LAND CHARITONRIVER
ROLING
17 MS, THE LAND IN SHELBY COUNTY ON THE BLOOMINGTON ROAD IS
RICH & UNDULATING-SMALL TIMBER-NO ROCK FEW SPRINGS - MACON
COUNTY HAS UNDULATING LAND-BUT THIN-NO ROCK-THINLY SETTLED
APRIL
2ND CROSSED THE CHARITON & CAMPED ON THE MUSSEL FORK OF
CHARITON - RAIN ALL DAY - PRAIRIES QUITE BROKEN TUESDAY
3RD CAMPED 1/4 OF A MILE EAST OF EAST YELLOW RIVER WIND & SOME
4th RESTED WINDY FROM THE W. SOME RAIN & NICE THURSDAY
5th CAMPED ON LOCUST CREEK MUCH MUD, BRISCOE BROKE AR LOCUST CREEK
6th CAMPED ON 1 MILE N.W. OF CHILLICOTHE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CHILLICOTHE,MO
7th CAMPED ON EAST GRAND RIVER BETWEEN THE FORKS WOODS' GRAND RIVER
CROSSED MEDICINE RIVER AT WOOD'S FORD 4 MS NW OF CHILLICOTHE
LIVINGSTON COUNTY
CROSSED MEDICINE RIVER AT COX'S MILE - MACON COUNTY
ON THE BLOOMINGTON ROAD IS VERY POOR & BROKEN, SO IS THE
EASTERN PART OF LINN LIVINGSTON IS GOOD MUCH PRAIRIE
8th CAMPED IN THE SW CORNER OF GRUNDY COUNTY
NICE PRAIRIE PASSED THROUGH SPRING HILL IN MORN
9th CAMPED IN THE N.E. PART OF DAVIES COUNTY DRY
10th CAMPED 6 MS. W OF PATTONS'BURG - VERY BAD ROADS PATTONSBURG,MO
11th CAMPED ON THE WEST BANKS OF W. FORK OF
GRAND RIVER IN SIGHT OF GENTRYVILLE GENTRY CO GENTRYVILLE,MO
FOUND GRAIN VERY SCARCE - LAND GOOD TIMBER VERY SCARCE
CREEKS AND PRAIRIES DEEP & MUDAY GENERALLY NO ROCK

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12th CAMPED IN ANDREW COUNTY EAST OF PLATTE RIVER
AFTER CROSSING A 22 MILE PRAIRIE WHICH IS VERY BROKEN
COLD AND VERY WINDY ROADS VERY GOOD-PRAIRIES HIGH DRY AND ROLLING
13th CAMPED ABOUT 10 MS E. OF SAVANNA ANDREW CO, SAVANNAH, MO
IN THE EV I WENT TO ST JO. (CAMPED IN AN OLD HOUSE
BELONGING TO BROWN
14th RESTED IN THE SAME PLACE SLEET IN MORN & COOL
LAND ON THE PLATTE IS GOOD THE PRAIRIES PRODUCE
?HUMPS? - TIMBER SCARCE - NO ROCKS - NO GRASS AT ALL UNREADABLE
15 RESTED CLEAR AND PRETTY WEATHER - MONDAY WORDS ARE
16th DO- RAIN ALL DAY WIND FROM NE. MARKED ??
17 MOVED ON THE THIRD FORK OF THE PLATTE DE CALB CO.

18" RESTED MUDDY & CLOUDY WIND FROM NE.
 19" DO--- CORN VERY SCARCE & HIGH. NO HAY
 20 DO INDIFFERENT HOUSES GOOD LAND ROLING
 21" DO COUDY & MISTY ALSO COOL WIND N.E. SUNDAY
 22" CLEAR & WINDY VERY COLD. I WENT TO BUY CORN IN ANDREW CO. TRAVELING
 23" GROUND FROZEN IN MORN. HARD ENOUGH TO BEAR A WAGON WITH WAGON
 24= MOVED TO HACKBERRY RIDGE ANDREW CO. MO. WARM & CLEAR
 25" RESTED--THE LAND IN THIS COUNTY GENERALLY VERY RICH
 BT CORN OF SLAUGHTER 70 CTS PER BU
 26" WENT TO ST JO FOR FLOUR ETC. WARM & PLEASANT
 27" RETURNED TO CAMPS-(17MS) FROM ST JO - THUNDER & RAIN
 PLEASANT IN NIGHT
 28" CROSSED THE MISSOURI RIVER AT ELIZABETH TOWN 10MS ABOVE AT WHAT IS NOW
 ST. JO & CAMPED 3 MS FROM THE FERRY IN THE BOTTOM AMAZONIA, MO.
 29" RESTED-COOL DRY & WINDY-PRAIRIES COMES TO THE BOTTOM
 ON WEST SIDE OF RIVER KANSAS
 30" RESTED BUSHES IN THE BOTTOMS VERY WINDY & COOL
 MAY 1ST STARTED ACROSS THE PLAINS. CAMPED ON WOLF RIVER 18 MS WOLF
 2" CAMPED 15 MS N OF WOLF RIVER-VERY BROKEN LAND _RAIN_ RIVER
 3" CAMPED 20 MS N. VERY GOOD PRAIRIE NO TIMBER
 4" CAMPED ON THE NINI HAWE RIVER 25 MS /78/ NEMAHA
 EXCEEDINGLY DRY & COLD NO GRASS GOOD ROADS GENERALLY RIVER
 5" CAMPED AFTER A GOOD DAYS DRIVE 1/2 E OF BLUE RIVER
 RAIN ALL NIGHT-ROADS VERY MUDDY-SOME MUDHOLES
 6" CAMPED 18 MS N OF WEST OF BLUE RIVER - COLD NIGHTS BIG BLUE
 7" AFTER TRAVELING ABOUT 20 MS CAMPED-NIGHTS GENERALLY COLD RIVER
 8 CAMPED ON THE WATERS OF SANDY TRIBUTARY OF BLUE

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MAY THE 9" TRAVELED ABOUT 20 MS N. W.
 10" MADE ABOUT THE SAME DISTANCE CAMPED
 ON LITTLE BLUE - BIG & LITTLE BLUE ARE LITTLE
 VERY PRETTY STREAMS GOOD STREAMS FOR BLUE RIVER
 MILES -- SUPPORTED BY SPRINGS -- NO ROCKS
 MUCH SAND AND GRAVEL
 11" CAMED? OF LITTLE BLUE N W NEBRASKA
 12" RESTED WARM & DRY - FOUND GRASS BY
 GOING 4"MS N.E. AROUND A POND 36 HUNDRED
 YARDS IN CIRCUMFERENCE-ANTELOPES-PRAIRIE
 WOLVES - PRAIRIE SQUIRRELS - SOME BUFFALO
 BIG RABBITS SANDY LAND - NO TIMBER ONLY
 ALONG THE CIRCLES OF RIVERS - SCRUBBY-----
 13" TRAVELED TO THE HEAD OF LITTLE BLUE & CAMPED
 14" CAMPED IN PLATTE BOTTOM 6 MS BELOW F. KEARNEY. FT. KEARNEY
 WE CAME TO THE PLATTE BOTTOMS ABOUT 12 O'CLOCK
 MAKING THE TRIP IN 12 1/2 DAYS FROM THE MO RIVER
 15" MOVED ABOUT ABOVE THE FT 2MS & CAMPED
 REMARKS ON THE WEATHER - MOST OF THE TIME TILL
 THE 12" HAS BEEN COLD ONLY ABOUT 1 IN THE EVE
 THEN VERY WARM - SINCE THE 12" IT HAS BEEN
 VERY WARM MOST OF THE DAY - THE AIR IS GENERALLY
 COLD-IT GENERALLY TURNS COLD BEFORE MIDNIGHT
 THE WEATHER IS VERY DRY 2 RAINS FROM THE 1ST OF MONTH.
 REMARKS ON THE SAME TIMBER ETC

THE LAND FROM THE MO. RIVER TO THE MISSION
ABOUT 35 MS FROM ST JO IS VERY BROKEN
FROM THE MISSION ON ABOUT 100 MS IS VERY GOOD
NOT SO BROKEN - THE LAND FROM THE BLUE
TO THE PLATTE IS VERY SANDY & DRY
TIMBER IS CONFINED TO THE WATER COURSES & VERY
LITTLE AT THAT. IT CONSISTS OF COTTONWOOD BUR
OAK MAPLE ETC. GAME CONSISTS OF SOME
BUFFALO ELK ANTELOPE BIG RABBITS ETC.

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MAY 16" CAMPED NEAR THE BANKS OF THE PLATTE
GRASS SCARCE

17" CAMPED AFTER A GOOD DAY'S DRIVE ON THE
BANKS OF THE PLATTE SOME GRASS BLUFFS ARE
HIGH & INDENTED IN MANY WAYS DRY AND WARM
18" AFTER MAKING A LONG DRIVE CAMPED WITHOUT
MUCH GRASS

19" CAMPED ON ASH HOLLOW GOOD GRASS QUITE
WARM & DRY- THE BOTTOM HERE IS 2 MS WIDE.
CEDAR TREES GROW ON THE ISLANDS OF THE RIVER
& IN THE BLUFFS - THUNDER IN EVE & SOME
DROPS OF RAIN - TIMBER CONSISTS OF CEDAR ELM
COTTONWOOD & MAPLE WITH SOME ASH & WILLOW
NO ROCK-A FEW SPRINGS - 90 MS FROM THE FT

ASH HOLLOW

20" LEFT CAMP AT 10'O'CLOCK & CAMPED ON A
SECOND BOTTOM OF THE PLATTE - SAW MANY WAGONS
& SOME HORSES STAMPEED - STILL DRY & DUSTY

21" TUESDAY-LEFT THE BOTTOM OF THE PLATTE FOR THE
FIRST TIME - HAD BUFFALO MEAT FOR SUPPER SAW
MANY BUFFALO ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE RIVER
CAMPED IN THE BOTTOM - GRASS SCARCE

BUFFALO

22ND CAMPED 10 MS BELOW THE CROSSING OF THE
S. P. AFTER A GOOD DAYS DRIVE ON THE HILLS

23RD AFTER DRIVING TO THE CROSSING - IN MORN WE
CROSSED BETWEEN 12 & 1 O'CLOCK - THE RIVER HERE IS
ALMOST 3/4 OF A MILE IN WIDTH-3 FEET IN DEPTH AT THE
DEEPEST PLACE-HARD PULLING-NOW WE FILL OUR
VESSELS WITH WATER & START AT 1/2 PAST 1 FOR THE
N.P. HAVE IN SIGHT BEFORE WE WERE THINKING
OF IT - REACHED THE RIVER BY THE GOING DOWN
OF THE SUN - BY GOING DOWN ASH HOLLOW HERE
WE CAMPED-SAW WAGONS ON THE N SIDE OF THE RIVER
FROM THE FORKS TO THE CROSSING 40 OR 50 MS-ACROSS
16 OR 18 MS TO ASH HOLLOW.

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SOME SCRUBBY TIMBERS AT THE MOUTH OF ASH H----
24 ' ' AFTER DRIVING 5 OR 6 MS FOUND GOOD GRASS - HERE WE
REMAINED TILL 12" O'CLOCK - PASSED IN THE EVE
A VERY SANDY ROAD & 2 INDIAN VILLAGES &
CAMPED ON THE BANKS OF THE P. DRY SANDY AND DUSTY
FOR ABOUT A WEEK IT HAS THUNDERED & LIGHTENING
IN THE NIGHT BUT NO RAIN

25" THIS DAY THE ROADS HAVE BEEN GOOD SANDY IN PLACES - CAMPED AFTER A GOOD DRIVE ON THE RIVER IT BEGINS TO THUNDER THE WIND TURNS FROM THE N.W. THE WAVES ROLL HIGH - WAGONS ARE TURNED AROUND HATS ARE BLOWN OFF - ALL FIXING FOR THE STORM BUT IT ALL BLOWS OVER WITHOUT RAIN SATURDAY NO TIMBER SINCE LEAVING A.H. NOR BRUSH OF ANY KIND - SAW SOME GROVES OF CEDAR TIMBER ON THE HILLS-NO BUFFALO CHIPS NOR GAME-GRASS GETTING LONGER

26" MOVED FROM CAMP BEFORE BRAKFAST-5 OR 6 MS-MOVED IN EVE. & CAMPED NEAR THE HILLS IN SIGHT OF THE COURT HOUSE RAIN IN THE EVE LAND VERY SANDY

COURT
HOUSE
ROCK
CHIMNEY
ROCK

27" CAMPED 1 MILE & 1/2 N W OF CHIMNEY ROCK - FROM THE COURT HOUSE TO CHIMNEY ROCK 16 MS GOOD GRASS

28"CAMPED IN A VALLEY ABOVE SCOTTS BLUFFS 18 MS-NEAR THESE BLUFFS THE ROAD TAKES A CIRCUIT ON THE UPLAND

5 MS FROM THE TURNOFF IS A GOOD SPRING - NO TIMBER FROM ASH HOLLOW TO SCOTT'S BLUFFS - ONLY AT A DISTANCE ON THE HILLS MAY BE SEEN SOME SCRUBBY CEDAR - NO WILLOW

29" CAMPED IN THE BOTTOM AFTER A GOOD DAY'S DRIVE FROM THE ABOVE NAMED SPRING TO HORSE CREEK 9 MS THENCE 1 MILE TO THE RIVER

WYOMING
HORSE
CREEK

30" RESTED - WASHED & SICKNESS IN CAMP

31" LEFT CAMP EARLY IN MORN & AFTER CROSSING OF SOME HILLS ETC. CROSSED LARAMIE RIVER AT 1/2 PAST 2 O'CLOCK IN EVE PASSED THE FT & CAMPED 4 OR 5 MS W OF IT PLENTY OF PRICKLEY PEAR GROUND COVER IN SOME PLACES TOOK THE BLACK HILL ROUTE.

LARAMIE RIVER
FORT
LARAMIE

JUNE A. D. 1850

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1ST CAMPED ON A TRIBUTARY OF THE PLATTE RIVER IN EVE CAMPED NEAR A GROVE OF TIMBER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LEAVING THE FORKS OF THE P. HERE PINE & CEDAR ABOUND ON THE HILLS - SOME COTTON WOOD IN THE BOTTOMS GROUND MORE GRAVELLY & ROCKY

2" CAMPED ON HORSE SHOE CREEK - RAIN AT NOON THE COUNTRY IS VERY BROKEN ROUND ROCK ETC. HERE WE FIND PLENTY OF WILD SAGE - IT HAS BEEN MAKING ITS APPERANCE FOR SEVERAL DAYS

HORSE SHOE
CREEK

3RD CAMPED ON LABONTE RIVER - REACHED THE ROAD COMING UP THE RIVER AT 1 O'CLOCK - RAIN IN EVE

LABONTE
RIVER

4" CAMPED ON BOX ELDER CREEK - MUDDY ROADS PASSED OVER RED CLAY-BEFORE REACHING THE RIVER(PLATTE)

BOX ELDER
CREEK

5" CAMPED 12 MS BELOW THE FERRY GOOD ROADS

6" CROSSED THE PLATTE AT 3 O'CLOCK & CAMPED 1 MILE & 1/2 W OF THE FERRY-THERE WERE 4 FERRY BOATS

7" WITH OUR WATER VESSELS FILLED WE STARTED FOR WILLOW SPRINGS 30 MS - ALAKALI SPRINGS ON THE WAY WHICH ARE POISONOUS-NO GRASS ON THE WAY

8" CAMPED AT INDEPENDENCE ROCK 36 MS FROM WILLOW SPRINGS-FROM W.S. TO SWEET WATER 21 MS

INDEPENDENCE
ROCK

THENCE TO IND.ROCK 4 MS(IND ROCK STANDS ALONE IN VALLEY)
9" SUNDAY-RESTED FOUND GRASS W OF THE ROCK MANY WAGONS PASSED DURING THE DAY- A SHOWER IN EVENING

10" CAMPED 1 MILE & 1/2 W. OF SAGE CREEK ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER - HERE THE BLUFFS ARE VERY HIGH - COMPOSED OF ROCK BROKEN IN MANY WAYS THIS DAY WE PASSED DEVILS GATE 5 MS ABOVE INDEPENDENCE ROCK
 11" LEFT CAMP EARLY IN MORN. STOPPED TO SWIM AT THE 2ND CROSSING OF THE RIVER BUT WE TOOK THE LEFT HAND ROAD & CAMPED IN SIGHT OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS ABOUT 3 O'CLOCK P.M. & CAMPED MIDWAY BETWEEN THE BLUFFS VERY SANDY ROADS
 12" CAMPED WHERE THE ROADS LEAVES THE RIVER FOR THE HILLS FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR ANY DISTANCE.

SAGE CREEK
 DEVILS GATE
 SAW ROCKY MOUNTAINS

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SICKNESS COMMENCED OVER MOUNTAINS

13" AFTER GOING OVER THE HILLS/WE CROSSED SWEET WATER FOR THE LAST TIME & CAMPED 3 MS FROM THE FORD COLD
 14" PASSED THE FAMOUS SOUTH PASS THIS DAY A.M. IT IS SO NEAR LEVELL THAT I COULD SCARCELY TELL THE CORRECT SUMMITT-CAMPED 3 MS BELOW THE CROSSING OF THE PACIFIC BRANCH-GOOD GRASS-RAIN IN EVENING COLD W.B.NORTON JAMES J.F.HAGAR T.N.ROBINSON & T.A.SPALDING SICK
 15" CAMPED ON LITTLE SANDY - NO GRASS - SALT LAKE NOW TURNS TO THE LEFT 6MS E OF LITTLE SANDY COLD & WINDY
 16" DROVE FROM LITTLE SANDY TO BIG SANDY & CAMPED (6 MS) HERE WE RESTED THE BALANCE OF THE DAY COLD BOYS GETTING BETTER
 17" RESTED SNOW STORM IN MORN-VERY COLD-GOOD GRASS
 18" STARTED FOR GREEN RIVER AT THE RISING OF THE SUN & REACHED IT AT 9 O'CLOCK (43 MS) FIRST PART OF THE ROAD IS GOOD LATTER PART BROKEN-SNOW STAID ON TILL 10 O'CLOCK WHICH FELL LAST NIGHT-SAW SOME DEAD CATTLE
 19" FOUND THE RIVER PAST FORDING - GOT ACROSS AT THE UPPER FERRY - DROVE IN EVE ABOUT 7 MS & CAMPED WE HAD TO SWIM OUR HORSES - WATER VERY COLD SAW A NEGRO MAN DROWN IN GREEN RIVER
 20" NOW WE COME AMONGST HILLS FOR ?YOU? - MADE A A DRIVE OF 18 MS TODAY THE RIDGES ARE PERFECTLY BARREN & ROCKY
 (21" CAMPED ON THE TOP OF) ONE OF THE WORST HILLS (-FOR SUBLETTIS CUT-OFF TO GO UP--)
 21" CAMPED ON THE SIDE OF A MOUNTAIN (20 MS)
 22" CAMPED ON THE TOP OF A MOUNTAIN IT BEING THE WORST HILL TO ASCEND ON SUBLETTIS CUT-OFF GOOD GRASS TO FAR
 23 CAMPED ON BEAR RIVER - HERE IS THE BEST GRASS WE HAVE FOUND ON THE WAY
 24" RESTED QUITE WARM -- WATER IS QUITE PLENTIFUL AS BANKS OF SNOW ARE ALL THE TIME IN VIEW - NO WATER BETWEEN BIG SANDY & GREEN RIVER FROM THE 13" TO THE 20" WE HAVE HAD TO WEAR OUR BLANKET COATS & MITTENS

GREEN RIVER

(MARKED OUT)

BEAR RIVER

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(23" JUNE)

24" JUNE CAMPED ON BEAR RIVER AFTER CROSSING
2 FORDS OF THE BEAR & 2 BAD MOUNTAINS - THE SECOND
MOUNTAIN BEING THE WORSE, MOSQUITOES PLENTY

25" THIS DAY WE CROSSED A SMALL RIDGE & CAMPED
ON THE BEAR - GRASS GOOD

26" PASSED SODA SPRINGS & THE _OLE CRATER_
AT 2 O'CLOCK WE CAME TO THE FORKS OF THE
ROAD THE LEFT BEING GREEN WOODS CUT-OFF THE
RIGHT THE FORT HALL ROAD WE TOOK THE RIGHT
CAMPED ON A TRIBUTARY OF BEAR RIVER

IDAHO
SODA SPRINGS

27" CROSSED IN THE EVENING THE DIVIDING RIDGE
BETWEEN BEAR RIVER & THE WATERS OF THE
COLUMBIA & CAMPED, GRASS GENERALLY FINE IN THIS REGION

FT. HALL
FT. LOWERING

28" CAMPED BETWEEN FT. HALL & FT. LOWERING THE
LATTER FORT IS A U S POST IT IS ABOUT 6 MS
ABOVE FT. HALL - CROSSED MUCH SAND IN EVE
CROSSED A SMALL STREAM & CAMPED---

29" PASSED FT HALL - IN MORN THIS POST IS BUILT
OF SUNBURNT BRICK - IT BELONGS TO THE
HUDSON BAY COMPANY & IS ONLY A TRAINING
POST - IT IS SITUATED ON SNAKE OR LEWIS RIVER
CROSSED PORTNEUFF RIVER IN EVE BY PACKING
OUR THINGS ACROSS ON OUR HORSES CAMPED
ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER (10 MS)

PORTNEUF
RIVER

30" SUNDAY MOVE ABOUT (6 MS) CAMPED
IN THE BOTTOM OF PORTSMUFF RIVER (GRASS
MOSQUITOES PLENTY - COOL IN MORN WARM
DAYS - JOHN BRISCOE SICK - SUN SHINES
EXTREMELY HOT DURING THE DAY BUT AT NIGHT
THE AIR BECOMES COOL OWING TO THE TOPS
OF THE MOUNTAINS BEING COVERED WITH
SNOW - MOSQUITOES VERY BAD

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1ST THIS DAY WE DROVE A FEW MILES & CAMPED ON THE ACCOUNT
OF SICKNESS, JOHN BRISCOE SICK, CAMPED ON A HIGH BANK -
GRASS BEING IN THE LOW BOTTOMS

2" MOVED OUT EARLY & PASSED THE AMERICAN FALLS OF LEWIS
OR SNAKE RIVER AT 1 O'CLOCK - THE RIVER HERE IS NEAR
1/4 OF A MILE IN WIDTH RUNNING SWIFT ALL THE WAY
CAMPED ON LEWIS RIVER

AMERICAN
FALLS ON
SNAKE RIVER

3" CAMPED ON RAFT RIVER GOOD GRASS - PARTED THE OREGON
ROAD THIS DAY AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M. IT TURNING TO THE RIGHT ON
RAFT RIVER TO CROSS THIS RIVER WE HAD TO MAKE A BRIDGE OF
OUR LARIETS-CAMPED AT THE COMING TOGETHER OF THE FT. HALL
ROAD & THE CUT OFF-THE CUT OFF IS 20 OR 30 MS NEARER

LEFT OREGON
TRAIL
RAFT RIVER

5" CAMPED 2 MS BEYOND THE COMING TOGETHER OF THE
FT HALL & SALT LAKE ROADS-WE ASCENDED GRADUALLY TO THE
SUMMIT OF THE GREAT BASIN - THE ASSENT AND DESCENT
BEING VERY GRADUAL

6" NOW WE START FOR GOOSE CREEK WHICH WE REACHED
BY NOON BY PASSING OVER SOME VERY BAD HILLS ONE
WE CAME DOWN CALLED THE "HOUSE TOP" WE CONTINUED
GOOSE CREK 10 MS & CAMPED -----GRASS

GOOSE
CREEK

7" AFTER ASCENDING GOOSE CREEK SOME 7 OR 8 MS WE
CAME TO A CANON THE CREEK RUNNING TO THE E WE
KEPT UP THIS CANON 2 OR 3 MS TOOK IN WATER &
LEFT THE CREEK IT BEING 15 MS WITHOUT WATER
CAMPED IN THOUSAND SPRING VALLEY

8" CAMPED IN COLD WATER VALLEY, A HOT SPRING
BEING NEAR

9" WE ARE NOW ON THE HEAD OF MARY'S RIVER FROM
THIS TILL THE 17" I CAN'T RECOLLECT THE PARTICU-
LARS ONLY GRASS HAS BEEN FOUND BY CROSSING SWAMPS
ON THE RIVER-THERE HAS BEEN NO NECESSITY FOR HALLING
WATER ALONG THE RIVER - THE ROAD LEAVES THE RIVER
& TAKES THE HILLS 3 TIMES 1ST 8 OR 9 MS 2"18 MS
THERE IS A SPRING MIDWAY THIS RIVER 3" 9 OR 10 MS

THOUSAND
SPRING
VALLEY
MARY'S
RIVER

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THE CAUSE OF MY SICKNESS BEING, ON THE NIGHT OF THE 1ST THE
I TOOK MY BLANKET AND LAID DOWN IN THE GRASS TO KEEP
FROM THE MOSQUITOES THEY BEING VERY ANNOYANCE, I GOT OFF
MY BLANKET . THE GROUND WAS DAMP AND I TOOK COLD

CAUGHT
COLD

17" WE FIND ALL HANDS FIXING FOR THE DESERT
WHICH IS SAID TO BE ABOUT 20 MS OFF

WE ARE PREPARING TOO - WEATHER WARM AT NOON

18"RESTED TILL EVENING-STORED AWAY OUR HAY-DROVE
TO THE RIVER WHERE WE LEARNED THAT THE
SINK IS 150 MS AHEAD - SADLY DISAPPOINTED

19" CAMPED ON A TRIBUTARY OF THE HUMBOLT
WHICH COMES IN FROM THE N. W. - THIS EVE
FOR THE FIRST TIME WE DROVE TILL IN THE NIGHT

20"MADE AN EARLY START- THE ROAD AFTER CROSSIN
=G THE TRIBUTARY ABOVE NAMED PASSES BETWEEN
2 MOUNTAINS ROCKY ROAD - ENTERED SAND PLAINS
CAMPED ON THE HUMBOLT-GOT GOOD GRASS &
PLENTY TOO BY CUTTING, IN A KIND OF SWAMP

HUMBOLT
RIVER

--?-- WILLOWS AROUND

21ST PASSED SAND PLAINS 25 MS LONG - HARD PULLING
CAMPED AGAIN ON THE HUMBOLT LITTLE
GRASS - FUEL IS QUITE SCARCE.

22" THE BANKS OF THE RIVER ARE QUITE HIGH
LOW BOTTOMS AND QUITE NARROW - GRASS IS MINUS
CAMPED TILL MIDNIGHT ON HUMBOLT

23" STARTED AT MIDNIGHT TOUCHED ON THE RIVER 2 OR 3 TIMES DROVE TILL MIDNIGHT
OUT OF SIGHT OF SNOW FOR
& GOT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF GRASS THE FIRST TIME
BY LEAVING THE OLD ROAD & CROSSING A FOR SOME
SLOUGH FROM OLD ROAD TO THE GRASS DISTANCE
6 OR 8 MS THE GROUND

NOTES
ALONG
SIDE

24"RESTED TILL EVE & DROVE TO THE LOWER IN MANY PLACES
PART OF THE GRASS THERE ARE THOUSANDS IS COVERED WITH
OF ACRES OF GRASS MOSTLY IN THE WATER CRUST NOT
FROM 3 INCHES TO 2 FEET DEEP. ENOUGH TO BEAR

25" RESTED - OUR HORSES LOOK BADLY UP A MULE

26"THIS DAY WE CUT GRASS FOR THE DESERT ON -----

A PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO WATER GRASS CATTLE LOW
IS PLENTY WATER GOOD-WHICH IS A SLOUGH PITIOUSLY
NEAR BY ON THE 10TH INST WE CROSSED THE HEAD
WATERS OF THE HUMBOLT

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WE ARE NOW OUT OF SIGHT OF SNOW - & WERE ONE
DAYS BACK

27TH THIS EVE AT 4 O'CLOCK WE START FOR THE SINK FROM
THE MEADOW AS THE PLACE WHERE GRASS CUT & PREPARED
FOR THE DESERT IS CALLED THE MEADOW -
WE DROVE TILL SUNDOWN & FED THEM DOWN TILL NEAR
MIDNIGHT & CAME TO A SULPHUR WELL & HERE WE
REMAINED TILL MORNING

28TH SUNDAY - STARTED FOR THE SINK REACHED IT AT
ABOUT 11TH-THOUSANDS OF ACERS OF LAND ARE PERFECTLY
DESTITUTE OF VEGETATION OF ANY KIND-THE TOP OF
THE GROUND BEING COVERED WITH A CRUST-WHICH IN
SOME PLACES IS HARD ENOUGH TO BEAR THE WEIGHT OF A
HORSE - AT FOUR THIS EVE WE START FOR THE DESERT
AT SUNDOWN WE CROSS A SLOUGH WHICH MAKES FROM THE
OLD SINK (AS THE RIVER IS VERY HIGH)-STOPPED AT DARK
& FED - THEN DROVE TILL MIDNIGHT & FED AGAIN--

DESERT

29TH STARTED AFTER RESTING AWHILE & DROVE TILL DAY-STOPPED
AGAIN FED & WATERED - PASSED SOME SAND LAST NIGHT
ON WE GO PASSED SOME SAND AGAIN THIS MORN - AT 11
WE REACHED THE SANDY PART OF THE ROAD OF 12 MS
WHICH IS VERY BAD-THE ROAD HERE TURNS TO THE SW
THE OTHER PART OF THE ROAD TURNS TO THE S--
WE DROVE OUR WAGON 3 MS OF A SPRING ON THE
LEFT OF THE ROAD 4 MS FROM THE RIVER-THEN WENT BACK
WITH A NEW TEAM & AT SUNDOWN REACHED THE
RIVER DROVE 2 OR 3 MS ABOVE & CAMPED
SAW MANY MEN SUFFERING FOR WATER & ETC.

30TH DROVE A FEW MILES ABOVE THIS MORN FOUND
GOOD GRASS RESTED ALL DAY-ON CARSON'S RIVER
WE FIND SCATTERING COTTON-WOOD TREES UNDER WHICH
THE WEARY TRAVELER CAN REPOSE HIMSELF IN
THE SHADOW OF WHICH IS & HAS BEEN AN UNCOMMON
OCCURANCE

CARSON'S
RIVER

DESERT
COMMENTS

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WE ARE NOW AWAY FROM THE HUMBOLT
WHICH WE FOLLOWED DOWN 300 MS - ON THE
W SIDE IT BEING TOO HIGH TO FORD - THIS IS ONE
OF THE CROOKEDEST RIVERS I EVER SAW-NO TIMBER
ON ITS BANKS BUT WILLOW-THE WATER &
GRASS ARE NOT GOOD FOR MAN OR ANIMALS-HUNDREDS
OF DEAD HORSES ARE SEEN ON THE WAY SOME
DEAD CATTLE & MULES --WE HAVE PASSED THE
SINK WHICH IS DESPERATE PART OF
THE WORLD & THE DESERT IS WORSE- FROM
THE OLD SINK TO CARSON'S RIVER IS 50 MS
HORSE TEAMS SHOULD START AT 12 O'CLOCK

DEAD
HORSES

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE TRIP BY THE
 RISING OF THE SUN--THE ROAD FROM THE
 SINK TO C R IS GENERALLY GOOD EXCEPT
 12 MS OF THE LATTER PART WHICH IS SANDY
 HUNDREDS OF WAGONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
 LEFT ON THE DESERT HOW MANY WILL BE
 LEFT BEFORE THE IMIGRATION IS DONE COM=
 -ING - THE DAYS FROM 9 TILL 4 ARE HOT
 SOMETIMES WINDY IN EVENING
 31ST RESTED TILL 4 IN THE EVE. WHEN WE START ACROSS
 A 15 MILE DESERT-GOT ACROSS ABOUT MIDNIGHT
 THE FIRST PART OF THIS DESERT IS ROCKY & ROUGH
 THE LATTER PART SANDY---
 AUGUST THE 1ST ANNO DOMINO 1850-RESTED THIS
 DAY TILL 4" AGAIN & START ACROSS THE NEXT DESERT
 OF 26" MILES TRAVELED TILL MIDNIGHT STOPPED & FED
 & RESTED 3 HOURS REACHED THE RIVER AT 8 DROVE
 UP THE RIVER 4 OR 5 MS & FOUND GRASS OVER THE
 RIVER-THIS DESERT IS SMOOTHER THAN THE LAST
 BUT FEW ROCKS NO VERY BAD SAND
 2" RESTED ALL DAY & NIGHT BEING TIRED OF TRAVEL=
 LING IN THE NIGHT - QUITE WINDY IN EVE

WAGONS
 ABANDONED

THE DESERT WAS ALMOST ILLUMINATED WITH THE
 BURNING OF DESERTED WAGONS
 WHAT A FINE PLACE TO BOIL A COFFEE POT IT
 IS ON A HUB OF A DESERTED WAGON
 ALL KINDS OF WAGONS HARNESS ?O?TING
 _CHAINS LEFT BY IMIGRANTS _
 I COUNTED 85 DEAD HORSES IN ONE DAY ON THE
 HUMBOLT RIVER - 1867 OCT

PENCIL
 NOTES
 WRITTEN
 ON PAGE
 MUST HAVE
 BEEN WRITTEN
 LATER IN
 OCTOBER 1867

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3" NOW A 12 MILE DESERT WHICH WE STRIK ON
 GOING 3 MS. THIS DESERT IS VERY ROCKY & ROUGH
 GET ACROSS BY NOON - IN EVE WE CROSS A
 SIX MILE DESERT WHICH IS SANDY WE CAMPED
 ON GOOD GRASS - WE ARE NOW ACROSS ALL THE
 DESERT ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS
 4" DROVE 10 OR 12 MS & STOPPED TO REST IN CARSON'S
 VALLEY GOOD GRASS WE NOW INTEND TO FIX FOR
 PACKING IN THE MORNING-150 MILES TO SACRAMENTO CITY
 WE NOW HAVE A PLEASANT VALLEY ON OUR LEFT
 AND TIMBER ON OUR RIGHT - MOUNTAINS ON RIGHT
 5" FIXED IN MORN FOR PACKING-STARTED AT 11-
 & CAMPED AT THE MOUTH OF THE KANYON - MOUNT=
 AINS ARE QUITE HIGH
 6" PASSED THROUGH THE KANYON WHICH IS 8 MS LONG
 THE ROAD IS VERY ROUGH CROSSED THE RIVER 3 TIMES
 ON TEMPORARY BRIDGES-PASSED UP TO RW LAKE
 HEAD OF THE CARSON'S RIVER-HERE WE TOOK THE
 FIRST MOUNTAINS 3 OR 4 MS OVER TO A LAKE &
 CAMPED FOR THE NIGHT AFTER PASSING OVER SOME
 OF THE WORST ROADS I EVER SAW-

CARSON'S
 VALLEY

CANYON

RW LAKE

7" NOW FOR THE 2" MOUNTAIN -0 THE HIGHEST BUT NOT THE ROUGHER-ON THIS RANGE IS PLENTY OF SNOWS - BANKS OF IT ARE 5 OR 6 FEET HIGH ON THE SIDES OF THE ROADS-AT 9 IN MORN WE ARE ON THE TOP HERE THE EYE FIRST GREETES THE SACARMENTO VALLEY-AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE THE COUNTRY PRESENTS THE MOST RUGGED ASPECT - THROUGH THE LANDSCAPE IS ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE KIND - CAMPED ON LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD - GOOD GRASS

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

8" TRAVELED AS USUAL OVER A SUCCESSION OF RIDGES & CAMPED 2 1/2 MS. E OF LEEK SPRINGS SHORT GRASS

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA GOLD FIELDS

9" REACHED PLACERVILLE IN EVE. (HANGTOWN) SAW MANY MEN AT WORK DIGGING FOR GOLD

AUGUST THE 10" SOLD OUR HORSES IN MORN KEPT PAGE 15 OUR 2 MULES FOR PACKING - WENT TO CULLOMA

COLOMA, CALIFORNIA

ON THE WAY PASSED COLD SPRING FROM HANGTOWN TO CULLOMA 12 MS - TO SACRAMENTO CITY 45 OR 50 MS. THE SAME FROM CULLOMA - THIS TOWN IS ON THE S. F. OF THE AMERICAN FORK OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER

S.FORK OF AMERICAN RIVER GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA

11" TRAVELED 6 MS TOWARDS GEORGTOWN & HERE WE CAMPED FOR THE NIGHT - SUNDAY

12" PROSPECTED SOME & HUNTED FOR OUR MULES - CAMPED AT THE SAME PLACE

13" STARTED FOR DEER CREEK CROSSED THE MIDDLE FORK AT SPANISH BAR HILLS STEEP ON EACH SIDE CAMPED 2 OR 3 MS ON THE WAY FROM THE RIVER - THE WEATHER IS QUITE WARM AT THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY.

SPANISH BAR

14"

REMARKS ON THE WEATHER

AUG. QUITE WARM. SEPT. TILL THE 8" WARM RAIN THE 8" OF SEPT QUITE COOL UNTIL THE 22" THEN CLEAR IN THE DAY & WARM COOL AT NIGHTS - SOME RAIN IN OCT. COOL NIGHTS

FROM THE TIME I REACHED DEER CREEK (AUG 16" AD 1850 TILL OCT THE 20" I REMAINED NEAR NEVADA CITY

NEVADA CITY, AND ROUGH & READY, CALIFORNIA

OCT THE 25" (FRIDAY) 12 O'CLOCK I LEFT ROUGH & READY FOR THE STATES IN COMPANY WITH T BARKLEY JAMISON & I. WRIGBAUM. CROSSED BEAR RIVER

26" AT 12 O'CLOCK - REACHED NICHOLUS SAME DAY

NICOLAUS, CA., AMERICAN RIVER

27" REACHED THE AMERICAN RIVER

28" WENT INTO THE CITY IN MORN CONCLUDED NOT TO GO HOME ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHOLERA REMAINED HERE UNTIL FRIDAY & STARTED FOR REDDINS DIGGINGS, IN COMPANY WITH JOHN WRIGBAUM JOHN MILOR D McCANN AND OTHERS

REDDINGS

OCT. THE 31ST A.D. 1850 FRIDAY I STARTED FOR PAGE 16 REDDIN'S DIGGINGS CROSSED THE SACRAMENTO RIVER IN

EVE & CAMPED ON THE BANKS.

NOVEMBER 1ST 1850. WE GET READY & MAKE
A DRIVE OF 4 MILES I DRIVING A WAGON WITH
4 YOKE OF OXEN ATTACHED TO IT----

OX WAGON

2" THIS DAY WE REACHED CASH CREEK AFTER PASSING
THROUGH AN IMMENSE SWAMP COVERED WITH A
TALL WEED OR GRASS SIMILAR TO THE ?RUSH?
THE ROADS AR QUITE DUSTY & GOOD - NO
SIGNS OF RAIN YET.

CASH CREEK

19"OF NOV. WE REACH THE SPRINGS OR CHASTY
CITY LATE IN THE EVENING, IT RAINING HARD
THE ROAD UP FROM THE CITY IS VERY GOOD
RUNNING UP THE SCARAMENTO VALLEY TO RED
BLUFFS HERE THE ROAD TAKES AMONGST THE
HILLS SOME CROSSING COTTON WOOD & CLEAR CREEKS
FROM THE S CITY TO THE SPRINGS IS A DISTANCE
OF ABOUT 225 MILES. THE TIMBER ON THE RIVERS
IN THE VALLEY CONSISTS MOSTLY OF SCRUBBY OAK
NO ROCK BUT MUCH SAND & GRAVELL - IN MANY
PLACES THE WILD OATS GROWS IN AN ABUNDANCE
SACRAMENTO CITY IS SITUATED ON THE
SACRAMENTO RIVER BELOW THE FORKS - NICHOLUS
IS ON FEATHER RIVER 25 MILES ABOVE THE CITY
THE SPRINGS OR CHASTY CITY IS OUT AMONGST
THE HILLS 6 OR 7 MILES FROM THE RIVER
I CONTINUED TO WORK FOR WAGES TILL THE
10" OF DEC. I THEN WENT TO MINING ON
OLNEYS CREEK HERE I REMAINED TILL
THE LAST OF JAN. 1851.

SPRINGS OR
CHASTY CITY

RED BLUFF,
CALIFORNIA

RAIN. NOV. THE 19" THE FIRST RAIN FELL
IT RAINED OCCASIONALLY NEVER LONGER THAN
A WEEK AT A TIME NIGHTS COOL & FROSTY
DAYS GENERALLY WARM

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JANUARY THE 31ST (FRIDAY) 1851
I STARTED IN COMPANY WITH NINE OF THE
RALLS BOYS FOR SALMON RIVER THIS DAY WE
REACHED OAK VALLEY ON CLEAR CREEK
FEBY"THE 1ST 1851-----

OAK VALLEY
ON CLEAR
CREEK

WE TRAVEL UP THIS DAY TO THE UPPER
CROSSING OF CLEAR CREEK & CAMPED FOR THE
NIGHT

2" (SUNDAY) THIS DAY WE START OUT EARLY & CROSSED
THE TRINITY MOUNTAINS & REACHED THE VALLEY OF
THE TRINITY IN THE EVENING - FOUND SOME
SNOW ON THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS

TRINITY
MOUNTAINS

3RD CONTINUED DOWN THE TRINITY & CROSSED IT
THE VALLEYS ON THIS STREAM ARE QUITE SMALL
IN MANY PLACES THE RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT A
NARROW PLACE FORMING A KANYON

TRINITY
RIVER

4" CAMPED THIS EVENING ON FRENCH FLAT AFTER
PASSING THE MOUTH OF KANYON CREEK

FRENCH
FLAT

5" THIS MORNING EARLY IN THE DAY WE CAME

TO THE MOUTH OF THE NORTH FORK OF TRINITY
THESE MORNINGS HAVE BEEN QUITE FOGGY
WE CROSS OVER THE N F & CONTINUE UP IT A
FEW MILES TO THE FORKS - HERE WE TAKE THE
MOUNTAINS FOR 15 MILES THIS NIGHT WE CAMPED
ON THE MOUNTAINS

6" PASS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN THIS MORN TO
THE CREEK & CAMPED A FEW MILES UP IT
7" WE TRAVEL UP THE CREEK 3 MILES & TAKE
ANOTHER MOUNTAIN & CAMP NEAR THE
SUMMIT OF IT AFTER PASSING OVER MUCH
SNOW

8" CROSS OVER THE DIVIDING RIDGE & DOWN TO SALMON
CREEK. CONTINUED DOWN 3 OR 4 MILES & CAMPED

9" CROSSED THE S.F. & STARTED UP HEARD BAD NEWS
& TURNED DOWN & CAMPED ON THE S.F-----

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10" CONTINUED DOWN SALMON RIVER & CAMPED
FINDING NO PLACE TO WORK---

SALMON
RIVER

11" STARTED DOWN THE RIVER & TOOK A RIDGE
CROSSED OVER & DOWN TO THE RIVER HERE WE
CAMPED ON SALMON AGAIN

12" TRAVELED ON THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN IN THE
MORNING CAME TO THE RIVER AT NOON CROSSED OVER
THIS NIGHT WE CAMPED ON THE SIDE OF THE
MOUNTAINS DEER PLENTY

13" ONE OF THE BOYS KILLED A DEER THIS MORN
WE THEN START FOR THE FORKS OVER THE MOUNTAINS
CAMPED THIS EVE BELOW THE JUNCTION OF THE FORKS

14" CONTINUED IN CAMP SOME PROSPECTING ETC.

PROSPECTING

15" FOUND NOTHING PROMISING SEE MANY COMING
UP FROM THE BAY -- (GOLD BLUFFS)

16TH (SUNDAY) SEE NOTHING YET PROMISING

17TH STARTED IN COMPANY WITH JOHN ELLIS & WM
NORTON TO PROSPECT THE CLAMETH THIS DAY

KLAMATH RIVER
SALMON RIVER
FORKS OF
SALMON, CA.

WE CONTINUED DOWN SALMON CREEK FROM THE
JUNCTION OF THE N & S FORKS ABOUT 6 MS &
CROSSED THE CREEK & STARTED UP A MOUNTAIN
A WORSE MOUNTAIN THAN EVER WE THIS NIGHT WE
GOT MOST TO THE SUMMIT & CAMPED - ABOUT
SUNDOWN IT BEGAN TO SNOW & SNOWED ALL NIGHT

18TH STILL SNOWING THIS MORNING SNOWED SO DEEP THAT
WE COULD NOT SEE THE TRAIL SO WE TURNED
BACK & REACHED CAMP AT NIGHT

19TH WENT TO WORK RAINING BY SHOWERS

20TH MINING SNOWS OCCASIONALLY

21ST SOME OF THE BOYS WENT ON THE MOUNTAIN
TO HUNT - RAIN MOST OF THE DAY

22ND I MINED

23RD (SUNDAY) CLEARED OFF

24TH 25TH 26TH 27TH & 28TH CLEAR & WARM IN
THE DAY COOL AT NIGHTS - FROSTY MORNINGS

MARCH A. D. 1851

MARCH 1ST CLEAR & QUITE WARM - MINING - POOR PAY	
2ND (SUNDAY) STILL PLEASANT IN DAY TIME	
3RD MINING - NEAR THE FORKS	N. AND S. FORKS
4" STILL PLEASANT WEATHER	OF SALMON RIVER
5" MANY MEN ARE STILL COMING IN FROM BELOW	
6" MINING NOTHING PROMISING YET	
7" - - COOL & FROSTY NIGHTS	
8" - - - - - DECIDED	
9" (SUNDAY) ALL HANDS PROSPECTING & FIND NOTHING	TO TURN
10" I HAVE CONCLUDED TO TURN BACK - FIXING J MASTON	BACK
TO RETURN-RAIN & WARM WM B. NORTON & T. N. D. ROBINSON	
11" STARTED BACK A 8 IN MORN CROSSED 1 MOUNTAIN	
& THE SOUTH FORK ONCE. CAMPED ON THE SIDE	
OF A MOUNTAIN HERE WE HAD TO LEVEL THE	
GROUND TO GET A PLACE LEVEL ENOUGH TO LAY	
DOWN TO SLEEP	
12" STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING & CAME NEAR TO	
THE SALMON MOUNTAIN & CAMPED - CLOUDY & COOL	SALMON
13" THIS MORNING WE START FOR THE SALMON MOUNTAIN	MOUNTAIN
- HERE THE SNOW WE FOUND TO BE SOME	
DEEPER THAN WHEN WE WERE GOING OVER. WE MET	
A LARGE SPANISH PACK TRAIN ON THIS MOUNTAIN	SPANISH
WE REACHED THE BOTTOM & CONTINUED DOWN	PACK TRAIN
THE NORTH FORK OF THE TRINITY ABOUT 7 MS	
& HERE WE CAMPED	
14" STARTED FOR THE 2ND BAD MOUNTAIN AFTER	
TRAVELLING ABOUT 4 MS REACHED IT CROSSED OVER	
& CAMPED NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE N.F.	
THIS DAY IS COOL SEE SNOW FOLLOWING ON THE	
MOUNTAIN TOPS - WE CROSS THE N F OF TRINITY	
29 OR 28T TIMES	
15" THIS DAY WE START FOR WEAVER PASS THE MOUTH	
OF KANYON CREEK AT NOON, REACHED WEAVER	WEAVERVILLE,
ABOUT BY SUN DOWN ---	CALIFORNIA

MARCH A. D. 1851

WEAVER WE FIND TO BE IN A BEAUTIFUL PLACE	
ON WEAVER CREEK, IT IS SURROUNDED BY A RANGE OF LOW	
RED HILLS - SEE MANY MEN AROUND AT WORK	
16" (SUNDAY) START TO CROSS THE TRINITY MOUNTAINS	START ACROSS
BY WAY OF THE MIDDLE FERRY. CROSS 3 CONSIDERABLE	TRINITY
HILLS BEFORE REACHING TRINITY-CROSSED AT JR. RAY'S	MOUNTAINS
FERRY-WE THEN PROCEEDED FOR THE LAST MOUNTAIN	JR. RAY'S
AT THE FOOT OF IT WE GOT A MAN TO TAKE OUR	FERRY
BLANKETS ON ONE OF HIS MULES. WE THEN CROSSED	
OVER & CAMPED AGAIN ON THE WATERS OF THE	
SACRAMENTO AT THE FOOT OF TRINITY MOUNTAINS	
17" STARTED FOR THE SPRINGS/SHASTA/REACHED THE PLACE	SPRINGS
NEAR THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTER NOON ?ALLILET?	REFERRED TO
HERE WE STAY ALL NIGHT CLOUDY THIS EVE	MUST BE
18" THIS DAY WE CONCLUDE TO REST, WARM	SHASTA, CA.

RAIN IN THE EVENING
19"EARLY THIS MORNING SAY 2 OR 3 O'CLOCK BY THE
HOLLOWING OF AN OLD MAN CAMPED NEAR BY
THE INDIANS HAD JERKED THE BLANKETS OFF HIM
& RAN OFF WITH THEM THIS MORNING WE FIND
THAT THE DIGGERS LAST NIGHT TOOK FOR US OUR
AX A SHIRT SCABBARD & BETT & SOME OTHER THINGS
THESE THEY GOT BY REACHING IN THROUGH THE
HOLES OF THE WALL OF THE OLD CABIN IN WHICH
WE LAY - WE THIS DAY GO TO THE DIGGINGS
ON OLNEY'S CREEK & CAMPED IN A VACANT
CABIN - HAIL AND RAIN IN EVE.

INDIANS
STEAL

OLNEY'S
CREEK

20"THIS IS A FAIR MORNING SO WE START FOR THE
OLD DIGGINGS-WE CROSS CLEAR CREEK & COTTON WOOD
& CAMP 2 MS FROM THE CROSSING OF COTTON WOOD
21"RAIN LAST NIGHT - THIS MORN IT CONTINUES TO
OUR BLANKETS WET AS WE HAVE NO TENT SO WE
GET BREAKFAST & START - RAIN & WIND WE FACE IT
CAMPED IN AN EMPTY HOUSE NEAR THE RED BLUFFS

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22ND STILL WINDY & DISAGREABLE WIND FROM
THE SOUTH - THIS DAY WE CONTINUE DOWN TO LEONARD'S
FERRY ON THE SACRAMENTO RIVER & CROSSED OVER
CONTINUED DOWN THE RIVER & CAMPED WITH
SOME RALLS & PIKE COUNTY BOYS

LEONARD'S
FERRY

23RD (SUNDAY) START OUT THIS MORNING THE RAIN
SOON BEGAN AGAIN - SO AFTER MAKING A SHORT
DAY'S TRAVEL / WE PUT UP AT A HOUSE FOR THE
NIGHT - ON THIS SIDE OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER
I FIND MORE TIMBER THAN ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE
AS THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF SMALL STREAMS
RUNNING INTO THE SACRAMENTO

24" START EARLY THIS MORNING & AFTER TRAVELING
ABOUT 10 MS, FOUND AN EMPTY CABIN HERE WE
CONCLUDE TO STOP AS IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN

A YEAR
FROM HOME

25"(ONE YEAR FROM HOME) THIS MORNING WE
START FOR FEATHER RIVER & AFTER CROSSING THE
THE BIG BUTES NEAR NEALS RANCHERO WE STRIKE
ACROSS FOR THE RIVER & REACHED IT ABOUT
SUN DOWN

NEALS
RANCHERO

26"THIS DAY WE REST, VIEWING THE MINES AT MOM'S'S
BAR. HERE MEN ARE DIGGING VERY DEEP FOR GOLD

MOM'S
BAR

27" START THIS MORNING FOR LONG'S BAR 1 1/2 MS ABOVE
RAIN ALL DAY & DISAGREABLE

28"REMAIN HERE THIS DAY IT RAINING & COLD

29"CROSS FEATHER RIVER AT LONG'S BAR & OFF FOR
THE YUBA. CAMPED ABOUT HALF WAY

FEATHER
RIVER
YUBA RIVER
LONG BAR

30"(SUNDAY) START FOR THE YUBA & REACH IT AT
LONG BAR BEFORE NIGHT. STILL CLOUDY.

31ST THIS MORNING I GO TO WORK FOR \$5 PER DAY
WORKING AT A BIG ROCKER

APRIL A. D. 1851

1ST WORKING FOR WAGES, QUITE WARM & CLEAR

2ND DO - - PLEASANT

3RD SHOWERING THIS THIS DAY, NOT AT WORK

DURING THIS MONTH WE HAD MANY SHOWERS

THE WEATHER BEING QUITE WARM AT TIMES

BETWEEN SHOWERS SOME DAYS COOL & WINDY

THE WIND GENERALLY FROM THE SOUTH

BLOSSOMS ON THE SURROUNDING HILLS

LOOK DELIGHTFUL

MAY A. D. 1851

MANY SHOWERS DURING THIS MONTH MOST OF

THE WEATHER PLEASANT, FINE FOR WORKING

SNOWS ARE FREQUENT IN THE MOUNTAINS

DURING THIS MONTH I LOST 1 DAY & 1/2 WORKING

FOR WAGES AT \$5, PLEASANT WEATHER

JUNE 1851

REMAINED ON LONG BAR UNTIL THE 25TH

THEN WE GO TO PARKS' BAR 2 MS ABOVE, LONG BAR

LONG BAR

THE NEXT DAY WE GO OUT TO WORK ON A

RACE 2 MS. NORTH OF PARKS' BAR THE WEATHER

PARK'S BAR

ABOUT THE 15TH OF THE MONTH IT TURNED QUITE

WARM THE 27TH THE THERMOMETER STOOD AT 112 IN

THE SHADE & 140 IN THE SUN

JUNE THE 27" GO TO WORK ON THE RACE THE

COMPANY CALLING THEMSELVES THE LONG BAR

WATER COMPANY (CAMPED MEAR A GOOD SPRING)

JULY 1851

AT WORK ALL THIS MONTH FOR THE LONG BAR

LONG BAR

WATER CO. NO RAIN THIS MONTH, DISTANT

WATER CO.

THUNDER ONCE OR TWICE HALF THE WEATHER

QUITE WARM

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AUGUST 1851

NOTHING OF INTEREST THIS MONTH TAKES PLACE

WARM MOST OF THE TIME SOME COOL

DAYS WORKING FOR THE SAME COMPANY

SEPT 1851

THE LAST DAY OF AUGUST & THE FIRST OF SEPT

COOL & CLOUDY SOME RAIN. THE YUBA

RAISED ONE FOOT STOPPED THE RIVER

OPERATIONS - IT FELL SOON---

MOVED BACK TO LONG BAR ABOUT THE

3 OF THIS MONTH - MOST OF THIS

MONTH QUITE DRY & WARM-

OCT 1851 ----

MINING ON THE BAR MOST OF THE

TIME - ?SCK? THE LAST OF THE MONTH

QUITE DRY - COOL MORNINGS - DRY WEATHER

NOV 1851

LEAVE FOR HOME THE 5" (WEDNES)

PASS MARY'S VILLE IN EVE BUT UP ON

BEAR RIVER - 6" REACH SACARMENTO CITY

MARYSVILLE,CA
SACRAMENTO,CA

REMAINED HERE UNTIL THE 10" REACHED
S.F. AT 9 P.M. ON THE SENATOR
TOOK PASSAGE ON THE BARK ARTHUR
LEFT THE 15" - HAS A FAIR WIND
TILL 24" THEN CALM MOST OF THE TIME

DEC 1851 ---

ALLOWANCED TO 1/2 GALLON OF WATER FOR
DRINKING & MAKING TEA & COFFEE
17" WHILE EATING BREAKFAST
SAW A WATER SPOUT FROM A DISTANCE
22" CAME IN SIGHT OF SAND
SHORE WINDY ALL THE TIME

SAN
FRANCISCO, CA
PASSAGE ON
THE BARK
ARTHUR

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DEC THE 19TH CAME IN SIGHT OF LAND
IN THE MORNING THE COAST HERE IS QUITE MOUNT-
ANOUS - SAW SOME MOUNTAINS WHICH WERE SAID TO
BE VOLCANIC - HEAR WINDS OR RAIN ALL THE TIME
DEC. THE 25" CALM & WARM - THERMOMETER AT 2 PM
STOOD AT 82 FAH----

DEC THE 28" LANDED AT SAN WAN DEL SUR AT 9 AM
STARTED IN EVENING FOR RIVAS, CAMPED AT A
SPANISH RANCHO - BAD ROADS - MUDDY, CLOUDY
WINDY & SHOWRY

SAN JUAN
DEL SUR,
NICARAGUA

29" REACHED RIVAS AT 12 A.M. REMAINED ALL
NIGHT AT A SPANISH HOTEL. 50 PER MEAL
30" BOUGHT AT TICKET ON SCHOONER. WENT TO
ST. GEORGE IN EVENING SCHOONER GONE. STAID ALL
AT ST GEORGE ALL NIGHT. GO
31" GOT OUR MONEY BACK FOR TICKETS TOOK PASSAGE
ON A SLOOP LEFT AT 2 P.M. QUITE WINDY
WINDY LAKE ROUGH CLOUDY IN THE NIGHT
SOME RAIN

RIVAS

-----J-----AN-----1852

REACHED SAN CARLOS AT 1/2 PAST 5 P.M.
AT THIS PLACE IS THE HEAD OF THE SAN WAN RIVER
REMAINED ALL NIGHT PAID 1 DOL PER MEAL
LEFT SAN CARLOS AT 1/2 PAST 8 AM IN A
BUNGO 28 OF US EXCEPT THE NATIVES. REACHED
THE FIRST RAPIDS ABOUT DARK SOON PAST
THE CASTILLION RAPIDS 7 MILES BELOW TRAVELED
ALL NIGHT REACHED THE FORKS OF THE RIVER
AT 9 AM NEXT MORNING GOT BREAKFAST
REACHED SAN WAN DEL NORTE ABOUT 8 P.M.
I AM THE FIRST ON THE LAKE ALL DAY &
NIGHT

SAN CARLOS

SAN JUAN
RIVER
CASTILLION
RAPIDS

JANUARY 1852===

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REMAINED AT SAN JUAN DEL NORTE FROM THE
4TH TILL THE 16" WAITING FOR A STEAMER
NONE CAME TOOK PASSAGE ON THE
RACHEL T. BROWN BOUND FOR MOBILE
WE HAD RAIN EVERY DAY WHILE AT ST JUAN
THE LAND AROUND SAN JUAN IS FLAT

SAN JUAN DEL

PASSASE ON
RACHEL T. BROWN

AND SWAMPY--

16"(FRIDAY) STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING AS
WE HAD A FAIR BREEZE FOR LEAVING HARBOR
GOT OUT FOUND THE SEA ROUGH & A
HEAD WIND

17" HEAD WIND 18" DO--19" LANDED AT
GREAT CORN ISLAND TOOK IN BALLAST
FRUIT ETC.

20"REMAINED AT G.C.I.

21ST LEFT AT 11 AM-----HEAD WINDS

22ND 23RD 24TH 25TH 26TH 27TH

28TH 29TH 30TH 31ST ON OUR WAY

CLOUDY MOST OF THE TIME

FEB-----1852

5TH EARLY IN THE MORNING CAME
IN SIGHT OF MOBILE LIGHTS ENTERED
MOBILE BAY MET THE ST CHARLES
BOUND FOR N.O. TOOK PAPERS
ON HER

6" AT DAY BREAK FOUND OURSELVES
AT THE LANDING TOOK THE CARS
& WERE SOON IN N.O.

7" REMAIN AT N .O. AT MRS HAYS
NO. 21 CONTI STREET

8" (SUNDAY) TOOK PASSAGE ON THE
CATARACT YESTERDAY EVENING FOR
ST LOUIS - UNWELL TODAY

LANDED AT
GREAT CORN
ISLAND

ARRIVED AT
MOBILE BAY,
ALABAMA

SAYS "CARS"
ARRIVED AT
NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA

STEAMER
CATARACT

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9" FOGGY MORNINGS - LEFT THIS EVE
AT 8 P.M.

10"& 11" ON THE WAY UP THE MI RIVER
REACHED SAINT LOUIS ON THE 17" AT 10 AM
& HOME ON THE 18" AT 4 P.M. NIMROD WATERS

MAY THE 22" 1853

UP THE
MISSISSIPPI
RIVER ARRIVED
ST. LOUIS, MO.
REACHED HOME
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RELIGION IS THE CHIEF CONCERN OF (MORTALS)
WHILE HERE BELOW NIMROD WAT(ERS)
MARY ELIZABETH WATERS & NIMROD WATERS 1234
KINGS ARE MEN OF HIGH RENOWN ABCD
WHO FIGHT AND STRIVE TO WEAR A CROWN GHI

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FROM THE SCENES OF YOUNG YEARS & THE MATES OF MY PLAY
FROM THE SCHOOL, WHERE MY SWIFT HOURS GLIDED AWAY;
FROM THE HOME OF MY FATHERS - A MOTHER'S FINE CARE,
FROM MY SWEET MAIDEN SISTERS. SO GENTLE & FAIR:
FROM THE GREETING OF KINDRED - THE ACCENTS FLOW-

FROM RELIGION'S GRAVE ALTARS, ALLURING ABOVE
FROM WHATE'ER I HAVE LOVED & FROM ALL THAT LOVE ME,
I HAVE SET MY FACE STERNLY - MY SHIP'S ON THE SEA

I AM GOING TO WELCOME THE TEMPEST'S RUDE MOAN;
I AM GOING TO ROCK ON THE WIDE SEA SO LONE;
I AM GOING TO RISK THE WRECK AND THE STRAND,
THE SICK COUCH ATTENDED IN A FAR DISTANT LAND
THE STRANGE ONES AROUND ME ARE SELFISH & COLD-
WE HAVE BUT ONE TEA- TIS CRAVING FOR GOLD

THE IDLER - THE GAMBLER - SPENDTHRIFT ARE THERE
THE OUTCAST OF KINGDOMS - THE CHILDREN OF DESPAIR
THE YANKEE, THE GERMAN, THE IRISH & SCOTT
THE INDIAN, MEXICAN AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT
ALL COUNTRIES, ALL RACES, ALL CHARACTERS MEET
IN ONE DESOLATE VALLEY EACH OTHER TO GREET-
AS RIVALS FOR RICHES, ALL LAWLESS AND NEEDY
ONE CHARACTER RECKLESS - OF GOLD ONLY GREEDY
TO TOIL & TO BROIL IN AN UNCLOUDED SUN
TO DIG & TO SIFT THE DAMP SANDS AS THEY RUN
SO GIVE ME NO COUNSEL, MY HEART'S SET TO GO
WITH THESE MY CHOICE FRIENDS TO THIS SACRAMENTO
I HAVE STAKED ALL LIFES TREASURES ON ONE ONLY TRUST
THAT LIKE OTHERS I'LL SCRAPE A LITTLE GOLD DUST

JUNE ANNO DOMINI
EIGHTEEN HUNDRED
AND 51

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1ST SINNERS PERHAPS THIS NEWS TO YOU,
MAY HAVE NO WEIGHT ALTHOUGH SO TRUE
THE CARNAL PLEASURES OF THE EARTH
CAST OFF THE FEARS OF DEATH
2ND THE AGED SINNER WILL NOT TURN,---
HIS HEART'S SO HARD HE CANNOT MOURN,
MUCH HARDER THAN A FLINTY (STONE) ROCK
HE WILL NOT TURN - THOUGH JESUS SPOKE
3RD THE BLOOMING YOUTH ALL IN THEIR PRIME
ARE COUNTING OUT - THEIR LENGTH OF TIME
THEY OFT TIMES SAY TIS THEIR INTENT
WHEN THEY GET OLD THEY WILL REPENT
4TH BUT OH! THE SAD & AWFUL STATE
OF THOSE WHO STAY & COME TOO LATE
THE FOOLISH VIRGINS - THEY BEGAN
TO KNOCK BUT COULD NOT EN(TER IN)
5TH THUS PARENTS TAKES A SOLOMN VOW-
OF OUR DEAR CHILDREN DEAR TO YOU
HOW CAN YOU BEAR TO HEAR THEM CRY
AND FAULT YOU WITH THEIR MISERY
6TH WHEN CHRIST THE LORD SHALL COME AGAIN
IN SOLOMN POMP & BURNING FLAME
SAY GABRIEL GO - PROCLAIM THE SOUND

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AWAKE YE NATIONS UNDER GROUND
 7TH OH HOW WILL PARENTS TRIMBLE THERE
 WHO RAISED THEIR CHILDREN WITHOUT PRAYER
 ME THINKS THEY'LL HEAR THEIR CHILDREN SAY
 I NEVER HEARD MY PARENTS PRAY
 8TH GOOD LORD, WHAT GROANS WHAT BITTER CRIES
 WHAT THUNDER ROLLING THROUGH THE SKIES
 POOR SINNERS SINK IN DARK DESPAIR
 WHILE SAINTS ARE SHOUTING THROUGH THE AIR
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WHEN THIS YOU SEE REMEMBER ME
 RALLS COUNTY MO----- NIMROD WATERS
 G H NIMROD WATERS
 A B C D E F G H I K L M.
 N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z ETC.
 A B C D E F G H I K L M
 N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z ETC. WATERS
 M NIMROD WATERS MARY B ELIZABETH W WATERS
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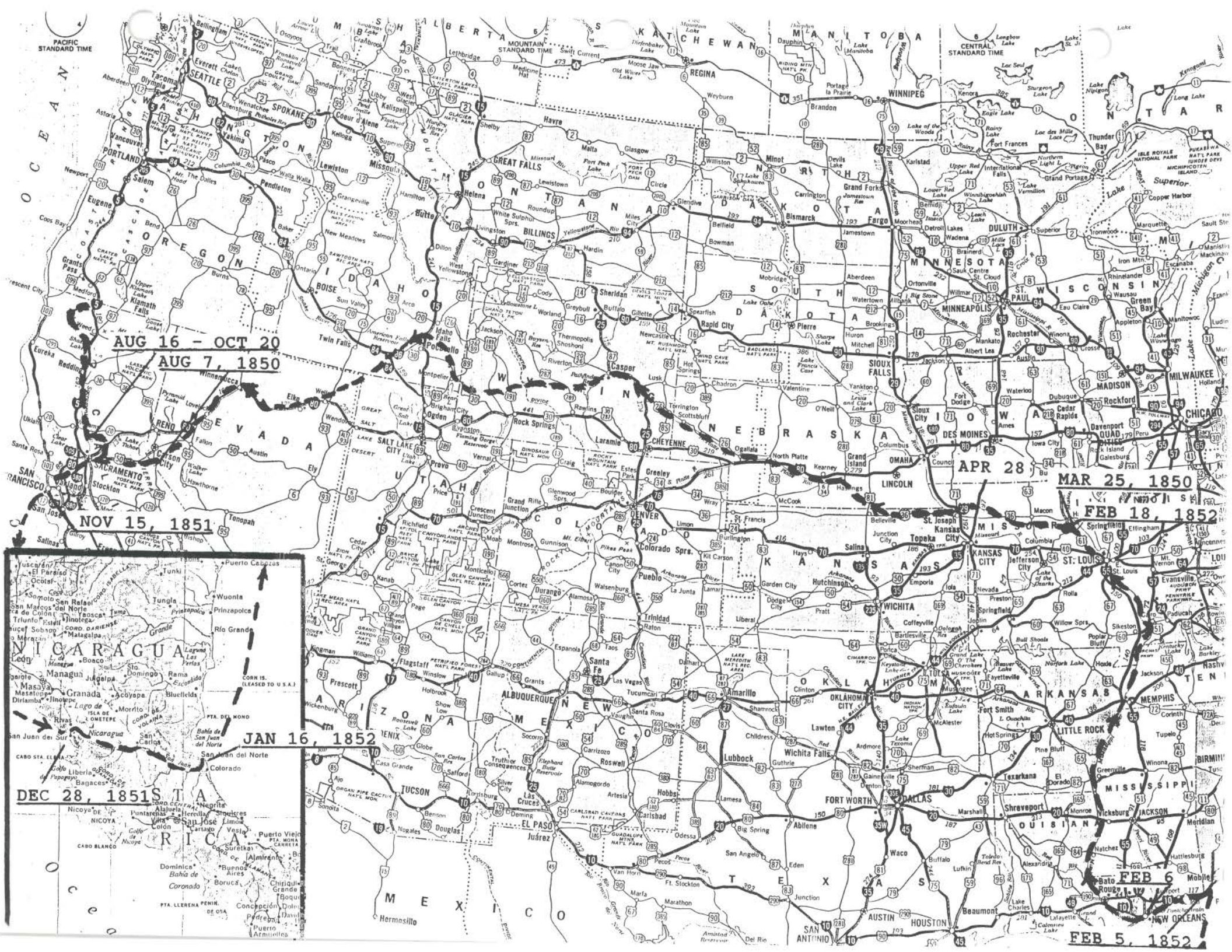
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dy
run
go
into
my trust
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perhaps this news to you
May have no weight although so true
The carnal pleasures of the earth
Cast off the fears of death
The aged sinner will not turn,
His heart is so hard he cannot turn
Much harder than a flinty stone
He will not turn - though Jesus spoke
The blooming youth all in their prime
Are counting out their length of days
Many of times say in their hearts
When they get old they will
But O! the sad & awful state
Of those who stay & convert late
The foolish Virgin - they began
To knock but could not
Some parents take a solemn
your dear children - dear to you
How can you bear to hear them
And fault you with their misery
O Christ the Lord shall come
The solemn pomp & burning flame
Say, O Lord go - proclaim the word
Awake ye nations under ground
The bones will parents tremble there
Who raise their children without fear
Matthews they'll hear their children
I never heard my parents pray
O Lord I do, what grows what better
What thunder rolling through the sky
Poor sinners sink in dark despair
While saints are shouting through the air

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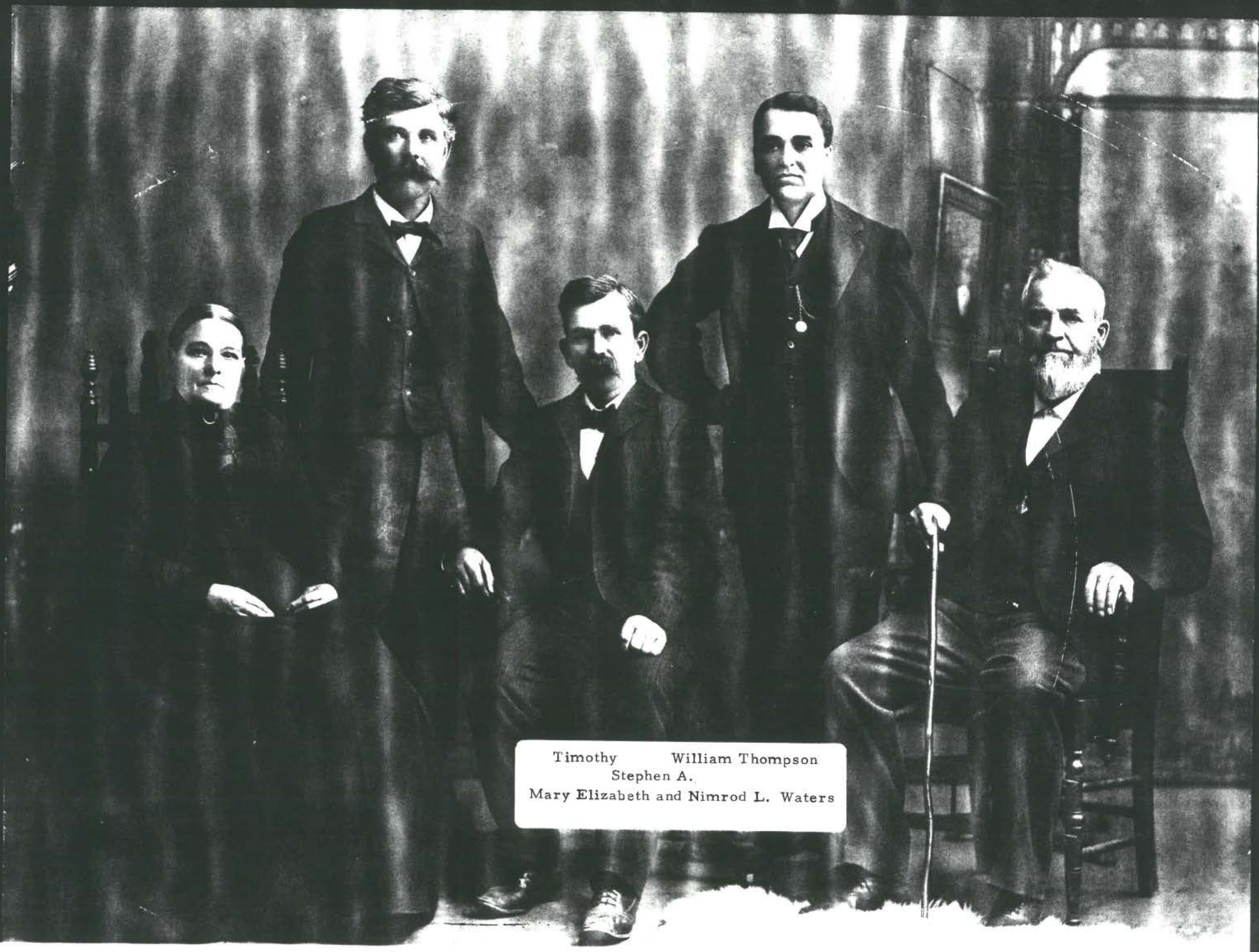
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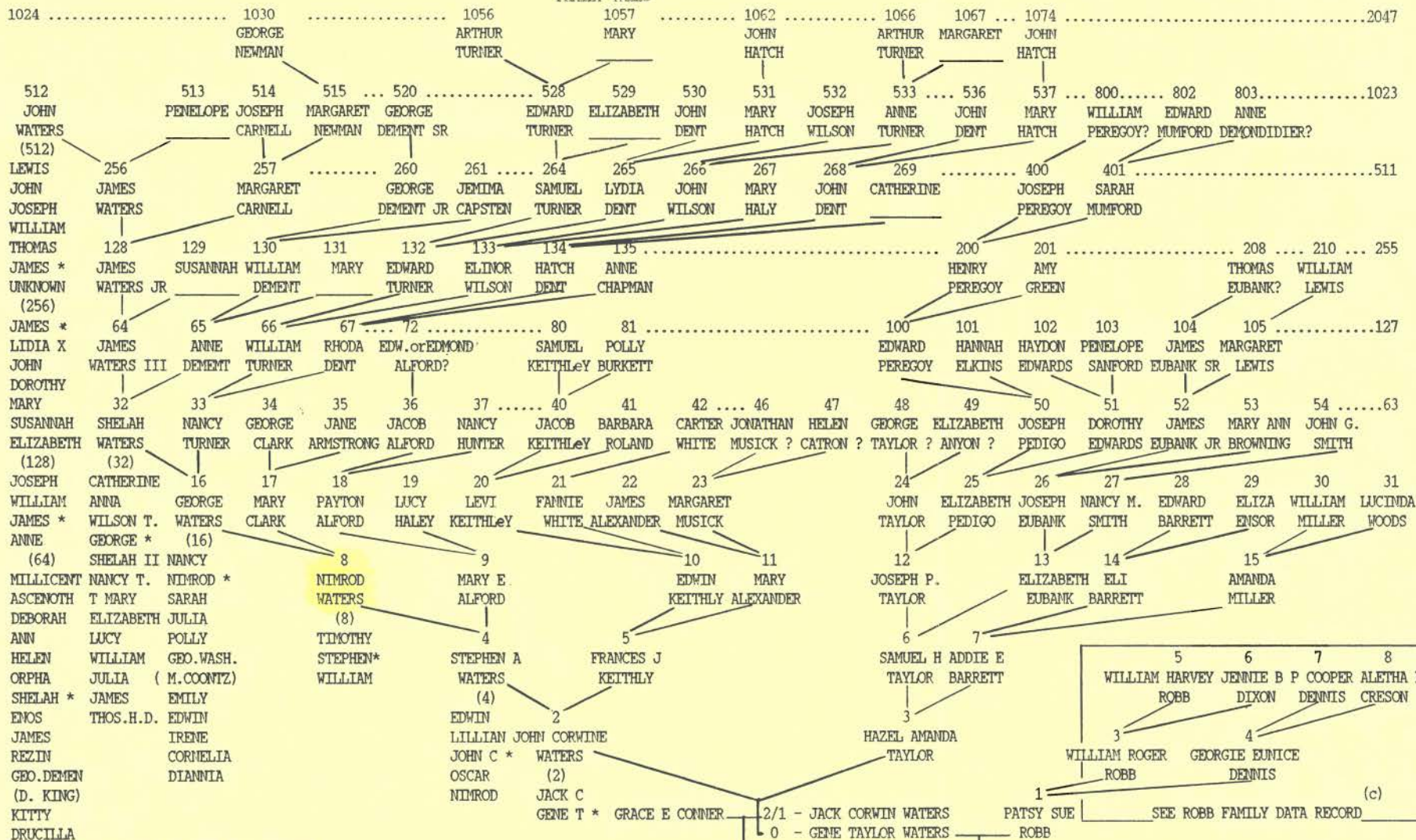




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