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TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS

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Saturday, May 11th.

After having sold our outfit to Glen & Co. we left Independence for camp 5 miles East of Independence lay there untill Wednesday the 22nd when the train left for a new camping place all being dissatisfied with the management and delay we pitched 10 miles south of Independence the same day and lay there untill Friday morning. Started and came on 11 miles, 2 miles west of Blue River and pitched again and lay untill Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The passengers of the train becoming very much dissatisfied on Sunday morning called a meeting and appointed a committee of 7 to draft Resolutions and present to the company of owners and requiring some action prompt and definite demanding a set time to start and that to be prompt also not to allow them to take any other passengers also that if what waggons & carriages they had were not sufficient to carry what they already had engaged, that they should have no privileges to ride in carriages as those who first engaged.

The Resolutions were unanimously adopted and Accepted by the proprietors Setting the time for Tuesday morning but on Monday morning 8 o'clock as above stated we started after traveling 28 miles from the timber where we left Monday morning, we had no wood nor water that was fit to drink. There are many Ravines on this distance, which I suppose affords water in wet or rainy weather. There are not a more handsome piece of Road and scenery has ever been presented to my view than on this Road, not a tree or Bush to be seen except now and then a small group of timber in the lower parts of some ravine and that look as it were put there to Beautify the sight.

Tuesday morning May 28th

Arrive here last evening after a long drive without water. This is Bull creek a fine cold Spring good grass and a little wood. There are a few elm trees in groups from here down this creek, laying by today.

Wednesday 29th

Left Bull creek this morning 1-2 past 8 o'clock arrived here 12 miles from Bull creek a fine camping place water not very plenty nor very good to drink passed 19 or 20 ox teams we shall remain here until tomorrow. The country we have passed is more broken than between Big Blue and Bull creek but presents some beautiful land scapes with much more timber.

Thursday 30th

left the Head waters of Walkerusha this morning at 7 o'clock, arrived at our present encampment 15 miles the country somewhat broken and very little timber in sight except at the head of a few Ravines where there are a few clusters standing. passed what is called the Willow Springs about 6 miles back at 3 little log cabins a fine Spring, today one of the train shot a wolf, wounded him in the hind part I rode up and shot him with my Revolver through the head which killed him instantly. this place has no wood and the Grass and water bad we arrived here about 2 o'clock the roads very good and very dusty having been no rain for some 20 days the road has run nearly west some times a little South and then rather North. we shall lay here until tomorrow morning waiting for Ridgway one of the Proprietors. This is a slow trip and threatens a very long one.

Friday May 31st

left this morning from the Santife Road crossed many bad places creeks & Ravines, one creek 8 miles from where we started from we

Bridged done it in one hour came to another fine creek though coming down the Hill it was bad, I Should have mentioned that after crossing the first creek about a mile we Broke an axeltree which detained us about 3 hours Rolled on and after crossing the next creek a Short distance one other wagon Striped a Skein which detained us about an hour when we Rolled on to our present encampment about 12 miles from where we started this morning a find camping place, altogether you may consider this as Rough a Road as any person may wish if we come time on Such a Road my opinion is we Shall Break down all our waggons in 5 or 6 days. I hope we shall find Better Roads Soon the country is Beautiful in the extreme our course north west.

Saturday June 1st

Rolled out this morning at about 7 I went Back about 3 miles to find my knife which I done came up with the train again found many bad places the main fork of Walkerusha is quite a large Stream and about 5 or 6 miles from where we encamped its Bank on the South Side is very

steep and had we had to hold all the waggons going down the timber about it and in its Bottoms are of a fine growth. The Roads are Stumpy in the Bottom where we Broke one waggon going which detained us Some 2 or 3 hours this evening there was 19 Indians came flying across the Road on a way chase from the best information they are the Pottowattimas fighting the pannee we Saw a large Smoke of the the South and Suposed they had a vilage on fire, we came today about 12 or 14 miles the Road still bad in all the Ravines I do hope it will soon get better.

Sunday June 2

Roller out this morning about 7 Roads tolerably good except a few steep places crossed a large creek and a Small one 3 miles from

Caw River now camped at Caw, which is about 3-4 of a mile from a village called Union Village which is Situated on the Hill on a beautiful site for a town There about 25 or 30 Houses in it Swellings Stores Bakerys Beer Shops etc. traveled about 8 miles or 10

Monday 3d June

Lay by all day filling a waggon wheel no effort as yet to cross the river. I was at a camp today where there were 3 oxe teams three families from Franklin Co. Mo. they are wending there way to the far famed Region of gold, they gave us milk which was a fine treat in this place of wilderness.

Tuesday 4th

Rolled out this morning and with 2 boats crossed the river by the aid of the passengers by 4 o'clk. Rolled on about one mile and a half to our present encampment where we Shall lay all night made a Temporary Bridge as the Indians had a bridge and asked 50 cents for each waggon

Wednesday 5th

After taking up much time in crossing the creek having had much rain last night and the bank bad we all got over about 11 o'clk and rolled on about 8 miles Brought us to the Catholic Mission a delightful place with quite a vilage of Pettawatomies the improved ments by them and the Indians are quite interesting corn wheat potatoes onions etc. crossing many little Streams Some quite bad we arrived at the Vermilion about 7 o'clk and are now on the west Bank there are 2 other little Bridges we crossed today which made us pay 3 dolls for the first and 25 cents for the latter no doubt put up to it by the whites the country we have passed today is the handsomest I have ever Seen being a beautiful prairie on the right and the river on the left

winding about from one hill to another the whole Bottom from one hill to the other being about 4 or 5 miles wide traveled 18 miles.

Thursday 6th and this creek is good size about 3 miles from

Rolled out this Morning from Little Vermillion our course turning north North west crossing many little streams with water and a little skirt of timber on each of them. the country is Still Romantic and beautiful we arrived at Vermillion our present camp about 5 or 6 o'clock this evening there being no wood or water for 25 miles as is said we stoped here untill morning. There was two waggons partly broke today the axel of one and the Umane of another axle we traveled today about 15 miles all in camp tolerable well except Some 3 or 4 with measles.

Friday June 7th rolled out this morning about 6 o'clock, thinking we would find neither wood or water but to our Surprize we found this Side the Vermillion about 2 miles both wood and water after traveling Some 8 miles we came to a Spring and plenty of water in a Small creek passing on the way Several creeks with more or less water and a little wood arrived to Big Vermillion about 6 o'clock and camped on the West Bank a beautiful place grass the best on the trip. I Suppose we shall have traveled near 20 miles today found 5 cows about 2 miles back branded C we are driving them along with us saw five or 6 turkeys at the same place and none killed game here is Scarce about half mile west of the river in the bank of a Small creek.

Saturday June 11th

last night at dark Glenn called a meeting of the train to speak of some misdepositions of Some of the passengers for not attending in

Saturday June 8th

Rollled out this morning about 1-2 after 6 passed several Small branches with water and one creek a good size about 9 miles from the Vermilion arrived here Blue River (big Blue) about 2 o'clk. are now making a raft to cross the waggons on. This is a fine bold Stream and I Should think nearly 150 feet wide the current rapid and now Swims the Horses it being up Some 3 to 5 feet I can not Say how much there is a ferry needed here badly there is a plenty of timber here for all purposes cotton wood Walnut ash etc. good water on Both Sides and wood but not much grass. haveing the appearance of many Emigrants laying here for Some time.

Sunday 9th

lay all day today finishing Raft and crossing a part of the waggons our mess now camped on the west Side of the River, wood and water but not much grass we will get the most of the waggons over to night, one waggon However was near being Lost the Raft Sunk at the after end and let the waggon down Some 4 feet but the men lighting the waggon it Soon Raised and was taken out, not a Pawnee Indian seen yet.

Monday June 10th

Still here at 11 o'clk the waggons are nearly all over we Shall Soon leave or at least if they are all mended. 5 o'clk the waggons are not all ready yet we Shall Stay here tonight again our course N. North west a find Spring a few yards above the road about half mile west of the river in the bank of a Small creek.

Tuesday June 11th

last night at dark Glenn called a meeting of the train to Speak of Some misdemeanors of Some of the passengers for not attending to

their post while on guard, and for Stealings Some 5 or 6 gallons of Alcohol and on motion being made and carried a comtee was appointed to Draw up a constitution imposing penalties on any Misdemeanor committed and proven upon any person Mr. Calvert Mr. Russell Mr. Cook and my Self were apointed on that comtee and to report on Wednesday evening 12th Inst. Free with his daughter he was a young man I think

left this morning about 5 o'clk traveled about 11 or 12 miles and Stopped to graze and get some dinner passed the Junction of the St. Joseph Road about 10 miles west of Big Blue looks like it had been much traveled can not tell how many is before us Some behind. rolled on after dinner to our present encampment, about 20 miles from Big Blue on a Small Branch running nearly South no wood and bad water grass good arived here about 5 P M the country we have passed today looks as though it would never be inhabited by any civilised nation these plains looks (as another said) as boundless as Eternity with nothing inviting to the eye of the traveler, yet it calls a mans attention to the work of the grand architect of the universe and can not fail to draw the imagination beyond the family circle or bustle of civilisation this country is nearly destitute of flowers of any kind there are a few wild roses morning glories and a large yellow flower resembling the Bellflower, there are no Strawberrye here except a few vines on the out Skirts of the timber which have a few berries none on the plains or table land.

Wednesday June 12 about 5 o'clk traveled up the little Blue rolled out this morning at about 1-2 after 4 crossed a Small creek about 10 miles further wood and creek water plenty being the first wood for 15 miles back or near that Stopt at 12 o'clk to graze

Passed 2 fresh graves today one a Mr. Gordon B. Coffen died May 18th aged 32 years the other 20 years old accidentally shot himself in the head with a pistol do not Recollect his name, there are many old graves by the way from all places we have passed Several new graves one 6 miles east of Union Village who I am told Shot by the man with him for makeing too free with his daughted he was a young man I think 19 years of age, his Wm. Wilkerson after grazeing Started at 2 o'clk P M 2 miles further a creek which some calls Wyatte creek crossing many bad Ravines we arived at what is called big Sandy about 22 miles from where we left this morning our course generally N. W. West with much Broken land deep Ravines etc. there is Some thing Remarkable in Seeing how Divine Providence has Suplyed this desolate looking cOUNTRY with necessarys to help man to subsist, from Big Blue in Missouri and on to this place there is a wild onion resembling the cultivated onion in every Respect only much smaller They are about the size of a Bullet with a top like the top onion little onions on the top and Blossoms and little onions Still higher and there is a Kind of wild potatoe in these plains or Something more resembling a Small turnip which grows all the way so far they have much nutriment in them when roasted I should like to see them cultivated they have a hardshell out Side then the inside is more tender and fit for use Some Indians gave us the information.

Thursday June 13th

Rolled out this morning about 5 o'clk traveled up the little Blue we have come about 10 or 12 miles now grazeing Pased a tolerable level road through crooked Two fresh graves today. one H. Mansfield From Chariton Co. Mo. aged 51 years and William Fisher aged 26 from

Knox Co. Mo. about one mile back crossed a Small Creek with a Sandy bed both wood and water. 1 o'clk P M Rolled out crossing Several Sandy Branches Some timber I know no names for them. Now encamp in the Bottom of the little Blue about 25 miles from big Sandy where we lay last night and there is where we first came to the valley of the little Blue passed today after 1 o'clk 10 fresh graves all died 4th and 5th of June first name Thos. Bond and U. Machan both died June the 4th both in one grave H Richardson and A. Sublet lying Side by side died June 5th R. C. Tyree Lafayette Co. Mo. Started April 25 died June 4th H Teed Howard Co. Mo. died June 5th Edward Knubstead Laport Co. Ida. Wm W. Wells Lake Co. Ind. aged 17 years both died on 5th June a Mr. Engle from Cinti. died 27th May S.D. Smith from Megan died 4th June all these people appear to have died with the cholera we hear it is bad ahead. Many have found there final Resting place on the plains this Season it is certainly calculated to make deep impressions on the mind of some that pass by, the reflection is a melancholy one to many and Should be a warning to all that soon their time will arive to fare the Same fate) Oh that God would be merciful to all that pass this waste wilderness we find the timber geting more Secaree there is a little on all these creeks but much less than heretofore We are all well this evening as far as I know met 6 waggons today returning to the States they were 75 miles above Ft. Kearney Sicknes was the cause Some of their company having died.

Friday June 14th

Relled out this morning at 5 o'clk traveld about 15 miles Stopped to graze Kept up the little Blue all the way our course N. West from where we stoped to graze the road takes out on the

plains Some 6 to 8 miles when it comes to the little Blue again we Kept up the little Blue to our present encampment about 25 miles from where we left this morning. course N W timber mostly cotton wood Elk willow etc. Some few oak passed today 10 graves. P.I. Painter Died 8th June aged 12 Thos. Painter Died 5 June aged 3 years from St. Genevieve Mo. Jos. Corben died May 19th aged 36, F. Alfred Died June 7th from Ohio, Elizabeth Roberts June 12 Jno. I. Russell June 4th Cole Co. Mo. aged 39, Elisa Morgan and a Negre woman 4th June died E. Morgan aged 48 years G. Pickling Died 7th June, Col. W. Horn Died 4th June from Johnson Co. Mo. some graves only have the name and Some name and age others where they are from I give them as they are. Some in our camp sick this evening with measles Still our course appears to bear N. West up the Bottom of little Blue.

Saturday June 16th

Rolled out this morning 1-2 after 5 traveled up the Bottom all the way Still on the little Blue Stopped about 10 o'clk made about 10 miles now grazing Rolled out after dinner after going about 1 1-2 miles one waggon wheel Broke out all the spokes and fell down after a Short time cut a hole and put under the axel tree (it being the hind wheel) and went about 5 or 6 miles in all I think today about 15 or 16 miles encamped on the little Blue where we Strike out on the plains for the Platte River passed more graves today the first Mary Dobin died June 4th aged 4 years. Varsel Gates of St. Joseph, Mo. died June 7th aged 34 years. Carotha Haringer Died June 6th aged 2 years and one grave no name H Baker of Ohio Died June 5th N.E. Smith Died May 30th aged 33 years. James Austin of Boon Co. Mo. Died May 24th aged 23. Dr. James M. Nye died June 5th from Boon Co. Mo. James

M. Geeden of Moorhouse Parish La. died June 12 aged 23 years Philip Painter died June 9th aged 58 from St. Genevieve Mo. this appears to be the father of the 2 little Boys who died on the 5th which we passed on Friday morning the little Blue here is quite Small though a beautiful Stream about 20 or 25 feet wide I caught 5 or 6 very little fishes here which I have for my Super the grass here is very Short and much eaten by the Stock that is before us.

June 16 Sunday

Rolled out this morning at 6 o'clock taking the greater part of the load out of the Broken Waggon came on with the pole and the axel tree Struck out this morning nearly north turning a little West after advancing Some distance crossed many branches of the little Blue without any good water Some wood (all green elem) about 5 miles from little Blue the best Road we have had Since we left Bull Creek now Stopped to graze came about 13 to 15 miles about 1-2 after 2 o'clock P.M we Rolled on traveled untill 1-2 after 6 arrived in the platte Bottom about one mile from the Bluff this is about 27 miles from the little Blue as near as I can tell the road that distance can not be Surpassed in the whole world the course we have been going is N. West passed 4 fresh graves today 2 had no head boards the one (of the others) I W seawell Died June 9th aged 45 Lafayette co. Mo. the other a Mr. Dillard Embree Died June the 6th aged 27 there is no water on this Route from Little Blue to the Platte 27 miles that any person can possibly drink They Say it is 12 miles to Fort Kearney Thank a Kind Providence we are all or nearly all in this large train doing well there are 3 or 4 cases

of measles but no danger I Pray God that none of us may have the Cholera, yet we are likely to be where it has been Rageing among the emigrants, have not Seen a Pawnee Indian yet game Scearce Killed nothing as yet.

Monday June 17th

Rolled out this morning 1-2 after 5 o'olk arived at our present encampment 13 miles about 12 o'olk M. there is many roads leading from the Bluff where you come down there is some running Directly to the river about 3 or 4 miles from the Bluffs other dim roads striking the river higher up we took the left hand road altogether the most of this road runs in low places and must be awful in wet weather,

but this being a very dry Spell we found the road mostly good we Saw Some 5 or 6 fresh graves today near the Fort but I did not get their names. Fort Kearney is Situated on the Platte opposite to a small island a few miles below the head of the Island this Location in our opinion is a Sickly one there is low ground with wet marshes all around it and musquatoes by the bushel, altogether it is very uninteresting to the eye of any person. Bought another waggon today in place of the broken one

Tuesday June 18th

left the Fort this morning 1-2 after 6 our course Rather S. west up the Platte traveled today about 16 or 17 miles no timber except on the Islands they Say it is Some distance to where we can get wood again the wood is hard to get at here, have to ride on a horse across the Slough and pack it over green, cotton wood, the river is Shallow and quick Sand in the bed of the river as bad as Missouri River. we arived at our present encampment about 3 o'olk this evening after being here Some 25 or 30 minutes we had the first Serious accident Since we left

Independence a young man from Tennessee Mr. Carroll J. Haines who was putting his mule out to grass got him self tangled in the bridle and lariat and the mule being wild and ungovernable whirled with him and kicked him on the leg and broke it about 5 or 6 inches above the knee 3 or 4 Doctors now fixing Set his leg poor fellow how he will have to suffer, the roads for the last 10 miles are excellent. we Shall not leave before tomorrow, passed 2 fresh graves today one E. Benton died June 6th from Dallas County Mo. aged 43 the other S. Phelps died June 1st aged 51.

Wednesday June 19th

Rolled out today at 12 o'clock M. arrived at our present encampment 1-2 after 6 about 16 miles. our man with Broken leg got along pretty well today says he did not suffer much his back appears to hurt him tolerably bad must have got it hurt in his fall the roads are good today met 3 waggons returning to the States passed 4 fresh graves today. Issac Gates died June 6th from Geauga Co. Ohio aged 26 years John Caplinger Died June 1st from Cedar City Mo. aged 74 years Joseph Stratton died June 10th aged 29 from Cedar Co. Iowa, Dr. Andrew Caples Andrew Co. Mo Died June 15th aged 28 years.

Thursday June 20th

Rolled out this morning 1-2 after 5 o'clock. 2 miles brought us to Plum creek or Thumb creek after being out an hour and a half commenced raining Stopped till nearly 10 o'clock Rolled out again came to the river in Several places with wood on Islands every 6 or 8 miles untill 3 miles from our present camping place come today about 26 miles I think there is no wood they say, for 25 miles from the Island three miles back, met 14 waggons today returning to the States Say they are returning for the want of grass the road today has been good bearing

west for the most of the distances for the last few miles N. West,
 we have past the graves of the following 21 names today. Jno. Glenn
 died June 8th aged 28 years. from Cin. Ohio. D. W. Wright June 28th
 aged 23 years. I M Maxwell died June 10th aged 26 years from Georgia
 Ebenezer Clark Died June 4th aged 45 fr. Lynn Co. Mo. Geo. Cheatham
 Died June 8th aged 27 Fayette Co. Ohio N. Stone Died June 6th age 23.
 Rev. Mrs. Embree died June 10th Age 57. Dr. Wm Goodman Died June 3rd
 fr. Coles Co. Ills. aged 38 Wm Miller died June 5th aged 60 yrs
 I.P.Farris died June 5th aged 21. W M Landis Died June 5th aged 80.
 Thos. Wood Died June 5th aged 22, I W Crudgeington died June 10th
 aged 30 yrs fr. Dallis Co. Mo. Wm Whelan died June 18th fr. Wisconsin,
 David Pike died June 7th aged 10 yrs. D.P.Swett died June 14th aged
 29 yrs. fr. Mercer co. Ohio, John Millican died June 18th from
 Indiana, James Johnson died June 1st aged 47 Pike Co. Ills. Wm.
 Allen Son of Col. A. of Benton Mo. died June 7th aged 20 yrs. R W
 Hollan June 2d of N C. It appears here the cholera has been fatal
 enough to discourage the bravest heart, our wounded man doing well
 have seen no Buffalow yet would like to have a crack at one grass
 begins to get more scarce

Friday June 21st

Rolled out this morning at 6 o'clk about 6 miles from where we encamped
 last night or about 9 miles from the Island below where we lay we
 found a fine Spring it is about 200 yards from the main road there
 are little roads leading to or near it it is in the head of a marsh
 here we past 3 waggons laying by for a sick man his name is E.B.
 Bostwick who I think will die has Dysentery rolled on about 6
 miles and came to 2 Islands near each other wood and water can be
 had with but little trouble we Struck out in Bottom and grazed 3

hours to this place about 12 miles. Rolled out at 3 o'clk came to our present encampment in all today about 24 miles we are on a little Dry creek with Steep banks our cours today west or a little north of West we have passed today 23 graves names as follows, Sarah Stayner died June 8th aged 35 Issac Macullum June 15th aged 13 Tanney co. Mo. Jacob Brummitt June 8th aged 20, Israel Broshears June 7th aged 44 Pike co. Ills. Wm. Broshears June 7th aged 22 Warwick Indiana, Mary Norton June 8th age 57 Pike Co. Ills. Geo. Gertgey June 8th Ohio, Geo Gerhart June 7th of Weston Mo. Jas. Able June 11th aged 53 Pelk co. Mo. Wm Hardy Winchester Ills. aged 33 W. F. Ivy June 10th aged 20 Camden co. mo. H. winfield June 8th aged 21 fr. Georgia M Z A Walsa June 10th aged 22, A I Williams June 8 aged 22 dallas co. Mo. J.A. Meswright June 17 aged 25 Tanney co Mo. Mrs. M. McFarland June 15th aged 23 Barry Co. Mo. Rufus Lodell June 10th aged 22 Ills. James Sexton June 8th aged 42 Fulton co. Arkansas, Moses Wolf June 8th aged 23 Robt. Duncan June 10 aged 25 Highland Co. Ohio one I did not get the name. G. W. Pool and A. Lyle fr. Georgia died June 8th one aged 25 the other 27 passed a train of waggons bound for Oregon about 160 Souls with a fine Stock of cattle they are generally well though one man is very low and uncertain about him living they are from Missouri Several of our train Sick with Dysentery.

Saturday June 22

Reled out this morning about 6 o'clk crossed 2 Dry creeks about 2 miles from where we encamped wepassed the 2nd one which has a Spring about 30 yards below the road by some cotton wood trees the Spring comes up in the bed of the creek, about a mile and a half further in another creek Dry with enough wood for cooking purposes. about 2 miles further the road bears close to the Bluff

which leaves the river from 3 to 4 miles, traveled today about 14 miles there is no mark here to remind the traveler where we have Stopt our course today nearly west. Several sick today in camp, with dysentary none dangerous. met 2 waggons today from Salt Lake passed only 8 graves today that we have Seen, I find that there are many very many that are buried off from the road from 1-4 to a mile Some with no head board So we cannot tell who they are. I passed one today that appeared to be a woman poor creature. her Skirts and dress lay Some 15 feet from her grave as though She had dropped them them to go to be her Skirts both lay in Side of her dress her bed a few yards further and her Pillows and blankets all with some other clothing lay around like it had been only a few hours Since she was burried, a Sad specticle it caused deep emotions to thrill in my bosom to look on the Sad Sight but Sooner or later we all have to render up an account to our God. one name Issac Clary June 19th aged 50 Cass co. Loganport, Ind. I L Still or I L S Till I could not teel which June 12th from Georgia. Wm. M. Clancy June 6th Smith Miller June 6th from Oxford Ohio. Robt. Hendrickson June 11th aged 26 fr. Payette co. Ohio. W.P. Hatten June 11th aged 19 of Pettis Co. Mo. Mary V. Simmons June 15th aged 2 years Franklin co. Mo. C. D. Davis died June 16th no other marks to tell where he was from age or anything else from appearances we are likely to have a Storm this evening. I have understood by one of our passengers that he Saw 6 fresh graves about a mile off near the river bank and I know there are a great many I do not see as till we back.

Sunday June 23d 1850. after we got past there is nothing remark- Rolled out this morning half after 6 o'clk. About 8 miles we came to where the road forks one goes to the river and the other takes up the Bluff I Suppose this right hand road goes to the lower ford

of the South fork of the Platte there is a little creek about 100 yards from the main road where this right hand road crosses and at the crossing there is a good Spring. came on about 2 or 3 miles and I saw some of our Passengers after 2 Buffaloes they were coming in the direction where I was with 4 or 5 others one of the men shot one which did not run more than 100 yards till he fell dead. he was not very fat being a Bull but he was good. I took a hearty dinner of the liver and expect to have several good meals more from our part of it, I think we have traveled about 14 miles today arriving here about one o'clock P M. laying by till tomorrow we have passed 13 graves today.

Robt. Walker died June 7 aged 36 yrs from Benton Mo. C.D. Binns June 7th aged 23 yr St. Clair co. Mo. I H Howe June 12 aged 52 Cooper co. Mo. John Caulk June 20th aged 34 yrs Millat Co. Mo. J. Williams June 13th aged 50. Tany Co. Mo. one no board Polly Wright June 19th aged 36 Tany Co. Mo. John Burgin June 12 aged 25 Sullivan Co. Mo. Catharine Wilmoth June 11th aged 11 yrs. Alexander McClellena aged 31 yrs A.L. Miller June 20th Medina Co. Ohio. Dr Lanty Ford June 12 aged 27 from Indiana H M Gibbs. Our sick man with broken leg is doing well Some 8 or 10 sick with Dysentary, our course south west. I should have remarked that about 3 miles back we raised the bluff and came of the bluff about 2 miles then took to the right down a ravine came to the river Bottom again and went up a small distance to our present encampment.

Monday June 24th
Rolled out this morning about 6 o'clock Kept up along Sides the Hills all day about 24 miles where the road takes out on the hill we took off to the right about a mile to get grass there is nothing remarkable on today's travel no Springs or timber the road runs from 2

to 4 miles from the river there are a few little Islands in the river but almost impossible to get at them nothing but willows on them. We have passed 30 graves today. Sad reflections and I know there many we do not see I think we do not see more than 2 thirds that are buried in this bottom the names of what I have are as follows: I Q Smith died June 11th Sentry Co. Mo. John Duncan June 14th age 27 Scott Co. Va. Wm K Gunter June 12th age 26 of Mo. Geo. Frey June 10th age 25 of Phila. Pa. James Lofftis June 8th age 67 Henry Co. Mo. John Thomas June 12 age 40 of Armstrong Co. Pa., Issac Moore June 16th age 37 Ray Co. Mo. I P Box June 7th age 39 Polk co. Mo. W C Reeves June 10th age 22 Capegerardeau Mo., James West June 8th age 50 Pulasky Co. Mo W.P.Lamb June 15th age 46 A Wilmoth June 14th age 36 Carroll Co., Ark. Capt Wm C Halley June 23 age 46 of Chariton Co. Mo. W B Hays June 10th age 40 Dade Co. Mo. Mary Barclay I M Belcher M Wadleycollect, June 10th, I.L. Knapp and T. Wheeler June 10 P A Gettings June 4th Dave co. Ind. Aidy Chrisman June 11th M V Venable June 11th Davis Co. Ind., M. F. Pinkston June 11th age 27 Davis co., Mo. Elizabeth Hendrix June 11th age 21 Robt. Burchard June 19th age 19 Osage Mo. W gapen June 15th and 3 without beards this is all I saw.

Tuesday June 25th the boat we have several days back put out Rolled out this morning at about 7 o'clock 5 miles brought us to the Ford on the South Platte. there is a ford 5 miles above but this being more shallow we crossed here we are all safely over except one carriage and one baggage waggon which we left this morning with a very sick man they have not come up yet one Doctor came up this evening and left him some better but entertains fears of his recovery

we Shall know tomorrow We have several very sick in camp this evening I fear our trouble is only commenced Still I hope for the better, we have only passed 6 graves this morning that I Saw. Mr. J. Shuby June 6 age 52 Elk camp, Ind. G G Boid June 11th Jackson Co. Mo. P.M. Tipton and C. Clark both died June 10th of Mo. Saml P.M. Lamb June 18th Jackson Co. Mo. I Kammel June 19 age 33 yrs Madison Co. Wis S. D. Clark June 18th age 31 Will Co. Ills. low and 3 miles from

the Platte here we found a half mile wide. we go nearly down Stran to cross keeping on the bank of the Bar all along other places Swin horses. The traveler can know this Ford by observing 2 cotton wood trees about one mile below this ford. about and Wednesday June 23 very bad and creeked place, where we can to the Rolled out today at 3 o'clk P M only having 7 miles to go waited till Mr. Mohon our sick man caught up he is much Better though others very sick arrived at our present encampment about 102 after 7 o'clk I have passed 5 or 6 waggons on the North Side laying By till the morning many Sick in our camp 9 o'clk P.M. Our sick man that was taken last night with cholera Mr. Franklin Burley of Mason co., no Team is no more, he has gone The way from which travelers never Return. Peace to his ashes on this dreary Spot I was not present when he died do not know the State of his mind though I think he was Sensible nearly to the last we have Several very Sick yet but hope they will recover. the way first one Mary Crow Died June 18th

Thursday June 27th June 28 age 24 Jackson co. Mo. 3 graves

Rolled out this morning 1-2 after 6 o'clk Burried our man last night. the waggons Spoken of last evening Lost all their oxen last night, about 75 head when we left they were hunting them I Should

Benton Co. Mo. 3 Graves June 18th 2 graves no name A Lamb June

have mentioned that the Government train lost some 4 to 6 head of mules and horses night before last they are not found yet met 4 men going back to hunt them Stopped to graze 1-2 after 10 rolled out 1 o'clock P.M. arrived at our present encampment about 8 o'clock P.M. the country from the South Platte to the North Platte I think is about 20 miles, 17 or 18 miles to the head of ash Hollow and 3 miles from there to the river. I think there might be a better place further to the left coming to North Platte by taking off some few miles from ash Hollow or where we came into it and strike the head of the Hollow further to the left, although we got down safe without and mishap yet it is a steep bad and crooked place, where we can to the North Platte at the foot of Ash Hollow the Bluffs are high and the country beautiful there are 2 little Islands a little above covered with cedars the only timber on them. we are now encamped about 6 or 7 miles above ash hollow the roads are heavy in places all the ravines throw out sand and makes it hard dragging every Ravine, to our present encampment, I think it is some 27 miles from where we started this morning we are about 2 miles above Castle Rock this rock looks like some old castle the front some 200 feet with corners like a building with a hole resembling a door at the distance we were from it, it appeared to be the size of a large Barn door we have passed 16 more graves today first one Mary Crow Died June 15th aged 24. Francis Dealy June 23 age 24 Jackson co. Mo. 2 graves no name I Hill June 11 age 20 of Mo. C. Brown June 20th age 24 Ind. Died of cholera James Conley June 16th of Adams co. Ills. Dudley Hutcherson June 14th Mace Co. Mo. R.B. Brown June 11th age 23 Benton Co. Mo. A Kelley June 15th 2 graves no name A Lamm June and came to our present encampment to all about 27 miles or so to tell the distance passed today 16 graves as follows, Mary Crow

16th of Ind. Jonas Keyes June 24th age 38th one with S. M. on it June 10th and Franklin Burnley out of our train makes the 13. 17 of the sick in our camp are all better this evening. our course from South Platte N.H. west up the N. Platte neare west, we have found no grass Since we left South Platte that will Keep Stock and no water except a few standing holes untill we got into Ash Hollow there are 2 springs on the creek one about one mile before you get to the Bottom of the Platte and the other not more than a quarter. chel. John Scott June 18th age 64 Grandy Co. Mo. Handy

Friday June 28th 41 Clay son, Mo. A J Leachman June 18th age 22

Rolled out this morning at 6 o'clk traveled 7 hours today in all making about 14 or 15 miles very heavy Sand to drag through nearly all the way along here there are no objects to remind the traveler of Distances from place to place the grass has been all eaten off from here back to ash Hollow we have found tonight excellent grass. Past 13 graves today first Diana Heatherly June 25d age 12 Jasper Co. Mo. J M V Simmons June 24th age 7 months, Franklin Co. Mo. I Cunningham June 14th age 23 Isreal Thurman June 14th age 55 Pike Co. Ills. D. S. Hendrix June 16th age 40 Lawrence Co. Mo. I.M. Grooms June 10th Green Castle Ind. John Wright June 25th age 23 Tany Co. Mo. David Crow June 16th age 26 Geo. Seefield June 14th age 22 Vanburen Co. Iowa. Elisabeth Talley June 14th Nancy Casiday June 19th age 37 of Iowa. at other times about 2 miles further there

our Sick are all doing well. Course west, up the Platte Bottom, our camping place about 2 or 3 miles above the bad Sand Road, other

Saturday June 29 miles further crossed quite a Stream. With I

Rolled out this morning about 7 o'clk grazed 2 hours or more and came to our present encampment in all about 20 miles no objects to tell the distance passed today 25 graves as follows, Caleb Odell

June 17th age 26 Ray Co. Mo. Franklin Vanbebber June 15th Ray Co. Mo.
 J. Carson June 20th age 50 of Ills. James Carson June 21 age 17 of
 Ills. A Ridle June 22d age 60 of Ills. M. Bell June 22d age 30 of
 Ills. John Hatton June 18th age 20 Monitor Co. Mo. D. Traxiel June
 16th of Bullard and Waddles Train. Dr. I. S. Wood June 16th Bullard
 and Waddles train of Lexington Mo.
 Newman Grasty, R.S. Farrar June 28th age 36 of Franklin county Mo.
 Levi Armstead June 10th age 19 Pike Co. Mo. Wm. Flouresy June 14th
 age 15 of chol. John Scott June 18th age 64 Grundy Co. Mo. Handy
 Brown June 19th age 41 Clay cou. Mo. A J Leachman June 10th age 22
 Putnam Co. ind. Rosana Price June 17th age 29 Rock Co., Wisconsin
 W. Mahan June 17th age 60 Davis Co. Mo. A Taylor June 15th age 44
 Polk co. Mo., Wm. Dawson June 19th age 39 Clay Co. Mo. Wm Gress
 June 19th age 20. Saml Beech June 25th age 25 Henry Co. Mo. S. Ridle
 and daughter.

All better in camp tonight a heavy Hail Storm no cooking
 very little Sleeping. Our present encampment is nearly opposite
 a thin grove of pine on the Bluff 4 or 5 miles to our left about 35
 miles from castle Rock.

Sunday June 30th

Rolled out this morning about 8 o'clock about 2 miles we came to
 a creek which had good cold water in it perhaps from the rain and Hail
 last night it may be dry at other times about 2 miles further there
 is a fine Spring of good cold water in the bank to the right of the
 road about 3 miles further we Stopped to graze and dry our clothes
 came on about 9 or 10 miles further crossed quite a Stream. Wish I
 Knew the name about two miles further brought us to the Sioux Village
 there are Some 4 or 5 hundred of them they are the greatest beggars

I ever Saw we came on a mile further to our present Encampment in all today I think 20 miles We have only passed 6 graves today the first, as follows N. Campbell June 16th age 21 of Mo. Saml. Hinch June 17th age 33 yrs & 4 days old of Saline Co. Mo. Calvin Green June 12 age 23. Howard Co. Mo. Amanda Lanne June 23 age 28 Boon Co. Mo. B E Davis June 17th age 26, Wm. Dalton June 17th age 24 Jones Co., Iowa, we are now opposite the court house Rock beautiful in appearance.

Monday July 1st

on 1-2 after 2 o'clock P M traveled till 1-2 after 2 in all today July 1st or 2d. the valley or gap behind Scotts bluffs Rolled out this morning at 6 o'clock traveled 13 miles (opposite to chimney Rock) this morning. Stopped to Graze 11 o'clock this chimney Rock is beautiful in appearance it looks at this distance to be about 150 feet high is said to be 250 feet. it can be Seen from 20 to 25 miles with ease Rolled out after Grazing 1-2 after 3 o'clock P.M. arrived at our present encampment at 7 o'clock P.M. a few miles west of chimney Rock are a group of Square masses reared up Some 250 feet high resembling the ruins of Some ancient Fortifications there are 5 of them. Some larger and higher than others they present a Huge hill of earth or Rock which could be Seen almost any distance. we are now encamped about one mile west or above them in all today I think we have come 20 miles today grass in places good there are Several Springs about a mile and half or 2 miles before you get to Chimney Rock.

We have passed today 8 graves as fellows F. Masher June 11 W. P. Temple June 24th age 35 Carroll Co. Ark. Cissero H. Morrow June 15th Ozark, Green Co. Mo. Thos Price June 28th aged 26 T.A. Mo. Nancy Jane Smith June 28th age 18 of Franklin Co. Mo. Wm. Finell June

after Seven o'clock we rode in all today 23 or 24 miles there are camping places for 2 or 3 miles after grazing about 1-2 miles

15th age 47 Howard Co. Mo. Oliver Sutton June 20th aged 16 of Saline Co. Mo.

Tuesday July 2

Rolled out this morning 1-4 before 6 traveled till 10

o'clk A.M. about 12 miles now grazing opposite to Scotts Bluffs in the Valley to the left of the bluffs a Point of mounds with one looking like a large Doam on Some public building to the right of us. Rolled on 1-2 after 2 o'clk P M traveled till 1-2 after 6 in all today about 24 miles or 25. the valey or gap behind Scotts bluffs appears to have Sinks for all this Ravines to discharge their water in where you come to the first Bluff on the left there is a deep ravine in this and others to your Right there are Springs. after leaving you cross the ravine Some 3 to 400 yards to your right in a deep Ravine you can find another Spring all good water but not very plenty. We are now about 2 miles west of the gap, no good grass nor water. Passed 9 graves to Mary Ann McNulty, July 2, aged 14 Chariton Co., Mo. D. Garrison June 11th, Rev. M. Jamieson May 30th age 49 of Mo. John McCarty June 15th age 25 of Mo. M W Murray June 18th age 25 Paoli Co. Ind. I.M. Kay June 20th age 37 of Maples Iowa Francis M. Bradley June 21st age 23 Howard Co Mo. and 2 no names: there is at this time Some Indians and a blacksmith at these Springs I Spoke of. Several very sick in camp tonight our course N. west weather fine.

Wednesday July 3d

Rolled out this morning at 6 o'clk about 6 or 7 miles cross a Small creek the water muddy banks tolerably Steep about 4 or 5 miles further brings you to Horse creek quite a Stream also muddy water after crossing this creek about a mile we struck off to graze 1-4 after Seven O'clk makeing in all today 23 or 24 miles there are camping places for 2 or 3 miles after crossing Horse creek after

passing and ascending the first Hill there is no good camping place till you come down to the river bottom again ne Springs today and river unhandy except where you come down the hill to this bottom. there has been no wood Since we left Soetts bluffs there are some timber on the Islands but a long way to go to it. Crossed a dry creek about a mile back

Passed 9 graves today as follows.

Joseph H. Loyd June 11th age 19 St. Clare Co. Mo., Robt Morocross June 16 age 23 Shelby Co. Ohio. Eliza H. Medley June 21st aged 7 years. Geo. A. Gillum June 21st Wm. D. Clark June 21st P. Younkas June 24th aged 32 of Mo. A. Oblinger June 24th of Ohio the two last Brothers in Law and in one grave. Hugh Warren June 17th Carroll Co. Mo. H. Frasier June 21 age 22 Ray Co Mo. and one no name all out Sick doing well today except Mr. Tucker he will not live till morning I think no good grass this evening

Thursday July 4th

Rolled out this morning 1-2 after 6 o'clk. traveled about 14 or 15 miles no grass that will sustain Stock to work the most barren country we have seen came close to the river 2 or 3 times. Some wood no Spring I would here remark that the river water is much more healthy unless you find a Spring coming out of the Hills. Our Sick man Lewis K. Tucker is no more he departed this life last night about 10 o'clk P.M. Perfectly resigned he was a member of the M.E. Church and expressed his willingness to go (Blessed hope) he was committed to the last resting place this morning at 6 o'clk. Peace to his Soul. arrived here at the middle fork of Platte about 1-2 after 6 this evening in all today 23 miles we are now 1 1-2 miles from Fort Laramie

Past 19 graves today as follows Chas. A. Dearing June 17th age 20 Davis Co. Mo. H.D. Sherriff June 26th age 27 Lumpkin Co. Georgia Sarah

C. Prother June 26 age 37, Wm Jenks June 11th Andrew Co. Mo. Charles
Cox June 25th age 19 Mr. Lambert June 24 of Mo. Mrs. Waits June 21st
of Iowa Rachael Jones June 23 age 20 W.A. Garvin June 11th age 20
Franklin Co. Mo. I.D. Sullivan July 2d age 33 Mercer Co. Mo. Shark
Wright July 2d age one year Tany Co. Mo. M.S. Greeley June 24th Lex-
ington Mo. R.I.P. W.M. Morehead June 24th of Lexington Mo. L.F.P.
Wm. Lockwood June 21 age 17. Franklin Ford June 24th of Ind. and 3
I did not get their names and our man L.K. Tucker Died July 3d age
31 of Sumner Co. Ten.

I think we Shall Stay here tomorrow though there is no grass
the Platte here looks quite small.

Friday July 5th

Lay by all day today our Sick all doing well

Saturday July 6th

Rolled out this morning after breakfast crossed Laramie River
which is a Swift Stream about 40 or 50 Yards wide and has been high
I am told all Spring and Summer Capt Robert of the Fort tells me it
gets quite low and has fine fish in it. after Spending Some time at
the Fort we Rolled out about 10 o'clock A.M. here we took the left hand
road and from the best information I would get it is the best and the
nearest. You go up several hills one tolerably steep descending it is
not bad at any place from the Fort it is about 11 miles where you
Strike down into a dry gravelly creek Keep down till you come to the
Junction of another which forms a Point. about 300 yards below this
Point is the warm Spring a bold Spring and good water but warm. after
leaving the Spring you Keep up the road nearly mile when you take up
a ravine to the right this hill is Steep. after we arrived at the
Summit we traveled about a mile and a half and encamped for the the

night on the right hand side of the road. there is plenty of wood on the creeks and ravines in this vicinity principally pine and cedar grass very thin and much parched up there are many pieces of waggons cooking stoves, etc., left by the way.

we have passed today 27 graves as follows (including the graves at the fort which are fresh) Elizabeth Sweet June 29th age one year and 9 mos. P Francis June 21 Cole Co. Mo. H Francis June 21 Cole Co. Mo. I Evans June 19th O.M. Rowe June 18th fr. Davis Co., Ills. C. H. Squire June 17th Vermontville Mich. 10 had no name on head boards I. H Lamb June 23 age 4 W R Lee June 18th Polasky Co. Ky. James Coggeshall June 15th Madina Ohio W W Johnston June 21 of Leroy Mich. Antony Wood June 10th Ogle Co. Ills. Amos Harding June 18th Warren Co Ills Silas Hoyt June 20th Boon Co. Ills. age 20 John Anderson May 28th age 25 Amelia Griswold June 26th age 33 Franklin Co. Mo. Wm Mitchell June 15th A Hammond June 25 age 36 Winchester, Ills.

Sunday July 7

Rolled out this morning half after 5 o'clock about 3 or 4 miles brought us to what is called Porters Rock to the left it is about 10 or 15 feet high close to the Road after you pass this you come down into a dry creek and keep down it untill you come to a point where another creek comes in here you turn to left and keep up this creek about 5 miles to our present encampment there are plenty of wood and water but grass is scarce there is one Spring near the creek about 5 miles to our present encampment there are plenty of wood and water but grass is scarce there is one Spring near the creek to the right a Road leading to it about 2 miles after you leave the dry creek.

we have passed 5 graves today Stopped about 12 o'clock came today about 13 miles. the names are as follows, Wm. H. Sharp June 26 age 10

Cass Co. Mo. W Page June 28th, K Wood June 28 both in one grave.
 Martha Woodson June 21 age 9 years Platte Co. Mo. Jos. Smith Green
 Co. Mo. Geo. Morris June 27th age 23 Nowabee co. Miss. Today being
 the Sabath we lay by until tomorrow about 3 or 4 o'clock another one
 of our train departed this life. Jos. B. Baker of Morgan Co. Ohio.
 at his burial there was a Hymn Sung a chapter read and a prayer made
 by Robt. Charlton which was good and appropriate.

Monday morning July 8th

Rolled out this morning 1-2 after 5 o'clock came about one half
 mile where we came to a dry creek we took up this creek and crossed
 it many times till about 7 1-2 miles where there is a Spring to the
 right a Short distance above this we assended the Bluff after
 crossing one dry branch we raised the hill again after geting over
 this we began to decend in the head of a hollow this hill is Steep
 and Rough for about 1 mile when you Strike another dry errek then
 the road is down the creek through Sand gravil and cobble stones
 till you Strike Horse Creek here we are encampt for today in all
 today 13 1-2 miles the grass is bad timber plenty.

Passed 6 graves today as follows Dr. Thos Wilkes June 24th age 33
 years of Iowa City Iowa T Nelson June 26, Peter Williams June 21 fr
 Davis Co. Ill. John B. Cooke June 17th Ray co. Mo. M. Thomson June 28
 of Ark. laying by till tomorrow many Sick in today though not bad.
 this is called Hebers Spring there are many Springs on the West or
 North W. Side of this creek one of our men Killed a deer today very
 nice eating.

Tuesday July 9th

Rolled this morning 1-2 after 5 o'clock after leaving horse creek
 we went about a mile where we took up a dry gravelly branch we crossed
 it many times before we got up the hill about one mile up the branch
 there is a Spring to the right of the road. this hill has Some Steep

Wednesday July 10th

Rolled out this morning about 1/4 after 6 o'clk 2 miles brought us to a small creek which has a little water in holes and a Spring about a quarter of mile below the ford the banks are steep. from a mile back and 3 miles this Side of the creek after you cross this creek the road is quite hilly all the way with a red Sand and clay mixed. about 6 miles from this creek another little one with timber on it and 6 or 6 and a half miles more there is another. directly you come to a dry branch and come down in it and Keep the bed of the branch for Some 2 or 3 hundred yards where you come into it a Spring then raise the hill and about a mile and half you come to a La Prele River timer and water plenty but no gras about the ford, we are now encamped about a mile below the ford in all today about 16 miles.

Passed 14 graves today as follows Maria L Graham June 30th age 27 Charitan Co Mo. Mary A Hicks July 4th aged 29 Layfayette Co. Wis. Willaby Lewis June 2d age 38 Agency City Iowa Solomon Dills June 20th St. Jos. Mo. I W Cantwell June 27th age 20. 5 graves I did not get there names. Nancy Wickliff June 22 age 47 Benton Co. Mo. C White June 24th age 29 of Mo. Pernat Siry June 22 age 12 yrs and one more more of our train a col. man did this day of cholera, Some 20 Sick and under treatment but I do hope they will all recover.

Thursday July 11th

Rolled out this morning at 8 o'clk about 4 miles or a little more you come to a little branch Bad banks a mile further you come to Boxelder Creek it Small but plenty of water and a Spring about 100 yards above the for it comes out nearly at the waters edge on the west Side the banks are Steep and bad no grass but Some wood after crossing Hills and Hollows you come to Fourche Boise River or creek 3 1/2 miles from Box Elder quite a stream plenty of wood and water but no grass, after going over many hills again 4 miles brings you to the North fork of the Platte again here you

Keep up the bottom to Deer Creek 5 miles we Struck off about a mile below deer creek to the left to find grass on the creek came between 2 Hills good going over after getting to the creek we crossed it and kept up it to our present encampment near 10 miles found Some grass here and a fine Spring Plenty of Buffaloe Elk Deer Antelope mountain Sheep and Sage chickens up the road to deer creek today about 17 or 18 miles but we are now off the road, these mountains on our left look sublime and beautiful there are plenty of timber on this creek for all the emigrants that may pass here the next 20 years. We have passed only 3 graves today that I have seen John M Cotton June 20th age 22 of Pike Co. Ills. James Ralls June 27th age 23, S Rees July 2d age 37 of Lumpkin Co. Georgia. I do hope the climate here is too pure to find many more graves by the way. our Sick all getting better.

Friday July 12th

laying by today all out hunting I will report this evening what has been Killed. Killed Some antelope today.

Thursday July 18th

we have laid by here one week this evening it is a beautiful place to camp thought the grass is very much eaten by the Emigrants Stock there is plenty of game all around these mountains and Some fish in the creek and Springs almost in every Ravine at the foot of the mountain we rolled out this morning about 11 o'clk and came to our present encampment about 12 miles. Keeping up Deer creek Some 2 or 3 miles untill the creek turned off to the mountain we Struck off to the right up a dry ravine across the hill to our present encampment, crossed one or 2 Small creeks during the time banks Steep and road very rough.

Friday July 19th

Rolled out this morning about 6 o'clk only went about 3 or 4 miles crossed what is called Mudy creek and went up it nearly to the mountain

to get grass. we find the grass more Searce every day.

Saturday July 20th

Rolled out this morning about 12 after 6 o'clk 5 miles Brought us to the big road again and about 3 or 4 miles from the ferry this new road I think is not more than 3 or 4 miles out of the way but it is very Rough and uneven crossed the ferry about 2 o'clk P.M. about 7 miles from the ferry you come to a long hill the road turning nearly South the hill is not Steep assending decending there are Some ugly places after you are down the principle hill you come to a dry banch and Keep down it crossing it Several times untill you come to the Mineral Springs 5 1 2 miles it is very Poisonous we camped about 3 miles below it on the Same branch or creek in all today about 25 miles passed 3 graves today 2 I did not get their names and one had no name.

Sunday July 21st

Rolled out this morning about 6 o'clk 4 miles brought us to Rock avenue which is formed by rocks on each Side of the road presenting a very handsome avenue and good through it after you get through it there is a Steep hill to do down 2 miles from this avenue is the Alkali Swamps and Spring which is dangerous for Stock to drink we passed Some 30 or 40 head of Stock dead on the road today from the effects of this water there is tolerable good grass up the Valey above those Swamps about a mile and a little creek of water about 4 miles you come to a little branch on the left where you Strike it there is a Spring off to the left about 80 yards rather down the branch you Keep up this branch about 3 miles to the Willow Springs they come out in Several places there is Searceely and fuel of any Kind from the Platte to our present Encampment after leaving those Springs you rise a very long hill tolerably Steep a

mile to the Summit after you are on the top the decent is gradual you Strike ravine at the foot and Keep down it a Short distance when you come to a mirey place on the left and onward you will find other bad places to the right the grass is good on them but dangerous for Stock So mirey you Keep down this creek or a Short distance from it for Several miles about 9 miles from prospect hill you come to Grease Wood creek a Small runing Stream in all today about 20 miles. Passed two graves today Geo. Sharp June 26 age 22. Danl Capp J. 20th a yr. this country is a baren looking country water not good no grass and very little timber.

Monday July 22

Rolled out this morning about 6 o'clk leaving one Big Waggon after crossing greasewood creek 6 1/2 miles brought us to the Alkali Lakes which on both Sides of the road the roads here are Sandy and heavy 5 1-2 miles more brought us to Sweet Water river a considerable Stream tributary of the Platte here is Indipendence Rock which is quite a curiosity 5 miles more brought us to the Devils gate where the creek runs between 2 high rocks they Say 400 feet perpendicular a half mile from here is a little creek 1-2 miles further there is another both tolerable bad banks our present encampment about 3 miles above this creek in all today about 20 miles passed one grave today James Hinton July 9th age 33 Louisa Co. Iowa grass Still Seearce no wood wild Sage and Buffaloe chips the only fuel our course South West up Sweet Water.

Tuesday July 23d

laying by today our mules being nearly Gone in I Should have remarked that we left 2 other waggons yesterday and today we Shall leave more.

Wednesday July 24th

Rolled out this morning after throwing one more waggon away (yesterday by a comity appointed and waggons all examined and unloaded and changes made rolled on about 9 miles from the last creek mentioned where the river runs between 2 gorges of high Bluffs, the road passing between the gorge on the right and one not near So high on the left forming a Kind of avenue or gateway 3-4 of a mile brings you another high peak of Soft rock on the left and near the river here you cross the river Keep up about 1-2 miles then a mile and cross again the old road takes up the river 1-2 mile then out on the hill this new road goes about 2 1-2 miles where you come to another peak of rock on the left pass between it and the river it is about a 1-4 mile from the river there is a large mountain of Granate Some 6 or 800 feet high on the right all the way up So far Some of the peaks are very high all perfectly bare of grass or timber there is very little grass any where except on the river about 7 or 8 miles brings you to a Small creek with a few cottonwood trees where we are encamped in all today I think we have come nearly 20 miles.

Passed 5 graves today B Blankenship June 26 Adam Brehm July 1st Johnson Co. Mo. Hiram Cranson July 17th age 28 Onondago Mich. G. W. Campbell June 26 Madison Co Ills. and one no name

Thursday July 25th

Rolled out this morning about 6 o'clock road heavy in places but they are Short about 6 3-4 miles Brought us to another ford on S. W. a Short distance more and you come up between 2 high Bluffs of Rock and cross the River (creek) twice in about one mile 1-2 traveling and

Side of it on the side of the bluff

Keep up the river passing many Singular heaps of rocks on each Side of the road Some 3 and 500 feet after you come between the two last before you come to S. Water again, you have a fine view of the mountains ahead 8 miles from the 2 high rocky ridges Spoken of where you cross the river last Brings you to the Ford on Sweet Water again in all today 16 1-2 miles here we crossed the river and lay all night

Friday July 26th about 5 o'clock 3 miles brought us to Quaking

Rolled out this morning about 1-2 after 5 o'clock came about 3 or 4 miles and turned out to graze near what is called Ice Spring which is 5 3-4 miles from the river it is on the right a little further on the left there are Some Small Alkali lakes about 11 miles you come to the Sweet Water again and cross it about a 1-4 mile you come to a Small creek water not good 2 miles brings you to the Summit of a long hill Some places quite Steep 3 1-2 miles you come to the river again and cross Keep up on the South Side about 1-2 or 3-4 mile and cross again about a mile above this our present encampment grass Secaree and much grazed on the river banks and Bottom is the only place where there is any grass none of the bluffs traveled to way about 22 miles passed many dead cattle and horses very many. grass here is Secaree we turned off

Saturday July 27th about 3 miles which is all the time we were

Rolled out this morning 5 o'clock 3 miles from the river brought us to a little branch near the road is a Spring the Road is on both Sides of it 2 miles more you leave the river up a Small branch and up and round hills and hollows for 3 miles when on the Summit a Short distance to the left there are 2 tolerable large Alkali lakes 7 miles brings you to Strawberry creek there is a little grove of timber on the South Side of it on the edge of the hill you cross 2 or 3 little branches

before you get to this creek there is grass in the heads of those ravines and many good Springs of pure cold water. Many emigrants have passed over these hills from 2 to 3 miles and encamped for grass. in all today about 11 miles we Shall Stay here today to rest our Stock lost one of our best mules today I think from drinking Alkali water.

Sunday July 28th

Rolled out this morning about 6 o'elk 1 mile brought us to Quaking Aspen creek a Small creek 2 3-4 miles brought us to a creek out of the mountains cold and good. it comes directly from the Snow in the mountains 2 1-4 or 2 1-2 more miles brought us to Willow creek a nice little Stream in all today about 7 or 8 miles we are encamped on Sweet Water Some 2 miles from the road, will lay by today arived here 1-2 after 10 o'elk A M. the time to get grass.

Monday July 29th

Rolled out this morning 5 o'elk about 5 miles we came to Sweet water and crossed it the last time 7 miles we came to 2 mounds passed between them 2 1-2 miles brought us to the Summit of the Mountain we turned off to the right and went to S. Water to graze which took us perhaps 1 or 2 miles out of the way grass here is Seearce we turned off about one mile west of the 2 mounds which is call the Twin mounds when on the Summit 3 miles brought us to Pacific Springs which comes out in a Swampy place to the right of the road the grass here was tolerable good but too mirey to herd on we rolled on 1 1-2 miles brought us to the creek made by the Pacific Springs but finding no grass and the water So charged with Alkali that we Rolled on to dry Sandy 9 miles the country here is very is destitute of grass water and wood we halted at

dry Sandy about 10 o'clock P M and concluded to stay and rest our Stock and get something to eat though we had no water and the water in dry Sandy not fit for man or beast being charged with Salt and Alkali in all today 28 miles our Stock much worn out.

Passed today 13 graves

Mary Allen July 4th Mr. J Burnes June 30th of Mo. 2 I did not get their names Washington Grove July 4 age 20 Nedowa Co. Mo. B. Burnes July 14th age 34 Shot himself accidentally Madison Co. Wis Mr. McGlanglen July 1st Mr. Cook June 30th Madison Co. Wis Wm. A Reed July 1st Cooper Co. Mo. Wm Thompson June 30th Lawrence Co. Mo. Saml Arbuele July 6th Henry Co. Mo. Mrs. S. Bolton July 21st age 44 New Harmony Ind. this evening and this appear to be an increase on the last few days but we have been off this road about 1-2 the time to get grass. with us tonight.

Tuesday July 30th

Rolled out this Morning about 2 o'clock 6 miles brought us to the Junction of the Oregon road we here took the left hand it looks like many emigrants had passed on that rout. about 8 miles more brought us to Little Sandy here we thought we should find grass but the emigration has consumed all the grass within 3 and 4 miles of the road, and our Stock very much in want here at Little Sandy there is not a spear of grass within 4 miles and that there is lies immediately on the creek and Little Sandy is a fine stream some 20 or 25 feet wide and 2 feet or more deep running from the mountains current rapid Sandy bottom and rather muddy. here the roads fork or rather there are some 2 or 3 roads one a road excellent except a few places