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Diary, Otoe City, N. T., to Rabbit Hole
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Diary of James L. Lowry, M.D., on a journey to Yreka, California,
from Otoe City, Nebraska, April 21, 1860 to Rabbit Hole Springs,
Nevada, July 28, 1860.]

James L. Lowry
Apr. 21st, 1860
Journal to California
from
Otoe City NeT.

[Sketch of sky]

North Star
and Dipper at 12
midnight
June 25, 1861

1860

April
Sunday

22 Left Otoe City passed thro Nebraska City and Moved
out 6 miles & camp^d Water plenty -- no wood & grass very scarce 6

Monday 23 Traveled over rolling country and camp^d on a small
stream Wood, Water plenty grass short made 12 ms. 18

9 Tuesd 24 In 10 m^s Crossed Salt Creek on a Bridge Took Wood
& moved out 4 m^s and Camp^d Water & Grass scarce 32

Wednesday 25 Moved 15 ms over rolling country a few trees
in sight once camp^d on a small slough Wood & Grass scarce,
Water plenty 47

Thursday 26 Started early and traveled all day over a
rolling country following the dividing Ridge Stopped one hour
at noon and at 5 1/2 P.M. Camped in a grassy ravine to the left
traveled 11 hours & made 22m. Wood none - Grass tolerable &
Water plenty 67

Friday 27 traveled 10 Miles over a high level table land
then a mile of abrupt rolling country to the Valey of ~~the~~ Big
Platte - here we found a small stream of Water & in 4 Miles came
to Elm Cr^{ee}k. Both these streams have timber on them in the hills
but none in the Bottom No Wood or Grass Bot Hay for feed Water
plenty Made 15 Ms 82

Saturday 28 Up the Bottom 5 Miles over level road then 4
Miles over bad Sandy Road to the lower bottom Came 3 Miles to
Clear Creek and camped Wood & Grass scarce Water plenty &
Very fine - to day was very windy In crossing the Creek on a log
several of the boys fell in -- Made 12 ms 94

Sunday 29 Started early & traveled up Clear Creek 2 or 3 miles the Road Today was sometimes Sandy sometimes hard but tolerably good -- Grass all day scarce we only intended to go 10 ms but could find no camp until 16 miles Campd on the bank of the River. Grass fair Wood & Water plenty 110

Monday 30 Moved on up the Valley in 10 Miles passed a trading post a Sod house and in 4 Miles another in a Tent, nooned or rather rested as we had no Grass -- found no Grass all day & had to camp on the Bank of the River 1 1/2 ms from the road on very short grass -- Wood and Water plenty -- Made today 20 Miles - 130

1860

May 1st Tuesday Traveled 5 hours this A.M. over level & tolerably good Roads no grass in sight. Hamilton & Co left bound ahead for grass P.M. traveled 4 hours & Camp on the bank of the River got plenty of Wood from an Island near & had poor Grass Made today 18 ms 148

Wednesday 2^d Started early & in 4 miles left the Bottom & came 4 ms over the upland to the River bottom again and nooned on tolerable grass & at 4 1/2 P.M. camped 1 1/2 mile from the Road on the bank of the River Good Wood from Island Grass tolerable Made 20 m^s 168

Thursday 3 Started at 6 1/4 A.M. and traveled till 12 1/2 and nooned on Good Grass and at 2 p.m. moved on -- Road all day up the Valey which was very wide. Saw several trains on the St. Jo road coming into the Valey at 5 P.M. camped 1 m. from the Road on the bank of the river found Good Grass on the Island. No wood -- Made 18 m 186

Friday 4th Started early and in 13 Miles came to Ft. Kearny - passing on the way several Whisky shops alias ranches From Ft. K. we turned North & in 1 mile came to Platte River and met with Hamilton - We immediately started across Platte River there are 10 channells; big & little two very wide & so deep we had to raise up our Loading & double teams - Wading & driving it took us over two hours to cross about 2 Miles wide We camped on the north bank - Grass Good - Wood on the Islands Water too much Made Today 16 miles 202

Sat. 5th A. M. laid by aired our load dried our Waggon beds & wrote letters &c. P.M. we moved up the River and in 6 Miles camp^d on the bank. Wood & grass good Made today 6 Miles 208

Sunday 6 Started at 11 A.M. intending to go 5 or 6 M^s but found no camp until sunset & that a poor one on the bank of a slough with no grass - a little wood & Water plenty. Made today 15 ms Our road to day has been over dry barren level Prairie at a long distance from the river. 226

Monday 7 As we had no grass for our stock we were off by sunrise intending to camp at the first grass & Water But our road like yesterday was from 4 to 8 ms from the river - Crossed 2 Creek beds where wood was plenty but no grass & in the 2^d no water - or grass So on we rolled - the Mule & Horse team out of sight ahead - a little before sunset - seeing no better prospect ahead & not knowing where the other teams were we turned for the river & a little after dusk came to a slough with water and camped Grass tolerable - No wood - Wind very high from N.W. made a dry supper on Crackers Cold meat & water & went to bed Made to day 25 m^s traveled 14 hours 251

Tuesday 8 The wind was very high all night & at 2 or 3 A.M. it began to rain which soon turned into snow & it was rain and snow till 9 A.M. Very hard -- Very Cold as we had no fire in Camp it was cheerless enough we spent our time in the Waggon wrapped up in Blankets & Quilts - and in an occasional run after the cattle -- Breakfast was rather a dry performance about noon we hooked up and moved on about 8 miles & came to the Mule & Horse teams & lay up the remainder of the day 259

Wednesday 9 Wind high and directly against us all day Moved up the Valley 4 or 5 miles near river & then we left the River^C at noon we stoped 1 hour on good Grass P.M. Moved on & in 7 miles came to the River where it comes close to the Bluffs the last 3 miles road was very sandy & heavy -- Camped on a narrow bottom Day pleasant except the Wind^W Willow wood plenty Water plenty - Grass tolerable Made today 18 miles 277

Thursday 10 Hamilton had moved further up the River than us last eve - Moved on up the Valley Most of the road good with occasionally some sand Bottoms wide & tolerably good at 11 1/2 came to H^S camp & found good Grass plenty of Water no wood Here we laid by for the day made 11 miles 288

Friday 11 Started early & soon crossed skunk creek and for the next 10 m had mud - sloughs - & sand a very heavy road 7 ms from Skunk Crk passed a big spring of clear pretty water - but not very good nooned 4 ms from the Spring on Carrion Crk P.M. Roads for 8 ms tolerably good then for 2 miles bad crossing several bad sloughs - and camp^d on the bank of a creek 1 rod wide Grass scarce very no wood - Made today 20 m 308

Saturday 12 As we had no grass last night we were off by 6 A.M. & in 1/2 mile broke the tongue to our Horse wagon In half an hour we had it mended - good as new & moved on and in the next 3 miles crossed about a dozen deep miry sloughs and all the road was deep heavy dragging Then for 6 miles the road was better - nooned on the bank of N. Platte. P.M. Good roads close to the river for 4 miles to Sand Creek 2 Rods wide good crossing here we left the river and took round thro the Bluff 3 miles of deep sandy Road to the River bottom again where we found tolerable grass - Water in some Ponds not very good no wood Yesterday & today we passed several large snow banks But the weather is warm
Made 16 miles 324

13. Rain & very cold all day. Laid by

Monday 14 Started early and at first had good road in 3 m^s left the River & struck over the Hills roads very heavy on account of deep sand for 2 Ms -- then good roads for ~~2xxx~~ a short distance & so it was all day a little good road and then as much deep sand. Crossed several small streams and camp^d on good grass on a slough Made today 16 Miles 340

Tuesday 15 Started early and found the roads much better being mostly hard & dry & but little sand during the day we crossed several small streams most of them coming from springs at the foot of the Bluffs on all of these we found good grass & some pieces of excellent land stoped to noon near the Bluffs at 12 1/2 P.M. found the roads generally good - but occasionally a few rods of deep sand. Camp^d at 5 1/2 P.M. on a slough near the river No wood - Chips scarce & Grass only tolerable.
Made today 20 ms. 360

Wed 16 Started early & in 1/2 m left the River & crossed over a point of the Bluffs - This was all deep sand - the hardest pull we have had. up & down we had it nearly a mile - then we came to the bottom & had good roads til noon at 11 A.M. passed Ash Hollow & camp^d for noon on a creek 2 ms above -- P.M. after resting 3/4 hour we started in 1/2 m J Todds child fell out of the waggon & the wheel run over its leg not seriously hurt. Road good till sunset Jane Slusher was thrown from a horse & hurt - not bad - Road all P.M. was over high bottom dry & no grass bottoms generally on fire Dark came on us; No Grass - No Mule Waggon in sight in front but after a time we saw the Camp Lantern & at 9 P.M. got in all safe all tired all hungry & no one in a very good humor Camp on the bank of the River - Chips scarce Grass slim - by 10 1/2 we had Supper over & turned in to our Blankets Several went to bed without supper Made today 28 ms.

388

Thursday 17 Started at 8 A.M. after Doctoring 2 or 3 oxen moved up the River 5 (5) miles & stoped to rest at 11 A.M. on tolerable grass on the Bank of the River P.M. Started at 1 & traveled until 5 1/2 and Camped on the bank of the River Grass tolerable - Water plenty no wood except a little small sage brush & a very few Buffalo- Chips Road today has been mostly hard & gravelly with occasionally a few Rods of Sand -- Made 13 Miles

401

Friday 18 Started at 6 1/2 A.M. & in 1 mile left the river and went about a mile thro the Bluffs. The Hills ascending were not bad: being dry & very hard but the descent was thro deep sand & very heavy pulling -- The[n] we entered the bottom again & had good roads for 3 miles then for 5 Miles road principally sandy & heavy - Noon on the bank of the River - the first place we have come to it for 8 Miles - Grass short 4 Ms. back came in sight of "Courthouse Rock" and camp for noon in sight of "Chimney Rock" (Mule & horse teams ahead) P.M. Started at 1 1/2 and found the Roads sometimes good & sometimes sandy in 2 1/2 M. overhauled the other Teams in Camp & all moved on over an open bottom of Sand & Gravel dry & with no grass - there was no low bottom & of course no chance to stop at 5 1/2 we left the bottom but came to it again in 3/4 Mile thro deep sand - & at 6 1/2 Camp^d on Bank of River - Grass Tolerable No wood - Made today 18 m^s -

419

Saturday 19 Started early & had good roads over high bottom These higher bottoms are covered with a short very thick coat of grass that stock will not touch In 10 miles we came to the river and nooned on short grass no wood P.M. rolled on over good roads at 3 P.M. ~~rolled on over good roads at 3 P.M.~~ it clouded up & soon begin to rain & hail the mule & horse teams had to stop & by the time the ox teams came up the worst was over & we moved down onto the bank of the river & camp^d grass short - Got some Willows from an island for wood. Made today 16 Miles

435

Sunday 20 It was clear before sunset last evening & the night was clear & cold - Started in good season & had good roads The wind was very high & directly against us & very cool. Stopped at 11 A.M. on tolerable grass on the Bank of the River Chimney rock is in fair view yet below - & Scotts Bluff a short distance above. No wood Made 8 Ms Laid by for the day

244
443

Monday 21 Started in good season Day pleasant & Road level & hard - Good - The road lay across a high bottom with no grass & some distance from the river at 10 A.M. passed opposite Scotts Bluff and at 12 M. stopped to noon at the first place we came to the River at the mouth of a small clear stream Grass short. P.M. traveled up the small stream till we passed when it heads in a large Marsh Most of the way 2 or 3 M^s from the River having traveled about 8 Ms. & seeing nothing of our Horse & Mule team - we struck off for the river & at 6 1/2 camp^d on the bank - Grass very short plenty willow wood (at 3 P.M. lost sight of Chimney Rock) Made today 15 Miles

461

Tuesday 22 Started early & moved up th bottom 6 ms & found the other teams - & stopped 2 or 3 hours on tolerable grass - then moved on 4 miles & found Good grass & camped for the day Road to day good Grass generally scarce Made 10 miles

471

Wednesday 23^d Started early in 1/2 M. met a train from Salt Lake road soon left the river and did not strike it for several miles - road mostly Good - Came to the River at 12 M. & nooned on short grass. Horse & Mule teams out of sight ahead after short rest we moved on & soon struck into a deep sandy road this made heavy dragging & our progress was slow at 6 3/4 P.M. as we could see nothing of the other teams we

turned square to the River 1 M. distant and found good grass. Wood in abundance & all Platte River for Watering Made today 19 m^s

490

Thursday 24 Started early & found the road mostly deep heavy sand. The Mule & Horse teams had camp^d 1 1/2 m^s above us - In 6 Miles we came to Platte River opposite to Fort Laramie & Camp^d one Mile above Laid by for the rest of the Day & tried to get over to the fort Post Office but could not. 497

Friday 25 After a fruitless attempt to get over the river we gave our Letters to some men who were going to swim their horses over. & started at 7 A.M. In 8 Ms we took to the Black hills roads very rough & rocky at 2 P.M. we stoped an hour to noon at a large spring to the right of the road 11 M^s after our Rest we moved on up hill & down over some very bad road 6 Miles to the bank of the Platte - a nice bottom with good grass & Wood Made 17 Ms.

514

Saturday 26 Did not move camp Washed & fixed up

Sunday 27 Started early and had good roads - for the Black Hills - gradually ascending for 7 miles Then down a steep rocky hill into a wide hollow (or valley) and good roads again generally with 2 or 3 rocky & rough descents - we followed down the Hollow about 3 Miles - to a spring an[d] grove of Box Elder & nooned Grass & water Good P.M. followed down the Branch 1/2 M & then took to the upland on our right & had 3 1/2 ms of good road over rolling prairie to a small creek with some grass and Water Crossing this we traveled over the upland 2 m to Deep Creek where we found tolerable grass & good water but no wood, but sage Camped - Made 16 m

530

Monday 28 Last night it stormed & rained very hard & this A.M. the rain continued with a very cold North Wind & some Snow So we could not move About 2 1/2 P.M. the rain ceased & the weather moderated the High hills around were white with snow As we could not make the next camping place we did not move camp.

Tuesday 29 Started at 7 A.M. and had fine road except they were somewhat heavy on account of yesterday's Rain. roads ascended gradually over rolling country for about 6 ms when we struck the head of a Hollow & followed down it good roads for 4 ms to the River & stoped for noon the last mile of the ravine was well lined with box Elder - Willow & Cotton wood timber - found no Grass for noon W^o & W^t plenty P.M. we left the Bottom & in 1/2 m came to the river & a large bottom across this 2 ms & crossed a ridge on to a large dry creek well lined with cottonwood & Box Elder Met Mormon oxtrein from Salt L Then we struck across the bottom towards the River & followed up the Bottom 4 1/2 ms and campd on the River Bank 1/2 M from the road & found Wood & Water plenty & tolerable Grass - Made today 17 ms 547

Wednesday 30 Started at 7 A.M. and followed the road over high rolling barren bottom the River much of the time in sight in 7 miles we crossed a deep wash where the road was Sandy-Gravelly Clayey & Rocky & rough out of this we came in 1/2 M onto the River Bottom again wide rolling - Gravelly & barren & in 1 1/2 M^s nooned on a small patch of tolerable Grass P.M. Moved up the Valley roads tolerable for 5 m when we left the river & soon ascended a ragged hollow & up & then down a steep rocky hill - then we turned down a hollow to the ~~river~~ river

bottom & Campd on the Bank of the River near a small grove
of Cottonwood W^d & Water plenty Grass tolerable Made 14 m^s 567

Thursday 31st Started early & soon left the bottom up the bed
of a dry branch & then took to the hills rough, broken, steep,
sidling, rocky, for 4 Miles when we descended to the river bottom
again & in 1/2 M crossed the bed of a dry branch then for 2 1/2
M over good bottom road to another dry branch skirted with a
little timber several fine springs just below the road
nooned P.M. moved on up the valley one mile & then took up the
hill onto a kind of upper bottom traveled this P.M. 7 miles
sometimes on high rolling bottom sometimes low and flat - but
all the way barren & nearly destitute of grass. the principal
part of Platte river bottom from Laramie to this point is covered
with sage Greewood & Cactus - and Grass is only found in
occasional narrow strips close to the river bank road this P.M.
mostly hard & good but sometimes sandy Made today 14 Miles 575

1860

June 1st Friday After 6 or 7 miles of the same road as yester-
day we descended a long sandy hill to the low bottom and followed
up it on good road 2 Miles to Bissonetts Ferry at the mouth of
Deer Creek here we left the river and had a mile & 1/2 over a
very high & bad hill to the bottom again - & in 1/2 M campd
P.M. Hamilton got a Mule shod - Slushers traded their 4 Yoke oxen
& Watch & saddle for 4 ponies & harness & we traded two Bay Horses
for 2 yk of Slushers Oxen this finished the day Made today
10 miles 585

4 Saturday 2 Had our own fun geting off with the new teams but were off in good season road good along the low bottom till near noon when we went over a hill & into the bottom again P.M. Road soon left the Bottom & went over the upland sandy & gravelly - bad Roads with one or 2 bad hills - Crossed one or 2 dry branches and campd on the bank of the River w^d & w^t Plenty Grass poor
Made 17 Miles 602

Sunday 3 Started in good season and traveled over bad roads 4 Ms to the upper bridge & halted for a little time & bot an ox and moved on up the bottom 4 miles over bad roads hilly Sandy & Gravelly - and nooned on the bank of the river Grass all the way poor P.M. Moved up the river on the same kind of roads 6 Ms when we left it & took over a small hill to a small creek coming from the West Up this we traveled 1/2 M & Campd Wood Willows Grass scarce & Water good Made today 15 M^s 617

Monday 4 Started in good season & traveled over rolling sage & grease Wood Country with fine roads noticed a great deal of Wild Quillick - no grass in sight in 7 miles came to some rough rocky country but the road thro it was good. In 9 miles came to a small stream of brackish water some of our cattle drank freely of it without apparent injury in 12 M^s we stoped to noon on the Branch coming from Willow Spring & 2 m below the Spring Water good Grass tolerable P.M. 2 Ms up the ravine to Willow Springs then up a long hill good road the descent was easy in 2 Ms from Willow Spring we came onto a small branch heading near the road here finding Water & tolerable grass we campd. Sage for Wood Made today 16 Miles . 633

Tuesday 5 Last night it began raining before midnight & was showery all night and about 10 1/2 the Horses & Mules (over 100) belonging to a train in Camp 1/2 Mile below us stampeded & came by our Camp & within 20 yards of us & our stock at full speed - directly came the men some on horse back & some afoot in full chase with an awful clatter. Shortly after daylight they came back having secured all their runaways. About daylight it set in a steady rain which continued all forenoon with a cold wind from the North. Camp did not move until 1 oclock P.M. when it had cleared up and we set off Moved down the branch & in 2 Miles crossed a small stream running eastward then in 3 ms we came to a small stream on the left of the road (to us) & traveled down it about a mile then in about . 2 ms we came to Horse (or Greasewood) Creek & in in one mile turned to the left and Camp^d on its bank 1/2 Mile from the road grass tolerable -- Sagebrush plenty Water good Made today 10 ms 643

Wednesday 6 Started in good season & in 5 miles over level country came to a "flat" covered here & there with Alkali Ponds. passing over a point of higher sandy Land we came down into another similar flat & in 4 Miles came to Sweet Water River (one mile below Independance Rock) at a Mail Station & Bridge here nooned & had some Mules & an Cx shod P.M. crossed the River by the Bridge (at 25 cts pr Waggon) and traveled up a tolerably level bottom 6 miles to the Devils Gate just above this we campd on the bank of the River. Grass tolerably good. Cedar Wood on the Mountains near another family joined our train Made today 16 15 Miles 659

June

Thursday 7 This Morning about 2 A.M. the Pony Express passed bound down under whip & spur Camp did not move today as ~~have~~^{we} have had news from ahead as to Indians &c and have concluded to wait or travel slowly till we get a larger company U S Mail-down-passed Today.

Friday 8 Drove up the River one Mile & campd again - Moved merely to have a fresh Camp. Nearly all of our Cattle were sick yesterday & most of them vomited their Sickness began with frothing at the mouth and every sign of pain in the stomache and the Sickest vomited up what was in their first stomach and soon got better I examined the matter thrown up and found a great deal of the dry twigs of the Greasewood mingled with grass & c - and am satisfied the dry prickley twigs of the Greasewood caused the trouble One man physicked his ox with Bacon - which soon relieved him - the rest of us did nothing for our cattle. To day all are well again tho some of them look a little the worse for it. Campd on good grass.

Made today 1 Mile

660

Saturday 9 Camp did not move today Weather clear-cloudy Hot-Warm-Cold by Spells with violent wind squalls.

Sunday 10 Moved 2 Miles up the Creek for the sake of fresh Camp - crossed a small Branch No 3 found Good grass Wood on the Mountain on the North side of the river Weather Cold-Warm- Clear & Cloudy with Wind & Rain squalls queer weather for this country Made 2 Miles

662

June

Monday 11 Camp did not move about noon a Train of 14 Waggons came by & 5 of our Teams pulled out with them leaving only Hamiltons & our Croud alone here - about the same time a train of 6 ox waggons came passed the Devils Gate & lay by for the rest of the day - as they are going our road in we made arrangements to go on with them tomorrow -

Tuesday 12 About 8 A.M. the train from below came in sight & we pulled out - Kept up the river & near it in 4 M's crossed a branch ^{No 4} bad crossing & in 3 M's came to the river again and stoped to noon P.M. (in 1/2 Mile above Camp River passed thro a Spur of the Mountain) in one Mile passed round a spur of Mt & for near a mile was away from the river in 3 M's Crossed a branch Good and Camped early on the bank of the river where it runs near a high bald rocky ridge on the side opposite from us last 6 M's we traveled near the River Made today 14 Ms

680

Wednesday 13 Started early and in 4 Miles left the river & round a Spur of the Mountains and was not close to the river for 8 Miles when we came to the first ford of the 3 Crossings nooned the roads this A.M. were good - except a few small sandy hills. P.M. as the 2^d & 3^d crossings are impassable we have had to leave the river keeping up on the South Side first 2 miles were very deep heavy sand - then got out of the hills & found Tolerable roads & in 3 Miles came to the regular road up the South Side of the river & in 2 Miles came to the river & Camped Grass good Sage & Chips for wood for the last 5 Miles the road has been within a mile of the River Made 19 ms

699

Thursday 14 Started early (left Latshaw's Todd-Johnston Shusher &c in camp 1/4 m below us) the road soon left the river a considerable distance in 4 Miles came into the old Road and followed it the rest of the day during the forenoon crossed several low wet pieces of Land wher was tolerable swamp. Grass but no water after traveling 14 Miles we came to a small stream to the left of the road here the road forks one road continues up the South side all the way the other crosses the river several times Nooned - G^{SS} good P.M. traveled 5 Miles (Going down 2 large hills) and crossed Sweetwater good crossing then the road left the river and over a long stony hill 3 miles to the river again immediately it left the river and up & down a very steep hill and one mile to the river again where we campd - Grass Good Sage & Chips for wd Made today 23 Miles 722

Friday 15 Started early and moved up the River 4 miles then turned up a Hollow to the right and in 2 Miles of a long ascent got to the top of the Bluff & went down again & again climbed to the top then had 2 Miles of very rough rocky road then in 1/2 Mile of smoother road we found a little water on the left of the road with abundance of good grass - the road today when not rocky was very hard & gravelly & very bad on the oxen~~ant~~ feet - P.M. traveled over rolling country in 3 miles passed a fine spring to the left crossed several small streams of fine water - the upland was very rocky but the road much better than this forenoon did not come very near the river and campd on a Branch of Sweetwater one rod wide & 10 inches deep Grass tolerable plenty of willows for wood There are large snowbanks all along the Creek Made today 15 Miles 740

Saturday 16 Started early crossed the Branch and up a considerable Hill & in 2 Miles over hard road came to Willow Creek 1 rod wide & 10 inches deep good crossing - then 4 1/2 m^s over good road and rolling country and campd for the rest of the day on Sweetwater 1/2 Mile below the last Crossing of this river - laid by to have oxen &c shod as many of the cattle are very tender footed from Yesterdays bad road
Made today 7 Miles 747

Sunday 17 Yesterday evening & this morning was very cold & windy & disagreeable and camp is all out of humor - some want to push on as we are, some want to lay by for more force - some dont care a straw &c. a few days ago we elected 6 captains 2 to serve a day now that arrangement dont suit and after a long jaw we concluded to elect one by secret ballot & obey him J Hamilton was elected & immediately gave orders to hook up & roll out - Crossing the creek we traveled over rolling country 10 Miles gravelly Roads to the Summit of the South Pass then Out of Nebraska Territory & into the State of Oregon in 3 Miles good descending road came to Pacific Springs & kept down the branch one Mile & campd Water & Grass plenty Sage for Wood Made 14 Ms 761

Monday 18 Started in good season (Davis^s Train 22 Horses & 23 Mules joined us intending to travel with us thru the Indian Country) In 1/2 Mile crossed the Branch and traveled 10 miles over Sandy-Sage Country to Dry Sandy & Kooned - a little water very little Grass - P.M. moved down West Side of Dry Sandy all afternoon over good roads a barren level Sandy Sage Covered Country - Road level and generally free

from Rocks and Gravel - about 5 1/2 P.M. we left the road for 1/2 Mile and Camped on the bank of Little Sandy a short distance above when the road strikes it traveled this evening to 11 Ms Grass only tolerable - Willows & Sage plenty for Wood
Made today 21 Miles

782

Tuesday 19 Started at 7 A.M. and in 1/2 Mile crossed Little Sandy 2 1/2 Rods wide & 2 ft deep Good Crossing and traveled down the Creek from 1 to 2 Miles from it over level Sandy Sage Country Roads good - In 3 miles we came to Big Sandy and followed down it 2 Miles and forded it 4 Rods wide and 1 to 2 feet deep and directly stoped to noon Grass Good. there is occasionally a Cottonwood tree in sight along this stream but it is generally destitute of timber even of Willows P.M. traveled over the same kind of Country as this forenoon but more gravelly & stony - Our course S.S.W.-down Big Sandy but distant from it from 1 to 3 Miles - After traveling 10 Miles we came near to the Creek & turned off & Campd on its Bank 1/2 Mile from the road Grass Scarce - Willows and Sage for wood in plenty Made today 20 Miles -

802

Wednesday 20 Started at 7 A.M. and moved down the Creek & Some 1 or 3 miles from it the first 5 Miles was very Gravelly & Rocky when we descended into a broad alkali Bottom or flat across this about 5 Miles we came onto the bank of the Creek again and stoped for Noon Grass tolerable P.M. traveled down the Creek road Dry dusty sandy & not bad were nearer the creek than this morning - Came 9 Miles to Green River and ferried our Waggon across & swan our oxen in 1/2 an hour we were all across and moved down the river 1/2 Ms. and camped late - Grass Good
Timber plenty Made today 19 Miles

821

June

Thursday, 21. Yesterday the Horse train in our Company stoped in Camp 2 1/2 or 3 Miles from the ferry - on Big Sandy This Morning we shod some Cattle and when the Horse train came we hooked up and went up to the Ferry - Here was considerable wrangling some wanting to go via Salt Lake & some by Soda Spring at last we concluded to move up the River on the Soda Spring route a mile ~~or~~ or two & nooned on the first Grass and consult So we moved up 2 1/2 Miles & nooned - it & jawed & debated 4 or 5 Waggon's soon decided on the Salt Lake route & pulled out - the rest talked half an hour longer & followed suit we mooved down Green River about 5 or 6 Miles below the Ferry and found a ranch and then the Road left the River & there was no grass or Water for 20 Miles - So we had to Stop - But there was no Wood or Grass in sight and so right about we turned and rattled back up the river a mile or so and Camp'd Grass good but very scattering and not fit to camp on Very small Sage & a few Chips for Wood - and now we are as undecided as ever the French trader below recomends the Soda Spring route and gives plausible reasons for it - nearly every one of the party who has been over the Plains approves it -- & I dont know which way we will go tomorrow -- The Lost Day --

Friday 22 Last evening all was turmoil & confusion in Camp All kinds of opinions were expressed & debated This Morning we hooked up horse train and all and moved up the river 5 Miles to the Ferry There Morgan Fisher & Wife stoped to take passage in the Coach - Also Dr [Blank ^{in no.]} & Wife & team

stoped detirmined to go by Salt lake or to wait for more
Company Then we moved on up the River 3 Miles & nooned
P.M. Moved on up the river 6 Miles and then left the bottom 4
Miles roads thro the bottom Gravelly & very hard on the upland
Softer & better in 1 mile More Camp^d on river bank Grass Good
Wood plenty Made Today 14 Miles 835

Saturday 23 We camped last night just below the Ferry
on the old Kinney Cut off Started at 7 1/2 and for the first
mile had very rocky Gravelly rough road then the road was level
& smooth in 3 Miles we began to leave the river & had 5 miles
we had rolling rocky country and hard roads 8 miles from the
Old Ferry we came to a small stream on our right & stoped for
noon very little grass P.M. followed up the branch about 2
Miles and then took to a low flat ridge to the left and had fine
roads gradually ascending in 6 Miles we came down a long hill
to a small branch - no grass - across this we took up another
divide and followed a long level ridge over good roads and in
8 Miles came down a long hill to a fine Spring on our Right
and small branch on our left here was plenty of Grass and water
and large Sage Brush for Wood Made today 22 miles 857

Sunday 24 Started at 7 A.M. and took up a flat ridge
Westward - in 3 1/2 Miles came to the foot of a range of
hills ~~running~~ ^{running} N. & S. turned to the left up these along stony
ascent but not steep & in ~~ix~~ 2 Miles came to the top and soon
began the descent first down a steep descent then up a very
steep rocky pull - then down a long steep descent to a small
creek across this we moved west over a low divide Sometimes

very rocky to the Valley of another small stream 1 1/2 Miles down this Stream to the South we turned crossing 2 nice brooks & several gullies & stoped to noon. at a nice spring & grove of Aspen on our Right - 10 m.

P.M. Moved down the Valley over a succession of Ridges & gullies some bad to cross - In 4 miles left the Old road (which crosses the ridge on our right) and Kept on over low ridges and hollows 4 Miles to Hams Fork of Green R and Camped, (Came down a very rocky hill to Hams Fk) Willows plenty Grass very good Made 18 Miles 876

Monday 25 Had quite a hard rain for an hour after we Camp^d yesterday evening afterwards it cleared up but was very Cold and this Morning was a very heavy frost. But the Sun rose clear and soon it was warm enough to go without Coat or Vest. Moved 1 1/2 Miles up the Creek and forded without trouble Soon we pulled up a short steep ascent and then a Mile of level road then up a long steep ascent the last part very steep sidling and rocky -- this is the worst pull up the Bear River Mountain - we then had about 5 Miles of good road mostly ascending to a Grove of Aspen and large Spring. here we nooned; Grass & Water good P.M. Still climbing the Mt. we had gradually ascending and good road for 3 miles then we began a steeper ascent thro a grove of Fir Timber and still ascending to the top Then began the descent steep-rocky-

sidling-dusty and bad generally - at the foot of the Mountain we came to a small rocky stream called Mud Creek here we camped Grass tolerable Willow & Sage plenty. Made today 14 Miles - 890

Tuesday 26 Started in good season ascended a hill for a mile then began the descent steep but good for the first pitch then rocky & rough & very steep for a long descent then better & worse the whole descent one mile Once down we had good road over gently rolling country 5 Miles to a spring Branch down this 1/2 Mile & we nooned Grass excellent Water good P.M. Moved down Bear River Bottom which we entered here 4 Miles over good level road to Smiths Fork 4 Rods wide which we crossed at a new crossing above the Old Bridge. The ford was very rapid and so deep we had to block up some of our Waggon's All got over safe kept on down the valley about 2 miles and came onto Bear River where it passes thro a very narrow bottom. Just below this we passed a village of Shoshones 2 miles below we camped near the River Grass excellent Willows & Chips for wood Made today 15 Miles 905

Wednesday 27 Started in good season moved down the Valley 1/2 Mile we cam to a small Mudy branch which was bad to cross -- In 3 Miles we left the river and made a long circuit round a large bottom which was full of sloughs and came onto Tomasen fork 3 or 4 miles above its mouth and crossed it at a good ford 3 rods wide and 1 1/2 feet Deep gravelly bottom and in 1/2 Mile stoped to noon.

Grass excellent -- P.M. moved down towards Bear River one mile and then turned to the right over a high mountain the ascent was long in places Sidling & sometimes steep the Descent was steep rough and rocky - Down the hill in 1/2 mile crossed a miry branch and followed down it 1/2 mile between two high hills - to a narrow valley thro which run a fine gravelly bottomed branch towards Bear river - Then we climbed a very steep high Mountain there was no shunning it After geting fairly up we crossed a rocky ridge and descended a steep hill into a narrow ravine we followed down this a short distance and then took up another the Upper end of this was steep-rocky and very narrow from here we still kept climbing up & up till we came to the jumping off place the going down was all at once steep rough & rocky we locked with both hinder wheels and got down by hard work and camp^d at 1/2 mile at a spring in the bottom. Water poor & not plentiful Wood (Sage & Chips) Scarce Grass plenty & Excellent Made today 16 miles

921

Thursday 26 Started at the usual hour and pulled over a low ridge one mile to the river bottom in 3 miles we came on to the bank of a slough and about 300 yards from the river we then left the river and had good level road 5 Miles to a Branch 1 rod wide & 6 inches deep Good crossing here we nooned Grass very fine and abundant. Wood & Water plenty P.M. Moved on down the Valley Roads good all afternoon level and hard in 6 Miles Crossed a branch and in a Mile crossed 2 More all fine water with plenty of Willows

in 2 Miles crossed another similar stream and in 2 Miles
crossed a larger Stream 1 rod wide gravelly bottom at
two crossings - here we campd Grass abundant - Water good
Willows & Chips for Wood plenty Made today 19 Miles 940

Friday 29 Started early and in one Mile entered
"the Bluffs" a place where the road leaves the river bottom
thro the bluffs was about 2 1/2 Miles of rough road up and
down sidling and bad generally we then came out onto an
open bottom or what was in the place of bottom a rolling
country formed by a succession of ridges puting down from the
Mount^s to the river - during the A.M. crossed 2 or 3 small
streams and nooned near the river on good grass 1/2 Miles to
the left of the road P.M. had ridgy road and occasionally
rocky for 2 Miles then it was more level but some times
rocky in 7 Miles we came to Soda Springs and crossed the
3 Branches without trouble and Camped 2 Miles below on the
Bank of Bear River fine Grass-Wood plenty on the mountains
near Made today 20 Miles 960

Saturday

Today we laid by - As yesterday we found a notice to
Emigrants Warning us of danger ahead and notifying us
that an escort of Dragoons would be furnished to those
trains that desired it The notice was signed "Leut
Morris 2^d Drag^m" - said escort would leave this place every
10 Days - and guard trains as far as "City of Rocks"
about 125 ms What the Danger is we dont know - but will

send over to Drag- Camp tomorrow to find out - Spent the day Cleaning up fishing &c &c

July 1st Sunday Still we lay by waiting "for something to turn up" Six of our Party went ahead this Morning and at the forks of the road found another notice similar to the one we saw ~~that~~ the Soda Springs and in addition it stated it was 60 Miles to the Camp of the Drag - So they came back and we will have to lay here until the 5th unless more trains come up making us strong enough to go through without the Escort.

Monday 2^d Still in the same camp - spend the time fishing & washing &c &c A.M. Cloudy & Clear P.M. A little rain & Cbudy & Cool

Tuesday 3 Still laying by patiently and as good humoredly as we can 2 Waggon & 6 horses with 2 whites & an Indian, from Salt Lake, came up while we were at breakfast Bound to Soda Springs - so they say They give us no information & after resting an hour or so moved on.

Wednesday 4th The Fourth of July 10 years ago today I was on the Plains on my way to Oregon but more than 450 nearer the Mo. River than I am now I was in the Black Hills about 50 miles west of Ft Laramie - and was at this place about the 11 or 12th August 6 years ago yesterday I passed here on my way home from California -- Now we have been laying this makes 5 Days waiting for an Escort to take us thro

the Hostile Indians &c When I was here last Old Capt Grant lived at the Soda Springs & his Daughter who had been at St Louis 4 years at school had just returned home But the Old Man is Dead & his large family of halfbreeds are scattered - I dont know ~~where~~ ^{where} - and every vestage of his Cabin is gone - The Guard roused Camp this morning by a round from their Revolvers in honor of the Day - After breakfast we had a horserace - 2 miles a horse & Pony were entered and the "heat" reminded me of a "Slow Race" I once saw in Cal- Had Bread-Meat-Beans-Rice-Milk- & Pies - for Dinner P.M. - 2 men from a train behind came up they had nooned 3 or 4 Miles back and camp^d for the night back about the Springs - they have about 25 men 6 ox teams & about 600 head of loose Cattle they say they have lost a hundred head of Cattle lately Today is very warm

Thursday 5 Still we Camp -- Old Brown got wrathly this morning and drove up his stock and pulled out from us directly after the Cattle train passed - Rob^t Morris & Wife who were along with him left him -- They had a quarrel & Brown drew his revolver & we had for a little time quite an excitement in Camp Uncle Jerry Fisher also left Brown & with his 2 horses stoped with Hamilton - The next excitement was a flock of Pellican flew over Camp & Several Shots were fired at them & one was shot & brot down next a large black Eagle visited Camp & was shot - wounded - & caught - & ended in a dog fight -- Day pleasant

Friday 6 Got up our Stock and were off in Good season We have seen nothing of our Escort of U.S. Dray^s & Cant

wait any longer in 2 Miles we came to the forks of the road and took the California road (or Hudspeths Cut Off) and had tolerably level road tho sometimes rocky for 7 Miles across the Bottom to the entrance of the hills here we turned up a wide Hollow & in a Mile began to climb the Mountain the ascent was about a Mile the Descent was long & easy tho sometimes rocky 1/2 Mile to a small dry Branch where we found some small timber then over rolling road 1 mile to a small stream of very good water (Wood & Grass plenty) We then had very rough road for 3 Miles (a large stream being about a Mile to our right) Down one hill was very long & steep rocky & sidling Then we came to a fine branch 10 feet wide & 6 in deep from this we passed over a low ridge and had good rolling road 2 Miles & Camp^d on the Branch of a large stream (I suppose Portneuf River) tho some call it Pannach River - This is the stream which we have seen for the last 5 or 6 ms. Willows for wood Grass tol -- Made today 20 Miles

980

Saturday 7 Started early and left the river and turned to the left up a large hollow in 2 1/2 Miles came to the top of the ridge hill long but not steep then a along the ridge a short distance we began a long easy descent of about a mile & 1/2 to a large flat on a sloughy creek down this one 1/2 Mile & nooned good grass -- good water Sage At 12 M. moved on down the creek 1 mile and forded it & then struck for the Mountain over a high rolling 2^d Bottom in 1 1/2 Mile crossed a deep hollow Descent & Ascent steep & rocky & 5 Miles we

began to ascend the Mountain one mile mostly easy but quite steep & rocky towards the top -- The Descent was at first steep then more gradual but often sidling & rocky for 2 Miles to a large spring in the hollow & in 1/2 mile we crossed a small stream runing eastwardly & camp^d Grass tolerable Cedar wood plenty on the hills near water good Made today 17 miles 997

Sunday 8 started early in 200 yards crossed another small branch and began climbing upwards along a long hollow - Ascent very gradual & easy road good in 3 Miles crossed a wide flat divide & began a long descent down a ravine very easy excellent road 3 Miles to a creek 1 rod wide good crossing then 8 miles over rolling country good roads to another Creek Mooned Grass Good Willows P.M. Crossed the Creek (Malade) and soon began to climb up a long hill & over rough Country 2 1/2 ms we descended to a ravine and traveled up it 3 1/2 Miles one mile of it was very rocky but the ascent was very gradual except a short pull just at the top -- then we began descending a very steep verry rocky hill after getting down part way the road was very narrow - Then 3 1/2^s more of gradual descent and good road brot us to a large bottom or flat when we found no water & very small sage here we campd Grass tolerable Made today 24 Miles 1021

July

Monday 9 Started at 4 A.M. as we had no water for ourselves or stock - we traveled up the Valley toward the South 5 Miles and then turned to the right up a ravine good ascent and in one mile came to the top of the ridge the last 100 yards was very steep - then we had a very gradual and easy descent over rolling country 6 Miles to a small branch ~~running~~ ^{runing} east here camp^d for Breakfast Good Grass - Sage This is the end of the 22 or 23 mile stretch without water P.M. crossed the Branch and traveled over rough rolling country 4 Miles to a large ravine and traveled up it 4 Miles (the ascent was very gradual and easy only occasionally it was rocky) to the summit of the^a it. then we descended in to a deep ravine found a little spring of water but no good camping place & in 1 mile crossed another Summit & descended into a dry ravine down this (which was very narrow) we had good road for 5 miles still finding no water we halted and fed & got supper after an hour^s rest we moved on and in 1/2 mile came to a spring of Good water here we watered our stock & as the ravine was very narrow & no place suitable for Camp we moved on in one Mile we crossed the branch on a pole Bridge and in 1 1/2 miles found a Camping place and and stoped - some parts of our descent for the last 5 or 6 miles was rocky but generally the road was good and the Descent easy Made today 28 miles

July

Tuesday 10 Started early and traveled down the branch in 1 1/2 Miles we crossed a fork of it on a Bridge & soon another bad crossing in 4 from Camp we crossed it and turned to the left and traveled 11 Miles over a level barren gravelly plain covered with Sage Greesewood & Cactus this last was in bloom and presented a very gay appearance - then we arrived to the first fork of Raft River and nooned Old Brown & his crowd were nooning on the other side. P.M. Crossed the 1st fk of Raft River 1 1/2 rods wide & 1 ft deep Muddy & bad crossing & in 1/2 Mile crossed a bad slough then had level hard bottom road for 5 Ms to the 2^d Fk of Raft River (good crossing) 1 1/2 rods wide & 1 ft deep and in 1/4 mile camp^d the bottom immediately along these streams are covered with fine grass some willows along the streams Good Camp made today 20 miles 1069

Wednesday 11 Started early Yesterday eve before sunset it began a drizzling rain which continued with some hard showers till sunrise this morning moved up the Creek 5 ms (crossing 4 or 5 small ⁶⁷Branches) and crossed it and soon turned up a small Branch to the left it soon run out and we traveled up the Hollow and in 8 miles came to a small Branch and nooned Good Grass & willows. This was in a wide valley Rain from 10 to 11 A.M. P.M. Traveled across the right hand side of the Valley and in 5 Miles Crossed 3 or 4 fine small mountain

streams then we left the Valley and turned to the right up a wide ravine up this 2 1/2 miles crossed over a small point and down into a ravine and crossed a small stream fringed with willows traveled up this stream 1/2 mile to City of Rocks - thro this 2 Miles good road then one Mile thro a Gap to the Junction of this with the Salt Lake Road 2 Miles further over rolling Country good roads to a wide flat here we found good Grass & Sage and One Mile above the road water sufficient for Camp. Made today 25 Miles 1094

Thursday

~~Wednesday~~

12 Started early traveled across the bottom 2 Miles and turned up a wide ravine and 2 M^s came to Rock Springs on the right of the road there was a fine stream of water running down the hollow up further one mile to the Divide then a long descent then up a small ascent & down a long one and so on til noon 5 ms from the Summit we came down a very steep hill onto a Branch of Goose Creek Good grass & willows & Water crossed this and 2 ms. over ^{more} ~~lower~~ hills some steep & rocky we came down onto Goose Creek & nooned Water & Grass plenty & good Willows P.M. Traveled up the Bottom of Goose Creek found good Grass all along it and plenty of willows in 7 miles we left the Creek & passed around a small Bluff and in 1 mile onto the river again and Camped on a fine bottom of Grass - Sage & willows Made to day 20 miles 1114

Friday 13 Started early and kept up Goose Crk Bottoms for 7 1/2 Miles - leaving the Bottom twice for a short distance - we then turned to the left up a small Branch and soon came to a Kanion up this was most of the way very rocky and in 2 Miles nooned on a small patch of Grass - Willows & Water plenty P.M. Moved on up the Kanion (Sometime very rocky) 1 1/2 miles & turned up a hollow to the left and soon began climbing the hills the first one was Very rocky both up & down & on top we then had rolling Country Sometimes rocky but gradually getting better til we came to 1000 Spring Valley Creek 12 Miles from the last branch - here we had rough roads up and down over the points sometimes rocky for 2 ~~miles~~^{miles} and Camped near the branch Grass poor Water poor Cedar on the Bluff near Made today 24 Miles 1138

Saturday 14 Started early - down the Valley Good roads 7 miles then turned to the right over the Bluffs and for 2 1/2 Miles had roads sometimes rocky but mostly good to the Valley again then along the Valley 3 Miles to some water which was not good but fit for the Stock and in 1/2 Mile stoped to noon Grass along the Valley Scarce & not good P.M. Moved on up the Valley and in 4 Miles passed over a low ridge point and up the Valley 2 Miles here we found splendid Grass tolerable Water (Good but warm) and Campd Chips for Wood Made today 17 Miles 1155

Sunday 15 Started at 6 A.M. and kept up the Valley soon came to where the water in the branch was ~~running~~^{rising} & in a few miles found it to be quite a stream In 6 Miles passed over some Marshy ground and in 9 miles crossed the Branch sides steep

& muddy - and in 6 Miles more came to some fine springs in a wide hollow where we enter the Mountain - Grass tolerable nooned (+passed hot springs but not in sight)

P.M. Moved up the hollow one mile and then up the hill 1 mile ascent good Descent long and easy then over rolling ground and still descending in 2 Mile came to forks of the road the right going down thro the Kanion we took the left and for 5 miles had easy road mostly descending to some good Water in the hollow to the left and Camp^d Grass Good - Sage - Made today 24 miles 117

Monday 16 Started in good season moved down the little valley a short distance. then took over the ridges for about 7 miles the road most of the way good - we then came down onto the Bottom again found a little water and moved down the Valley 3 miles and found water again and nooned Grass good --

P.M. Road left the Bottom and took over the Sage ridges for a mile or two then into the bottom &c Roads good after traveling about 2 1/2 hours a storm came up with wind hail and rain very hard but did not last long but as it had the appearance of coming on again we Crossed the Creek and Camp^d Creek lined with willows Grass good Water good when not stired up

Made today 16 Miles

1195

1195 miles from Nebraska city

Tuesday 17 Started early one ox belonging to the train died last night - traveled down the Bottom over good roads 5 Miles and crossed a large fork of the River or as some say the Main River 2 Rods wide & 2 feet deep well lined with willows Crossing good then had 2 or 3 miles of sloughy road then good road again for 2 miles nooned on good grass & Clover

P.M. Moved down the Bottom over good roads about 3 1/2 oclock a storm of wind hail & rain which made us halt for 1/2 an hour then we rolled on and soon had sunshine & dust again after 12 Miles travel we camped late on fine Grass Willows & Sage
Made today 23 23 miles 1218

Wednesday 18 Started early moved down the Valley over excellent Roads for about 5 or 6 M^s to a Branch of the River 1 1/2 rods wide and 10 Inches deep - then the road left the Bottom and in the next 4 Miles Crossed the Bluffs 3 times and onto a wide bottom Mr Davis has had some trouble with a sick horse - P.M. Moved on down the Bottom Sometimes thro the Grass & Wild Rye and sometimes thro the Sage about 3 P.M. a light shower made the horse teams halt but it was soon over Davis horse died (Killed I think by eating Greasewood from the appearance when opened) at 5 1/4 P.M. Camped Grass fine Sage & Willows Water Good Made Today 18 Miles 1236

Thursday 19 Started early (6 1/4) and traveled down the bottom good roads all fore Noon 2 or 3 Miles from Camp passed some Boiling springs close to the river and in 3 miles more passed a ford of River but still kept down the North Side at 11 A.M. stoped for noon Good Grass & Water -12- P.M. moved down the valley 1/2 mile then left it and took over the Bluff very steep long and sideling about as hard a hill to pull up as we have had once to the top we took down a long hollow then up another & so on till we came down in 9 miles onto a small valley and stream of fine cold water Down this 3 miles brot us to the River & camp Grass Good Willows - Mosquitoes plenty Made today 24 Miles 1260

July

Friday 20 Started early and in 1/2 M. crossed a Brook 1 rod wide and in one Mile another half so large both excellent water and in one Mile left the Bottom and took over the Bluff the Ascent was long but Good most of the way in 2 Miles we descended to lower & rolling country - over this we traveled (roads sometimes rocky) about 3 Miles and then began climbing the Mountain again ascent about 2 Miles long but very gradual then along the Mountain top about 3 Miles we began to descend a wide hollow and in one Mile came to some springs of Good water and a little grass here we nooned P.M. traveled down the Bottom 2 Miles most of the way tolerable roads then the roads began to be rough and rocky and badly washed about the roughest and rockiest road we have had - in one mile we left the bottom and took over the hill roads still rocky & sidling and in 3 miles descended to the river at Gravelly Ford Grass Good Willows & Chips Day hot made 19 miles 1279

Saturday 21st Started early and in 1/2 M. took over the Bluff for about 2 Miles then down the Valley here very wide and covered with sage & greasewood the Grass along the river was confined to very narrow & marshy bottoms - 11 miles traveled brot us to where the River turned short South West here we nooned on Good Grass P.M. had for 3 or 4 Miles Sage covered bottoms as this forenoon with a slough occasionally then the Bottoms became more covered with Grass as we approached a Creek which came down thro a wide Valley from the North, at 5 1/2 P.M. Camped (After Crossing several Sloughs) in a wide bottom of splendid Grass - Water from the

the Sloughs & not first rate Willows plenty - Mosquitoes
Do. Made today 21 Miles 1300

Sunday 22 Started very early - crossed several sloughs
and a deep still Creek 2 Rods wide and 2 feet deep in the first
2 Miles - then had an alkali flat of 1 Mile to base of Mountain
and in 5 Miles from ~~camp~~^{camp} we came to stony point where the road
passed over a rocky ridge Point near to the River Then we left
the River and for the remainder of the drive we traveled over
an alkali Sage plain sometimes rocky - dusty all the time.
Day very hot - at 5 P.M. we arrived at the river again
having traveled 20 miles without water Grass Good Water of
River good but plenty of Alkali ponds on the bottom - Willows
for wood Made to day 25 miles -- 1325

Monday 23 Started at 6 1/2 A M Last evening and thro
the first half of the night and this Morning the Mosquitoes
were awful There was no rest for man or beast woman or child
all had to fight or be eaten - Bacon greese & were freely
applied to man & beast but it was but small relief & it was brush
brush & swipe-swipe with no little swearing all the time.
Traveled near the river one mile then took over a low flat
Sandy ridge for 1/2 m then across a large alkali bottom some one
to 3 ms from the river - with Good roads for about 10 Miles to
the river again and nooned - Good Grass P.M. Just below
camp~~at~~ the River made a short bend to the left and our
Road this P.M. made a large circle around this and some
distance from the River to avoid the sloughs several of which
we crossed the latter part of the forenoon Drive in 8 miles
we came to where the road left the River taking over the

point of the Mountain and camped Grass Good - Willows & a
thrown off waggon for wood Made 20 miles 1345

Tuesday 24 Started before 6 oclock - and took the road
over the Hill up a long hollow ascent nowhere steep but some-
times somewhat sandy Descent easy but sometimes rocky & sand
in some places deep in 5 Miles we were into the River Bottom
again but soon left it again for a short distance over a low
rocky ridge the remainder of the drive was along the edge of
the Bottom 12 ms from Camp nooned on bank of the River.

P.M. moved down the edge of the bottom here it was very low
& wet often covered with ponds of Water & Bullrushes & flags
&c Grass is scarcer and not so good as it was above - In 4 or
5 Miles the hill came one bluff to the Bottom and late we
crossed several bad sloughs and in one Mile further Camped-
Grass tolerable - Chips Made today 20 Miles ~~1345~~ 1365

Wednesday 25 Started at 6 1/2 and traveled down the edge
of the Bottom and sometimes out in the sand hills to avoid the
sloughs the last half of the drive sandy & heavy dragging
at 11 1/2 came to an open grassy place on the River and nooned
Camping places are getting scarce generally the sloughs prevent
access to the river and often the sand Bluffs come in intirely
to the River -- Grass tolerably good P.M. directly after
leaving camp we took up over the Sandhills - Sand very deep
and heavy - for 4 or 5 miles the road on & off but mostly
sandy then 2 or 3 miles of better road along the edge of the
Bottom then 2 or 3 miles of sandy road at sunset came to a place
where we could get into the bottom & camped grass good --

Willows & Chips Made today 20 ms

1385

Thursday 26 Started at 6 3/4 A.M. and traveled down the Bottom for about 2 miles to a ford of the River and where had been a Trading Post but now burned down Here we left the River Bottom up a steep Sandy hill and struck across a high Bottom Dry & dusty - white earth covered with Greesewood &c. 9 miles from the river we came to it again & nooned Grass Good. P.M. Moved down the valley about 2 Miles then over the Sand hills not very deep sand about 4 M^s and came down a steep hill into the Little Meadow down these over fine roads 2 ms and Camp^d - Good Grass - Willows Threw aside one Old Waggon & took one of M^r Davis Made today 19 ms 1404

Friday 27 Got our Waggon rigged and were off by 7. In 1/2 mile we came to the forks of the Road & Harlan and his croud and 6 of Davis^s Men started on for the Sink. while the rest of us took the Road for Black Rock Springs &c in 1/2 miles we left the Bottom of Humboldt and struck west over an upland plain gradually ascending in 5 miles we came to the dry bed of a Creek and followed up it into the Mountains 7 miles to Antelope Springs wherewe found Excellent Water Good Grass for Cattle but not good for horses -- Chips & Sage. Made today 14 Miles 1418

Saturday 28 Started at 6 1/2 - Moved down the ravine a short distance and then struck over some low points to the left for a mile and then up a long hill over this and we turned short to the left down a long hollow and in 4 Miles from Camp we came out, a large plain and turned to the left across the north side of it 6 miles brot us to the top of a long hill where we halted a few minuts & watered our Cattle from our Kegs then moved on down hill 1 mile we entered a gap in the Mt

& followed down the hollow 4 Miles often very rocky into a wider hollow which run to the Right down this one 1/2 Mile and over a point 2 1/2 M brot us to Rabbit Hole Springs - Some Water fit for stock drinkable for men here we stoped till night without Grass Made today 17 Miles 1435

Soda Springs to

- 15 Port Neuf Creek
- 15 Marsh Crk (G^d C_λ)^[camp] (no. w^d)
- 16 1/2 Pannack Ck. G.C.
- 7 1/2 Malade R. " "
- 22 1/2 (without water) Small Crk G.C.
- 9 1/2 Small Creek
- 11 1/3 Spring Branch G Camp
- 16 1/2 Raft Riv 13 " " (ford is 2 1/2 m^s down stream)
- 16 Spring Br. Several Branches in last 5 Miles
- 10 Junction S. Lake Road

Commodore Smith we came today through a very rough country, sandy soil covered with wild sage this sage is a very curious plant The only resemblance which it has to our common sage is in the smell of the leaves -- The plant is entirely different it resembles a small tree in fact it is the exact counterpart in miniture of our Burr-Oaks of Minn.

28 Slough of Humboldt. this is over extensive bottoms of Good Grass

20 Humboldt River	22 Humboldt River
20 " "	23 " "
1 2 1 24 24 20 16 13 18	Lansons Meadow

Soda Springs

- 20 to Bear River g. Camp
10 " Partner Creek "
12 " Fork Partner Ck "
15 " Pannack Crk road Crosses a Summit Good Rd & Camp
12 " Snake Spring G^d Camp.
12 " Utha Spring " "
15 " Decassare C.K - Road crosses a small Creek bad crossing
G^d Camp
18 " City of Rocks
119 4 or 5 +++ ms Goose Crk.
17 3/4 miles along Goose Creek rough Broken Country - Good road
28 1/2 Head of 1000 Spring Valley road most of the way over
rolling barren Country with but little water except
in the River far to the right then
25 3/4 Down 1000 Spring Valley G^d G^s W^d Scarce camps
frequent then
14 to Head of Humboldt G^d Rd^s and G^d Camping places 104

Company from Green River to Soda Springs

June 29th 1860

Hood W^m

Hood R. B. & Lady

Smith Lydia

Clayton Eph

Van Pelt Petr

Lowry

Young Robt & Lady

Young Jno. & 2 Sisters

Moore Smith

Knowlin John

Harlan B F & Wife & 2 c

Richards Eph

Richards W^m

Allen David

Brown S. & W. & 5 chr

Morris & Wife & 1 ch

Andy

Hutchinson John

Mullin W^m

Fisher Jerry

Hamilton Isaac

Moore Jas

Burlingame Dow

Davis H.L. & U^m

Company of 21 men

43 Men

15 W^m & chn

81 Oxen &c

35 Horses

8 Mules

Hams fork

6 to Spring on Summit

6 " Mudy run

10 " Spring on Bear R. Valley

6 " Smiths fork

10 " Tomans "

7 " Spring

7 " Smiths ford

8 " Felucks fork

4 " Creek

4 " Creek

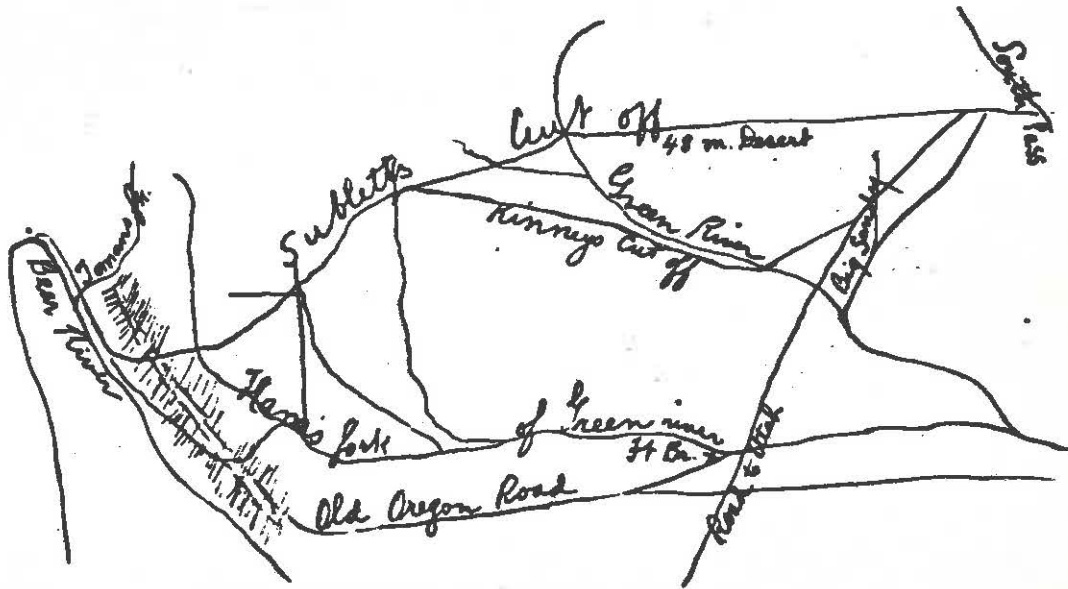
7 " Creek

12 " Soda Springs

5 " fork of Road

9 " A_cross the valley

[Another sketch]



- 6 Road Descend the Bluff
- 7 1/2 Spring Creek
- 4 Ravine
- 4 1/2 Summit of Mountain
- 12 Interval between Mount^s
- 2 to Crossing of Brook

Company up to Devils Gate

Hamilton Isaac

Hood R.B.

Hood W.^m H.

Clayton Eph

Van Pelt Peter

Lowry J.L.

+Latshaw Geo

Burlingame

Moore James

Moore Smith

+Todd John W.

+Todd T.C.

+Johnston Kimbal

+¹Shusher Ely

+Warth John

+Smith

+ left us at Devils gate

[Written in ink in back of book]

Ms From Fort Laramie

4 to Dry Creek

4 1/2 " Entrance of Pass

2 1/2 " Cold Spring - to Right of Road

7 " River G.Wd & Wat. plenty

7 1/2 over some steep bad Descents to Fine Bottom between
the Hills

- 1 1/2 Alder Clump on L. Good Spring on Right. G. & W^d
abundant then ascent steep & Rd sidling for 1 Mile
then good Rd 3 MS to
- 4 Creek -- then
- 1 To Deep Creek. Then Good Rd but a little sandy
8 to River. W^d - Wat. & Gs. plenty. Then rough Rd^s
- 4 To River. bad Camp 4 m a little grass
- 10 A steep Craggy Ascent & R^d mountains
- 5 " Descent near to River then Road over high rolling country
Generally barren much of the way in sight of this Rher
- 15 Low Land on River poor camp
- 3 ms To Ferry on Platte at Deer Creek then R^d Rough & Gs scarce for
- 19 to Upper Ferry - poor Camp
- 13 " Spring to Lake Water bad
- 13 " small stream to L Do plenty Gs. near stream
- 3 Willow Spring W^t Gs. Good
- 1 Prospect Hill no Camp
- 3 Gs. & W^t
- 4 1/2 Creek little G^s W^t then Rd. very sandy
- 2 To Grease Wood Crk.
- 11 " Sweetwater
- 1 " Independance Rock
- 5 " to Devils Gate then cross 2 creeks & in
- 7 Crk & Ravine g^s no Timber in
- 4 Rd leaves River
- 7 " near " then
- 7 " near the River again and in 2 ms ford River 3 times
- 2 m leave the River

- 8 came to Riv again & ford then Rd leaves the River & no Water
but Grass plenty for
- 17 1/2 River & ford Gs. Willow
- 4 River&ford
- 1/2 * * *
- 1/2 Branch of River
- 3 Spring Crk. fair Camp
- 2 Rd leavs Riv many springs. L.
- 2 1/2 Rocky Ridges
- 7 Strawberry Crk G^d Camp
- 4 Branch of Riv G^d Camp
- 2 1/2 Willow Crk G^d Camp
- 5 Sweet Water G^d Camp
- 10 Summit S. Pass
- 3 Pacific Springs
- 1 1/2 Crossing of Creek
- 15 Forks of Road
- 7 Little sandy
- 6 Big Sandy
- 54 Green River
- 12 Branch Green R. ford 2 times Grass Good
- 12 Aspen Creek W^d plenty but Grass scarce
- 7Rd. forks Right hand a Camp. R.
- 4 * * Left hand the best.
- 6 1/2 Hams Fk Green Riv Gs Good Then up a long ascent

- 13 Fir Grove & Hill then descending Rd. steep.
- 5 Brook poor camp
- 11 Thoman^s fork of Bear Riv Gs Gd. Willows ford 3 times
- 6 Bear River G^d Grass & Good level R^d for
- 14 to Tulies fork B.R.
- 8 Bear Riv then along bottom
- 20 High Bluffs thro the Bluffs is 3 Ms
- 17 Soda Springs
- 7 Forks of Road over dry Roads
- 9 pass between Mts.
- 3 Forks of R^d -- take the Left.
- 1 m Cold Spring & brook
- 1/2 " large rapid stream cold w^t. (Road on Cutoff So far Good)
- 1 Wet Gully
- 2 1/2 long & Steep Descent
- 1/2 Pannack Riv. Rd runs in sight of the Riv for 4 m.
- 4 R^d turns to Left (Good Camp for last 4 m.) Mt. Road
- 7 8 Fall Creek. Marsh Creek
- 4 Mountain
- 5 Mt. Spring G^d w^d near
- 1/2 Small Stream. Then long descent. & over small ridge
(cross 2 creeks in 1/4 m)
- 6 Crossing Spring Brook
- 7 2 Willow Creek (G^s for last 9 m abundant)
- 7 1/2 8 Big Spring Crk Malade
- 3 1/2 4 1/2 Descent to Ravine up this
- 3 1/2 Summit of Mt. (then long bad descent of 1. m.)
- 4 Interval between Mt.

- 2 Crossing of Brook
- 11 Branch of Raft River
- 5 1/2 Second Br. Raft Riv (Good feed on Both Branches)
- 5 - 2^d Crossing of 2^d Br. Raft R.
- 10 Spring Creek (G^d Grass)
- 3 1/2 2^d Spring Crk. G^d G^s
- 1 1/2 Rapid Crk - G^d Gs. & Sage
- 4 Crossing of Muddy Crk.
- 3 1/2 Steeple (Pyramid) Rocks
- 1 Junction Salt Lake rd.
- 5 Rock Spring & Creek (on R^t) then over mountainous & sidling
Rd^s to
- 7 1/2 Branch Goose Crk (bad feed)
- 2 Steep Bluff
- 1 1/2 Goose Creek then
- 17 Up Goose Creek (Good G^s) then
- 4 Up Branch Goose Crk over Rough bad roads then
- 12 Thousand Spring^s & Crk. then down the Valley
- 9 M to Bluffs the over Bluff
- 3 " " Valley then
- 3 " " Poor Water "
- 6 " Gd Running Wat. G^d G^s
- 6 Boiling Spring
- 5 " Big Cold Spring (Some G^s)
- 4 R^d forks - (take the Left)
- 5 Humboldt Springs (G^s & Sage)
- 7 " " Valley Gs (no Wt^r for 6. K.
- 19 down the Valley to Ford of Humboldt Good feed along the
River, then

18 * Ford of Branch Here the Rd leavs the river & Crosses
the Bluff 3 times in the next 5 Ms.

19 2^d ford of Humboldt.

4 4th ford of "

6 Crossing Cold Crk then in

1 1/2 leaves the River for

17 R^d strikes the River

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