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OF

ALEXANDER LOVE

DETAILING HIS TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS

FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO THE

GOLD DIGGINGS IN 1849

WITH

SKETCHES OF LIFE AT THE MINES

ON THE UPPER SACRAMENTO;

AT REDDING'S RANCH;

PITT RIVER, &c., &c.

1849-1852

ALEXANDER LOVE'S JOURNAL

ROSTER OF THE COMPANY¹

MESS NO. 1

Alexander Love
*Henry Gamble
Philip Alexander
--- Witherlow
--- Ostander

MESS NO. 3

William Nash
*--- Sublet
--- Hastings
*John Miller
*Robert Miller

MESS NO. 2

William Smith
--- Galaway
*--- Tucker
--- Depue
--- Woods

MESS NO. 4

John Long
*--- Stevenson
--- Cossett
--- Boucher
**Dr. Conduit

MESS NO. 5

S.M. Veach
--- Niman
--- Minges
Capt. Findley
--- Yeager

*Died en route or in California
**Left the company.

¹Inferentially deduced from the text.

²The diarist.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1849

Left Leesburg, (Pa.,) at 2 o'clock. It thunderd and rained. Came to Harlensburg. Staid over night at Charles Grahams.

MARCH 21

Left early. It rained and snowd. Came to Zellenople. Staid at Relker's. It froze hard.

MARCH 22

Left for Beaver. It was clear. Drove to Beaverpoint. Washed our waggons and put up at Beans.

MARCH 23

Clear and beautifull.

MARCH 24

Cloudy and raind. This night I was up at Isaac Jones.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Cloudy. Got aboard the boat GERMANTOWN early. Went (down the Ohio) as far as Steubenville. Staid over.

MARCH 26

Left at 4 o'clock. Took in over 100 passengers.

MARCH 27

Clear and cool. Stopt at Maryetta. This morning we passed several streams on each side of the river.

MARCH 28

Arrived at Cincinnati all in good health with 150 passengers on board.

MARCH 29

At 10 o'clock we arrived at Louisville. The weather is pleasant.

MARCH 30

At 10 o'clock passed The Wabash. The River is verry high. It appear as thou it was all over the cuntry. Passed the Cumberland River at 4 o'clock.

MARCH 31

Night o'clock passed the St. Janaby on the Mississippi in Missoura. These are the loveliest Rocks that I ever saw.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Arrived at St. Lewis at 1 o'clock. All in good health. Reshipt from the GERMANTOWN on board the ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

APRIL 2

Got all our goods on board. The city is litterally Blockd up with all kinds of freits, emigration, Waggon, drays and people.

APRIL 3

Left here about one o'clock.

APRIL 4

Still on the Missoura. Nothin of any note transpired on this day.

APRIL 5

At 8 o'clock. Stopt at the Mouth of the Osage River and the Capitol Jefferson City. Here are any quantity of Islands and wild geese, rocks and Bizzards.

APRIL 6

At daylight we stopt at Glasgow on the

east side of the River. It thunderd an(d) rained.

APRIL 7

Clear and pleasant. Nothing passed this day of any note. 2 o'clock, 18 miles from Independence. There is acres of wil(d) geese here. Landed at Independence Landing just at dark. Struck our tent in the rain.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

The day is pleasant. Here are many encampments from all parts of the States. Galaway and Cossett is not come up yet. They left at St. Lewis by land to purchase Cattle for the Company.

APRIL 9

Rained in the forenoon. In the afternoon we moved up from the River one mile and

encampd.

APRIL 10

Clear and pleasant. All in good health except Stevenson who has been sick for 3 days.

APRIL 11

Clear and pleasant. No other particulars worth notice.

APRIL 12

Raind and haild.

APRIL 13

Cool and cloudy. Galaway and Cossett came to camp this evening. The(y) have pu(r)chased 10 yoke of oxen. It froze this night.

APRIL 14

The ground is froze and snowd. Cold all

day and froze hard at night.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Clear and cold. Not any thing of any importance hapend.

APRIL 16

Cold with rain at night. One man died here with the Colera.

APRIL 17

Clear and cool. We are still in the camp of Independence. Gamble and myself dug a grave for the man that died with the Colera. Stevenson is not expected to live over this day and died this evening.

APRIL 18

Clear. Buiried Stevenson at Independence. One man in a dutch Company got shot by accident close beside us. All our com-

pany well.

APRIL 19

Clear and pleasant, with frost. Met with Dr. Jarvis Howard that used to live in Leesburg. Lost one yoke of Cattle.

APRIL 20

Clear and warm. Galaway is still searching for the oxen we lost. Dr. Howard dined with us at dinner today.

APRIL 21

Clear and warm. Making preparations for moving. Smith and Yeager is not well.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Clear and warm. Galaway and Yeager sick.

APRIL 23

Rained unto noon. Cleared. Found our yoke of cattle. They are now all in the pasture.

APRIL 24

Clear and pleasant. All hands busily engaged to start. Broke up our camp. Drove 6 miles and camped.

APRIL 25

Clear and pleasant. All well.

APRIL 26

Clear. Tucker and Depue came today from Meadville. All in good health. Preparing to start.

APRIL 27

Started and broke up camp. Endured a most dreadful wind from the S.E. Cold rain. Drove 16 mls and camped.

APRIL 28

Cool and rained a little. Started at 7 and crossed the Beautifullest prairie eye ever beheld. Drove 16 miles. Past through the Big Blue and campd 2 miles from it.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Started at 7. Drove 16 miles across a prairie and camped where there is but one tree in sight, an old Elm; the tops are all cut off it.

APRIL 30

Started at 7. Endured a most dreadful wind from the S.E. Cold. Drove to Bull-creek and campd. 16 miles.

MAY 1

Left at 7. Past through prairie amongst —? and other vegetables at this place. Crossed a stream. Drove 21 miles. It thun-

derd and rained.

MAY 2

Left at 7. Rained a little. Drove 21 miles and campd. I went down the stream 2 miles hunting.

MAY 3

Left at 6. Drove 20 miles. Crossed the Canzas(Kansas). Ferryd the waggons; swam the Cattle. Drove 1 mile and campd. Rained.

MAY 4

Rained. Started at 12 o'clock. Drove 4 miles and camped by a creek.

MAY 5

Left the Deep Creek camp. Drove 20 miles, crossed 2 streams and campd amongst the Wiendot(Wyandott) indians by a stream. Cloudy.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Drove 15 miles and campd at the Vermilion river, the line of the pautwattomies (Potawatamies) and Pawnee.

MAY 7

Crossed the river to Clear River. The Wakseruthia (Wakarusa) passed over, and camped 20 miles. Clear and pleasant.

*Wakarusa
The stream is
south of Kansas*

MAY 8

Drove 16 miles. Crossed a great many little streams and campd by a spring. Carried wood $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. The hills covered with flint.

MAY 9

Left at 8. Rained a little. Crossed 2 streams of the Blue. Various kind of stones was on the Bluffs. Got some Black walnuts.

Came to the Big Blue and camped at the groves. 18 miles.

MAY 10

Started at 7. Crossed the Big Blue. Past the St. Joe road. Saw son(e) Elk. Campd at a small stream. Saw some sandstone here. Drove 12 miles.

MAY 11

Started at 8. The stone here are sand. Saw five Deer. Found a hoe on the pararie. Drank out of the Rush Spring. Trains in sight. Travelled 16 miles and camped.

MAY 12

Left at 6. I killd a turkey. Came 18 miles and camped at a little Stream near the Blue. Here we found the Cacttus plant in great Abundance. Sharp frost.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Started at 7. Drove to Sandy Creek and
noon. Passd on to another Branch. Drove
about 16 miles and camped at Big Sandy. A
thunder storm at night.

MAY 14

Started at 7. Drove to the Big Blue
and campd. 15 miles. Cloudy.

MAY 15

Started at 7. Cloudy and cool. Still go-
ing up the Blue. Camped on the same. Drove
16 miles. Parted on the next morning with
Sublet.

MAY 16

Started at 8. Drove along the Blue.
Went 16 miles and ca(m)ped on the planes
Betwixt the Blue and the Platt. Saw the

skelitons of some dead Indians. Gossett
killed an Antilope.

MAY 17

Left at daylight. Drove 12 miles till
noon. Then to the Platt 21 miles and campd.

MAY 18

Started at 8. Drove past Fort Childs¹
at 2 o'clock. Saw George Coulaten at the
fort. Went 16 miles and campd by the Platt.
Here we encounterd a terrifiok thunder-
storm. It rained so that our tents were a
foot deep in water.

MAY 19.

Started at 8. through the water. Drove
till noon and camped by the Platt 8 miles
where there was wood in an Island here.

¹Fort Kearney.

This night another thunder storm.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Started at 7 o'clock. Drove 12 miles till noon. Went on to Fish Creek 21 miles. Rained.

MAY 21

Started at 8. Rained a little. I went from the river saw lots of antelope. Passed over Tower Creek. It is dry. Noon by the river. Drove 18 miles and campd.

MAY 22

Started at 9. Drove 18 miles and camped by the Platt. The day was fine. Here there is game in abundance.

MAY 23

Started at 7. Cloudy and cool. Here the Dells is full of Ceder. Drove 18 miles and campd.

MAY 24

Started at 7. Cloudy and commened raining and hailing. Verry cold with thunder. Drove 15 miles and campd on the Bluffs. Here Haynes came to see us.

MAY 25

Started at 9. Drove 15 miles and camped. Cloudy and cold.

MAY 26

Started at 7. Cold and cloudy. Drove to the Lower Ford of the South Branch of the Plat. Crossd over all safe. Drove 3 miles and campd.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Lost some of the cattle. Got under way about 10. Warm and clear, Here the grasshoppers is so thick you cant keep them out of your face and no wood for 3 days. I

JUNE 4

Started at 9. Here are yellow stone sand and lime. Drove 18 miles and camped by the Flat.

JUNE 5

Drove and crossed Larimies fork. Noon passed the Fort and came on the Bluffs 5 miles from it. Came 18 miles and camp(ed) at the White Stone Hills.

JUNE 6

Started at 7. Drove 10 miles to the Warm Springs. Camped and lay over. Warm and pleasant.

JUNE 7

Still repairing and light(en)ing our loads for the Mts. Here is Bacon and all kinds of p(r)ovisions piled up in piles and Waggons lying on all sides. Started

at 1 o'clock into the Mts. Drove 18 miles and camped by a crick called Bitter Creek from the Bitter Cottonwood that grows in its valey. Its Bluffs is covered with pine and Cedar.

JUNE 8

Started at 7. Drove through the mountains 14 miles and nooned at Horse Shoe Creek. Drove 6 miles further to one of the dells of the Plat and campd late in the evening. This day we were convinced that it was snow we saw on Larimies Peak.

JUNE 9

Left early. Crossed some very steep Bluffs. Drove to Trunk Creek and nooned. This is a rapid stream about 40 feet wide. (So named) by the quantity of trunks that were left here. Plenty of timber but little

grass. Drove 5 miles and campd by a little stream with red Bluffs. It looked like the Bowels of an old Cratur. Cool.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Clear and warm. Started at 7 drove 12 miles to Deer Creek and noond. Came 8 miles further and camped.

JUNE 11

Started at 7. Clear and cool. Came 4 miles to the Platt. Crossed Deer Creek and noond. Came 18 miles and campd on the Platt. Galaway killed an antilope here. The Cricketts are so thick you are killing them every step and of all collers you can think of.

JUNE 12

Started at 7. Drove 5 miles. It rained

a little. Stopd at a ferry. Made 3 canoes got them in the river and Capt Findley would not let us have his to cross on but cut them in too and sentt them afloat.

JUNE 13

Got our ferry in order and went to crossing. Got all over safe. Drove 6 miles and camped on the north side of the Platt 2 miles above the Mormon ferry. This day was pleasant.

JUNE 14

Started at 7. Drove 8 miles and noond. No water here. We are of (f) from the river. Left and campd at 6 in the evening. Clear and warm.

JUNE 15

Started at 6. Clear and warm. I climb

the Mts. Here might with propriety be said is some of the Mighty Structures of the Hand of God. We drove 26 miles to Greenwood Creek and campd.

JUNE 16

Started at 6. Clear and pleasant. I climb the Sweetwater bluff of granite rock. We drove 11 m. and noond at the river at Independence Rock. Crossd the Sweetwater, drove through the Devils Gate 8 m. and campd by the river. Here the Artimessa was as thick (as) a good sized apple tree.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Started at 6. Drove 9 miles and noond at Sage Crick. I killd an antilope. We see snow all the time on the south of the road. Drove 7 m. and camped by the Sweet-

water. Doctor Conduit left the train.

JUNE 18

Clear and cool. Started at 6 o'clock. Lost our horses but found them. Drove 10 m. to where the river comes out from between the rocks and noond. Went 8 m. through the sand and campd by the river.

JUNE 19

Started at 7. Cold with frost and snowd in the night. Drove 18 m. to the river and camped. Night cold. Here you may see the Snow and good grass within 10 feet of it.

JUNE 20

Cold and clear, with frost. Drove 20 m. and campd on Strawberry and Clover Run.

JUNE 21

Cold and clear with snow on our right.

We drove over 2 stream heads of the Sweet-water and camped on the same south of the Wind River Chain of Mts. Drove 16 m.

JUNE 22

This morning we have plenty of ice and clear. Here the strawberries is in Blossom. John Miller and John Long is sick. 5 m. from the Pacific Springs. Here is good grass. At 10 o'clock we are at the Springs. I went up on the Mts., on the South and Haild Oregon¹ and has now taken a drink of the stream that runs into the gulf of Lower California. Drove 17 and camped 2 m. over a Branch of Sandy which is dry.

JUNE 23

Started at 7. Crossed Little Sandy. It

¹A ceremony quite general with the Emigration upon crossing the South Pass.

is clear and warm. Drove 8 m. and camped on Big Sandy.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Lay over. Clear with a scorching sun. One ox died last night. Long and Miller is better. This evening I took the cold fever and rested none all night. Hailed.

JUNE 25

Clear and warm. I am verry sick. We start at noon for Green River. I am verry little Better.

JUNE 26

Drove all night 52 miles and are now encampd on Green River at 12 o'clock. We are surrounded by Snow mountains.

JUNE 27

Clear and warm. All is confusion here

in ferrying the river; some with waggon beds corked, some with rafts and ferry boats a making. We are to cross in a sheetiron Boat. Commenced crossing in the afternoon and got all over safe at sunrise. Woods is taken sick and I am getting better fast.

JUNE 28

Clear and warm. All hands buisily engaged in packing up and hunting the cattle. Here the valley is 3 miles wide. The bluff are all shapes, hights and colour and as barren as the(y) can be made. No pen can give a fair discription of this place.

JUNE 29

Started at 9. Drove to a crick in Mts. about 20 yds wide and 3 feet deep. Went 4 miles along the Bottom. Crossed and campd. 14 miles.

JUNE 30

Started at 7. Drove and crossd a great many rivulets, snow piles and som(e) spruce pine timber. We are still on the Mts. Passsed on 20 m. and campd.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Started early passing deep dells over high snow bluffs. Here the Sarvisberry is just in Blossom. Drove 18 m. and campd. Cool with a sprinkle of rain.

JULY 2

Started at 6. Clear and Cool. At 10 it raind. Drove 18 m. and campd on Bear river at Smiths fork. The fork is divided into 5 parts. Hard fording, the river is high.

JULY 3

Started at 9. Cattle astray made us

late. Drove to Hams Fork. Here are lots of
flags and plenty of trout in the river.
Came 18 m. and campd. Hard frost.

JULY 4

Started at 6. Crossed the ford. Climb
the Mt. Descended down to Bear River near
the lake and nooned. Clear and warm. Drove
22 m. and camped by a small brook coming
from the Mts.

JULY 5

Started early. Clear and warm. Drove 18
m. till noon by a Spring; then drove to
the Soda Mound and campd. 26 m. This place
is the greatest Curiosity on the Journey.
Here we drank Soda water copiously. Still
snow on the rite. Crossed Bear River. Here
we passed through the Bowels of an old
Crater.

JULY 6

Left early. Drove over the old Crater
of lava rocks about 22 m. and campd at the
head of the valley by a stream. This day
we traveled through volcanick matter.

JULY 7

Took the mountains across to the head
waters of the Collumbia river. Here is the
first springs that head it. Clear and cool,
still near snow. Drove 20 m. and camped by
Snake Creek.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Cloudy and pleasant. Started at 7 drove
9 m. and nooned. Plenty of Red Curren(t)s
ripe. The valley is sandy and grass scarce.
Several fine springs. Drove 16 miles and
campd in one of the largest valley I ever
saw 5 m. from Fort Hall.

JULY 9

Drove to the Fort. Had a verry boggy road crossing over 5 streams. Drove 17 m. and camped on the Bluffs 12 m. below the Fort on Snake River.

JULY 10

Started at 6, driving through dust ankle deep. The Bottom still Boggy. We drove on the Bluff and nooned by a spring. Passd the American Falls. Drove 18 m. and camped among the ceders. Poor grass. Clear and warm.

JULY 11

Started at 7. Clear and cool. Drove and passd over Rock Creek and Dam Creek. Passd through lavy all day, and camped on Cassia Creek. 20 miles.

JULY 12

Started at 7. Crossed twice over the stream. This is the most Barren region that I have yet seen. Drove 12 m. through the desert and campd on the same stream at 4 o'clock. Good grass on the Bottom and willow for fuel. We are still in the volcanick region. Clear, dry and dusty as it can well be. Ice froze in the pans this morning.

JULY 13

Clear and cool. Started at 6. Drove through the desert; 5 m. after crossing the stream is a spring on the Bluffs. Came to a Branch of the same stream 12 m. and nooned. This day is verry warm. Drove 8 miles up going into the Mts. and camped by the same stream. Snow still on the rite and left. Good and plenty of grass. This day we still drove through the desert.

JULY 14

Clear and warm. Started at 6. Crossed the stream. Hastings here has taken the Billious Collick. Had to stop after driving one mile till afternoon. Drove from Cassia Creek to the south waters that run into the Great Basin. Dust worse if possible. Here we campd by a mountain stream running east and on the east side of a mt. in a butifull valley.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Hastings is still verry sick. We staid in camp. We had a few drops of rain. Here we are in view of the Salt Lake road. The distance to it is 10 miles.

JULY 16

Clear and warm. All hands engaged in packing up to start. Galaway, Yeager and

myself is left here with 2 yoke of oxen and one wagon to take care of Hastings. We here had a buisy day fixing and attending to Hastings. Here is plenty of trout. We caught som(e) fine ones. We have a spring close by that the water is warm enough to wash the grease of our dishes. Here is a most magnificent view of mountains. Marble tops, snow tops and different rock tops.

JULY 17

Clear and warm with cool nights. Hastings is a great deal better this day. Galaway caught us plenty of trout. We are still in camp. Many teams pass us daily. Pasture is getting dry in this valley which is call(ed) Rattlesnake Crick and valley.

JULY 18

Clear and warm. Hastings continues better this day. Galaway fished part of the time and got plenty. 611 waggons passed this day.

JULY 19

This day Yeager done up our washing and I patched my clothes. C--- Meredith camped here this evening and will lay over tomorrow. He took supper with us this evening.

JULY 20

Clear and warm. I went a hunting. Crossed 3 Mt. tops principally rock, primitive quartz and granite and 3 different kinds of Marble. Hasting is still better. Looks like rain.

JULY 21

A few drops of rain fell. Buisy engaged in fixing to start but did not. Lost our horses. I hunted this afternoon and went after night 15 m. ahead through Steeple Rock Valley and started and traveled part the way back.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Galaway and Yeager started at 8 and met me 8 miles from camp. Two miles from where I met them the Salt Lake road comes in. Seven miles further there is a spring; in the next Canyon 3 m. there is another. Three miles brought us to Goose Crick where we camped. Here are Detatched Mts. in the Valley.

JULY 23

Started at 8. Cool. The day warm. Drove

up on the east side of the stream 12 m. Here is Hot Springs on the left of the road. One mile further we nooned. Caught some trout. Drove into a canyon up a Branch of Goose Crick 12 m. Cross(ed) the stream to the south and campd by a spring coming out of the west side of the hill.

JULY 24

Started at 6. Ice in the Bucketts. Left the canyon going West over the lavy hills passed down into Hot Spring Valley and nooned at a Spring 13 miles from our last camp and 3 m. from the first water in the head of the vally. It is on the left of the road about 20 yds in the Bottom of the Channel, by some willows. Passd several Alkali Springs. Drove 11 m. and camped. Grass and a well of water in the Channel.

JULY 25

Started early. Clear and cool. As we pass along the valley there is excellent grass and some red clover on the left, but the higher part of the valley is a dessert. Drove 12 m. and nooned. Some water at the north edge of Channel. Two m. further the water from the Boiling Springs met us. Here is the best grass in the valley. Three m. brought us to the Boiling Springs. About 50 yds south of them is a good fresh-water spring. We drove across a dessert to the south end. A mile and a half further campd to the left of the road. Good water and som(e) grass.

JULY 26

Drove to the road where it enters a canyon. A spring comes out on the left. At

the hill pasd out of the vally again.
Noon. Came 13 m. and got water from some
holes, and good grass. A spring is back
one mile from where we noond, but no
grass. Drove across the dessert 8 m. turnd
into the left and campd by a spring and
good grass.

JULY 27

Started by sunrise. Pleasent and warm.
Humbolt snowtops about 12 m. to the south-
west. Galaway is now two days back after
the horses. Drove down this valley 12 m.
and noond. We had water out of a partly
dry channel and good grass. Drove 7 m. to
Humbolt, a Branch comeing down north.
Came 3 miles and camped. Good grass.

JULY 28

Started at sunrise. Drove 12 m. and

noond. Drove 8 m. to where the Mts. closes
on the river. 4 m. further we campd in a
deep valley on the river. Galaway came up
with the horses that had been stolen. Last
night the Indians killd one ox and wounded
2 more and drove of(f) 5 more from a train
that lay close by us below.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Still continues dry. Ice in the Buck-
etts this morning. Here the valley is
still narrow and the stream still passing
from one side of the valley to the other.
Started at 5 o'clock. This afternoon we
drove down the river betwixt the Mts. from
3 to 8 miles distance on each side. Came
12 m. and camped by the stream. Good grass.
Dry and warm as usual with frost at night.

JULY 30.

Started at 5. Drove 4 m. to the Mt. then drove 15 m. to where we struck the stream again. No water. Here we nooned. Grass plenty up the river behind the Mt. Here it looks as barren as any place I ever saw. Drove down 4 miles and campd at the base of the Mt. Here we leave the stream and go 15 m. over the Mts.

JULY 31

Started at 5. There is a well of water on the top of the Mt. to the left close by the road. A little further on is a spring, and as you descend the Mt. one mile you find a good spring where we nooned. At 5 o'clock we came to river again which is 20 m. Here we drove up the river one mile and found good grass by driving our cattle

one mile farther up. This Mt. is verry barren.

AUGUST 1

Started at 6. Galaway started to catch up with the train ahead 8 days. We drove 3 miles crossed the river and 4 miles further we nooned. I lost my horse. We drove 8 m. and crossd the river again and campd. Drove our cattle across the stream. I guarded them all night.

AUGUST 2

Left at 5, Drove 7 m. and nooned then went 8 m. and campd by the stream. Here the Mts on each side of the valley are verry high.

AUGUST 3

Left at 5. Drove 3 m. passd round the

base of the Bluffs on the right; the river on the left turning rather a northeast direction. Here we strike a verry Barren looking plane. Verry warm and no appearance of rain. Passd 9 m. on this Dessert and came to the river. No grass. Staid 2 hours. Every appearance of grass is eaten up and dryed by the Drought here. While we staid about 100 teams came up. Some gave out. Four miles back we drove across 8 m. to another Bend in the river where we g(ot) tolerable good grass and campd. On our left is a high peak of Mt. About 8 m. across the river on our right is a desert, 10 or 12 m. to the Mt. Bullrushes grow here one inc(h) and a half in diameter and 12 or 15 feet high.

AUGUST 4

Left at 1. o'clock.¹ Drove 12 m. and left the river, going a north Direction to the other bond of the river across the dessert 7 m., and turnd to the left south of Little Bluff close by the river and campd at 11 o'clock. On the right of this morning's drive is the sharpest peak of Mt. I have yet seen; just like a Mercer County (Pa.) haystack. Here we got good grass and stood in great need of it. The Bottoms are coverd with Saleratus. We have not heard from our train yet that went in advance.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Left at 1. Drove 8 m. passed some Alkalie slews on a Bottom coverd with Saleratus, then turnd west down the River 4 m. and

¹Evidently one o'clock A.M. Night driving was not uncommon along the Humboldt.

camped at 8. Laid over untill 4 o'clock.
Drove 8 m. and campd. at dark. Good grass.

AUGUST 6

Started at 3 o'clock. One mile to the Mt. on the right then 8 m. brought us to the Valley of the river. Went 3 m. down it and campd. The grass pretty well used up. A man named Farrensworth, from New York, brought up my horse that I lost Wensday. The Mts. is verry high on both sides and as barren as they could be and full of lava. South on the opposite side of the river is Boiling Springs 2 m. on the left of our camp. This Spring has a natural pot made from the sediment the water contains. I saw here a number of Indians gathering berrys. Doct. Boucher came to us from the train with one yoke of cattle,

the train being 100 m. in advance of us at about the Sink of the River.

AUGUST 7

Started at 1, the wind blowing a pleasant Breeze from the west. Passd a great many slews filld with rushes. Drove 18 m. and campd. Close on our rite is the Mt. Drove our cattle over the river. Good grass and the valley wide, but the side we campd on is narrow. Drove 5 m. and camped for the night.

AUGUST 8

Started at daylight. Drove across some sand hills. The morning cool. We camped at 7 o'clock. Good grass. Ferrensworth left. I sent a letter ahead by him to the train. Left at 3. Drove 7 m. Crossed the river $4\frac{1}{2}$ m. after we noond. One and a half m. of

that was the deepest sand I yet saw. We campd $2\frac{1}{2}$ m. on the south side of the ford at 6 o'clock. Good grass. Here the Mts. are scattering and the Bluffs are fine sand.

AUGUST 9

Left camp at sunrise. Drove 6 m. crossed over to the west side. Some mules in crossing could not get out of the ford. I took out the front oxen and dragd them out of my way so that I could cross. Drove 3 m. and camped for noon. Poor grass. Here at the ford one road crosses the Bluffs. We took the river road. Drove 1 m. and took the Bluffs and crossed to the river 15 m. and campd at 10 o'clock at night. Poor grass. Here the Mts. is scatterd over the Dessert in short ranges.

AUGUST 10

Left at 7. Verry warm and dry. No one could amagine how it troubles us. We drove 7 m. and noon. This morning I lost the Knife Jones gave me in Beaver. I cut off part of the Box and ocupled the wagon shorter. Started at 3. Drove 7 m. and campd. Middling grass. The evening cool with high wind and the elements full of dust and smoke.

AUGUST 11

Started at sunrise. Drove along the bottom, then about 9 m. on the desert and campd at 1 on the river between Mts. Here are sand salt lime and seleratus Bluffs. Grass poor. Cold wind. I went a hunting and on my way found some verry nice stones. Killd nothing. Drove 10 m. on the Desert and camped $\frac{1}{2}$ m. from the river on the Bluffs. Boucher and

me drove the Cattle 3 m. across the river to the base of the Mt. and staid with them all night. Dry wild wheat was their pasture. Here the Bluffs are verry high and close in on the river.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Started after 7. Drove to the main rode then down a ravine to the river. Turnd up another to the left $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. across the desert in all 7 m. and noond on some dry grass on the desert. Left at 3 and drove on the desert 9 m. and campd on the Bluff. Some grass here. We met Phillip Alexander from the train which is 20 m. ahead waiting for us. Yeager left at dark to go to the train.

AUGUST 13

Left at 6. Drove 2 m. to the river then

12 m. to the slew then 6 m. to the left to the grazing ground and campd with the train at 3 o'clock. A general division of the Stock is now going on int(o) 4 equal shares. Preparing hay for crossing Desert.

AUGUST 14

Still progressing with the division. At noon got all fixed and setteld and have our cattle all yoked except one ox we cant find. Here we left one waggon and take but 4 with us. Robert Miller, John M(iller), Henry Gamble and Myself is to one waggon. Started at 4. Drove 23 m.¹ till 3 o'clock in the morning. Stoped at the Sulpher Springs 3 m. past the Cinque(Sink).

¹On the Truckee Route.

AUGUST 15

Started at 8. Drove 12 m. crossing a salt desert. Going west noon in a salt flat. Dug for water but it is so salt we can make no use of it. We are 35 m. on the desert and have 50 to go yet. Two of the waggons took to the left that is the Carson River road. Left at 4 o'clock. I went ahead 10 m. Counted above 50 head of dead mules and cattle in that distance and got to the Boiling Springs at dark. I dipt out the Boiling water and left it to cool for our cattle which came up at 11 o'clock night. This was the most disagreeable time on the road - the smell of the Boiling water and dead animals was grivious.

AUGUST 16

Left at 7. Drove from the Boiling Springs

and noon about the last rim of the Humbolt Basin. I rode on with the Millers and got to Trucky River at 11 o'clock, a distance today of 20 m. almost famished for drink. Here our horses enjoyed as well as we the cold clear fluid. This stream is about 50 yds wide and 3 feet deep generally and it low. Robert M. and I took our horses over and 2 m. down the river to pasture. John M. went back to meet the waggons. I came up to the ford and the teams came in to the river at 8 o'clock. Oxen all looked ——. They have come 23 m., and 8 m. of that the deepes(t) kind of sand without drink. Crossed the river and campd. A light shower of rain came on. The night cool.

AUGUST 17

Lay over till noon. Drove 5 m. Passd

into the Canyon of the river. Passed into the lower Sera Nevada Mts. Crossed the river 8 times and campd on the North side 8 m. from where we struck the river. Here we found a stove left warm where we cooked supper.

AUGUST 18

Clear, cool and pleasant. Started at 6. Drove 7 m. till noon and cross(ed) the river 6 times. Here is the best pasture the world can afford with acres of peas. The Canyon gets wider. Left at 2 crossd the river 7 times and campd at sunset on the south side. This day we passed up between the most Sinder Mts that we have yet saw.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Left at 7. Crossd the river & drove 9

m. through the Canyon into grass valley of which one half is desert surrounded by Mts. On the South and West is the grand hights of the Siera Nevada Mts covered with pine and snow. The stream verry rapid, running from south in our course to west. Here we crossed the teams again. Cossett and myself took a ramble in mts. Saw a great many different qualitys volcanic matter.

AUGUST 20

Started at 5, passed into the desert south of the river and came to 2 m. across the Bend. Five miles ahead are some pine on the stream. Drove 8 m. and noond the north side of the river. Crossd the cattle to pasture. In wading over the water up-tripd me and I had hard work getting over. Drove 1 m. further crossd and left the

river for 7 m. then crossed and camped in a grove of pine. Poor grass. Here is a beautiful view of the surrounding Mts., covered with their lofty pine and cedar.

AUGUST 21

Left at sunrise. The morning pleasant, the road leading north up the low part of the Mt., circling round a snow top taking to southwest. I with Depue struck through the Mt. and came to the road on the Summit. Here are the largest and loftiest timber I ever saw. The road now gradually descends to the lake. Noon at a clear stream 7 m. from the river but I noon at a branch of the river 9 m. from where we staid all night. Good grass.

AUGUST 22

Started at sunrise. Hard frost. Passed

up on the Mt and went up and down several time. Eight mi. Struck another Branch of the river. I took the Mts today on the west side of the road. Here is the largest timber yet from 12 to 16 ft diameter. Drove about 12 m. to the main branch of the river and noon. Here is a steep rocky bluff that the road passes down. Started at 3 drove 4 m. crossed a stream and campd. This is the outlet of Trucky lake. Our camp is within 60 rods of the bur(n)t Cabbin where the unfortunate Dona(Donner) party perished. The grave that the bones was buired in by Karney(Kearney) is opend I know not for what purpose. There is another Cabbin standing 1 m. on this side. I went up and viewed the lake about 1 m. above where we campd.

AUGUST 23

Left at daylight. Got under way first

for the pass. Drove over granite rocks for 6 m. and came to the base of the Mt. then double teaming we drove over the hights of the Siera Nevada and it rained on us all the time on the Mt. We passed down into Uber(Yuba) Valley 3 m. and campd, I went hunting on the south over a Mt. covered with snow, and in the valley 2 lakes sorrounded with timber.

AUGUST 24

Clear with a verry hard frost. The Millers and Cossett started for Sacramento City. In one mile we left the Valley. Com-menced assending and decending Granite Bluffs. Here are five small lakes and the roughest road I ever saw. Passing down over rocks 3 and 4 feet high we broke the tounge out of our waggon. In an hour I had another in, and going. Crossed a Branch

of the Uber then passed up a Bluff of Sol-lid granite rock one mile and campd. Days drive is 15 m. Here the road is jammed ful of waggons getting down over the steep gran-ite rocks.

AUGUST 25

Left at sunrise and commenced going down. Crossed the stream. This days drive is over mountain and rocks. With hard work we reachd the valley of grass at sundown about 12 m. We passed throug the most roman-tick forest of the largest sized timber from 12 to 16 feet diameter, pine and oeder trees, quacksnash and some scrub oak grow here. About 1 m. back is a lake. On our left the Mts. are lined with shaperel.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Left at 8. Drove out of the valley,

passed up the Mt. and down into a vally, went through it and decended a verry steep place, then assended Cocks Comb Mts. Here the teams are all in a jamb. We stood from noon till sundown before we could get down. The top of this Mt. is so sharp you could not ride it without a saddle. One mile to Bear River Valley where we campd. Days drive about 7 m. Found plenty of rasperrys and gooseberrys and all kinds of vegetation grow in abundance.

AUGUST 27

Left Bear Vally. Crossed to the South again. Pasd up over some very rocky steeps for 5 m. then climb the Mt. by double teaming, then passed down round the west side of a verry high Mt. and through a wilder-ness of pine, spruce, Ceder, oak, maple, dogwood and a great variety of shrubery.

Here we campd at a spring. This day about 12 m. No grass but we cut down oak for the cattle.

AUGUST 28

Left at daylight. Alexander and me found our horses on the top of a Mt., 2 m., back from camp. Drove up a Mt. and passed along the Backbone of it 5 m. then decended into the Gulch. Steeper than the old 2 part and 3 roofs(?). Crossed a small stream where they were washing gold. Passd up a verry steep Mt. on the other side and campd. Fed our cattle on oak leaves then drove 5 m. and campd one mile from Bear River at a Spring on the left. No grass.

AUGUST 29

Left at 8. Pasd down the hill and crossed a Branch of Bear River. Here many are wash-

ing gold. Passd up a verry steep Mt. and then a second and came to a valley on the right and noond. Got a little grass and plenty of water. Left at 2. Drove 1 mile. The appearance of the Cuntry is materially alterd. Here are white oak, the nut bearing pine, and other shrubery that we have not seen heretofore. This day we drove about 8 m. passd 2 m. to the right into a vally and campd. Good grass and water in the channel. Here are stores scattered through the Mts. in Brush tents.

AUGUST 30

Laid over in long valley to recruit our cattle after the fitigue of passing up and down the steep and rocky Mts. We prospected for gold but found none. We are now 30 m. from Jounstons (Johnson's)

Ranch on Bear River. We purpose starting in the morning. The locality of the land looks as if it might be cultivated, but the ground is all dust except along the streams.

AUGUST 31

Started at sun rise. Drove 10 m. and stopt at a spring on the left and noond. Drove the cattle $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. down the canyon to water and grass with Depue, Gamble, Alexander and myself then yoked and drove till after night and campd at a spring on the left. Drove our cattle one mile to grass. Here the wolves eat the stirrups off my saddle. The Mts. are getting low and more smooth.

SEPTEMBER 1

Left at 8. Drove to Bear River. Passd

Johnsons. Heard a Cook crow for the first time for 4 months. Crossed the river, drove 3 m. and campd. Passed another ranch on the bottom. This days drive is 18 m. Here the Bottom is so large you can not see the end of it. There is a material change in the atmosphere - is dense and verry smoky with tremendous heat.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Laid over till afternoon then drove 11 m. I took the path and night came on. Staid with a packer by the name of Seet. Here the grass is good and land beautiful, with a fine river and large oak in the bottom. Peas in abundance.

SEPTEMBER 3

I started at daylight and traveld 5 m. and came to the waggon just in time for

Breakfast. Drove down 9 m. and came to Vernon City at the mouth of Feather River on the Sacramento. It is principally built of tents and all kinds of fixings here in the forks of the river. The indians are all drunk. The(y) had a child died and they burnt it on Sunday.

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SEPTEMBER 4

All well this day. I rote home and washd my clothes and viewd the town.

SEPTEMBER 5

Nights cool and days hot. Millers and Gamble went to Sacramento City. I rote another letter home. I have got no letter yet.

SEPTEMBER 6

I went 20 m. back after one of our oxen that gave out but did not find it.

SEPTEMBER 7

Hunted the ox all day. Staid with Sublets. The old man verry sick. Died after I left.

SEPTEMBER 8

Hunted till noon and gave it up and found him not. Started for the camp at Vernon with Witherlow and met John Miller hunting me. We campd under a tree half way down.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Killed one deer and wounded another. The one I killd waiyd about 200 lbs.

SEPTEMBER 10

Buying our provisions and fixing for starting up to Redding's diggings.¹ Depue and Ostander sick with the diarea.

SEPTEMBER 11

Hunting our cattle. Found them at noon. Yesterday Gamble took my horse and went back in serch of the steer.

¹Located near the headwaters of the Upper Sacramento, a few miles South of the junction of that stream and Pitt River.

SEPTEMBER 12

The sick are getting better. Gamble came in with the ox.

SEPTEMBER 13

Getting our provisions packd and fixing to start. Crossd the (Feather) river. Staid in Freemont over night.

SEPTEMBER 14

Drove 15 m. and campd on the plain. No water.

SEPTEMBER 15

Left at daylight. Drove 6 miles, found water and cooked breakfast, then turnd to the right over to the Bluffs. Two miles took us out of the timber then 18 m. to a lone tree. We found no water. Cossett and Alexander left for the river.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Went in serch of water and found it 6 m. south of us. Carried some to camp. Our cattle is all strayed after water and I can't find my horse. Gamble and me hunted till dark but did not find them.

SEPTEMBER 17

Hunted all day and found 5 of them. Saw 2 Bear and killd an Elk.

SEPTEMBER 18

Found our cattle and got our waggons to the water. Robert Miller and Tucker is ver-ry sick since Sabbath.

SEPTEMBER 19

Still in camp. The sick no better.

SEPTEMBER 20

Niman and myself startd back to hunt

our horses. Campd between Cass Creek and Night(Knight's) Ranch under a tree. No blankets.

SEPTEMBER 21

Got to Freemont. Found no horses, left. Went back 6 miles and campd.

SEPTEMBER 22

Came to Cass Creek. Staid till 4. Got to the lone tree at 8 at night. Our waggons had left and we are out provision.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Start(e)d with a man by the name of Ballard and drove one of his teams as far as the Sycamore slew and campd.

SEPTEMBER 24

Started on foot and came to the (Sacramento) river 18 miles. Found Depue, Ostander,

Gosset and Tucker verry sick. Alexander was cooking salmon for dinner. After dinner caught up with our team, Miller still sick. Traveld 28 miles today. Two watering places on the river.

SEPTEMBER 25

Left early. Touchd the river 3 or 4 times. Noon and campd by the river. All along here are abundance of grapes of the verry best kind. 15 miles.

SEPTEMBER 26

Started early. Drove 8 m. and campd. Made an ox yoke and Bows.

SEPTEMBER 27

Started. Drove 8 mi. and noon at the river. Drove 8 more and campd.

SEPTEMBER 28

Started early. Drove and noon by the river. Passd on and campd. 16 m.

SEPTEMBER 29

Drove 10 m. and came to the river. Campd at the Sycamore Grove in the mouth of a Dry Channel. Here the Bluffs look as red as old David McCloud's nose and just about as mountainous.

SEPTEMBER 30

Lying in camp. Miller verry sick. The wind blows like the fall season.

OCTOBER 1

Lying in camp with the sick. I went up the channel 10 m. with Witherlow.

OCTOBER 2

Made some pick handles and commened fix-

ing to go on tomorrow. Miller is a little better.

OCTOBER 3

Drove across the Bluffs to Cottonwood Creek. Verry dusty and hilly. 20 m.

OCTOBER 4

Drove 9 miles and came to the river then 3 miles crossd Clear Creek and campd. We had a little frost.

OCTOBER 5

Cold, with frost. Drove to the Upper Springs, 14 m. from Clear Creek. Niman took sick on the way. This morning found my horse that was #tolen (Sept. 16) 150 m. back.

OCTOBER 6

Gamble and me took our cattle down to

the river 10 m. to pastur(e). Last night my horse was stolen. John Miller is taken sick.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

R & J Miller and Niman is sick. Hunted for my horse but did not find him. This evening the other waggon came up to camp. Tucker (had died). They buiried him at the Salmon Bend wher I left him sick (September 25), about 75 m. above Freemont. Alexander, Depue, Cossett and Ostanter is in reasonable health.

OCTOBER 8

Went to Rock Creek. Dig all day. Got three little lumps of gold.

OCTOBER 9

Went to Middle Creek with Gamble and we

got 5 Dol.

OCTOBER 10

Raind. I took a chill in the night and sick today.¹ Gamble and Witherlow went to the mines.

OCTOBER 11

Verry sick. Had a verry bad shake. Gamble and Witherlow is all that is well.

OCTOBER 12

Some better. The most appear to be getting better. I had the worst fever I ever

¹This unconsidered premonitory seizure was the prelude to a series of recurring attacks which were to ravage and prostrate the author and endure throughout his stay in California.

had.¹

OCTOBER 13-16

This morning I am much better. Sold some books and paid one dollar for one lb. of peaches. Gamble is taken sick. The rest is no better.

OCTOBER 17

I went to digging and found gold.

OCTOBER 18

Digging all day. Sleep none at night attending the sick.

OCTOBER 19

Four of us, Depue, Witherlow, Phil Alex-

¹From this point on the diary occasionally develops into a mere clinical or meteorological record. To avoid repetitious or inconsequential matter, the present Editor has taken the liberty of consolidating these entries. The compound date-lines disclose the period covered by such condensations.

ander and myself, went prospecting. Crossed the Sacramento River on a raft. Fought our way through lots of Indians and hid ourselves in the rocks for the night.

OCTOBER 20

Prospected all day. We are now about 40 miles from any whites. Lay this night on the top of a Mt. by a Spring.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Returned to camp well fatigued. The rest are still sick.

OCTOBER 22

Dug considerable gold but have to keep it quiet for there is hundreds prospecting all round us.

OCTOBER 23

Digging plenty of the stuff out of the

gravel.

OCTOBER 24-27

Cutting logs for Walsh's house. Not very well. Gamble has been speechless for the last 2 days.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Gamble died at 10 o'clock in the night.

OCTOBER 29

Buried Gamble high on the Mt. just below the Upper Spring on the north side of the Branch. There are many others lie at rest here.

OCTOBER 30

Sp(1)it Clabboards and covered Walsh's house.

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2

Went down to the Sacramento to hunt

cattle. Found some of them. Drove them as far as the Lower Springs. There the fever came on and I fainted. Had to stop. Depue took the cattle on up to Cossett, and I remained in Rudys tent.

NOVEMBER 3-7

The Mts. is all covered with snow. This afternoon I got to camp. The fever came on again. Dierea, piles, gravel, chills, fever and scurvy begin to make their appearance and I aint well myself.

NOVEMBER 8-13

My reason is altogether fractured. Not properly in my senses. Things look dark and gloomy. Death is all around us and does his work daily. There has been '3 doctors or things they call doctors working at me for some time.

NOVEMBER 14

My reason is so far gone I can only record the kind of weather. Raining.

NOVEMBER 15-27

Sick. Rained nine days. Three days clear.

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 25

Got down to our cabin with a hard struggle. I am verry sick. Have now paid out all my gold to the doctors and they leave me worse in health. Snowed 6 days, clear 9, rained 13. The hills are running down like soap.

DECEMBER 26

Clear. Flower \$2.00 per lb., Boats 50 Dollar a pair.

DECEMBER 27

Indian Troubles daily.

DECEMBER 28-31

Went to Alney Creek to wash gold.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1850

Clear and pleasant.

JANUARY 2

Rained a little. Still weak with the dierea.

JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 10

Sick. Chills and fever. Weather clear 23 days, snow 5, rain 11.

FEBRUARY 11-23

Digging gold.

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 9

I dug in the 2 weeks past 487 dollars.
Variable weather.

MARCH 10-13

Went down to Reddings to hunt cattle.
Staid all day. Returned home.

MARCH 14

This day I commenced timber the Boat.

MARCH 15-30

Hughing(Hewing) out the gunnels, whip-sawing timber, etc.

MARCH 31 - APRIL 1

La(u)nched our Boat, and corked and pitched it.

APRIL 2

Left in the boat from the mouth of Salt Creek. S.M. Veach, Lansdale, Robert Miller,

John Miller and myself. Run to below Cottonwood and camped. The river very high.

APRIL 3

Run through the canyon and camped at Peter Lawsons. (Lassen's).¹

APRIL 4

Past severell new town sites and campd on the west side.

APRIL 5

Passd Williams. It rained. We campd on the Boat.

APRIL 6

Run till noon then tied up by reason of the wind.

¹The noted California Pioneer of "Death Route" fame.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Put on side oars and rowd.

APRIL 8

Still running.

APRIL 9-12

Landed in Sacramento City. Got letters from home. City in water and rising every hour

APRIL 13-14

Got Boated out of the City. Water still rising.

APRIL 15

Started at noon for Dry Creek 50 m. south. Left the Millers in the city to sell the Boat and the plunder.

APRIL 16-19

Travelling. Got to Dry Creek. Had a

shake of the Agua.

APRIL 20-22

All hands went up 12 m. to the Indian War. Killed several Indians and broke up their force and scattered them all over the Mts. Took no prisoners. Got back to camp tired.

APRIL 23 - MAY 1

Digging gold.

MAY 2-13

Sick and so is Veach. Alternate days of sickness and gold digging.

MAY 14

Went to Jackson Creek. Saw Billy Smith and Phill. (Alexander)

MAY 15

Started for the City. Campd at the

Mo lume. Veach is still sick.

MAY 16-17

Lying at Cotesees ferry. Boarding with Cooly and Co.

MAY 18-30

Went to the City. Camped out 1 mile. Veach still sick. Commenced to build for Haynes and Lake, Minges and myself.

MAY 31 - JUNE 12

Loded up and crossed the river. Sunday, June 2 - drove to Freemont and campd. We only swampt once today. Next day to Cass Crick and only swampt once. On the 4th to the Lone Tree. Next day to the Sycamore slew. On the 6th drove to Colusa on the river. Musquetoes thick as dust. Next day campd at Moores. On the 8th campd at Placer City. Next day camped at Ides Ranch. Here

Abe's (Minges) gun fell of(f) the waggon and went off. The ball passing through 3 tin pans and splitting. One half stuck in the calf of my leg and the other into Minges heel through his Boot. Next day campd at Cottonwood. Bent my gun at Red Bluffs. On the 11th Campd at Clear Creek. The 12th drove to the Lower Springs.

JUNE 13

Sold our goods. I am bad with the direa.

JUNE 14

In the City of Shaste.

JUNE 15-16

Came down to camp. Went down on Rock Creek.

JUNE 17

Staying in camp priparing to cross the

river to Cow Creek.

JUNE 18

Crossd over and went 20 miles in the Mts. Dificulty with the Indians. Camped all night in the Pass.

JUNE 19

Started over to Cow Cr. Wounded a grisly Bear. Came into the vally of Cow Creek, went down it 8 m. and 3 m. from it and campd.

JUNE 20-23

Crossd over the river back to the Springs. Prospecting. Little success. Digging in Salt Creek.

JUNE 24-27

Went down to Raddings. Staid over night. Then to Cottonwood. Found 3 of the Oxen.

Sold them to Walsh and came back to the Springs. Went back to Walshes to the City.

JUNE 28

Left to go to Reddings to work for 10 Dollars per Day.

JUNE 29 - JULY 27

Cutting clapboard and doing carpentry work.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Twenty-four of us went to the Mts., to fight Indians for stealing cattle.

JULY 29

Riding through the Mts. Charged on a rancharee at sundown. Took one prisoner and one horse. Dont (know) how many we killed on the south of Cotton.

JULY 30

Crossed to the Middle Fork. Charged on a rancharee. The Chiefs name Pedroche. Caught 26 prisoners and entirely broke them up. Killing and wounding all their best warriors.

JULY 31

Brought them in to Redding and divided them among the Valley Indians. I kept one Boy by the name of Yamwoma, the Son of a Chief who died in Battle.

AUGUST 1 - 10

Lying with 2 verry large Biles under my right hip.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11-12

Lanced them and I now can walk again.

AUGUST 13-17

Making axe handles.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18-19

Went up to Monday's Ra(nch). Staid all next day.

AUGUST 20-22

Came back. Heard of the death of Robert Miller and got a letter from Home. Wrote a letter and orderd a draft for 200 dollars.

AUGUST 23

Left Reddings, got to Monday's in the evening.

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 28

Not able to work. Down with the fever.¹

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 4

Better. Wroked at hewing rafters and splitting boards.

¹This attack of some five weeks duration was an especially severe one. On only one day was the diarist able to attempt working.

OCTOBER 5-15

Sick. Not able to work.

OCTOBER 16-22

A little better. Sp(1)itting boards.

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 1

A tremendous chill. Sick.

NOVEMBER 2-5

Went to Reddings. Better. Making a harrow.

NOVEMBER 6-14

Went back to Monday's Ranch. At work. Bad cough.

NOVEMBER 15-20

Sick and chills.

NOVEMBER 21-23

Able to work.

NOVEMBER 24-29

Laid up with a verry sore hand.

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 5

Went to the Springs. Mining. Made 3 dollars and 25 cts. Went to Monday's and Reddings. Returned.

DECEMBER 6-9

Split boards. Built a shade for mower.

DECEMBER 10-17

Went to the Springs. Dug 42.25 in gold.
Went to town with a letter.

DECEMBER 18

We went prospecting in Alneys Valley and found a gulsh with gold in.

DECEMBER 19-23

Dug on the gulsh 65 dollars in gold.

Had a verry severe chill and fever.

DECEMBER 24

Dug 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ in gold.

DECEMBER 25

I had no Christmas but I rested. It is the warm(est) I ever saw.

DECEMBER 26-31

Went over to the gulsh and got 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars a piece. Boutifull and warm. Just such weather as we have in May in Pennsylvania. Dug 2.50 apiece. Went prospecting but could not find good diggings.

JANUARY 1, 1851

Went down to Mondys Herding post. Staid all night.

JANUARY 2

Went to Reddings. Had some beaver meet for supper and drank some old Pennsylvania whiskey and staid over night.

JANUARY 3

Came back from Reddings. Walsh is here sick and Minges is out on Cottonwood prospecting.

JANUARY 4-7

Dug about 9½ dollars. Went prospecting round Alenys Mts. Found no good prospect. Minges came back from Cottonwood.

JANUARY 8

Three horse-thieves caught and brought to the Springs.

JANUARY 9-10

Dug 24½ dollars a piece. The Mancineta is in blossom.

JANUARY 11-12

Went over the Mt. with Walsh and dug 100 dollars a piece. Minges is sick. The Mts., is pretty well covered with snow but it is decreasing fast these sunshine days. I cant tell where I will dig next week, the diggings are so tore up.

JANUARY 13

Started and went to Mackleys ranch. Crossed the river with 6 others to fight the Pitt River Indians who had stolen and drove of(f) about 50 mules and horses. Campd in the valley of Churn Creek.

JANUARY 14

Left early for Pitt River. Came to opposite a ranchree. Fired across the river. We could not get over. Saw 12 mules and horses in their camp. We crossed the Mt.

back to meet the other party that was in the rear. The Indians followed us into a narrow pass and attacked us on right and left and in the rear and drove us about 1 m. We found an opening into the prairie where we made a stand and fought them. Killed the two leaders and drove about sixty of them back. We had one mule shot through the neck but we were unhurt. Three miles brought us to where the rear was camped, and there we camped for the night.

JANUARY 15

Reinforcements came to us at noon. Benjamin Wright and myself went 5 m. into the Mts. to reconitre and to find a place to ferry the river by a raft. The camp moved up to the Mt. behind us. We came back undiscovered by the enemy. At dark 45 men

marched to the river and commenced building the raft. The Indians commenced shooting their arrows into our camp so that we had to stop operation until day. One man got wounded in the knee.

JANUARY 16

Finished our raft and some crossed, but the Indians had fled before day. Some destroyed their place by fire and left for camp. Carried the wounded man in.

JANUARY 17

Staid in camp and hunted. Killed 5 deer. The weather clear during this campaign.

JANUARY 18

Left for home a distance of 25 m. My legs were swollen and all in blisters when I got to the river within three miles of

home. Got home verry sick from the arasip-
ules. So endid the Pitt River Expedition.

JANUARY 19-21

Legs and ankles much swelled and blis-
tered and I am a little sick.

JANUARY 22

Not so much swelld but a bad headake
and fever. Minges came home. He brought
part of a grisly bear that he killd get-
ting in from the Indian war on Pitt River
last week. One black man has not got in
yet. Supposed to be killd by the indians
or a bear.

JANUARY 23-27

Still better but alone. Minges is gone
to the ranch.

JANUARY 28

Coplan came up.

JANUARY 29

I am starting to the ranch to make a
skiff.

JANUARY 30-31

At Copland Hambright and cattlemans herd-
ing post. Went to Reddings. Staid all night.

FEBRUARY 1-2

Came back with some tools. Resting sore
foot.

FEBRUARY 3-10

Making skiff to cross the river. Launch-
ed her and crossd. Went to the Lower Springs.
Chills and fever; bad foot and ankle.

FEBRUARY 11

Better. Went to prospecting for gold but

could not find any diging. Went to Chasty
(Shasta) City in the afternoon.

FEBRUARY 12-15

Not well. Chills. Sued Nimen and took
2 mules and one horse by the Sherriff of
Chaste County. Refferrees met and I gaind
the suit but the cost is divided, which
is \$28.70 apiece. I get from Nimen the 123
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the note is lost and John Miller died on
his return home, and by this I make a memo-
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formerly of Mercer County. Walsh went to

Scott last Tuesday. Wondfull emigration
got to Scott. Every day the road is filld.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Resting from our labours and toils. Pre-
paring to start to prospect the Cottonwood
Mts. The face of all nature looks gay and
blooming, no chilling winds, no storms, but
a perfect calm for the last 2 months and in
fact for the last 3 months.

FEBRUARY 17

Left for the Mts of Cottonwood. Passed
Clear Creek 2 m. and campd for the night.
Copland, Conkey, Smith and myself with 10
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Started early. Passed into the Mts. Killd

a deer. Six Indians went with us, 3 staid all night in camp. Here we prospected but found no gold.

FEBRUARY 19

Left early. Passed through the Mts to the North Fork of Cottonwood. Went down about 4 m. and noond, but found no gold. Here we campd for the night.

FEBRUARY 20

Raind and snowd. Staid in camp till noon then went a prospecting. Crossed the stream twice. Once we jumpd it. Viewed the falls, passed back to camp in the evening. The Mts. we travelled yesterday are coverd with snow. This afternoon cleard and the Bow appeard on the clouds to remind us of the Covenant that the world should not be overflowd by a deluge again.

FEBRUARY 21

Left. Crossed the North Fork. Passd west into the hig(h)er Mts and campd. Found some gold. Some friendly indians came to us but we watchd them with suspicion.

FEBRUARY 22

Prospected this forenoon. In the afternoon pack up and went 3 m. further into the Mts and campd. Found some gold in a gulsh running south.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Three Indians came to us this morning. We are nearly surrounded with snow except on the east. North, west and south are impenetrable Mts. of snow. This is on the hills of the North Fork.

FEBRUARY 24

Left for the Springs. Traveled down the

North Fork passing severall small streams and rocky hills and grass valleys in the Mts. Campd on the north side of the stream. Cold with frost. Our provisions, is nearly out. We have one box of sardiens for breakfast in the morning.

FEBRUARY 25

Eat our box of sardiens and left camp. Smith and myself took to the north of the trail into the Mts. to hunt. I shot one deer, Copland and Conkey took the pack animal and went the trail. We saw plenty of deer. We passed a great many little streams and struck high up on the south fork of Clear Creek and then came down to its mouth on the main Creek. There we found 2 men at work, Smith and Vandvort, where we - Smith and myself - also went. The other

two went to the Springs for provisions. We dug about 4 dollars this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 26

Copland and Conkey came to camp this evening. Smith and me dug about 1 oz of gold. The days clear, nights cool. I dreamd a most sorrowfull dream and waked up in sorrow. Mary Ann, Aunt Nancy and Unkle Allish were the subjects of my dream with my wife and myself. I have been sorrowfull during the day. It made a deep impression on my mind of the past when love and innocence were the chief passions that reigned in me, but how awful it reflects back that I have lost heretofore what I can never find here or hereafter.

FEBRUARY 27

Digging gold the 4 of us got about 8

dollars apiece. All in good health. My vision troubles me.

FEBRUARY 28

Digging gold. My spirits is a little downcast yet and my heart is ever yearning for the quiet scenes of home. But I am looking forward with a longing desire to meet you all if it is Consistent with God's Will.

MARCH 1

Clear Creek. Dug 26 in gold. My head ached all day verry bad.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

This morning as I got up my nose took to bleeding and my head feels some better. The weather beautiful as if God was smiling on the world and peace reign here

amongst us 4. One horse and mule. No tales of our neighbours, nor womens tales. No title-tattle or hard words.

MARCH 3-4

Went prospecting up the South fork of Clear Creek but found nothing. Came to camp at noon. Then went up the main Creek, climbing the rocks and Mt Steeps. Discovered a natural bridge but did not find any thing to warrent us to go up such a canyon. Came to camp mighty tired and the tacks scratched out of our boots climbing the rocks.

MARCH 5

Left for Cottonwood. Nooned at the little meadow on the North Fork. I went hunting but kild nothing. Passd over the North Fork and campd for the night on the Watson gulsh. Three others came here this evening prospecting.

MARCH 6

Went up the gulsh. Three of us worked half the day but it would not pay. Some digger Indians came to us.

MARCH 7

Some more diggers came to us in camp. We are fixing to start to the Springs. Left about 8. Came by the Bluffs. Had a hard chill on the way and fever. Layed by some time. Crossed the North Fork came one mile and campd in a beutifull valley of Grass with a small stream running throug(h) it.

MARCH 8

Left early passing north through the Bluffs and came to Clear Creek, crossd, travelled to Tadpole and noon, then to the Springs.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

I had a verry severe shake of the Ague and fever. Verry sick today. Not able to be up.

MARCH 10

Better today. Cloudy and looks like rain.

MARCH 11

Some better. Had no fever today. Fixing for the Pit River prospect. Started at 2 o'clock and got down to Redding City at 8. My boots hurt my feet bad.

MARCH 12

My feet is verry sore this morning. This day we will cross the river. All in good spirits and chuck full of fight.

MARCH 13

Crossed over to Cow Creek. Travelled about

10 m. and campd - all amounting to 19 men and several pack animals.

MARCH 14

We started early. Travelled along the main stream, crossing 2 branches coming from the west. Passd above the last one mile and noon. Travelled up a small Branch to the west and campd for the night. Another Company came up this evening.

MARCH 15

Left early going west along the divide between Pitt River and Cow Crk, then went down to Pitt and noon. Then came back 2 miles and went east one m. and campd on the Cow Creek waters.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Resting and stay in camp. Saw plenty

indians. Took a camp all had left.

MARCH 17

Traveld up the main Branch of Cow Creek. Crossd over to the North fork and campd east of the Pine Bluff near Pitt River. Went a hunting. Two Indian Chiefs went with me. Wounded a deer but did not get it. Returned to camp tired and sore feet.

MARCH 18

Left early crossing several Mt. streams 15 miles and camped. Verry rocky. Several of the natives with us. Surrounded by Mts. of the biggest kind. Good grass in the valley 2 m. east of Pitt River. Yesterday part of the company went back. The other Co., we have not seen since Saturday. The(y) were rob(be)d of their animals by the Pitt River Indians. This night it thundrd and rained.

In the morning it snowed and we without our tents all covered with snow.

MARCH 19

Snowing and very disagreeable. Hemmed in on all sides by snow. This day we staid in camp. We are all engaged in drying our blankets. I have a fire at the foot of a dead pine about 8 feet in diameter. The Lord knows when we will get out of this scrape. Still snowing and the streams are rising fast.

MARCH 20

Snowd about 10 inches. We left for Cow Creek and got there so as to graze our animals. Campd on the north side. Several indians came to camp. Copland thrashed one off for stealing sugar. Snowd and rained all night, no tent or covering.

MARCH 21

Raining and snowing all day. Built a bower, thatched it with grass. Quit raining. Blowed all night, rained a little in the latter part of the night.

MARCH 22

Started for the Sacramento. Got to the forks of Cow Cr. Too high to cross. Campd in the forks. Went hunting. Killed 1 deer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Crossed the creek, passed along the divide between Pitt R. and Cow Cr. Left the train to look for some game. It rained so hard myself and 6 others lay out all night. We got into an old ranch here. It took fire several times in the night, but for an engine, my long legd boots answered the purpose for putting out the fire. I went into

a ranchree of five Buck indians and 2 Squaws and four children. Took the concern untill after the shower, then left to hunt camp but found it not.

MARCH 24

Started early to hunt camp. Found it about 9 o'clock. It rained all this time. Then we made the Chemick(stomach?) suffer, having eat nothing for 27 hours, I am now under a pine tree on the top of a Mt., sheltering myself from a shower of hail that is felling verry fast. I am hunting for game. We lay in camp today.

MARCH 25

Left for the medows 25 miles from the Sacramento R. The way is verry soft, we had to keep on the Mts. Got to the meadows and went hunting. Killd nothing. We saw

another Company passing up to Pitt River. The indians attacked them this night and drove them out wounding 2 of the men, one in the eye, one in the side.

MARCH 26

Five of us went over to Pitt this morn- ing to see if we could come up with those indians that whiped 19 of the other Co., last night but could not find them. Pros- pected the gulshes on the river and return- ed to camp. Yesterday and today is pleas- ent. Here the grass is nearly full groth and just as much as you please - thousand of acres of it.

MARCH 27

Raind and snowd during the night. We had no shelter from the pelting storm. Left for the Sacramento through a tremendous rain.

During the day got across the river to the ranch. I have had a chill. The other 9 men that followed we have heard nothing of yet.

MARCH 28

This day we stay at the ranch. Rained some during the day. I had a chill last night and am unwell today. The weather is cold with hail.

MARCH 29

Still showry. This was the day of the Dog(?) trial. I went to Major Reddings today. Feel verry well. Saw his garden and vinyard that he planted lately.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Left and rode up to the ranch. It hailed on me on the way.

MARCH 31

Went up to the Springs. Garded my horse all night. The indians shot one man Friday night. The(y) buried him today. Staid at Bulls all night. Conkey and Coplan left for the mines on Clear Cr.

APRIL 1

Went to the City and Bought some clothing and returned to Minges post on the river.

APRIL 2

Left early and am now at Reddings, hired for 180 Dollars per month. I think I will commence work tomorrow.

APRIL 3

I helped the Major to make some garden.

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APRIL 4

The river rising very fast. Have a bad headache and sick at the stomach. Still no letters from home since the 25 of August received in December.

APRIL 5

The river is very high. Rained.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Clear with frost. River fell 2 feet last night. Tom Hill left this morning for the States by the way of Oregon. I have now finished writing a letter to inform you the way to come to this Country.

APRIL 7

Clear and warm. Planting corn and making garden for the Major. Got done on this side the river.

APRIL 8

Crossed into the Island and cut timber till noon. Rained. At night Vandusen came here. We caught 9 kangaroo mice that were destroying the garden. These are like a kangaroo. Spring of (f) their hind legs and tail, carry their food in their chops, use their fore feet to fill them up like hands.

APRIL 9

Frequent showers. Cutting timber on the Island. Up the Bottom hunting timber in the afternoon.

APRIL 10

Clear. Went onto the Lower Island. Cut timber till noon. Got a very bad cold. Did not work in the afternoon. The Country is now brilliant with flowers and vegetation.

of all kinds. Looks like June in Mercer County only far more beautifull. Peas in bloom, lettice fit for use.

APRIL 11

Went hunting with Redding and Vanduzen up Battle Creek and over to Ash Creek but killd nothing. A verry rocky Cuntry.

APRIL 12-13

I have a Bad pain in my side, somthing like pleurisy and spitting blood, quite sick. Had a restless night like many others in this Cuntry.

APRIL 14

Went over the river and furrowed for corn. Warm. This is the first furrowing I have done for many years.

APRIL 15-21

Planting Corn, cabbages, turnips and onions. Sawed and split rails. Saw two Indians drunk. Ground axes. Caught 12 cangaroo rats.

APRIL 22

Vanduzen settles this day at the mouth of Battle Creek.

APRIL 23-27

On the island splitting rails and tinkering jobs. A great many wild geese flying north. The Mts. thick covered with snow. Got a letter from Margaret Jane from home by Wm Chenunk and was much pleasd. I rote in answer.

APRIL 28 - MAY 1

Went on Bloody island and split timber

into rails and blowd some of it open. The men returned that we let have some animals to pursue those that stole a team from Trinity. The(y) brought back their animals and the scalps of the 4 men that stole them and even the(y) scalped their Whiskers.

MAY 2-4

Bringing over the lumber in two skiffs from the upper island. My health is good. Petre Umquas child died.

MAY 5-10

Bringing the water on the farm over the river, building dam. Hushing(Hewing) and framing. Helping Vandusen to get house logs and lay the foundation.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Went up to Bear Creek and Ash Creek.

MAY 12-15

Redding left for Toms Ranch. I worked at the rails.

MAY 16-24

Setting posts and putting up the cor(r)al.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Went up to Copland and Minges. Saw Priest and he(a)rd that Converse was killed by the Scott River indians.

MAY 26-31

Huging(Hewing) posts. Not well. Went down in the afternoon to the Bottom. Billy Chenick and Petre Umquaw started for Oregon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1-5

Wrote home and sent a map of the bottom of the Upper Sacramento. Finished work at the Cor(r)al, and went over the river and

workd at Vandusens house.

JUNE 6

Went up to Minges and to Cow Creek down at the mouth. Came back with him to the house.

JUNE 7

Minges and me crosed and rode up Cow Creek 20 m. to look at some Bottom land and returned in the evening. Got authentic news of the Murder of Converse by the Indians on Scott River.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Returnd down to Reddings with the news that he was nominated for Governor of the Whig Party.

JUNE 9-19

Sp(1)itting Boards for house, fixing

door and windows. Sore leg. Cutting stuff for shingles and sawing. An Indian whippd for stealing blankets.

JUNE 20

Went over and cut rafters. Leg verry sore. Indian difficulty on Churn Creek. Murderd a man but they are after them and 10 killed.

JUNE 21

About 200 Indians here cutting wheat. Indian Chiefs Colytophy, Nuntei, Rime, Cheriporey, Padocchy, (and) Chavus.

JUNE 23-29

Cutting clabboard stuff and making boards.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Went up to Coplands.

JUNE 30 - JULY 8

Working at the dam. Hauling wheat and working in the Cor(r)al. Mowing Barly. The suplys for the soljers came. The Major gone to the Springs. Carney (General^(no) Kearny) is expected from Oregon every day with the troops to quell the indians.

JULY 9

The troops came from Oregon this day under the command of Carney.

JULY 10-18

Thrashing Barly. Making slew to haul it. Building doby house.

JULY 19-20

Went up to Coplands, and returned.

JULY 21-31

Working at the granery. Cutting and

huging plates and rafters. Baling over the Barley. Building doby house. Laying Brick. Rughed the rafters and lathd. Drove the roof.

AUGUST 1

Settled and sent 300 Dollars home with the Major. Made arrangements with Redding to build a house over the ---? and take a claim August 1st, 1851.

AUGUST 2

Went over the river. Dug potatoes and pulld mellons, and put up a load for Shaste.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3-8

Went to the Springs with the team. Returned. Fixt the door to the Corn house. Out timber. Went up to Clantons and went

hunting with Vandusen. Killd nothing.

AUGUST 9-13

Went over the river for potatoes. Got wood off the island. Waterd the garden. Dierea. Resting and doing some choers. Making a writing desk.

AUGUST 14

Not well. This is the day the Indians were to come in to see the Commissioner; but few came. Killd 2 beavers and gave them plenty chewing. I rote home the last letter that I expect to rite from Cal.

AUGUST 15

Doing some choers round the house. Some more indians came in today. Killd 2 beavers.

AUGUST 16

Not engaged in any work pertickularly. More indians came and several chiefs signd the treaty. Major Sheldon and myself with Major McKinstry witnessed it.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Went up to Copland and Minges. Returnd in the evening.

AUGUST 18

Crossd the river with Jas. Monday and out and split some lath and in the afternoon out a set of rafters.

AUGUST 19-23

Working the Indians, husking corn and boating it over the river

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

The soldiers returnd from Pitt river

today with some Indian prisoners.

AUGUST 25-28

Finished the corn. Commenced digging potatoes. Went a fishing. Caught plenty.

AUGUST 29

Received news from Sacramento City of the execution of 3 robbers that was hung on the 22. Executed. Sure one was replevied by McDugel the gverner but they hung him. His name was Robison.

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2

Getting potatoes and wood over the river. Have the disrea and not well.

SEPTEMBER 3

Went to Election. Sick, fever and chills, and my bones feel sore. Deranged through the night. I have longed ver-

ry much for the scenes of home in the last few days. Not being able to work, my mind has been engrossed all the time with the yearning of my heart for home and the sweet society of the family circle:

I chill and swet,
All night I fret,
And wish myself at home.
But if you were here
Then all thats dear
Content I'd be at home.
The pain be scothd,
My pillow smooth
And all be well at home.
My wife, my children all with me
And bleasd with me my home.

In early life before a wife,
I never had a home.
But when I left,
I was then bereft
And thought of wife and home.

Throug(h) tempestious storms been tosd,
Yet the shatterd ships not lost;
But if lashd on rocks or run aground,
Or to the Bottom she goes down
I know she'll float again.

SEPTEMBER 6-10

Rain. Bad headake and some fever. Killd

3 beeves for the Indians. Rode up to Clantons after some papers but got none. Hught and put up the rafters and roof on the corn house. Went over the river. Helped Van to roof his house.

SEPTEMBER 11-16

Husking corn over the river and got it all in the house. Had the fever all night. Unable work. Bad headache. Bad health. Fever. Many of the indians are sick and many died the last 2 weeks down at Moons ranch.

SEPTEMBER 17-19

Went up to Lams and Clantons. Got no news respecting the result of the Election. Had a high fever.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

Went up to Minges and Coplands. Feel much better. Staid all day. Here I saw Capt. Jone and Tom for the first time but have often heard of them.

SEPTEMBER 22

Went with Minges to Shasty City. Saw Witherlow at the Gilson House and saw Charly Conkey who says he will accompany me to the States in December.

SEPTEMBER 23-24

Came back to Minges ranch. Staid all night. Many people here sick and so is Capt. Jone. Went to Clantons and got 2 letters from home, one from Margaret Jane and from James, bearing date the 13 July. Fell a little sorry at the obstinency of you all

in not being agreed to come to this Cuntry.

SEPTEMBER 25-26

Redding came home. Went over to Vans. Drove up the indian cattle and killd one of them.

SEPTEMBER 27

Went up to Glantons with Judge Harrison and Witherlow and the Major.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2

Went hunting, killd nothing. Still a little sick. Went over the river and hughed timber, Boated Cushaws and drewed the same in the evening. Minges was with us. Had the chills. Got badly into a yellow jackets nest. Came home. A little fever and ague like.

OCTOBER 3

Mr. Redding, Vandusen, Myself and one of the Indian Boys mounted our horses and crossd the river for the purpose of being out one night on a Bear Hunt. Went up on Bear Creek about 2 m. from the river and made a camp. Left Lamoxin to take care of it. The other 3 of us rode through the Bluffs forests and planes until about 4 o'clock but killd nothing. The game seemed to be all secreted in the thickest chaparel, the deer for fear of the Bear laying his iron hand upon him and the (bear) through indolence on a well filld pouch the night afore. But after taking a drink of water, I not being able to mount by reason of a severe fever and headake and chill, rold myself in my blankets and lay down by the fire. Redding and Van mounted and rode

south of camp about 1/2 m. I heard the reports of rifles which gave me a little excitement to sit up. I saw a large grisley coming out from the stream and took my gun and pistoles and crept up with in 80 yds of him and let him have a centre shot with the rifle tumbling him over the bank. Then came to camp and met Vandouser with the news of the death of 4 more, but the Mj. had his leg broke mounting my horse. Rode up on the bluff (to the Major) and splint-ered and bound the leg up. It was now one hour after night and us in the Mts. but I left Van and took Remaan with me, mounted and left for the valley - which is 6 miles under a full gallop - up and down hill un-til we reachd the river. Then plunging our horses in we soon were across, I turning up to Coplands ranch which is 9 m. from

where I crossed the river, making 20 m. till 9 o'clock. Minges went to Shaste, 18 m. for the doctor and got back at 3 o'clock.

OCTOBER 4

Three o'clock Minges and me left with the skiff down the river and at daylight came opposite the place. Tied the skiff and walked out 2 mi. and found them there with 4 dead dressed grisleys lying round, then carried him (Redding) to the craft and run the river to his house about breakfast time. The doctor was there. I made a box for his leg but was verry sick all night and all this day. Got in the Bear meat by the indian boys packing it on mules.

OCTOBER 5-6

Verry sick. They sent for Doc Shetliff

to assist Baldwin. Shertliff and Baldwin is directing me and I am making another box for his leg, and am verry sick. Chills and fever. They got the leg finishd today I believe.

OCTOBER 7-10

Chills and fever all night and day. Had a most magnificent shake. Baldwin returned from town. (Redding's) leg is doing well. I commenced feeding on Quinine again. Am just able to walk out and in. Wrote a letter home.

OCTOBER 11-14

Went over the river to shoot some quails. Drove up to Minges with the skiff and brought back a load of wood. Doing up some choers about the house and went up to Glantons and sold my horse for \$150 Dollars.

Came back. Auction of the goverment stores took place.

OCTOBER 15

Went over the river. Chopd till noon. Not able to work much. Went hunting with Vanduzen. Shot 5 Bear and saw about 10 more. Campd on Bear Creek. Three grisleys came close in the night and growld at us and went away.

OCTOBER 16-17

Started for home. Killd deer a piece. Went over the river and split studding.

OCTOBER 18-19

Worked till noon then went hunting. Staid on Bear Creek over night. Got home at noon.

OCTOBER 20

Minges and Copland, Priest and Conkey starts for States early this morning.

OCTOBER 21-22

Went up the Creek 1 mile, saw 9 deer. Got back a little after sunup. Cooked breakfast and went to hughing. In the evening killd a deer.

OCTOBER 23-25

Hughing. Ground the tools, split out some benches. Killd a spike buck.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Resting. Went over to the house for some provision. Came back, saw a grisley close to camp in the stream. Just at dusk one came into camp to get my vension, but I would not let him have it so he left

when I fixed up the fire so as to see to shoot.

OCTOBER 27

Sharping the croscutt saw and handling it making a mall and splitting lath. A great many of the Nosers came down on Saturday and today are gone home. Two days ago the indians stole my drawers and some flower when I was out hunting.

OCTOBER 28-29

Hughing posts and cut a clabboard tree. Went over and helpd to splinter up the Major's leg. Came back in the evening and hughd till night.

OCTOBER 30

Cut and brought down stuff for a pair of Crutches. Got some provisions and workd

at the crutches till night.

OCTOBER 31

Out and hughd till noon when Van came after me to go over and help to splinter the Major's leg again. Went over but he had it done. Brought over some Cushaws and Melons and workd the balance of the day at the crutches.

NOVEMBER 1

Made splints for the Major's leg. Came back and finished the crutches. Made 2 door poats. A man tore all to pieces by a bear a little above this.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2-3

Took the crutches. Went a hunting with Van over to Canyon Vally. Saw thre(e) Bear and had nigh jumpd on me. Saw some

deer. Did not kill them. Left Canyon Vally and went down on the river and discovered a beutiful Bottom for farming and pasture, containing about 2000 acres about six miles below here. Worked in the afternoon.

NOVEMBER 4-6

Hughing and making a work bench. Plaining door and window frames. Went over (for) some provision. Had a chill and vomited a good deal but now am better and am back at camp. Raind.

NOVEMBER 7

Trying up stuff for the windows and door.

NOVEMBER 8-9

Raind. Van and me went over the river and got some beef. Came back. Moved my things from camp to Vans.

NOVEMBER 10-14

Raining. Worked at the frames, porch posts and rafters. Van and me kild a verry fat bear.

NOVEMBER 15

Sawd blocks and laid the foundation of the house. Saw a bear but dare not approach him, the wind being the wrong course and only one way to get in.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Salting down the bear bacon and rendering out the oil. Eating spare ribs until the grease squishes out at our ears. Raining very hard. The Creek impasable.

NOVEMBER 17-18

Still raining. Went over to the Major. Came back and made a pair of lasts for Van,

and sawed Glabboard stuff. The high tops of the Mts. is well covered with snow, but vigitation is rising afresh.

NOVEMBER 19

Bolting out the cuts and frameing. Van and one of the boys is gone a hunting up to Ash Creek. They are now beginning to plough for the fall grain. The creek is as low as usual. I have a verry sore hand - pison I believe. There is 2 of the Indians verry sick this evening but little hopes of their —?. Rained.

NOVEMBER 20

Framing till noon then it commened raining. Van came in but did not kill anything.

NOVEMBER 21

Went up Battle Creek about 5 miles and

killd 2 deer and Van killd one. Fixd and ground the tools.

NOVEMBER 22-25

Framing the timber up in the little Whiteoak Grove. Got some medicine for my sore hand. Halld the frame stuff of the house. Put the sills on the foundation, and helped Van to load. I kill thre(s) verry large geese at one shot comeing in from work.

NOVEMBER 26-27

Hug(h)ing the posts and rafters for the porch.

NOVEMBER 28

Van and me crossd over to the Major's to put on the roof of his corn house that the wind blew of(f). Brought over a bottle

of Brandy - the first liquor we have had for 2 months. We had near used it up at bed time, but Van though we had better have another dram before bed, and if there was not enough for Bitters we would mix it with vinegar. So we drank part and left the rest for morning. It is now ten o'clock and I am roasting a calabash for breakfast. Three little squaws are lying by the fire as durty as if they had been lamd out hell with a sut(soot?) bag a farting. O the distress that is among these people at this season of the (year) by reason of the Venerial Disease. All mos all of them, young and old. It is retaind by them heridatory and a great many of them go blind by it. If they decrease as fast as they have done since I came to this vally then years will tell their story.

NOVEMBER 29

Raising the house and got it up. Sheldon, Van and myself.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Resting and baking salt risen bread.

DECEMBER 1

Hugh and framing rafters and sp(1)it some boards in the evening.

DECEMBER 2

I raised the rafters alone and sp(1)it some boards. Tremendous wind with a little rain.

DECEMBER 3

Last night the wind blew a perfect tornado. This morning it has fallen a little but rains by spells. This season of the year the wind blows all the time from

the south and is verry cool. The leaves is now beginning to fall which tell us that winter is nearly half gone. By us in the next month the Mansaneta blooms and all vigation begins to spring forth with renewed vigour as much so as April in our Leesburgh Latitude.

DECEMBER 4

Sick headache and fever. Did not work. Caught a bad cold. Rained. Van and me killd another bear - verry fat.

DECEMBER 5-10

Drove the roof on the porch. I am not well but still can work. Trouble with the Gravel always when I have the chills. A verry hard frost, cold north wind. The Mts. near us are now coverd deep with snow but we have had no snow in the valley yet. I

work at splitting boards.

DECEMBER 11-15

I have been studying about riting home to not look for me till in April. I feel afraid to face the February storm in Pennsylvania. Weather boarding, splitting and roofing. Killd a buck.

DECEMBER 16

The Noser Chief Nomconamaw came down from the Mts on Battle Creek to get Van and me to go up to help them to fight the Ukeys. They have come down and killd some of their "wintun". John Pasquell and his wintun are gone up today to help them but us "Yapatoes" did not go. We would have to do the fighting and they running and Hallowing and Hiding.

DECEMBER 17-24

Wetherboarding. Gutting and splitting. Concluded to stay 2 weeks and finis(h) the house as Redding is not come from below and I cannot get my money until he comes. Having the chill and fever. Verry weak and sick. Continuous heavy rains.

DECEMBER 25

Still blowing and raining. This is the most dreary Christmas I have ever seen. Cant get out from here for high waters. Went 5 m. up the Creek and cut a large pine across but it broke off at the further end and swung round. We could not get over so we came back.

DECEMBER 26

Raining and blowing. I crossd on the foot logs and took out weatherboarding.

This night it blew a perfect tornado and rained all night.

DECEMBER 27-31

Raining and blowing a perfect squall from the south. I cant tell when I will get over the river. Redding has not returned yet from the City and I cant finish the ho use for the storm. We have had no news from the white settlements for the last 10 days on account of high water. The streams are all over their banks and I do not know when I can start below to get home but just as soon as it is practicable I am off. I am almost out of Boots, shirts and clothing of every kind. Van and myself has to get along the best way we can. We have plenty of venison, coffee, tea, sugar, potatoes, calabashes,

bear bacon and mess pork, some flower and we get the Indians to pound us some corn into meal for fritters once and again and pay them in venison for it.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1852

Raining. Van and me cut another tree across the Creek and got over. Tryd to approach a band of Antelope but they outwitted us. I think so much about home and you all that I am troubled with dreams when ever I close my eyes in sleep, but it is impossible for me to get out of this at present without a great risk of my life.

JANUARY 2-3

Raining and looks as if it would rain Noahs flood on Cal. Van and me went 5 miles up the Creek and cut 2 large pine trees but

they broke off at the further bank and swung round and we could not get over. The streams are about 5 feet higher than they have been this season and it is imposible to get out on the road. It is only 4 feet lower than in '49. The lower valley is completely inundated; all communication by mail (mail) completely out of (f) from the City to this upper Cuntry and all travel likewise. The Mts are deeply covered with snow down to the low hills which will make the streams rise verry high in March or April.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4-5

Crossd the river with hard rowing and got 10 days provisions and got back almost give out. Rain.

JANUARY 8-9

Cleard this morning. Van and me wetherboarded at the house. Rather warmer than it has been for the last few days.

JANUARY 10-11

Split out some stuff for the chimney. Had another of the chills and fever so that I warnd the (w)hole cabbn. Feel bad and week. The river is falling fast and if Redding comes this week I will start immediately for home. I am verry uneasy about you all. I have dreamd something strange.

JANUARY 12-14

Redding came home. Quit for to make ready to start home tomorrow if all is well.

JANUARY 15

Left Vans. Came to Reddings. Settld and

made ready to start.

JANUARY 16

Left at noon. Came to Clantons, Staid all night, but found no stage running. Chills and fever.

JANUARY 17

Left early on foot. Got to the Red Bluffs. Staid at Myers.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Left early. Traveld to Moons. Could not get down on the COMANCHE.

JANUARY 19

Traveld down 29 mls. Had a chill in the night.

JANUARY 20

Came to Sheppards and bought a whale

boat 7 of us and run to Colusa. Staid all night. Got a few passengers.

JANUARY 21

Left early for Sac. City. Got in at night, 150 miles by the river.

JANUARY 22

At the American Hotel fixing to start to San Francisco this evening.

JANUARY 23

Steamer came in this morning. I will leave at 2 o'clock this afternoon, get to San Francisco at 10 o'clock the same night.

JANUARY 24

Stopping at Jones Hotel.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

I went back on the hill and took a view

of the Bay and the outlet to the ocean.
Had a verry hard chill and fever lasting
from dark till midnight.

JANUARY 26-28

Feel better, but weak. Went out to the
Mission and saw the Main Pacifick. Saw all
kinds of garden vegetables matured and in
all stages of gro(w)th from the seed to
maturity. Had another chill and fever.

JANUARY 29-30

An alarm of fire in the night. A house
burnt in Happy Valley. Bought a ticket
for Panama for 200 dollars. I finish mak-
ing ready to start on the first.

JANUARY 31

I had the worst cold I ever had in the
Cuntry but I will go on Board the TENNESSEE

this evening. How impatient I am to get
home.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Slept on board last night, or rather
had the chills and fever. Weighed anchor
at 8 o'clock and got to sea about noon.

FEBRUARY 2

Beautiful weather. Touched at Monterey
in the evening.

FEBRUARY 3

Run to the port of San Diego and took
in som(e) beef cattle and some passengers.
Here came on board Major McKinstry and Capt.
Stoneman of the army.

FEBRUARY 4

Raining. The sea very ruff.

FEBRUARY 5

Clear. In Latitude 26°

FEBRUARY 6

One man died with the Dropsy. Saw him buried. In Latitude 23° , passing through the Gulf of California.

FEBRUARY 7

Had a chill and fever and I am sick. Today at noon in Lat. $22^{\circ} 3' 10''$.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Beautiful and clear and verry warm. in Lat. $20^{\circ} 40' 15''$, Long. $112^{\circ} 36' 00''$.

FEBRUARY 9

Run into Acapulco and took on coie. I went a shore and took a ramble through the town and saw the remains of some of the old

ruins of the earthquake of '22. All kinds of Tropical fruit grow in abundance and the population is the most mixed of any place I have saw.

FEBRUARY 10

Out of sight of land.

FEBRUARY 11

At noon in Lat. $13^{\circ} 9' 2''$. It is blowing since daylight. Last night I missed the chills for the first time on board. Man that fell down in the cole ship at Acapulco died this evening.

FEBRUARY 12

A beautiful morning. They consigned the corps to the sea at 7 o'clock. A fine breze. Cool and pleasant. One-hundred and fifty miles to land at Guatamala yesterday.

One hundred from San Salvador. In Lat.
11° 45' 00", Long. 86° 40' west.

FEBRUARY 13.

A brisk breeze from the N.E. with a
hazy sky. Lat. 10° 4', Long. 87° 21'.
From land 100 m. Costa Rica at 12 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 14

Lat 8° 20', Long 80° 5'. Warm and hazy.
Sky and sea calm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

A beautiful morning and a fine breeze
all day. Land close on our left. Passed
the Island of Tabogor in the night. Bay
of Panam(a) at 10.

FEBRUARY 16

Left for Gongona on board a mule. Lost
my Carpet Bags, found them again. The

mule gave out 4 m. from the town, but I got
in after dark.

FEBRUARY 17

Started for Shayres on a canoe. Got there
next morning.

FEBRUARY 18

Now in Shayres among the Monkys and Par-
rets. Left in a boat from the ship, got on
board the CRESENT CITY at sunset. A very
rough sea.

FEBRUARY 19

Left at 10. Rained a little through the
day. High wind and a rough sea. North by
east course. Sea sick.

FEBRUARY 20

Sea more rough than yesterday.

FEBRUARY 21

Head wind and rough sea with light showers of rain through the day.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Head wind and rough sea with light showers of rain through the day.

FEBRUARY 23

Running by the south west of St. Domingo and in the afternoon orth close by Hati. A calm sea.

FEBRUARY 24

Clear and cool. Passed some low islands on our right.

FEBRUARY 25

Clear and beautifull. at noon in Lat. $25^{\circ} 52'$, long. 87° . The wind West, course N. by 3° east.

FEBRUARY 26

A beautifull day. Course North by 2° west in Lat. $28^{\circ} 40'$, long. $87^{\circ} 52'$. A good breeze.

FEBRUARY 27

Heavy east wind changed at noon to the south which made a rough sea all night.

FEBRUARY 28

Foggy and cool. Wind changed west at noon in Lat. $38^{\circ} 40'$. Pleasant this evening and smooth sea.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Cold and rough. Saw land and snow on it. At 2 o'clock passd Sandy Hook and got into New York at 4. Staid at Lovell's Tavern.

MARCH 1

Left on the cars. Got to Phil. Staid at
Hones Hotell.

MARCH 2

Left at 8 on the cars for Pitts. got to
Holadysburg.

MARCH 3

Passed the Mts. and got to Pitts. at day-
light.

MARCH 4

Got in the Stage to Eutler at 8 and got
to North Liberty at daylight.

MARCH 5

Got in the waggon and reached home at
11 o'clock, making the (w)hole(?) dis-
tance of 6400 miles in 32 days, and want-
ing 1 month and 15 days of 3 years from

home. During the time travelling over
13000 miles by water and land in the 42nd
year of my life and in the year 1852.

THE END