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Diary of trip to California gold fields in 1850. Starts from La Grange, Mo.; describes route taken, condition of grass, water, and wood; gives prices of articles along the way. Entries also contain references to number of miles traveled, streams and rivers crossed, graves, other wagon trains, and weather conditions. Mentions seeing Indians. Describes Salt Lake City.

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Duplicate Memorandum of Travels from Lagrange
Lewis County, Missouri westward to California.

By John A. Stauder.

April 9th 1850.

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April 9th. started from Lagrange, Mo. and at one oclock P.M. with a fine day. A little mud and very unruly cattle, and after travelling 7 miles on the Motcellow, road encamped at Dr. Browns. farm. Paid 40 cts for corn per bu. & 50 cts per. hundred for Hay.

April 10th, started this morning bright and early, with a very cold and windy day passed through Monticello about 12 oclock A.M. had little trouble crossing the Bridges over the Fabias, with the cattle. Travelled over a beautiful rolling prarie and camped, after travelling 17 miles at Mr. Fisher's farm. paid for corn 50 cts per. bu. & hay 40 cts per hundred

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April 11th. started bright and early with a fair overhead, but muddy under foot, and froze only hard enough to bear up a man, but mostly bad for cattle and wagons. travelled 15 miles through a muddy level prarie and camped at Mr. Proctors, where we saw about $\frac{1}{2}$ east a gang of 22 Deer but not lucky enough to kill one, killed some prarie chickens and a few squirrels.

April 12th. E. White overtook us as we were ready start, taking it afoot, but found room in our Company until we get to the Missouri river. Started tolerably early with a disagreeable wind and an inclination to snow. passed through Edina Knox Co. about noon. Filled a canteen with water from their bragg well, in the Public Square. Crossed the Fabias and camped after travelling $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of town at Mr. Martin Bakers Farm bought our corn directly after we started for 30 cts per bu, and hay at Mr. Baker's for 40 cts per hundred.

April 13th. started about 11 oclock A.M. having had the coldest weather

since we left home, with a scim of snow and a cold prarie but tolerably rolling. After travelling 11 miles camped at Mr. Brasheers farm, were found corn at 40 cts per bu. and some rotten hay at 40 cts per hund.

Sunday 14th. started in a snow storm crossed Salt river snow lasted 5 miles and fell about 1 inch deep. travelled over some fine prarie passed through Kirksvill Adair, Co. were we heard different reports about feed, but all unfavourably We turned south after travelling 13 miles camped at Mr. Todd sons farm, were we found corn at 50 cts per. bu.

April 15th. started with a cold morning mud wus froze hard enough to bear up waggons and team. A fair and clear over

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head kept on our course over broken prarie, after travelling 10 miles camped at Mr. Braggs place, were we found corn at 40 cts per bu.

April 16th. at campe had a windy and blowy morning until noon then begun sleeting and raning and settled in a snow storm whch continued after night.

April 17th. still at campe with a poor prospect ahead, grain getting scarce and a little roughness for our cattle in a scanty stockfield. a gloomy and damp day. Clear'd off towards evening. the Company in good spirits with good appetites.

April 18th. Started from our camp and traveled east 9 miles through some timbered roads with a torerably fair day overhead stopped in the Sharitan bottom at Mr. James Brials place, were we found corn at \$1.50 per lb. and plenty of grass in the bottom. began raining towards dusk.

April 19th. in camp. a gloomy and misty day and some rain. Our cattle doing fine. Company in good spirits.

April 20th. In camp. H. Mitchell getting well, Wm Robinson, He and Mitchell

have not been very well for two or three days but little better. a damp and cloudy day, Brown had a chill this evening. the Company in good spirit each one passing off his time in his own way. our Cooks kept very busy. Jenkins chief cook and White assistant. when we drove our cattle from bottom this evening they looked fat enough for beef. We were interested by the details of S. Mitchell and Geo. Bohon of a log rolling and quilting the had been to a few miles distant, and spoke very favourable of the fair sexes and hospitality of the neighbourhood.

Sunday, April 21st. still at Camp. We all remembered that it was Sunday.

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fed our Cattle and then turned them out to graze in the bottom. had a fine thunder shower and hail. Robison not so well today. got bled by Craig yesterday. Dr. Reevly and Thos. Towles arrived in camp today.

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April 22nd. at Camp the Company all in good health and spirits, except Wm. Robison not much better than yesterday the cattle doing well. cold and cloudy but cleared off towards the middle of the day.

April 23rd. still at our Camp cold and frosty this morning but finished with a fair warm day. Robison a little better today. the balance of the Company in good health and spirits and sharp appetites, the Cattle doing well, and grass getting better.

April 24th. at our Camp. with a cold and frosty morning. but the prospect of a fair and warm before us. Robison a little better, the balance all well.

April 25th. still at Camp. with a fair and warm day before us. Robison a little better the balance well and in good spirits.

April 26th. started from our Camp a fair and very warm day crossed Sharid:

traveled 10 miles west and camped on Raccoon Creek took 2 feeds of corn with us this morning.

April 27th. started early this morning with a day and a cool spring breeze Robison well enough to travel, had a hail storm towards the middle of the afternoon. traveled 14 miles over the dividing ridge of the Raccoon

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and east branch of the Yellow creek^{Ks} and camped on the bank of the Yellow Creek Found a little corn at 75 cts per bu. Had a heavy hail storm towards dusk, and kept up with incessant showers of rain all night. Overtook a family with 2 wagons for California from Indiana today.

Sunday, April 28th. at camp^d not able to cross the creek, raining incessantly the Company in good spirits. Our cattle fairing poorly, no roughness and very little grain. cleared towards Evening.

April 29th. at camp no grain and very little grass for our cattle, the Creek fell enough towards noon for us to cross it, and traveled 4 miles to Yellow Creek where we found 10 ft of water at the ford. camped, no corn to be had, but some grass by swimming our cattle, on the[✓] the other side, found a California wagon from Shelby Co. this state, had a fair day.

April 30th. still at camp no corn can't cross the creek till evening Robison getting well H. Mitchell not so well. have a stormy day before us, our camp ground looks like a village. there are 13 wagons on the ground.

May 1st. started late this morning the Company well except, H. Mitchell hardly able to travel by the advise of the Company he agreed to return back home Clem White going with him, to assist him, and bring back 2 mares that got away from us in the Sharitan bottom, had a fine and warm day. crossed 2 branches of Locust Creek after traveling^L 12 miles, camped at a Grist & Saw mill, on the east side of Locust Creek, no grass, a scant feed of corn

at \$1.00 per bu.

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May 2nd. started bright and early. crossed the Creek, traveled 1½ mile where we found corn at 75 cts per bu. fed our cattle and got corn enough to last us today and partly tomorrow. traveled 7½ miles further. crossed the Medicine Creek and Camped, were we found good grasing for our cattle, had a warm clody day. began raining towards evening.

May 3rd. 2 wagons overtook us today from Adair Co. Mo. passed a horse team at the ford from Indiana started about 10 oclock A.M. had occasional showers until we started, was cloudy and windy the balance of the day. traveled through a rich beutiful prarie. between Locust & Honey Creeks. traveled 11 miles. and camped on the west side of Muddy Creek.

May 4th. left early this morning without any feed for our cattle 5 of the wandered off. Reevly and Mitchell went after them, had a fine warm day. Passed through Trenton. Crossed over the east branch of grand river. the best Bridge since we left Home. crossed through about 6 miles of timber well watered with small creeks, and through a beautiful ridge of high rolling prarie, after traveling 20 miles, camped on the western bank of Muddy Creek. Reevly and Mitchell overtook us some time in the night with the cattle.

(Sunday)

May 5th. started this morning without any feed for our cattle. travelled 2 miles down along the creek and camped for the day. good grass and enoug of it a fair warm day but windy. the Company in good health and spirits.

May 6th. started this morning recrossed the creek. Ferried the west for of

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of the Grand River, passed through Gallatin crossed big Muddy Creek and

camped about a mile from the creek, travelled about 10 miles. had a cold frosty morning, but a warm fair day clouded up towards evening, began raining the forepart of the night. and rained till 10 oclock next day. occasionally snow.

May 7th. still at Camp can't find corn nor hear of any at any price and snowed till about 10 oclock, cleared of warm towards evening. the Company well and of good cheer.

May 8th. started this morning with a fair clear day, traveled about 18 miles, over a high rolling prarie crossed Brushy Creek and after travelling 20 miles, crossed Shole Creek and camped on the bank of the creek within 1/4 mile of Farewest saw some desolate farms and scattering heaps of burnt dwellings on the prarie and neighborhood of Fairwest.

May 9th. Started this morning with a clear warm day. passed through Fairwest. but 3 or 4 houses occupied and those shabby at that, situated on a high rich rolling prarie, traveled over 4 miles, of beatiful rolling praria and then over broken praria & timber, travelled 8 miles today and camped on the west of Shoal Creek.

May 10th. started with a fair cool day travelled over some fine praria and good timber. crossed over a branch of Shoal Creek, passed through Plattsburg and after travelling 15 miles camped on the Creek west of the town.

May 11th. started from Camp travelled over a high rich rolling praria and some beautiful farms and I belief the best land I have seen on the road since we

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left Home, had a fine warm day, all well, after travelling about 10 miles.

crossed Platt river at the Union Mills on the ferry charged \$1.00 per wagon. found some cornmeal at 60 cts per bu. corn \$1.00 per bu. but cannot be had. camped on the west bank.

(Sunday)

May 12th. at camp all well, cattle doing tolerable well, had a fair beautiful day. Clem White arrived in camp this evening from home reported all well.

May 13th. started about 11 o'clock A.M. had to make a new ox tongue. travelled over some rich timbered land, crossed a branch of the Platt. and camped after travelling 8 miles

May 14th. started early this morning travelled through Buna Vista crossed One hundred and two Creek travelled hilly country all timber. Crossed Mill Creek has the best Grist and Saw mills, I've seen on the road. Arrived in Weston about 3 o'clock P.M. took in our provisions and camped 3/4 of a mile above town, Weston is a beautiful place fine buildings 1500 inhabitants a good wharf on the Missouri river

May 15th. Started from Camp crossed the Missouri River 4 miles above Weston all crossed but 2 wagons and teams, Camped a hundred yards from the River. Saw a few Indians tied up our cattle separately for the night.

May 16th. started from Camp the ballence of the teams crossed the River. had a very warm day. saw several Indian farms, some cultivated by the squaws. crossed Salt Creek, after travelling 6 miles. camped at 2 or 3 small springs saw several stragglng Indians passing and repassing we thought it adviseable to keep out a guard, of 3 watches of two

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hours each watch. no disturbance through the night.

May 17th. started early this morning had a windy day, warm and dusty. saw a grave from its appearance must have been last years interment marked. J. Hall. traveled^l over beautiful and rolling praria at distant intervals little skirts of timber and water. stopped about 1 oclock P.M. to graze our cattle an hour or so, and eat a smack, while stopping saw a huge rock rock bare out of the ground about 6 feet, 12 ft long and 6 or 8^{ft} wide of a sandy nature but as hard as flint, after traveling^l about 20 miles camped on a small branch where we found plenty wood and grass, had no disturbance through the night.

May 18th. started this morning had a pleasant but cool breese today passed over extensive prarias, so much so, it puts a person in mind of the rolling deep, for miles cannot see anything but sky and praria, travelled about 10 miles crossed a small stream, were we found another grave and on the opposite side found where some company had throwed a part or whole of their provisions, cooking utensils &c, travelled about 5 or 6 miles further crossed a small stream and camped on the hill, formed our wagons in corralle, 8 horse teams passed us today, and we passed about as many ox teams, there are 8 wagons in our Company now, we have passed places, names of Companies marked, ahead of us with their data^{es} when passing, mostly marked with pencils on elk and buffalo horns and bleached bones. which are seen frequently along the road of the largest kind.

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Sunday - May 19th. started early this morning, crossed a stream 4 miles from camp, and another 4 miles further, stopped to graze our cattle and take lounch, saw were a yoke of cattle was left by some company ahead, one of them was dead and the other badly crippled not able to travel^l, after travelling about 20 miles camped on a small stream sett our watch as usual had a hard rain tonight till 8 oclock next morning.

May 20th. started this morning after a hard shower, crossed a creek about noon, after traveling about 20 miles camped on the east bank of a Creek set our watch for the night.

May 21st. started early this morning, with a cold cloudy day, crossed the creek over a gravel bottom, passed a company today. intersected the St. Joseph road within 3/4 of a mile of Camp after travelling about 22 miles camped on a small branch where we found some wood and water, saw a small grave fresh beside a lone rock a few yards from the road.

May 22nd. started in the rain this morning Sinclair Company from Tully Lewis Co. Mo. hove in sight, crossed a small branch about 11 oclock were we saw 2 dead horses, and about 120 wagons in sight, after travelling about 18 miles camped in the bottom of Blue Creek, in sight of a camp where two men died with the cholera yesterday, met 2 of their men going back to their homes this evening, Sinclairs Company camped about 2 or 3 hundred yards below us on the Creek, found spring of cool

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water along the edge of the stream about a third of a mile from the road as you strike the bottom.

May 23rd. started this morning threatening rain, crossed the Big Blue about two rods wide. Another man died in cholera camp last night. saw a grave with 2 brothers burried in it about a mile from the Creek marke John and Thomas Walker from Illinois Allso the reck of a wagon. Bishop was sick last night, not much better this morning. Vaun was thrown from a horse 2 or 3 days ago dislocated his arm, getting better, crossed a small from a good spring. Came up to where the Independence road intersects this road about 11 oclock. came across some Californians returning back to

their homes, rather sorry of their sport. after travelling 16 miles camped on a small branch.

May 24th. started early this morning a fair warm day, the prairie level today, and as rich a soil as can be found in the world, take it as a body together, it will not average an acre to the square mile, but what is suitable for farming purposes. saw a grave today, buried the 22nd day of May 1850. crossed a creek about 4 o'clock with some compulsion caused by the crowd aiming to cross there. after travelling about 20 miles camped in the prairie where we found some wood and water a mile from the camp,

May 25th. started early this morning, all well but Craig and Jerry, have the diarrhea, crossed a branch of the little Blue about 11 o'clock, the soil here changed to more sandy nature, camped below the ford on the Little Blue, travelled about 8 miles.

Sunday, May 26th. started this morning, Sorted our bread, threw away 5 sacks spoiled, all well. a warm dusty morning. Very warm and sultry toward evening

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passed camps all day. crossed a small branch but dry, crossed another towards evening, where we found a few puddles of water, aman was sick not expected to live. above the crossing. After travelling about 18 miles camped on a branch dry, with the exception of a few puddles of muddy water, were we found some water and grass.

May 27th. started early this morning, had a shower this morning, clear and warm towards noon. struck Little Blue again about 10 oclock, Some of Uncle Sam's train overtook us at noon. Saw a company of Furre traters from the mountains, going to the States told us, that the were at Fort Larimy the 1st of May. saw some Californians the 2nd day after they left the fort. That there was a sufficiency of grass ahead if the emigrants would not burn it. they supposed there were between 8 or 9000 teams ahead of us. mostly horse and mule teams. they saw some ox teams 300 miles ahead of us. traveled along the Little Blue about 22 miles and camped a mile from the creek. From the information of the traders that wood, water and grass was not allways to be found together. we took pains collect some wood and water and hauled it. Found some good grass the man that man that we heard of being sick yesterday died.

May 28th. started early this morning, had a raw night and cool morning, travelled along the Creek saw another grave today burried on the 24th of May. travelled about 23 miles, found good springs along the branches of the Creek. saw several antelopes for the last few days. Camped on the Bank of Little Blue.

May 29th. started early this morning left the Little Blue this morning. saw a gang of buffalo. a child in Gregorys Company had its thigh broken three miles ahead of us this evening, passed another grave this evening. after travelling about 23 miles camped on the prarie. without wood or water only

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a scanty supply we had with us.

May 30th. started about 3 oclock A.M. in the morning had a clear cool morning.

travelled about 15 miles through the Platt River bottom and breakfasted on the bank of the river, 6 miles below Fort Kearney. the bottom is spotted over in places with a salty substance so much so, that the grass will not grow where it is the thickest, started again from the stopping place, travelled up the bottom passed by the Fort. situated about 1/4 of a mile from the river, on a more elevated part of the prairie, than the surrounding bottom, has 4 two story frame houses, a post office, and the balance tents, built of unburned brick and sod, Uncle Sam has a few troops stationed here. the River is as muddy as the Missouri at Weston. Its bottom in most places, is a bed of quick sand. saw some Californians traveling on the other side. it is a remarkable fact that this side of the Platte River is perfectly bare of timber, and the only chance of making a fire is buffalo chips, and willow switches where the fire could not destroy. after travelling about 25 miles camped about a mile from the river. found good grass, some willow switches and water by digging a hole 3 feet deep.

May 31st. started this morning, all well had a very warm day passed wells about every $\frac{1}{2}$ mile along the road from 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep. travelled about 18 miles, and camped 2 miles from the river, found some wood at noon on a big Island across a shallow shoot, some of the wells have a copperas taste, in some of the low places, the grass is much taller than elsewhere but our ⁿcattle will not eat as long as they can get the wild oats which grows spontaneously here.

June 1st. started rained this morning till 10 o'clock, stopped to graze our cattle and waited for the weather to clear off, started again about 2 o'clock. saw a

four buffalo at the foot of the sand bluffs. travelled about 15 miles.

had a heavy thunder shower and hail about 4 oclock, Camped about a half a mile from the river splendi grass.

Sunday, 2nd of June. started this morning with a fine pleast day, a littl muddy under foot. travelled ^{paralell} with River, passed several camps today. found some willows and cottonwood this morning. took in a supply of wood and wat after traveling about 20 miles camped about 3/4 of a mile from the River, cleared up in the evening.

June 3rd. started early this morning Game across some hunters. some Comp ies ahead and behind lost more or less of their in a heavy storm of wind an rain, came across crests of salt in spots along today, a windy and cloudy day. travelled up the River. Newton sick. after travelling about 20 mile camped on a branch. plenty of wood and water, 3/4 of a mile from camp. Camped about 1 1/2 miles from the river.

June 4th. started early this morning, traveled along the sand bluffs. the are about 100 to 200 ft high. Newton not much better. passed a large camp of Multrie Marian Co. Mo. have lost half of their cattle in a stamped the bluffs are getting rocky, several bushes of ceader growing on them, had a windy cloudy day, began raining about Sundown travelled along the river within 1 or 1 1/2 miles, after travelling about 20 miles camped on a creek a mile from the river plenty of grass and water.

June 5th. started early this morning had a cold night and morning. miste rain until about 11 oclock left the main crowd at the ford crossing with- in 1 1/2 miles of last nights camp. kept the left hand road which passed over the sandy ridge took in a supply

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off wood at 1 oclock, cleared off towards evening. after traveling about 20 miles, camped within 1/2 mile of the river. all well but, Newton, littl

better this evening. found some grass and water.

June 6th. started early this morning all well but Newton not so well today travelled along the bottom. yesterday and today saw some prairie dogs hillocks, saw bunches ^{of} ~~of~~ brickly pear bushes ever since we were in the bottom, but grow more spontaneously as we advance up the bottom. the wolves are seen more frequently. antelopes seen often, some of the boys ketch a young one, see buffalo frames frequently some lately died or killed. saw a grave this morning died June 4th. very few teams in sight on our road today. have a fine cool breezy day, in company with Greagory and Sinclairs Company. passed a large cool spring about 2 oclock. after traveling about 18 miles camped on the River, found some grass and buffalo chips for wood (burns ⁿ very well). see plenty of prairie squirrels.

June 7th. started early this morning. all well but Newton, left him on the of the River not able to stand travell any further. Reevely, Gay and Lelle stayed with him. Crossed the South Platt without much trouble 2 miles above last nights camp, had a clear warm day, traveled across the ridge, to the head of ash creek in the bottom after we got down the breaks, saw the wreck of a horse wagon and a lame horse, found good timber and water in the hollow. saw a grave at the mouth of the hollow, burried on the 1st of June. struck the north fork of Platt River sun about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour high, Reevely overtook us about dusk Newton no better. travelled until

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about 9 oclock. and camped at the edge of the Bluff. drove our cattle on an Island in the river, about a mile below the Sioux town. - Travelled about 31 miles.

June 8th. started early this morning. foggy warm and sultry through the day. passed 2 Indian camps. this morning, appeared very friendly. the children meet us, begging for something to eat. appear to be in a starving condition. their game mostly kept back by the emigrants. their tents consist of a circle of poles meeting at the top covered with buffalo hides. their clothing varies, some in full suit of our clothes, others with blankets and some buffalo robes, mostly the children just a cloth of some kind around their loins. but all, have buffalo moccasins on their feet. travelled about 5 miles camped a hundred yards from the River. found some grass and chips. Indians around camp all day

Sunday June 9th. started early this morning, Dr. Brown, Bowen & Co. camped within sight of our camp last night. A. R's Mat Newton team came in camp last evening, old man not much better. had to leave him today again, Dr Reevely, Gillbreth, John Derrit and James Stephenson staid with Him. passed the wreck of the fore gearing of a wagon, hind part converted into a cart, passed it today. Sinclair left a wagon yesterday. have a cold wind and cloudy day. saw 2 camps of Indians, on the other side of the rodd very sandy and slowish travelling. saw a grave this evening burried today. A. Bennett Grundy Co. Mo. travelled 20 miles

June 10th. started early this morning, had a windy cloudy day for dravelli a good road. saw a large camp of Indians about 10 oclock on a small creek at the foot of the pine hills, about 2 miles from the

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road, crossed a small creek about 10 oclock ^(at five oclock) P.M. crossed a larger one saw the Church or Court House rock. The latter name mostly called, by, having 2 smaller ones within a hundred of it. Dr. Reevely overtook us 2 oclock, Newton no better team and boys coming on. Gillbreth, Derrit, & Stevenson came in Camp this evening. Travelled about 22 miles. camped within 3/4 o

a mile of the river found good grass and water, beginning to stop using milk in coffee on account of the alcale water over the bottom.

June 11th. started early this morning. Ed White, Powers, T. Leile, staid with Newton. no better a clear windy day. saw a grave today travelled about 16 miles. passed Chimney Rock 4 miles from the river 250 ft. high from the base soft sand rock, a great many names cut on it as far as they could reach. a good spring to the left over the hill water so strong that it kills the grass wherever it ~~travells~~ ^{travels} spreads. about 20 miles and camped about a mile from the river. good grass and plenty of pine and cedar, along the road washed down by floods of rain.

June 12th. started early this morning. watered our cattle, left the river. travelled in sight of Scotts Bluff. all morning. nooned at the foot of the hills, saw Indian huts and 2 blacksmith shops, some log huts, and some very good springs, crossed over the Bluffs. found another spring 4 miles further, crossed Horse Creek about sundown, camped a mile from the creek, about 2 mile from the river, saw the Rocky Mountain Peaks on the Bluff. travelled about 2 miles.

June 13th. E. White, Powers and T. Leile arrived in camp before Breakfast. Newton died yesterday morning 6 miles the other side of Chimney Rock. the boys buried Him decently. very warm towards noon. started about 9 oclock over a very sand road. had a hard shower of rain. passed Ash Point, compos

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of a store, Black Smith shop, 1 log hut a few Indians in tents. cold and cloudy this evening. camped about 2 miles above the trading post, within 18 miles of Fort Larima. and one mile from the river. poor grass travelled about 20 miles. Newtons wagon came into our Camp this evening.

June 14th. started this morning. all well but Jas. Stevenson, complaining a little, passed an Oregon train a woman was run over by a wagon and seriously injured. fair day tollerably warm, left the River, passed over the Pluff and crossed the Larimie River, a mile below the fort. found plenty of camp timber along the river. passed the fort about 5 oclock saw two graves. some good ^{frame} ~~farm~~ buildings in the place, one store, a post office, a Black Smith Shop and a few brick huts. after travelling about 20 miles camped 3 miles west of fort had a hard hail storm about Sundown, at warm springs.

June 15th. started about 8 oclock, came across a large spring about 12 miles from Camp. clear warm day, travelled on the ridge between Larimia & Platt river. all well. travelled about 18 miles, and camped within a mile of a small creek plenty of wood grass & water.

Sunday June 16th. started early this morning travelled along the creek about 4 miles, plenty timber along its banks. and through some hilly country passed the Weber springs, travelled till about sun 1 hour high crossed La Bonte river and camped 300 yards from the ford, a large spring, below the fording about 200 yards. the wild sage is getting thick, so much so, that it kills all the grass. passed wagon wrecks frequently.

June 17th. started early this morning

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travelled over a very steep bluff. about an hour after we left camp. travel over a ~~very~~ mean road and steep hills, had a very raw windy cold day. Threa^ting rain towards evening. passed a spring about 2 oclock. broke down one of our wagons this evening hind wheel, left it, and put part of the load on the other wagons. See gun barrels all along the road, crossed a creek about sun down, plenty of cottonwood & willows but a poor show for grass. travelled in sight of the Larimie Peaks, yesterday and today with snow on their tops. the road much obstructed with loose flint rocks and very hard for our cattles feet

after travelling about 22 miles, camped 3 miles from the fording of the creek. found some good grass. had a severe cold night occasionally mist of rain.

June 18th. started early this morning crossed the Creek with steep banks. The road and hills are of deep red sand clay. saw some beds of Salt soda rock, came across multitudes of crickets towards noon all well today a cold night a cold rain towards morning. but fair and pleasant day. passed a spring at 1 o'clock some grass and plenty of wood. crossed a Creek about 5 o'clock, well timbered. came across a small branch about sundown. after travelling about 18 miles camped about 3 miles from the last Creek. found some good grass.

June 19th. started early this morning crossed a small Creek 2 miles from camp. all well have cold evenings & mornings. crossed a large creek about 10 o'clock. passed a bank of stone coal on the top of the bluff as you get into the Platt bottom. struck the north fork of the Platt river, about 12 o'clock passed some Ferring all along the river some with wagon beds, other with rafts. crossed a creek about 3 o'clock. after travelling 20 miles camped 3/4 miles from the river. had very poor grass.

June 20th. started this morning. warm day crossed a creek about 2 miles from camp all well. crossed a small creek about 4 o'clock. travelled about 18 miles, camped

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at the lower Ferry. 4 cannos lashed together. were we found Fisher of Lewis & Co Mo ferryman, plenty of timber and good grass 4 miles back on the Bluffs.

June 21st. at camp, waiting for our turn to cross. showing our lame cattle ferrage ^{dollars} \$3/per wagon, and each wagon furnishes help. swimming the stock. charge \$5 dollars per wagon. at the upper ferry, four or five miles above. Hiram Harrison and company came in camp this evening, brought news that Jam and Merton Bowen are dead. Bohon and Towles bought out Fisher, gave him 75 dollars for the ferry. average three wagons an hour. lost three horses th

morning. not found this evening or heard from. Dr. Brown, Wm. Force and
Company ^{Came in} camp this evening.

June 22nd. At camp. All well. A very hot day. crossed the river this evening with our wagons. St. Clair and Gregory and Company came in camp this evening.

Sunday, June 23rd. Crossed our cattle this morning, with safety and little trouble. All well, but Bishop and Brown complaining a little. left the river about 2 oclock. Travelled over a sandy road. Camped on Muddy

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Branch, about five miles from the fording. Found a little grass, by herding our cattle with Sinclair. Had a pleasant warm day.

June 24th. Started early this morning. Saw three graves. Passed the upper ferry. Travelled over the ridge. A good road, very bare of vegetation, save the wild sage, came to some alkali springs about 2 oclock. Saw several hills of stone coal about noon, passed the alkali branch about 5 oclock. passed several dead cattle between the branch and willow springs. After travelling about twenty six miles, camped about 10 oclock in the night, one fourth of mi below Willow springs. Here we came in sight of the mountains, eight or ten miles distant without grass or wood, but plenty of sage. Bishop very sick. S. Mitchel, Jeffreys, Brown, & E. White complaining.

June 25th. Bishop not much better. S. Mitchel & Jeffreys sick. Started early this morning. came across the creek about 10 oclock. No wood nor grass, a few miles on, came across a small branch, some grass but muddy. Travelled over a very sandy bottom. Had a very hard shower of rain this morning, very warm in the middle of the day. Passed saleratus beds, along about 2 oclock. Had a very hard hail storm, fell about one inch deep. Here we

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came up with the Rocky Mountains, on the right from three miles distant, four miles farther came to Independence rock, about 1/4 mile long and twenty feet high, crossed the Sweet Water River, at the east base of the rock. about three feet deep good bottom, level banks. Travelled about five miles further, camped opposite, within one and half miles of Devil's gate, where the Sweet Water passes through a ridge of rocks 35 yds. wide. The walls perpendicular four hundred feet high, the river here is hemmed in by isolated rocks, several hundred feet high of the granite kind, having a grand appearance. Newton lost one of his horses this afternoon. Not able to travel farther. found our stray horses this evening. Reevely's cousin found them in possession of some emigrant. presume they followed them. Found some grass for our cattle, they being tired and hungry, thought it not necessary to watch them. Travelled 27 miles, Bishop very poorly this evening. saw some sage hens and a few horned toads. Plenty of game in the mountains, from eight to ten miles distant. The snow can be seen very plainly on the mountains.

June 26th. At camp. Bishop very low. The rest better. A warm day. Cattle doing tolerable well. Bishop died between 10 & 12 o'clock in the morning without much pain, but little sooner than expected. We buried him about

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1 1/2 miles of Devil's Gate this evening, covered him with his blanket, Dug the grave about three and one half feet deep, with the addition of vault one foot more. found plank enough to cover the vault, from a wagon wreck, a few hundred yards distant. R. G. Mitchel cut his name, age, date of death, and where from, on a plank for the head-board. Some of our cattle strayed off this morning, Reevely went in search of them. Had a shower of rain this evening. Drove the cattle over the river, below the gate, where they done very well through the night. Newton left his wagon and went to packing on horses.

June 27th. Started early this morning. Saw two graves, passed two creeks of cold spring water. Travelled about eight miles where we struck a desert, seven miles long. Passed eight graves, buried today, Left the river, touched it again about 10 o'clock, crossed a small creek about 3 o'clock, touched the river again at 4 o'clock, kept along the bank the rest of the evening. After travelling about 20 miles, camped about half mile from river, found some grass, by driving cattle over the river, found some wild sage and grease wood for fuel, Powers sick last night and to-day. Had a heavy storm of wind at four o'clock, cholera raging along the bottom. Reevly came in camp this evening,

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find^{ing} the cattle yesterday evening.

June 28th. Started this morning, all tolerable well but Clem White. Find^c clear day. Travelled about five miles over a sandy ridge and camped on the bank of the river. Passed over some alkali lakes, where everything is killed. Coupled and shortened our wagon beds. dispensed with the decks and partitions. Having strong west winds, good grass, Sinclair lost some cattle in the river.

June 29th. Started early this morning. E. White sick. Crossed the river $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from last nights camp. travelled up to upper ford. found it too deep and dangerous to cross, re-crossed the river again, travelled over a sandy ridge, bare of vegetation, except the wild scrubby sage, travelled until about 12 o'clock, where we struck the river again, left the river, travelled over a sandy ridge, travelled about 20 miles. camped about 6 miles from where we struck the river again, found some grass, wild sage & buffalo chips. had a strong west storm of wind and clouds of sand. Dr. Brown with two wagons in our company today.

Sunday June 30th. Started early this morning, touched the river about 9 o'clock. All well but E. White and Gillreth, crossed the river about 10 o'clock. Travelled over a rough ridge. Saw a grave

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one mile from where we crossed, crossed again at 12 o'clock, travelled $\frac{1}{2}$ mile further to another crossing. stopped to noon. Threw away about 300 lbs. of bacon more than we wanted, crossed the river again, passed several ponds of alkali water, so much so that we met with dead cattle along the road. Had a cold night and heavy frost this morning. a fair warm day, came across some fine springs about 3 miles from the fording. left the river 2 miles further, traveled over a very rocky ridge. camped within four miles of a creek, found poor grass for the cattle, passed several ground rats or squirrels yesterday and today found some buffalo chips and low sage, passed wrecks of wagons all of the time. passed gun barrels the guns becoming useless, for the game being too far off. Saw a grave today.

July 1st. Started early Sinclair and Brown with us tonight. Passed three alkali lakes after we started, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile crossed a good creek below the fording. Travelled along the branch about 5 miles up creek, found good grass, stopped about 11 o'clock. Drove the cattle over left bluff to grass. Harrison lying by

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about a mile below us, and is sick. Sinclair camped with us, in the cottonwood grove, about $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the creek. Dr. Brown a mile below at the road, have strong breeze today.

July 2nd. Started early this morning. E. White easier. Crossed the creek $1\frac{1}{2}$ m from camp. Saw snow banks, crossed another creek about two miles farther, Crossed the Sweet Water again about noon, saw six graves on the bank, and deep banks of snow on the west side. Traveled up the pass, a sandy but good road. Camped about six miles from sweet water, at the foot of the pass, so far the slope is almost level, found some about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the left - sage and chips for fuel. S. Mitchel and John Gay sick, Gay has been sick for two or three days and getting worse.

July 3rd. Started early this morning, Passed the summit of South Pass. Passed the Pacific Springs two miles farther. Here is the end of Estell's Express mail line. Some of us left letters here for the States,

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charged 50cts. per. letter. Starts back the 15th of this month. crossed the branch. Our sick men no better, had a fair, windy and dusty day. Travelling over a dreary sandy waste, but a good road. Came to where the roads fork^c, about 19 miles from the springs. We took the left hand road for Salt-Lake. Travelled about 9 miles further to Little Sandy, until 9 o'clock at night. Travelled about 30 miles and camped, found some grass and willows, saw two grav this morning.

July 4th. At camp. Our sick men better. A very warm day, branded our cattle with Sinclair's brand. Plenty of ground squirrels along the road. The boys killed and cooked some this morning and found them first rate eating. plenty of gooseberries around the willow bushes, along the creek, good for stewing and pies. Started about 2 o'clock, crossed the creek $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below camp. Travelled about six miles, camped $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile on road from Big Sandy.

July 5th. Started early this morning, Clem White sick, Gay and E. White

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not so well today. S. Mitchell some better. Travelled about three miles across the Big Sandy, over a level road, with loose lime or soapstone. Warm dusty day. Strong south west wind this evening. with clouds of dust. Travelled until 5 o'clock, camped on the Big Sandy some cottonwood and willow on the other side drove cattle about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from road where we found good grass, sick men better this evening. Camped with Sinclair, have travelled 4 or 5 miles, with him. have better prospect of grass on this road, the crowd not $\frac{1}{5}$ as much as on other road.

July 6th. Started early this morning. Sick men better, had a warm dusty da

stormy this evening. Left the Big Sandy and travelled 8 miles to Green River. Found the river rising fast, two ferries stopped at the upper about noon, charge 5 dollars per wagon, had to furnish help in crossing, and swim over the cattle, with frequent trials and much trouble. Clouded up and had a few drops of rain toward sundown.

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Derrit and L. Lyle sick this evening, the rest better.

Sunday July 7th. 1850--At camp. Derrit and Lyle not much better, others better. Had a fine pleasant morning, swum our horses and cattle. A man died a hundred yards above us with relapse of cholera-morbus, the boat leaked yesterday evening, ready for use about 11 o'clock this morning, crossed the rest of our wagons. Cattle doing well about 5 miles above the ferry. A strong storm of wind in the night. The country between this and South Pass is mostly a level sandy sterile waste, save the wild sage and grease wood.

July 8th. Started about 8 o'clock. Lost 8 head of horses out of ours and Sinclair's Company. Sick men better. Fine pleasant day, travelled 8 miles down the valley, left the river and travelled over the ridge, until about dusk within a mile of Ham's fork creek, found good grass and grease weed & sage for wood. Found horses this evening.

July 9th. Started this morning, sick men

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getting well, have a very warm day, travelled up the valley of Han's fork for 5 miles, crossed and went over the ridge, & up the valley of Black fork, an abundance of grass, passed about 15 miles up the creek and camped within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the crossing, found some good grass and some sage. had a very dusty road.

July 10th. Started early this morning. Sick almost well. Had a cold night,

but warm through the day, crossed the Black fork and travelled over a rolling sandy & dusty road, about 80 miles to where Fort Hall Road leaves Salt Lake road to the right. Two miles further to the left is Fort Bridger, a small trading post situated in a green valley, where we saw a few of the Snake Indians. Travelled 3 miles further and camped $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to right of road, on a small branch. Good grass and plenty of pine hundred yards distant. Sinclair camped 3 miles below us, on a creek to left of road.

July 11th. Started early this morning. all well

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but E. White and J. Lyle brother, crossed a small branch about 3 miles from last night's camp, travelling over a high rough ridge. The road much obstructed with loose flint rocks. Crossed another branch about 3 miles, then over a rough road down a steep hill where Jno. Derrit broke one of his wheels, but soon replaced it by another out of a wreck nearby. Crossed a branch where we saw some more of Black Foot^t Indians, and moved on creek one mile further, a warm dusty day. Crossed the creek, travelled about 5 miles, came to two springs, one of free stone and other soda water, camped about 3 miles beyond, good grass and plenty of sage and dry bushes, water about a mile down hollow. Geo. Bohon sick.

July 12th. Started about 9 o'clock, bored some of cattle for hollow horn. Pa a spring about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from starting place, at foot of mountain with bank of sn above the springs. The white capped mountains to left us have been in sight a Green River. Passed

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another spring on hill side $\frac{1}{2}$ mile further, crossed alkali branch at foot of hill, and again, mile down. Travelled a mile further to a creek, crossed and nooned on the bank, fine spring one hundred yards from the fording, about 1 mile crossed over a steep hill, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Bear River, crossing obstructed with islands dividing the river into four sloughs, current swift, gravelled botto

travelled $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, camped in a long wide hollow. had fine grass, the best we have had for two or three hundred miles and an abundance all along the road, some sage.

July 13th. Started early this morning, Lyle, Derrit, and Bohon better this morning. Travelled 2 miles over the hills, came to a branch, passed 4 springs $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below. Went down the branch about 5 miles, crossed $\frac{1}{4}$ mile further. Lost one of our oxen. Nooned at the creek, travelled over the hills $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, good springs to the left of road. Three miles further to a cave

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in sandy rock, the entrance 10 feet wide, 30 feet long, part of extent not known, from the appearance must be a wolf den. Dust and sand several inches deep. Several names cut along the wall and overhead. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile further where 3 springs to the right of the road, where an alkali branch comes into the road, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles farther to another alkali branch. Camped about two hundred yards beyond on the bank of the creek. Good grass & wood on the bluff. Cold spring branch running through the hollow. had a fair dusty day.

Sunday July 14th. Left one of our wagons and set tires of the small one, Derrit and Bohon better. had a very hard frost last night. Water in vessels froze about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Sinclair broke one wagon, but repaired it with part of ours. travelled down a hollow with turible, crossed and recrossed a branch. find grass all along, nooned above at a boiling spring water. Crossed the creek at left hand side of ride. Two miles ~~further~~

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further, a cave at the right of the road, and an arch or bridge of rock at the mouth of the cave. Crossed the creek twice this evening, bank very steep. had to let wagons down by roaps. The road very rough after crossing, Spring branches and plenty of bunch willow, and a few groves of cottonwood along the edge of mountains from 5 to 8 hundred feet high almost perpendicular. Most of

them greened over with mountain ^dweeds and cedar. Clouded over towards evening. Lost one of our cattle with murrain. Camped in a valley about 150 yds. wide. the grass knee high. Passed wild oats rye, and some spots of wild flax. Said to be plenty of bears and mountain sheep, elk, antelope rabbits etc. but have not seen any.

July 15th. Started early this morning John Derrit getting well, had a shower rain this morning. traveled down the creek. came across the mountain scrub oak, crossed the creek 4 times this morning, came to Weaver River, about 4 miles from where we started, here the roads fork, one toll road kept in repair by the

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Mormons. the other crosses a little below the mouth of the Creek on the old trail. We took the toll road, traveled up the valley about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, crossed the fork of ^bWeaver River $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles further to Weber. crossed it about $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. deep. Very swift. plenty of Salmon and Trout fish the boys caught one this evening traveled about 7 miles. Camped on a branch about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the river. good grass. plenty of cottonwood and willows along the river. had a warm and dusty day.

July 16th. Started early this morning Derrit getting well traveled about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Crossed a creek $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile further saw 2 graves one buried on the 6th of July. J. Davis Scott Co. Ills. and the other on the 14th of July 1850. traveled $4\frac{1}{2}$ further to another branch where the road leaves the valley. Up the branch about 2 miles. Very bad road. Through bitter cottonwood and aspen saplings, traveled over the hollow where long hill to the Creek, we crossed early this morning about 7 ft. wide and 2 ft. deep gravel bottom. Crossed and camped at the foot of the next rise, a large spring about a hundred yards from the road, had a warm dusty day. One of our boys killed a Badger. Saw plenty beaver signs along the Weber River.

July 17th. started early this morning. all in tolerable good health. lost one of our Steers, last night. traveled about 2 miles to a large creek at the foot of the Snow Mountains, thence north two more large branches, after you cross the second one the road takes to the left up the branch of the valley along the mountains. skirted with aspen, spruce and yellow pine. Some of them 15 to 18 inches in diameter the limbs grow in piramidical noone about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile up the valley travelled up the valley, tolerable steep about 3 miles to the summit the ascent steep at times and the branches bad often crooked road

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through groves of different kind of timber some three to four feet in diameter. 4 miles further came to a creek, camped on a small branch, about a mile further across, to the left of the road, found good grass a mile from camp, on the mountain side. Mostly wild rye best we have had on the road.

July 18th. Started this morning, all tolerable well. fine, warm day, road very narrow, and rocky, crossing over the creek very bad, either stumpy or rocky. Crossed the creek about 35 times, some pole bridges now and then. The mountain nine hundred feet high, those on left covered with low oak, cedar and spruce pine. The tops covered with snow, the right side very rocky, and covered with fields of wild rye. The timber along the creek, spruce, yellow pine, oak, cedar willow, cottonwood, aspen sugar tree and tall ^(bunch) bush, the bark resembling wild cherry & plum. Passed the toll gate, about a mile from the valley, where we

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paid 75 cents for wagon and one yoke of oxen, twenty cents for extra yoke and cents a piece for horses, 5 cents for loose cattle. They were clearing here log house and half mile we found a blacksmith shop. Saw a grave a few hundred yards further, buried on the 14th of July. The first we have seen for several days, stopped at the edge of the valley to rest cattle, and take a "snack". A beautiful sight before us, to see the Mormon City, and its beautiful green

fields, also the ripe wheat fields, it being harvest time with them. Travelled six miles further, nearer the city, beautifully laid out in squares, with cross streets about one hundred feet wide, each dwelling having an acre attached, which makes the city extensive, to the number of the inhabitants being about 12,000, the houses are uniform. one one and half stories high, material of unburnt brick and plank roofs. several saw & grist

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mills, printing office, post office, school and church house, about finishing court house $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories high, 1st story being of rock and the rest unburnt brick. intend building a temple/^{beginning} this fall or next spring, out of white marble quarry about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the city. Timber is about six miles distant in the valley of the mountains, it looks like a scant supply, apparently to us, but as it is sufficient for all of their wants. The soil is very fertile. The staple products are wheat, potatoes, rye, oats barley, buckwheat and corn, all can be raised to profit, vegetables of all kind do well here, wheat will yield from 40 to 80 bushels to the acre, potatoes 40 to 50 to one of seed, There has been as high as 160 bushels raised from one of wheat. The farms are mostly enclosed with a ditch and poles two high. From the foot of the mountains $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles back they are compelled to water their grain. There is several

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fine streams forcing themselves through the city, where it is distributed to each citizen in turn. A very moral place, civil towards the emigrant. The wages for common labor \$2. per day, health very good, some few emigrants sick, two died today, mechanics of all kind can find employment, but of low wages in proportion to the high price for provisions, ~~fx~~ four selling \$25 per cwt. meat, bacon 40 cts. per lb. beef $12\frac{1}{2}$ per lb. sugar 50 cts. coffee \$1 per lb. and other things in proportion. Travelled about three miles through the city and camped on the outskirts of the city. Cattle doing tolerable well along the Jordan about a mile from camp. got some wood from the Mormons.

July 19th. At camp. John Gay not well. Have a very warm day, a shower of rain, and cloudy. Bought and traded for three yokes of oxen, highest \$60 per yoke. Started at 3 o'clock. Passed a warm sulphur spring, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from camp. Carried by pipes to the city, where bath houses

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are established. 25 cts. per bath. Travelled about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles further. sulphur hot springs, coming from under the rocks at the foot of the mountains, having a strong smell of sulphur, and too hot to bear the fingers in it, and forms a small lake $\frac{1}{4}$ mile below. The Utah Lake eight or ten miles distant encircles a range of mountains. The Utah Indians are living about the Jordan. The other tribes of Indians live on grasshoppers and crickets, and begging from the white. Traveled about 5 miles further, and camped $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the road, in the bottom first rate grass and willows and some springs along the farms, it is very thickly settled here. camped about 9 o'clock.

July 20th. at camp. all tolerable well, John Gay getting better. had a warm day. Our cattle doing well, clouded towards noon, had several showers of rain this evening. Saw a large flock of tame sheep. Sinclair bought one for mutter paid \$8.00. the bottom filled with camps. and several thousand head of cattle and horses.

~~Sunday~~
July 21st. at camp all tolerable well. Our cattle inclined to scatter. lost one of our steers. Newton traded yesterday two of his horses for two yoke & $\frac{1}{2}$ yoke of steers. young and in good order for traveling. Some of the emigrants

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are going to swap cattle for horses and pack them. the cutt off, a higher route than the old trail. Some have packed oxen, and are going that way, had a very warm threatening rain towards evening. Gillbreth lost one of his best

steers. Had a heavy shower of rain.

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^{Camp} Craig and Baun & Gay complaining. traded 3 of our lame cattle for a yok of fresh ones. Had a heavy wind storm this evening.

July 23rd

Our sick about the same. Stevens some better. Found all of our cattle, travelled along the the foot of the mountains. Crossed branches of cool water. Passed a school house $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from camp. Passed a Blacksmith Shop & School House at a large creek about one oclock. Travelled about 3 miles and camped. Left the settlement about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles back--Saw a grave 2 hundred yards above the road.

July 24th

Started early this morning. sick boys better. travelled about 4 miles to a creek. Then 15 miles over a sandy ridge to Weber River, forded it, to the Settlement beyond. again camped $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below Brownville. which contained a Blacksmith Shop & 6 or 8 Houses. We were troubled with the winged ants over the sand ridge. Saw a few Utah Indins at the creek this morning. the day was cloudy. and threatened Rain.

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July 25th.

Started early this morning. Sick men better, crossed the creek $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from camp. there several small streams branches. Nooned at a large Branch. Travelled 4 miles further a number of Hot Springs, on still a hundred yards or so a very large cold spring (good water). Then $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles further to some cold spring about $1\frac{3}{4}$ or 2 miles on. crossed a creek and camped a mile beyond. found good grass. Willows and red boughed bushes growing along the creek. The day was warm, windy, both cloudy & clear.

July 26th.

Started this morning. Sick men about well. Travelled 2 miles to a creek. t

1½ miles further to a Branch. 2½ miles further to a large Creek. then ½ mile over some mirey branches.- Nooned. Travelled to the foot of the mountains. Passed 5 Springs this morning along the road. Derrit broke down. (about 3 o'clock camped.) converted it into a cart. had a hot Day. & a Strong gust of wind the ^{is} Evening and a troublesome Night with Musquito's. T. Mitchell & Jas. Newton sick.

July 27th.

Started about 11 o'clock. Travelled 1 mile to Spring Branch (somewhat brackish water) then to a large Pond Spring (some what salty.) about

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2 miles further to cold and Hot Springs, both brackish. The hot oasis the most So. from one Stream 20 yds. below we came to another Branch of hot water. thence to Bear Creek ferry about 25 yards wide. and at this time 8 or 10 ft. deep.--ferry--two canoes lashed together and decked over. Price \$5.00 wagon. (Swin cattle & horses.) Camped on the bank., had a storm of rain & fine Hail about 4 oclock. Found some grass & sage. No timber, but some low willows, & switches along the river.

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July 28th. crossed over wagons, and swam our cattle and horses without any difficulty early this morning. The ~~sick~~ better. travelled about 2 miles to Muddy atoll Bridge across it. charged \$1.25 per wagon about 12 ft. wide, 5 ft deep. when we passed. Hat a very hot day, passed about 3 miles to Spring branch thence 1½ mile further where the road makes an ankle to the right a spring about 3/4 or a mile in the bottom to our left. Nooned about 3 miles further, travelled about 14 miles from the Spring to the Brackish warm springs 10 or 15 issuing out of the ground, a few rods from each other. found some sage and gra:

July 29th. Started early this morning. Several complaining caused trinking the bad water traveled about 12 miles, to a good spring branch, about 1/3 of a mile above where you strike the branch, had a warm day. Some grass & Cedar on the mountain side a mile distant camped on the branch.

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July 30th. started early this morning, all well Gillbreth left one of their steers, not able to travel further and also his mare strayed off from Camp. a Camp of Californians in Camp above us, left the mines the 1st day of July on their way to the States. report favourable from the mines. travelled 6 miles to deep creek crossing. thence 6 miles down the Creek to the sink, where the water spreads over the bottom, sinks and evaporates. a little brackish wher we nooned. Thence 9 miles to Pilate Springs. good water, travelled about 4 miles further and camped. some grass and sage. had a fine pleasant but dusty day, clouded up and threatened rain towards evening, had the dustiest road we have had for several days 2 or 3 inches deep.

July 31st. started early this morning Clem White and Jas. Stevenson sick travelled $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to a spring at the foot of the mountain, thence over some table land of white marble Quarries covered over with scrub cedar groves traveled about 8 miles further to a spring branch, where we sett 5 tyres on wagon wheels, the wheels about to give away, found some grass started again about an hour high travelled until about 9 oclock at night. then about 4 miles from nooning to a Creek thence $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles further and camped found some grass and sage, had a fine day and tolerable good road.

Aug. 1st. started early this morning Clem White and Jas. Stevenson sick, travelled about 5 miles to Casus Creek. crossed it twice, travelled 8 miles further up

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up the Casus Creek crossed two branches between the last crossing and 8 miles beyond where we nooned, good grass sage and willow, had a warm day layed by the ballence of the day.

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Aug. 2nd. Started early this morning Stevenson & White sick. traveled $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to the crossing, thence up a rough valley of cedar bushes, 5 miles to the steeple rocks, about between 75 and 100 ft high, to the right of the road on the Suplett Cutt off road, where it intersected our road, passed a grave this morning. ~~passed a small spring $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below the forks of the road, thence~~

~~cutt off road, where it intersected our road, passed a grave this morning.~~
passed a small spring $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below the forkes of the road, thence down a gentle slope of 5 miles to a spring nooned $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile on the branch. saw some Susanee Indians today at the spring. Thence up a gradual assent some good springs

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over the surmit a good branch at the foot on on the other side up and down a very rough hill to a branch. lost the cart $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the branch had a warm day. but a frosty cold night. passed 2 graves today. camped on a very steep hill at the branch plenty of cedar little grass. Gillbreth and Leiles teams passed on.

Aug. 3rd. Started early this morning. White about the same, let our wagons down the hill without much difficulty missed one of oxen, some of the boys in search of the ox and some with a fore wheel^e after the cart. Thence down the branch some rough hills to Goose creek about 2 miles up it and nooned, about 7 miles further where we found Gillbreth and Leiles teams, travelled a mile to a good spring, thence about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles further and camped along the Creek

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some good grass across the Creek some good fish in it and ducks about. some willow and scrub sage. had a warm day. saw 2 graves this morning. some some white and gray marble yesterday evening and this morning. Found our our ox came in camp.

Sunday Aug. 4th. started early this morning White and Stevenson no better had a cold night and frost this morning. left the cart repairing for the journey. travelled up the creek about 7 miles, thence to the right up a branch about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles to a spring. crossed the branch again and nooned at the springs. passed 2 graves this morning. passed dead horses, mules and cattle ever since we left the Salt Lake road, the cutt off men gained on us about 8 days. traveled up the left from the spring, over some hilly road passed 2 graves. Stopped for supper about dusk, thence travelled down the thousand spring valley found

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nooned passed graves, one of them killed by Indians, while on guard, first rate grass along the bottom passed a grave uncovered supposed to have been done by Indians for the clothing, traveled about 10 miles further, a good road but dusty, camped on the bank of the River, plenty of fish had a very warm forenoon cloudy and inclined to rain. Derrit came in Camp this evening, sound and well, but lost 3 horses in the night of the 5th. camped with Sinclairs. Good grass along the river and willows along the bank, hunger begins to pinch the Emigrants, especially horses, mules and foot packers.

Aug. 9th. started this morning White & Jenkins

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better. travelled about 2 miles and crossed Canyon Creek. then over some rolling ridge about 4 miles above $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles further and nooned on the Creek travelled about 10 miles further and Camped good grass across the river, plenty of willow had a fine warm day. Leiles Boys had one of their horses shot in the neck with an arrow last night.

Aug. 10th. started early this morning. White about the same. travelled 8 miles and nooned thence about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the 1st crossing, Sinclair lost one of his horses a company from Hanniball Mo. lost their on the cutt off from Sal Lake to the Zink came out in the road about 10 o'clock state that the Emigran are suffering on the road, the crossing is good thence about 12 miles to the second crossing thence 2 miles to the 3rd thence about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the 4th crossing of the River ✓

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had a warm fair day, but cloudy this evening travelled about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles and camp on the Bank of the River. ~~XXXX~~ good grass across the river and green willow. We have been offered \$100.00 dollars for one barrell of flour. passed one gr today.

Sunday Aug. 11th. started early this morning White little better, travelled $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile to a branch thence $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to another thence about 6 miles to a spring $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from the road to the left nooned one mile further on top t

hill. thence over the sumit about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, some good springs above the road. had a warm cloudy forenoon but very warm in the evening. thence about 5 miles down the Canyon over a rough road to the river, again crossed $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below and camped $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below. good grass and water.

across the river some willow saw some of Harrisons, Hentrix and Lathroms Company from Lewis Co Mo. Hunting their horses this evening, stolen from them last night. the report about their looing some of theirs they say is correct. that Anderson and Landermack dead also.

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Aug. 12th. started early this morning White little better. travelled down the river. good Campings all along about 9 miles and nooned at the bank. passed 2 graves. thence 6 miles over a sandy ridge. very dusty road. thence about 4 mile further and on a slough of running water good grass. and some willow ~~at~~ about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the river. had a very warm day R. S. Mitchell, Derrin and John Leile camped out with the loose cattle.

August 13th. started this morning White better travelled about 4 miles over some

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Salaratus beds. then some 2 miles to the river where we watered our cattle and took dinner. thence about 3 miles further down the River and camped. good grass and some willow. had a very warm morning and cloudy towards evening. passed a camp yesterday of 2 wagons have lost all their cattle stolen by the Indians the night before. chased back while in search of them, and ^acamp of 3 wagons 26 head stolen from them last night. have 3 families of small children from Wisconsin trying to raise a company to go in pursuit of them tracked them to the mouth of a canyon, about 10 miles from their Camp. John Sinclair and one of his hands started ahead for Sacramento city, with 3 horses, have passed beautiful meadows of the wild ^{sun}flower ever since we have been on the river. and the best grass on the road owing to the high water 6 week or 2 months ago.

saw a grave today

Aug. 14th. started early this morning White little better. John Leiles company coming. A young man from Hannibal Mo. lost his horse this morning not able to travel further. Derrit and Vaun took him into their mess. lost his horse and provisions on the Cutt off. Salt Lake to California Sinclair has 8 head of cattle missing this mornig. but found them again, travelled about 9 miles over a level but dusty road and nooned on a running slough. had a very warm day. travelled about 9 miles further and Camped on a running slough $3/4$ miles from the river. good grass across the slough and greese weed for fuel. passed some Packers from California going back to Iowa. one an old messmate of John Sinclair at the mines last year. speaks favourable of times in the mines.

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Aug. 15th. started early this morning. White better. travelled about 14 miles over a bare waste. nothing to be seen but the greese weed and nooned. at the river. Grigery and Dr. Brown took the Sublett Cutt off a day ahead of us at this point thence over a sand plain or bench of the mountains $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles and Camped at the foot of a ridge low mountains. good grass across the river and some willow. saw a a grave today.

Aug. 16th. started early this morning White better had a few drops of rain last night. and this morning. travelled over the ridge about 3 miles to the bottom again. passed a camp burring one of their mess. thence down the valley about 6 miles, futher and nooned on the river, thence down the bottom about 10 miles and camped.--

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on the river some sage and good grass. across the river. saw a 2 graves today. Mosquttoes troublesome this evening - not a hot day.

Aug. 17th. started early this morning White about same John Leils complaining. Travelled down the bottom $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles and nooned. a hundred from the River. Had some trouble watering our cattle passed a Company of Californians got very little satisfactory information concerning grass &c. ahead of us from them, had a cool night and a cool pleasant forenoon, found a good wagon Sinclair's

Company took it for one of theirs - thence down the river $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles Then
 over a sand bench $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile up a very steep hill then about 2 miles further and
 Camped on the river. some willow and scant grass on account of T. Millers trail
 of mules took possession of our Camping. had a warm evening.

Sunday Aug. 18th. started early this morning White better John Leile sick.
 Travelled down the bottom about 13 miles thence up a hill of sand plain. 2 mile
 to the river. there has been a ferry 5 miles above here but useless now. had
 a cold night and a cool forenoon, thence about 6 miles further over a sand
 plain bare of vegetation save the low brickly sage some grass across the river
 and some sage. had a warm evening.

Aug. 19th. started early this morning. White about same. John Leile no better
 travelled

down a sandy road, very travelling about 15 miles and nooned 8 miles opposite
 and ten along the River, without grass and a good fountain of water at the
 mountains 2 miles distant, but sinks 2 hundred yards below its head thence
 about 10 miles further and camped on the river without grass. some sage and
 willow switches. had a very hot day. ~~put~~ put a guard around our cattle ~~xxx~~
 tonight.

Aug. 20th. started very early this morning White and Leile better travelled
 down the valley about 20 miles over a ^{slavish} sandy road to the river. with some
 difficulty owing to steep banks watered our cattle. found a little grass
 above and some greese ~~xxx~~ weed for wood camped for the night. had a hot day
 and extremely cold night passed some of the Treecky Indians camp within

a quarter of mile of our camp some can speak english in broken sentences.
 Overtook Grigery and Dr. Browns companys this evening camped a mile or so
 below us.

Aug 21st. started early this morning White and Leile better had a very cold night. Went to some Indian camps this morning their wigwams consists of willows stuck in the ground and twisted together at the top and covered with blankets and old clothing picked up along the road their women, naked with the exception with exception of a slite covering of their loins very filthy ~~ex~~ ^{gc} gathering gethering seeds of wild weeds for winter and flesh of dead stock along the road one of them from her appearance must be 100 or more years old. the average height about $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft high. traveled down the valley over a heavy sandy road 10 miles to the river. (a cottonwood tree 25 or 30 ft high on the opposite side) thence about 6 miles

further to where the water begins to spread over the bottom widens, then about 3 miles further down and camped at the edge of the Zink. as as near as the water and mud would allow us to go. good grass and some greese wood. had a hot day camped with Grigery Company this evening

Aug 22nd with a little trouble in finding our oattle in the cave and rushes. White and Leile Better. started down the bottom about 6 miles and camped. good grass, water brackish found a little brickly sage by taking a wagon about 2 miles towards the mountains Gillbreth left one of their oxen yesterday evening, not able to travell any further. Sinclair killed one of his cattle for beef this evening. the bottom filled up with Camps, some busy mowing grass had a very hot day.

Aug~~x~~ 23rd. At Camp. White and Leile better. Gregery Company left this morning for better Camping. Bored our cattle for the hollow horn. Some are leaving for the Desert. and there places filled by double quantity mowed about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from camp through mud and water from angle to knee deep, had a warm day.

Aug 24th. at camp. Clem White not so well Leile little better. E. White crippled with a swelled angle and leg. hardly able to travel preparing our hay and preparing provisions for the Desert. started about 1 oclock with 2 days

water. travelled about 6 miles and camped some food and water. had a warm forenoon and cloudy evening. with wind set a gard for the night. Derrit got a wagon from a man whose team gave out. Derrit agreed to take it through to California for the use of it.

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Aug. 25th. Sunday. started this morning Leile better White the same. travel led about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the lake or main sink thence about 5 miles to where it closes in by 2 bluffs in a Slough the lake good ~~xxxxxx~~ tasted water. some camp of provisions at this point, Flour \$2.50 per lb. beef 35 cts per lb kept the left hand road about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles further, and noond fed our Cattle drove bac to the slough about 2 miles to water. thence 10 miles further and took our supper and fed our cattle, thence 11 hours further through the night and breakfasted passed an immense quantity of Dead stock and wrecks of wagons alo the road, we one of our best steers and one of our cows last night not able to dravell further.

~~Augx26th~~

Leile lost Aug 26th one steer allso of his team started again about 5 miles to where some where hauling water from the river and selling it at \$1.00 per gallon. a few miles further another

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stand selling at 75 cts per gallon. saw sights today. or rather the elephant of the amount of dead and dying stock and wrecks of wagons a good ^{good good} many/wagons, see mens teams give out and compelled to pack on their backs, and women and children compelled to walk from the first water stand 15 miles to Salmon and Trout river over a sandy rod the cattle ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sink to their angles and wagon wheels rolling the sand that the spokes cannot be seen some where compelled to unhitch and drive their cattle to the river and water their cattle and go back for belongings. we were more lucky Mr. Sinclair left a lott of his loose cattle with us and when we stopped to let t cattle blow a little if any the cattle could not be got up (for when we stopp the wagon the cattle would all lay down) so when we could not get them up

we dragged them to oneside and pushed one of Sinclairs cattle in the place. It took all of our men some 6 to 8 men half on each side of the team to get them on their feet then two men could keep a team going again untill $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or so the same thing had to be repeated. when we breakfasted this we could see river timber plainly but where we expect to make it shortly. we had a trouble some and tetious time of it, and dit not have to unhitch the and take them to the river and water them as others had to do. Arrived at the river this evening ~~and~~ about 4 oclock. plenty cottonwood & Willow. and sage in the neighbourhood. a provision stande on its bank here flour at \$1.50 per lb beef 50 cts per lb. Some sold their cattle and horses to them cattle, \$3.00 perhead and horses \$10.00. and sold some of them brandy for \$2.00 per point, and other things

in proportion, had a very warm day today. Sinclair lost one horse and He load 2 wagons with hay fed it out could fed as much more if He had had it. Gillbr found his mare in possision of a man and his wife. packing their things on her. ^hTe bought her of an Indian on the Sublett Cutoff. Vaun Complaining

Aug. 27th. started after a little trouble collecting our cattle. Clem White and E. White and ~~Yang~~ Vaun about the same. travelled about 3 miles up the River a trading post. Passed 3 graves. one a nigger found in the river. Told and Sinclair bought 2 horses. thence 6 miles further stopped untill evening. left two of our wagons and replaced them with lighter ones. begining to come across foot packers. started about sundown. Travelled in the night about 4 miles to the river, a little grass across the river good wood, about 50 wagons in camp

in camp tonight. came up with with Grigery, Brown and Hendrix Companies.

Aug. 28th. Started this morning Whites & Vaun about the same. left the river and travelled about 5 miles to the river, thence 2 miles along the river then about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles up the river and camped on the river good grass across cotton wood and willow. has a pleasant warm day. passed a grave today.

Aug 29th. at camp sick boys better. cattle resting and doing well today. Sinclair killed a beef today, had a very warm day. some good sized fish in the river.

Aug. 30th. started this morning. C. and E. White about the same. Vaun better. Thos. Leile, Jas. Stevenson, K. Newton and 4 men out of Sinclairs Company started on foot for the mines. this morning. travelling through the sand to the river again. thence about 1 mile further nooned. good grass. thence about 3 miles further to a lot of flour at

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\$1.50 per lb. just arrived from Sacramento. on pack mules, bound for the sink of the Humbolt. thence about 4 miles further and camped. good grass had a very warm day. John Leile complaining. saw a grave today.

Aug. 31st. travelled this morning about 1 3/4 mile and crossed the river. the crossing good thence about 7 miles further and nooned passed a large train of carriages and pack mules from the mines for Salt Lake. then about 9 miles further crossed the river about 1 1/2 mile further up the river and camped good grass. had a warm day.

Sunday Sept 1st. started early this morning C. and E. White about the same. two of Sinclairs men sick. travelled back to the road again. then over a rid rough road 12 miles to the River again. then 2 1/2 miles further nooned. on a branch about 2 miles from the river. then about 6 or 7 miles

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further and camped on a brach about 1/2 mile from the river. first rate grass and some greese sage, had a pleasant day here we are in the sight of the pine Mountains. 2 ~~xxx~~ to 5 miles distant. Very beautiful senery. every ravine has a gushing fountain. issuing from springs or melted snow from their tops. most of the small streams sink in the sand at the foot of the mountains. while the large ones with their murmuring songs continue their way through green meadow to the river. Thos. Leile and the foot packers came into Camp tonight.

Sept. 2nd. started this morning. C. & E. White about the same. Sinclairs men better. 4 of Sinclair men left in the night. Sinclair and 2 or 3 others in pursuit of them. travelled the valley about 9 miles passed a grave, several provision stations

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and nooned at the Mormon station Mrs. Coagle sick. then about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile further to hot springs at the foot of the mountain spouting hot springs of sulpher. then about 6 miles and camped grass and wood. Sinclair overtook the runaways and brought them back. had a very pleasant day.

Sept. 3rd. at Camp. G. and E. White better Mrs. Coagle about the same. Our cattle doing well. had a pleasant day but a very cold night. Sinclair killed a beef this evening.

Sept. 4th. started this morning the Whites better. Vaun complaining. Mrs. Cogle the same. travelad about 8 miles and camped. for the day. under some shady pines beside a beautifull fountain of cold water. a Dutch boy of Sincl company very sick name Kemp. this evening had a pleasant and some good grass

Sept. 5th. started early this morning about 5 miles to the mouth of a large Canyon sick folks about the same. thence up the Canyon to the 1st Bridge ve good road but the ballence very bad road. perhaps worse than most have an Idea of. crossed the river twice more over bridges distance from the mouth its head 5 miles, thence into a Canyon valley travelled about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles and camped good grass across the river. camped with Grigerys Company tonight, had a pleasant day, passed a Ford of Sinclairs Company in camp tonight with suply of provisions. brought a newspaper which affirms the death of Preside Tayler. of which we heard of a week or ten days ago.

Sept. 6th. started early this morning sick better except Casper Camp of

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of Sinclairs Company. No better travelled about 6 miles to Red lake. then

miles to the summit of little mountain. then about 4 miles further to clear lake at the foot of Sirras Nevada Mountains well covered with snow the road up to the little mountain or dividing Ridge of the California Mountains is very steep and difficult to ascent. our road since we entered into the Canyon has been a continual pine forest. two kinds of a very large size measured one of ~~them largest, measured 22 ft and 6 inches in circumference.~~ found good grass up a canyon about 3 miles distant. had a very pleasant day but frosty last night. saw 2 graves today.

Sept. 7th. started early this morning. sick folks the same, except Camp no better ~~travelled up the mountain over a winding road not quite as little mountain.~~

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travelled up the mountain over a winding road not quite as little mountain. 5 miles to the summit, passed through snow towards the top where we nooned. a woolen coat felt right comfortable, here at midday. then down a narrow ridge 7 miles to a valley. then 2 miles further and camped some good grass to the left about 2½ miles over the mountain. John Sinclair arrived. in Camp this evening in good health. passed ~~one~~ a grave today. had a warm morning but a cool breeze the balance of the day.

Sunday Sept. 8th. started early this morning our sick better Camp about the same traveled about 5½ miles to tragady springs. then about 6 miles to Leek Springs then about 3 miles further and Camped watered our cattle ½ mile to the right and a little grass. 2 miles *further*

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~~further~~ ^{this} passed Jas. Lathram/afternoon ~~left~~ left Gregory this morning about 3 miles from Camp. Repairing his wagon, had a warm mild day. our road has been through a continuous forest. over a decenting ridge very rough in the fore part of the day. passed 2 graves today.

Sept. 9th. started early this morning the sick better, travelled 9 miles to camp creek and watered our cattle. then 8 miles to a good spring of water then about 4 miles further and Camped on the ridge found water $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the left in holes and plenty of oak brousing for our cattle, Derrit left his wagon this morning. His cattle too fagged out to take it any

further. Leile hauls his things and E. White. had a fair but cool stirring breeze today and a very cold night. our road today through a heavy pine forest intermingled with red cedar and oak. some of the pine and cedar upwa of 200 ft high from 50 to 75 ft. clear of limbs the oak increasing in size and quantity. in some of the pine forests don't think the sun can penetrate through it with its raise. travelled on the main ridge to the mines. tolera smoth road with some steep hills to go up and down. Leile lost one of his horse. wounded by the Indians on the Humbolt.

Sept. 10th. started early this morning Clem and Elisha White the same, Camp a little better. travelled about 3 miles to the forks of the road the fork to Hangtown and the left to Weaver Ville we took the left hand road. then 9 miles to some springs 1 mile to pleasant valley

and Camped, good grass and water $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the left. had a cold cloudy morn ing. with a strong inclination to rain passed 2 graves today.

Sept. 11th. started this morning. C. and E. White about the same. Camp better. travelled $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Ringgold. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southeast of Weaverville about 500 inhabitants thence 5 miles to mudd springs this branch and ^a vicini is filled with miners and from their appearance are doing well most of them b digging and piling up dirt for wet weather. then 9 miles to shingle machine town and camped several of our cattle gave out this evening had a warm pleasant day.

Sept. 12th. sick about the same. Camp getting better. started this morning collected our fagged out cattle and travelled 6 miles to a large branch,

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then about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile further and camped on a small branch for the day have a pleasant day. found a little grass 1 mile to the right of the road, S. Mitchell went back to mudd springs. with the little wagon after Mr. Duesen (Reevelly's Cousin) The Black man and things arrived late in camp this evening our road today and yesterday was good, through live oak and common oak. and occasionally some pine timber the last lost its majestick sway and grander. which it held back in the mountains. the liquer shops and taverns are as thin as the water along the road will admit of

~~Sept 12th~~

Sept. 13th. started early this morning. Clem White and Elisha White about the same Jasper Camp still improving. travelled 3 miles to a branch. miners at work. then 2 miles to Monmon tavern, then $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to white rock springs. watered our cattle in troughs

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and buckets. and nooned. Little dry grass hay 15 cts per lb. barley 25 cts per lb potatoes 18 cts per lb. flour 10 cts per lb. and pork 15 cts per lb. Then $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles further and camped for the night. Reserved 3 yoke of cattle to the wagon and drove the ballance with John Sinclair's drove to the River. had a pleasant day. passed a grave today Richa'd Thorn in camp with us this evening went ahead of his company afoot to Weaverton Saw Michal Teven of Lagrange Mo. in business at this place came out last year with Triplett & Earhart and Company. no grass. nor water for our cattle chained them up for night.

September 13th. started this morning before day our sick men about the same travelled about 10 miles to the American fork of the Sacramento River. Crossed and breakfasted found the loose cattle on a ranch on the river. for

some grass for our cattle.

The road from the white rock springs was a level plane today. Page 121
fertile this time of the year. Sinclair left about ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ 2 oclock. had a warm pleasant
day. Kennet Newton and his Brother left us on the 12th. for Hangtown, Vaughn
and Wm Carter left us this morning at one of the towns.

Sunday Sept 14th. started early this morning E. White no better, C. White
about the same. Camp getting well. have a windy cloudy morning. travelled
9 miles within 2½ miles of Sacramento City and camped. had a warm day.

Sept. 15th. at Camp started one of our wagons to the city to get provisions and
mining tools for the mines. flour 9½ cts perlb. pork 20 cts perlb. and other
things in proportion. the extend

the extend of the city is 4 miles back and 3 miles up and down the river. about
25000 Inhabitants. business of all kinds, carried on extensively Blacksmith
ing to extrens. wages \$5.00 per day and boarded. Carpenters \$8.00. the whar
is crowded, with Ships Steamers, Sloops & Schooners. and Steamboats. a daily
Line from San Francisco to Sacramento City. fare \$5.00 (Laid in some

provision - flour 9 cts. pork 35 cts. hams 35 cts. coffee 75 cts. Tea \$2.00.
potatoes 15 cts. Sugar 50 cts. lb. Each Derret left E. White at the Hospital.

September 16th.

Started this morning. left Gilbreth in search of Jno. Long. Bohon & Barab
still with

us. travelled about 14 miles up the River and Camped. had a warm day. Saw
Leggs boys this Evening. & their Father. about 8 days since they got here.

September 17th.

Started Early this Morning. travelled about 2 miles. to Sinclairs Ranch wher

we left one wagon. an Some of our Cattle. Sinclair left all but one wagon & team; Mitchell & Clem White staid with the wagons & stock. Thos. Lyle complaining. went about 15 miles further & Camped. had a warm Day.

September 18th.

started, sick about the same. passed through Nicholas a thriving place. 5000 Inhabitants. travelled about 18 miles; and Camped on Bear River. found Robi^sson from La Grange keeping Boarding-House on the other side of the river (had a hot day.)

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(September 19th)

Started this morning. T. Lyle the same. travelled 6 miles by a Slough. then 7 miles further & camped by Some Springs. (had a warm day.)

(September 20th.)

Started this Morning. (Sick the same.) passed the

Round Tent. about further; then 12 miles over a rough road to Penn Valley. and camped, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile beyond; -(had a Cloudy morning. Rain the rest of Day)

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(September 21st.)

Started this morning, (Lyle about the same.) Travelled about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Rough & Ready. and Camped about 1 miles left of the Town. Rough & Ready is Thriving Place. (the name Corresponds well with the Place.) - had a Pleasant

September 22nd

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At Camp.- Lyle better. All in tolerable good Spirit. but Dueson & Jas. Steph son disheartened with the Prospects of the Mines. most of the Company prospering. Some had flattering luck. Geo. Bohon found \$5.00 worth in the 1st Par full. (had a Cloudy Day.) began raining at Dusk, continueing all night.

(September 23rd.)

At Camp. - pleasant day. All in good spirits & health. Some of the Boys located here. five of Us started 6 miles above here to Grass Valley; Jenki Jeffries.

Hand. T. Mitchel & Myself.

(September 24th)

At Camp. with the (Little) wagon & 1 yoke oxen. left Reevly in Camp preparing to start to the City after the other wagons. & Provisions: had a pleasant Day.

(September 25th)

T. Mitchel complaining. the other Boys out ^Prospecting.

this is presented to Mr. James Stevenson Oakdale Shelby County Mo.

May 6th 1894 by John A. Stauder.