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PERAMUS GREEN AMES

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Journal

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May 6

Cross the Missouri river 1 P.M. Traveled about 6 & Camped tonight.

May 7

Had a rainy night. Showers this morning, clears up & we put ahead about 2 miles & we camped, and remained until next day waiting for our Company.

May 8

Still remain in Camp waiting Sturdavant & Company.

May 9

This morning Sturdavant & Comp. put right by without Stopping, and we put a ahead[?] also travelled 15 miles & camped for night on Musquitoe Creek.

May 10

Rested very well last night. Started late this morning. Traveled 3 m. & camped 2 m. beyond Wolf Creek.

May 11

This morning organized in a[huh?] Elected J. Sturdavant for Capt. and A Reynold Liut. we then went ahead 7 m & Camped 3 m. beyond the Mission for night and Sabbath. Here we passed a trading post which has several prime farims[?],

May 12

Sabbath[.] Went up to the Mission to meeting[.] heard a Sermon from the Missionary. Many[?] of the emegrants were there[.] This miss. is of about 4 years standing & is in quite a prosperous condition as stated by the missionary.

May 13

Made a final start for the plains, fine growing moring[sic]. mad about 18 m. & Camped high up Wolf Creek.

May 14

Started 6. traveled 10 & dined[?] on Little Muddy, 10 m farther & Camped.

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May 15

All well. Traveled about 18 m. & Camped on the Nimihaw river. Have been passing through Prairie Country.

May 16

Traveled 23 m. & Camped on a Sluggish Creek. had a fine nights rest. a fine growing season.

May 17

Put ahead. Traveled 22 m and camped on Blue river. This river is about the size of Apple R. river[sic]. Here I had a fuss with Gruns[?] about keeping the Sabbath.

May 18

Left the Blue. Traveled 15 m. and Camped. Camped[sic].

May 19

Sabbath. Remained in Camp to day. Had preaching by Mr Davis. a comfortably time. This is our last Sabbath.

May 20

Had a fine rain through the night. Gather up & put ahead in fine Spirits & good healt for California. Traveled 22 m. and Camped f[.] night.

May 22[sic]

A very foggy morning[.] traveled 19 m. & Camped 4^m beyond Dry Sandy Creek in a prairie.

May 22

A very rainy moring. feel feel[sic] dull from standing gurand all night. a late Start this morning. Traveled 15 m & Came to Little Blue, went up it some 3 m. and Camped for night.

May 23

Has the appearance of rain[.] High winds through the night with much lightning. Clears off this morning 10° C. Traveled 22 m. grass scarce fr. our Cattle.

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May 24

A very warm day for Cattle. Traveled 24 m. 7 before breakfast.

May 25

Put ahead in good Season. A very foggy morning. much fatigued for want of rest for the last 4 nights. Made about 23 m. & Camped on the Platte.

May 26

Sabbath. It does not appear so to me. we have to put ahead for feed for Cattle. arrived at Ft. Childs about 10 oclock. Camped 1 m. beyond the Ft. the balance of the day.

May 27

Had a very hard Storm last night. Traveled about 24 m and Camped for night.

May 28

Started in good season. Cold night[.] a fine day for traveling[.] made 24 miles to day.

May 29

had a good Start, made 28 miles & Camped. a little unwell.

May 30

Gathered up in good season[.] made about 28 m & Camped.

May 31

Set out in good season. See Some Bufalo today. Crossed the South Fork of the Platte. made about 15 m. l& Camped.

June 1

Some Showery this morning. Saw some Bufalo. Traveled about 12 m & Camped for night.

June 2

Sabbath, and we are Compeled to travel, O! what a misfortune to be a Slave. had peace of mind. Traveled all day without feed for Cattle. good where we left

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in the morning. but grew Scarce as we traveled ahead. Came to a very little & camped.

June 3

Set out before breakfast to find grass for Cattle. made about 15 m & Camped.

June 4.

Stormy morning. Started out later. made 12 miles[.]

June 5. Wood very scarce. made 15 m.

June 6

Had a very good Start. Come within sight of Court House rock. Traveled 20 miles.

June 7.

Passed Chimney Rock. Traveled 20 miles & Camped.

June 8.

Started by sunrise. Passed several Indian vilages. made 20 m. Had a view of Laramies Bigrn[?].

June 9

Sabbath has returned. But o how profaned by the untidy throng. no regard for God, his Sabbaths now his word. We must gather up and put a head. no rest for 2 weeks. A rumor Brother is shot by the Indians, very warm[.] Grass very poor, teams near worn down. Traveled 25 m. Had a fine Shower Shower[sic] this morning.

June 10

A fine morning. Started in good time. Passed Ft Laramie 2 O'clock. made 25 m and Camped 5 m beyond the Ft. A fair view of Bigme[?]. Saw snow to day.

June 11

Had a fine Shower Last night. good grass. made 20 miles & Camped near a good spring.

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June 12

Out in good time. had a fine Shower last night. Morning fine & pleasant, made 20 miles.

June 13

Had another fine Shower, last n. Pleasant morning. very poor grass. Traveled 20 m. & Camped among the mountains of Iron Ore. Had to stand guard part of the night.

June 14

Set out good Season, feel very dull, Traveled 20 miles.

June 15

Had a windy night[.] Green & Craig sick. Late Start, Traveled 15 mi. & laid by for the day on deer Creek & remained until Sabbath evening.

June 16

Sabbath has returned. Welcom Sweet day of rest. Made preparations for Crossing North Fork of Platte. Crossed over in the night.

June 17

Remained in Camp waiting for our Cattle to Come over. All in Confusion. Train broke up.

June 18

On our way again. Snow through the night. Train divided into 4 parts. Made 2 m. grass poor.

June 19

Up very early. Cold morning. Started in good time[.] Traveled some 18 miles.

June 20

Set out late. made 20 miles. hard roads & poor grass.

June 21

Meet the whole Elizabeth train. A late Start. Passed the Divils Gate. made some 15 miles.

June 22

Seasonable start. roads hard. Traveled 25[?] miles.

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June 23

Welcom to another Sabbath. grass very poor. must travel to find some. made about 20 m.

June 24

Saw Snow about 4 feet deep. Had a little rain. grass scarce. made about 20 miles.

June 25

Grass very poor. made 24 m.

June 26

All trains Camped near each other. Passed the Southern pass, made 20 miles.

June 27

Fine morning. Made Some 20 m & Camped on big Sandy Creek for 24 hours.

June 28

All the E. trains are near each other in health. Had a fine Shower last night. A fine day. Started about 3 o'clock P.M. & traveled All night. made 25 m.

June 29

Start on again 7 o'clock A.M. arrived at green river 2 Oclock P.M. bad hill to go down. Laid by until we could Cross the river. very unpleasant place for Camping, 7 men drowned. How uncertain is human life.

June 30

Sabbath has Come, O that I could keep it better, Remaind in Camp all day.

July 1

A fine morning. all well. a great Crowd. We Crossed the river in the evening. no harm.

July 2

Set out again, made 20 m.

July 3

Craig Sick. Traveled 20 m.

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July 4

Fine morning. Passed through a fine Balsom grove on the mountains. made 20 miles.

July 5

Pleasant morning[.] Craig well. made about 12 miles.

July 6

Morning fine. Late start[.] made some 15 miles.

July 7

Sabbath. Traveled 6 m. & Camped for the day.

July 8

Dr. Miller sick[.] a late start. a Shower. made 25 miles.

July 9

A Cool morning. A good start[.] Traveled about 20 miles. Passed the Steam Boat Springs.

July 10

Late Start. Traveled 25 miles.

July 11

A good start. Made 20 m.

July 12

Good Start, drove 18 m & Cmpd.

July 13

Out again[.] Traveled 18 miles.

July 14

Sabbath. made 15 miles.

July 15

Traveled some 25 miles.

July 16

Minutes wore out, I can't make them out.

July 17

made about 18 miles

July 18

can't make it out.

July 19

Traveled about 30 miles.

July 20

Traveled about 20 miles

July 21

Sabbath[.] made 15 miles.

July 22

Can't make out so obliterated. [Green's words, not transcriber's]

July 23

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July 24

So obliterated can't make out.

July 25

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July 26

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July 27

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July 28

Sabbath. Traveled 25 miles.

July 29

Made 22 m. & Camped on Humboldt.

July 30

Can't make it out.

July 31

Made about 8 m. & Camped for day.

Aug. 1

Can't make it out.

Aug. 2

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Aug. 3

Traveled 22 miles.

Aug. 4

Sabbath has returned. made 20 m.

Aug. 5

Grass poor.

Aug. 6

Drove our Cattle all night, found grass, drove 3 miles farther and Camped f[.] the day.

Aug. 7

Traveled 8 m. & Camped on Humboldt & made hay.

Aug. 8

Remained in Camp all day preparing for the Desert.

Aug. 9

All ready for the Desert. On our way this morning. Traveled about 20 miles.

Aug. 10

On our way. Came to a Slough much trouble in Crossing it. had to unload our waggons and pack our things over. then Swam our waggons. Traveled all night made 30 m.

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Aug. 11

Sabbath. had to leave Some of our waggons & drive our Cattle to Carson river to water[.] I & Capt Tyler remained with waggons. So this was emphatically a day of rest to us. We had to pay \$1 per gal for water.

Aug. 12

This morning finds us much[.] Went 5 miles for water. Returned with 3 gallons of water. In the evening the Cattle returned, & we put on to the river.

Aug. 13

Traveled about 5 miles & Camps.

Aug. 14

This moring finds us on our way. Stopped to rest our Cattle, for 14 mile desert. Traveled 25 miles this day & night. O what is man! how he can digeneats[?][.]

Aug. 15

We are now in Camp preparing for 26 m Desert. Leave this evening.

Aug. 16

Made about 28 m. & Camped for day.

Aug. 17

on our way as usual, made 24 m.

Aug. 18

Sabbath, quite comforable in mind, not so much Cursing as usual, which makes it more pleasant. Although we have to travel. Made 12 m. along the S. Nevada mountains. and Camped for the

day.

Aug. 19

A fine morning. on our way. Traveled 14 m. l& Camped[.] What cool water we have now.

Aug. 20

Passed through the Canyon. made 17 miles.

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Aug. 21

Pass over the first sumit of the Siera Nevada mountain[.] is distance of 13 m. to Lake valey.

Aug 22

Ascended the Sumit, & Dined on the top of the S. Nevada[.] Made 12 miles & Camped[.]

Aug 23

Poor grass. Made 15 m. and camped on Leek Spring botom for one day & Two nights.

Aug 24

Remained in Camp all day.

Aug 25

Sabbath. how little regarded! compeled to travel on the left behind the teams. Made 20 m.

Aug 26

Set out an hour before day[.] no grass for our Cattle. made some 25 miles.

Aug 27

No grass. feed cattle on oak leavs[.] set out very late. arrived at Weaver 2 oclock P.M. Went over to Hangtown & Camped. Here we are in the mines of California.

Aug 28

Remain in Camp all day. Sold our teams (3 yk) for \$190[?], Capt Tyler went ahead.

Aug 29

Left for Sacrimento City, overtook Capt Tyler 2 O'clock P.M. Saw Br. Kellogge[?] of Napa. Camped within 25 miles of the City of Sacramento.

Aug 30

Traveled 15 m & Camped until midnight & then started for the City. arrived there before day light.

Aug 31

Here we are Camped withing sight of the City.

[DIARY CONTINUES, TRANSCRIPT ENDS]

Do. left
at

this
spring

#712

Receipt for coloring
1 Dram of Lacidulcium
1 Dram of Hypan fluid
4 1/3. Boke water
Mud in a trial shaker
well applied to a clay
for one week in more
of Description of my
Research on distill
Market of Salt
No. 2 15 1/2. 6 inch Band
Bandel, carried 5 balls
Private Mine 21,

Huntington Library
Brenne Institute Collection

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Journal of D. C. Carter

May 6

Entered the Mission in vol 1 p. 11.

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Spent about 6 1/2 hours in night
spelt a heavy fog at the Mission
this morning, 1/2 hour up & down
put ahead about 2 miles, &
we carried out several
mated meat day waiting
from 1/2 mile. Conquered.

8

With permission in camp went
into the Mission and 8 camp
this morning. 1/2 hour up & down
put ahead about 2 miles, &
we carried out several
mated meat day waiting
from 1/2 mile. Conquered.

9

With permission in camp went
into the Mission and 8 camp
this morning. 1/2 hour up & down
put ahead about 2 miles, &
we carried out several
mated meat day waiting
from 1/2 mile. Conquered.

10

Boat very well last night.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.

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Boat very well last night.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.

12

Boat very well last night.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.

13

Boat very well last night.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.

14

Boat very well last night.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.
Saw the lake this morning.

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Out in good time, had a fine
candle last night, nothing
fine & pleasant, made 20 miles.

Black and thick fine & howel, but the
pleasantest, nothing. 28th, from
grass, however. 20 m. - Brown
had among the specimens of
green one. Black to almost green
most of the night.

over our special reasons, feel very
wells. Enjoyed 20 miles. Had a
wonderful night. Green & Gray
die of it. I hope, I have
lost 115 m. I said by for the
day on my 2nd & 3rd. I remain
most faithful evening.

Calhoun has returned to
conduct study of water in the
National Park. Crossing with the
Spink of Alaska. Good and
in the night.

Romances in Canada - waiting
for our little to come over
all in confusion. Many have

On old meadow again. Snow
threw off the old pit. Some thin
soot limits 4 plants. Made 2 m.
grass lower

We were early. Cold morning.
Started in good time. Struck
down 18 miles.

Set out data, Made 20 miles.

~~Must be whole~~ ~~critically~~ ~~thin~~
of late shorts (asted) the Devils got
made down 15 miles.

Shadonville St. A. L. Woods hand.
Specimen of 13 mites.

Do. left
at

this
spring

#712

June 23

Went to another Sabbath
place very poor. Must travel
to find some. Made about 20 m.

24 Saw some about 4 feet deep.
Had a little rain, good work.
Made about 10 miles.

25 Good work. Made 25 m.

26 All things combined with each
other. Dusted the Sabbath
place, made 20 miles.

27 Fine morning. Made 20 m.
8 Camped in big sandy creek
for 24 hours.

28 All the things are just exactly
in health. Had a fine shower
last night. A fine day.
Started about 8 o'clock. 8
travels all night. Made 25 m.

29 Start on again. 10 o'clock. Still
arrived at spring with 20 o'clock.
O'clock. Had still to go down.
Did by until we got down the
road. Very unpleasant. Had
for something. 4 more quarters.
There were some 20 human life.

30 Sabbath was come. A. That 9
could keep it better. Commence
in camp all day.

July 1 of fine morning. All well. a
great crowd of people. The
game in the evening. no rain.

2 Let out again. Made 20 m.

3 Long sick. Travelled 20 m.

July 4

Fine morning. Dusted through
a fine Alabama game. on the
mountains. Made 20 miles.

5 Pleasant morning. Very well.
Made about 21.2 miles.

6 Morning fine. Late start.
Made 15 miles.

7 Sabbath. Travelled 6 m. 8 came
left for the day.

8 On killed at 10. Late start
a change. made 25 miles.

9 of good morning. of good start
Travelled about 20 miles. Dusted
the stream 8 out of morning.

10 Late start. Travelled 25 miles.

11 Good start. Made 20 m.

12 Good start, drove 18 m. 8 came

13 Out again. Travelled 18 miles.

14 Sabbath. Made 15 miles.

15 Travelled some 25 miles.

16 Minutes. More out. 10 came

17 made about 15 miles.

18 Can't make it out.

19 Travelled about 30 miles

20 Travelled about 20 miles

21 Sabbath. Made 15 miles.

22 Can't make it out. 20 miles.

23

Do not
sit
this
spring

#712

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July 24. 26 children at camp make at
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28 Sabbath, traveled 28 miles
29 Made 22 m. 8 camped on plain
30 Camp make it out.
31 Made about 8 m. 8 camped by
Aug. 1 Camp make it out.
2
3 Traveled 28 miles.
4 Sabbath, had returned, made 20
5 Camp leaving
6 Drove out cattle all night.
7 Traveled 28 miles, made 20 miles.
8 Traveled 8 m. 8 camped on
9 Remained in camp all day
10 Preparing for the next day
11 All ready for the next day
12 Camped about 20 miles.
13 On our way, came to a place
much trouble in crossing it
14 To make out, crossing it
15 and back over things, which
16 were very dry & rough.
17 Traveled all night, made 30 m.
8
Aug. 11 Sabbath, had to leave some
of our baggage, & drive out
cattle to the lower river. Traveled
53 miles. Drove baggage with
baggage to do this was very
difficult & very of work.
We had to pay \$10, for good work.
12 This morning found us much
trouble, 5 miles for water. A tributary
with 3 gallons of water.
For the evening of the cattle, not
about, & we put on to the river.
13 Traveled about 6 miles 8 camped.
14 This morning found us on our way
about the first of cattle, for
15 miles, about 25 miles, about 25
miles, this day 8 miles. Camp
about 20 miles, 1 horse, 1 cow, 1
15 Made more in camp, for feeding
for 20 m. Drove. Have this day
16 Made about 28 m. 8 camped today.
17 On our way, we made, made 24 m.
18 Sabbath, quite comfortable in
river, made 20 miles. Crossing
a river, which makes it
more pleasant. Although we
were to travel, traveled 12 m.
along the St. Lawrence mountains
and camped for the day.
19 A fine morning, we were away,
traveled 14 m. 8 camped.
20 Traveled about 14 m. 8 camped.
Traveled about 14 m. 8 camped.
Traveled about 14 m. 8 camped.

- Aug 21. Passed the first summit of the Sierra Nevada, summit at distance of 13 m. to the valley.
- 22. ascended the summit. 9. Dined on the top of the Sierra Nevada. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 23. Poor grass. Made 15 m. and camped on the top of the Sierra Nevada for one day & one night.
- 24. Remained in camp all day.
- 25. Sabbath. Have little vegetation. Camped to the west of the summit. Made 10 m. behind the trees. Made 10 m.
- 26. Set out on horse before day. no grass. Poor cattle. Made 12 m.
- 27. No grass. Set out on horse. Camped on the top of the Sierra Nevada. Made 12 m. to the valley. 9. Dined on the top of the Sierra Nevada. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 28. Remained in camp all day. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 29. Set out on horse. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 30. Remained in camp all day. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 31. Set out on horse. Made 12 miles & camped.

- Sept 1. Sabbath. The first with me in California. Have been a great way to the summit. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 2. All well. A fine morning. The summit. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 3. Still camped, near the City.
- 4. All in health, remained in camp.
- 5. Very pleasant. The day.
- 6. Nothing at all. evening.
- 7. Have received the same news.
- 8. Sabbath. attended Church. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 9. All well. A fine morning. The summit. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 10. This day we have for the first time. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 11. Sabbath. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 12. Continued to be sick.
- 13. Had a little better. Made 12 miles & camped.
- 14. All well. Made 12 miles & camped.