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## EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD Article Review

Date: 12-10-89

Article: Geo. Bushnell Diary (Mirrie Jones)  
By: provided by Andy Hammond - (who will provide notes ??)  
Reviewed By: Meriel Mattes  
Finding:  Acceptable for Publication in the *Overland Journal*  
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with changes indicated below  
 Not Appropriate for Publication in the *Overland Journal*.

Changes Recommended:

1/26/90 not in fabric, but listed in my papers  
Can use as filler, etc.

2/13/88

Dear Chuck -

Enclosed is a diary that may be of interest to you and to O.J. readers. I sent a copy to Franzwa a few years ago; however he did not think it worthy of O.J. and passed it on to Mattes for possible inclusion in his new book.

The diary came to me via a friend who found it among dauntily papers in his attic. He knows nothing about it, nor have I found a Jones in Eugene who knows of it, (I've only made a cursory search.) It checks out well on a map, with one possible error (July 9th). I assume if Minnie Jones "wrote" this in 1948 she must have transcribed it from something else.

I personally think it would be a nice little item for the O.J., but you use your own judgement. We like the new cover format!

Hope you will be on the Mojave trip. We are really looking forward to it.

Regards,

Audrey Hammond

P.O. Box 6598  
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February 21, 1988

Andy Hammond  
12720 SE 25th Place  
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cc: Lois Daniel

Dear Andy,

I received the diary you sent me, and am passing it on to Lois Daniel, who is the new editor of the OJ. (It became too much for me.) I favor printing every bit of source material we can find, even the things that are not equal to Bruff, but it (fortunately) is no longer my choice. I think we are doing things better than they were done before, though. We have an Editorial Advisory Board, made up of some of the more expert of the OCTA members, so will be able to get a good opinion on the diary's value for the OJ. Lois will let you know what's going on.

Thanks for your nice words on the OJ cover.

Yes, I am going on the Mojave Road trip. Will actually go down a couple of days early with Don. He wanted to check out some things before the trip, and I volunteered to tag along so he wouldn't be out on the desert by himself. I think we will be camping out at the starting point the night before we start, but don't really know yet. Am glad you'll be going along -- someone has to keep Don out of trouble.

Thanks again. Will see you before long.

Chuck

P.S. I am trying to get my son interested coming out on a Trails West weekend. He is a big, husky, 21-year-old kid worth about four times as much as I am with a bar and shovel. I lied to him and promised him there would be a lot of cute girls there.



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Dear Andy,

The name at the end of this will be meaningless to you, but the contents will be familiar!

When Lois Daniel took over as editor of the O.J. last year, boxes and boxes of "things" arrived over a period of several months. In an effort to begin trying to catch up on issues, she dug for what she needed at the moment. I am working for Lois one day a week (volunteer...we're tight with OCTA funds!) to get caught up with all of those boxes.

I received a query several weeks ago about a Geo. Bushnell diary, citing PRRN by Mattes as the source. I wrote around and could not locate the diary so I wrote back saying so. While unboxing yesterday, there in a box was the diary, the accompanying note from you to Chuck (2/13/88) and a letter from Chuck to you saying he would forward the diary to Lois. Imagine my anguish/glee!

Concerning the diary itself: with your permission I am going to keep this copy here at the office. It appears to be a photocopy and has your last name stamped in red on the top. The diary is filled with interesting information; but before a decision about publishing is made, I need to ask for more information.

1. Who was Minnie Jones? *unknown*
2. What kind of biographical info is available about her? *none*
3. Was this written by her while visiting the Bond home or was this given orally by her and transcribed by someone else? *unknown*
4. If written by her, is a photocopy of her original written document available?

The last question may be the crucial one. There is always the possibility and usually probability of errors in transcribing a document. For example, in the Fuller diary published in the 6/4 OJ, the differences between the typewritten copy and the photocopy of the original document were considerable. Lois said she really would need a copy of the original if at all possible.

Concerning the query: this came as a request from a patron of the Fort Collins public library. The patron asked the library to try to locate this diary, based on the citing in Mattes' book and offered to pay up to \$10.00 for a photocopy of the diary. I'm guessing this is a genealogist, and it could be a

Jones! How do you want me to handle this? I've written to the library saying that I could not locate the diary, sending a copy of that letter to Merrill Mattes. Would you like me to write to the library again, identifying you as the owner and giving your address? I will do nothing without your permission.

I'll await your answers to all of the above and will, of course, send you the diary immediately if that is your wish.

I don't feel as though this is entirely a shot in the dark as I recognized your name (and remembered after a few numbers that you had moved!). I'm the one who tries to keep all the membership info on the computer up to date.

Please use the office address for your letter as I'm out here more than I admit aloud! I hope this has been more entertaining than maddening..it certainly gave me some new grey hairs.

Sincerely,

*Elaine*

Elaine McNabney  
Volunteer

*cc Chuck  
Rob  
Merrill*

*Hi + Merrill  
feels diary authentic*

*12/10*

*We have Andy's permission to do  
~~the~~ whatever we want with this. He  
has no further info about it*

*Lois*

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valley, and roads. About 12 mi. on farther 5 mi. of road thru formation of indescribable beauty of different rocks.

Sept. 15th (Thurs.) Lost the most valuable horse, lifeless in a cold pool. Passed two toll gates, camped at Charley Steadman's. We got hay at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per lb.

Sept. 16th (Fri.) To Whitker's, 24 mi. Passed thru Fiddle town, a nice little mining town, most Chinamen, nice orchards and homes. Arrived at Rich's, found Emma Mary's age. She borrowed Emma's shoes to go to church. Lost Valley. Mr. Riche went with us to Sacramento. Treated all to beer but Nancy. She took buttermilk. Mr. Riche went back 40 mi. Edwin had a place rented for us. We stayed with Mr. Hobert (a wine maker). Nancy was taking the mountain fever for 6 wks. She was the mother of the four weeks baby when the train started.

Lived in Sonoma 1 yr. Thin grass valley, Napa Co. where Bob was borned. Lived two yrs. Came to Oregon Nov, 23, 1866.

Received from Gregory Frayson (letter 4/30/55) who got it  
from Andrew W. Hammond, Billings, Wyoming

(This was written by Minnie Jones while  
visiting in the J. W. Bond home in Eugene, Ore.,  
in 1943. A trip made from the East in covered  
wagon in early days.)

TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS IN 1864 MADE BY  
GEO. E. BUSHNELL AND FAMILY.

Mr. and Mrs. Bushnell and baby, whose name  
was Missouri Bell, her age was four weeks. Alma,  
Ada and Molly, they rode time about horseback  
across. Julius, John and Jim Andrews, a brother-  
in-law. They started May 5th for California from  
Kirksville, Mo., with two wagons, 1 hack, 4 mares,  
1 stable horse, 38 head of mules. Camped that  
night 3 miles of Green Castle at Mr. Ford's.

May 6th, went thru Green Castle, camped at  
an old house.

May 7th, Saturday, camped at Big Locust.

May 8th, Sun. Went thru Chillicothe, camped  
on Grand River, close to the bridge. River was  
up. We stayed there until the 13th, then we  
crossed the river. Headed for Kingston in Cald-  
well Co. Got to Mirabile.

14th, I left the wagon train for Lexington  
for more mules of the Tandy estate I had bought  
before this time and which caused a lot of trou-  
ble and expense afterward.

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Platte River Real Narrative

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17th. I got back to the wagons, got 21 mules, 2 mares and bought 1 on Grand River, made 49 mules, 7 mares and 1 horse, headed now for Nebraska City.

May 18th, on thru DeKalb Co., Marysville, Page Co. Sidney Co. to Iowa, 15 miles from Nebraska City, where we were to cross the river where arrived 100 or more wagons were waiting, so camped in the bottom. Next day we crossed over, got some shoeing done, went 3 miles. At night 3 mules got away. We stayed there until the 30th.

May 30th, traveled 14 miles for the Plains, the first station.

May 31 (Tues) got 25 miles to a good camping ground 10 mi. East of Salt Creek near and around Nebraska City is rolling prairie, no timber but good grass and water.

June 1st, (Wed.) Crossed Salt Creek, a very nice little stream and camped on a high prairie about 1 mi. from water.

June 2nd, (Thurs.) Stayed in camp. One mare Kit, got her foot in her halter, hurt so bad expect to have to leave her on this side.

June 3rd, left Kit. A man by the name of Brown offered me \$25. but did not have the money, so I sent Julius home with him for the money. We went on, so at night he came back but he only had \$15, all he would pay. Went on 28 miles, camped

on Beaver Creek near a Stage Station.

June 4th, Sat. Passed Beaver Creek, 25 mil. Passed 67 wagons. Four wagons joined our train. Camped on prairie 1/2 mi. from wood and water. Went thru a prairie dog town 1/2 mi. long, 1/2 mi. wide. I suppose there were 1,000 dogs there. Day before yesterday, Thurs., we met a train of Mormon going to Nebraska City.

June 5th, Sun. Saw 2 antelopes yesterday (Sat) Saw an elk, passed 3 ranches today, 47 wagons, traveled 40 miles and camped on Platt bottom 40 miles from Fort Kearney.

June 6th (Mon.) The houses, fences and stables are all made of sod. River out of its banks. Saw an elk this morning. Passed 60 wagons, camped 14 miles of Fort Kearney, saw a buffalo dead beside of the road.

June 7th. (Tues.) Passed the Fort, stopped at Kearney City. Met and passed 176 wagons. Came thru dog town 10 miles east here were the junction roads from Nebraska City and Atchison, Kas.

June 8th. Passed thru Hopeville, P.O. 17 miles from Kearney, met a train of Mormons. Camped near Smith ranch.

June 9th (Thurs.) Passed Spread Eagle P.O. 35 miles from Fort Kearney. Here was a toll bridge over a stream I could step across, 10 cts. a wagon. Saw a few Indians, the first we have saw on the plains, camped tonight near French's ranch \_\_\_ mil below Cottonwood Springs.

June 10th (Fri.) Are laying by, have our stock on the island, plenty of grass, boys hunting buffalo and antelopes. 4 passed us this morning.

June 12th. Came on to the Springs where there is a fort. Soldiers demanded our pistols. In the forenoon muddy. Camped 3 or 4 miles above Cottonwood Springs.

June 13th (Mon.) Passed 5 Indians' graves about 7 feet above the ground on scaffolds, near the Junction house. Passed 262 wagons today.

June 14th (Tues.) Came up a storm at night, rained all night. Today the road wet, muddy. Passed the O'Fallen Bluff Trading Post 55 miles below Julesburg, upper crossing of South Platt. Saw 2 Indians villages, camped near Alkali Springs

June 15th (Wed.) It rained all night last night. This morning we were all wet and lay by until 10 o'clock. Met a long train of Mormons 300 going to Nebraska City for goods. Camped 2 mi below Lone Tree crossing 35 miles below Julesburg.

June 16th (Thurs.) Passed 255 wagons, camped 12 miles below Julesburg.

June 17th (Fri.) Came to Julesburg to find about crossing, so many teams there and river so high we concluded to go farther up the river.

June 18th (Sat.) Came up to Buffalo Springs opposite the Devil's Pier, a huge pile of rock on the other side of the river, and this evening there is to be preaching in a neighbor's camp.

There is 3 ministers in the train. Our Dutch company are about leaving us. We don't care. Went to hear Mr. Compton preach in their camp at 6 o'clock.

June 20th (Mon.) We passed the Lillian Spring today, the best water we have found on the Platt.

June 21st (Tues.) Camped 80 miles below the Crossing.

June 22nd (Wed.) Saw the peak of the Rocky Mountains 130 mi. distance. Camped 4 mi. below the Junction Ranch. From here to Denver is 80 miles and 50 miles to Lathan.

June 23 (Thurs.) We can see the mountains this morning. From appearance, I think they were about 20 miles off, but found out by inquiring they were about 150 mi. One of the highest peaks was Long's and Pike's Peak. In the Snowy Range. Today we passed an encampment of U.S. soldiers stationed on the bank of the Platt, for the protection of emigrants, I suppose, and encamped on the Bluff without water, wood or grass.

June 24th (Fri.) Started this morning at daylight, drove 6 mi. found grass, stopped for breakfast, and graze. Come on to the Station, on down to the ferry. They charged me \$10.00 a wagon, \$8.00 for the hack. 70 cts. for each head of stock. Camped on the Bluff 3 mi. from the river. The mountains look like they were 5 or 6 mi. away. It was 30 miles to the foot of the mountains.

June 25th (Sat.) Cleared up this morning, drove down to the ferry, got one wagon across and 6 miles, then came back, put 12 miles on a wagon, got nearly across, the rope broke and we drifted back to this side again, and here we are waiting for them to fit it up.

June 26. Stayed in camp all day waiting for them to repair the boat.

June 27th (Mon.) Got our wagons over today. Swam 40 head of stock, drove over to Cache-le-Pou (pronounced Cash-le-Pool), a mountain stream about 40 yds. wide, 10 ft. deep, 3 miles from the Platt the water clear and cold. Had to swim the stock over that river, and camped on the Bluff.

June 28th (Tues.) Today we have been traveling up stream. Passed a camp of Indians. Camped on the bank of the Cache-le-Poudre under the mountains, last night the stock took a stampede, but we got them all back again without much trouble.

June 29th (Wed.) Passed thru LaPort at the foot of the mountains and also a camp of U.S. soldiers and then got in the mountains and camped on the creek.

June 30th (Thurs.) Today we have been in an around, over the mountains traveling 25 miles. Camped on the Laramie Plains, 16 miles from Big Laramie and camped on the bank.

July 2 (Sat.) Drove 21 miles and camped on a creek bottom where the mosquitoes like to have eat us up. (Poem)

July 3 (Sun.) The mosquitoes so bad we had to travel to get away from them. Drove on to Rock Creek, 21 mi. from Fort Halleck. There were a toll bridge here they wanted 50 cts. a wagon, a we forded it, camped a mile from it.

July 5th (Tues.) Came on to Fort Halleck. This was a new fort in the mountains 30 mi. from the crossing of the North Platt and 263 yet to Ft. Bridger. The boys killed an antelope, the first we had killed on the trip. Here is a stage station.

July 6th (Wed.) Come on to North Platt. Th wanted \$5.00 per wagon for ferrying. We hunted a ford and crossed ourselves. This morning one of our mules were lame and could not travel. I went up to the station and traded it for a \$75.00 gun. We are camped on the bank of Sage Creek, 4 mi. fr the Platt, with scarcely any grass and the leaves had dammed up the Creek.

July 7th. Traveled 24 mi.

July 8th. We have had a rough road down the Canyon Pass thru the Park. Sulphur Station, saw a bear, got on West slope of the Rocky Mts.

July 9th, drove 7 mi. Camped on Mud Creek, head of Snake River. Met engineers surveying for Pacific R.R. 30 U.S. soldiers with them. 90 mi. from Fort Bridger, 120 from Green River.

July 10. (Sun.) Lay by, wrote to Edwin and Will Baird.

July 11th, (Mon.) Traveled 20 miles, camped at Barrel Springs. Stock stayed in mountains all night.

July 12th (Tues.) Bitter Creek, alkali water poor grass. Went on to Green River 35 miles.

July 13th (Wed.) Saw 11 elk and 7 antelope, drove 38 mi. water very scarce.

July 14th (Thurs.) Traveled 30 mi. water scarce, desert country, grass 2 mi. from camp. Daughter Mary and I stayed out all nite with stock.

July 15 (Fri.) 18 mi. to Green River, good grass, good country, camped a while. They told us to ferry but we forded. Mountains now all around us.

July 16th. Jim Andrews shot 2 deer. Others had to be convinced before they help him bring them in.

July 17th. In camp on Green River. Preaching by Rev. Mr. Dobbins.

July 18th (Mon.) Here yet.

July 19th. Still waiting for mule I left on South Platt. Cris Latta and boy left for Oregon trail. Cris, the teamster, and my daughter, Alma

was planning, as we overheard, to leave and get married, so I discharged him, his reason for leaving. Jim Andrews and Adda drove the team. The girls all had a lot of fun riding one of saddle mares. Mary, I think, rode the most.

July 20 (Wed.) No mule yet. Sold one \$140.00. I got him from J. T. Smith. I gave a man \$5.00 as he had one drowned.

July 21. No mule yet.

July 22. Still on Green River.

July 23 (Sat.) Still here yet. Don't know how much longer. Charley Huff is with us on his way to Salt Lake.

July 24. Left Green River. No mule. Drove to Black Fork 14 mi. for dinner. By night at Ham's Fork by night 18 mi. farther. Today heavy rain, streams high.

July 25 (Mon.) Came to Laramie Road, crossed Ham's Fork twice, camped 10 mi. from Ft. Bridger.

July 26, waiting again.

July 27, passed thru Fort Bridger, 8 mi. beyond. Nice place. 6 mountain streams.

July 28, 28 mi. to Bear River. Plenty water grass.

July 29 (Fri.) 27 mi. camped in Echo Canyon

July 30 (Sat.) Weber River, home station, 3 mi. from Salt Lake. 7 mi. camped by a stone mill, lots of Mormons settled.

July 31st (Sun.) Bad roads in Canyon side of mountains, about 15 mi. camped 27 mi. from Celestial City called the Park between the mountains.

August 3rd (Wed.) Layed by, shoe a mare for \$8.00, 34 cts for flour, \$1.00 a lb. for sugar, and saw the foundation of the temple. It is 190 ft. by 137 ft. Walled in with a wall 14 feet high.

Aug. 4th, (Thurs.) Drove 28 mi. to Stockton New silver mines, 50 men building furnaces, quart mill, finest feed on the trip.

Aug. 5th, Fri. 3 mon. on the trip. Got a specimen of silver ore 20 mi. up Bush Valley.

Aug. 6th. Drove 28 mi. to Government Spring

Aug. 7th. 3 mi. of the desert.

Aug. 8th. Laying over 2½ mi. of Indian Springs. Plenty of feed, water and wood.

Aug. 9th. (Tues.) Started across the desert. It looks like a lake frozen over.

Aug. 10th. Got across at 8 A.M. 50 miles in 20 hrs. without water or feed except what we had with us. Stayed until 3 P.M. drove 4 mi. to a spring and camped.

Aug. 11th (Thurs.) Drove 21 mi. to Willow Spring. Plenty grass, water, fishing holes 250 ft. deep.

Aug. 12. Drove to Deep Creek, 28 mi. plenty of feed.

Aug. 13. Came 4 mi. Cut grass to cross the desert 3 mi. camped.

Aug. 14 (Sun.) 38 mi. to Antelope Springs. 3½ mi. to the right good feed, fell in with Dr. Coger and Mr. Baker, cousins of Mrs. Thatcher

Aug. 15, Spring Valley 18 mi. Stopped for dinner, lot of feed, Indians too, 8 mi. in the Mt 26 miles today.

August 16th (Tues.) Stayed till evening over the Mts. Snell Creek 4 mi. Camped, feed plenty.

Aug. 17th (Wed.) 18 mi. camped in Egan Cany 2 mi. above Stampede City at the silver and gold mines.

Aug. 18. 18 mi. to Pony Springs, rough place to camp on the side of mt. Plenty of feed.

Aug. 19. (Fri,) 14 mi. to a spring. Poor feed

Aug. 20 (Sat.) 13 mi. to Ruby Spring to get bacon at \$1.36 per lb.

Aug. 21. 19 mi. to a spring at the right of the road, 3 mi. more found plenty of feed.

Aug. 22 (Mon.) 12 mi. over Diamond Mts. to Diamond Springs.

Aug. 23. 14 mi. to Sulphur Springs, plenty feed.

Aug. 24 (Wed.) 16 mi. to Robert Creek, a spring branch, plenty feed, 3 mi. to the right of mountain.

Aug. 25 (Thurs.) 16 mi. to Grub Wells, very good water and feed.

Aug. 26. Drove 20 mi. Dry creek, plenty feed.

Aug. 27 (Sat.) Simpson Park, left Old Puss 4 mi. up. Plenty feed. Drove 20 mi. today.

Aug. 28 (Sun.) Found Edwin at Austin farm Calif.

Aug. 29. Left late afternoon. We traveled for miles, seen first civilization, a grocery. A rancher tried to mislead us to his ranch, but we still trusted to fate and plodded on with good luck. Near Smokey Valley found miles beautiful gardens, some irrigation. Late when we got here.

Aug. 30th. Camped in beautiful valley of Beese River. Left Big Creek at 7:30 o'clock, 1 mi to Lander City, noted for all kind of supplies.

but not having a full box of matches. 1 mi. we passed thru a part of Canyon City, quite a flourishing mining town, quartz mills here. We went 15 mi. to find we going over same roads. We soon by brisk driving made it 5 mi. to a stream, the richest silver mines in the world. Saw 30 Indian nearly to Washington 35 mi.

Aug. 31 (Wed.) Camped near Ione, desert, populated by stakes and brush fences. Plenty of bunch grass.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. thru pass. Water not so good. Plenty wood and feed. It is getting cool, need w

Sept. 1 (Thurs.) Still in the desert. Look dreary. Left camp early. Our camp might justly called a big encampment. Everything is grand. Ione capital of Nye County, cluster of houses in a canyon. We traveled over the mountain to Westo where we found plenty of feed. 30 mi. today. Water was not so good. They tried to collect toll, but failed.

Sept. 2 (Fri.) Traveled  $20\frac{1}{2}$  mi. at foot of grade 80 ft. deep. We find ourselves facing a desert, dreary and cheerless, sandy, and mountain. Lot of emigrants, feed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Sept. 3rd. (Sat.) Traveled till midnight, 3 head of stock, no feed, ranchers were kind and tried to help us. The stock came back, we soon found plenty of feed. Doleful days, sleepless among greasewood and sand hills.

Sept. 4th (Sun.) Went 15 mi. good water, movers suffering, supper 5 mi. West, no water, plenty of feed. We continued our toiling march going gradually descending to Walker Lake 4 a.m. out all night. Serious inconvenience over West of Walker River. 15 mi. in 34 hours. Camped at Walker River bridge, Indian Res.

Sept. 5th (Mon.) Indians in great numbers, something to sell, high prices, would pay for what we had charged 25 cts. per head for grazing, found feed 3 mi. ahead. Women fear Indians. Moved 5 mi. Camped. Last of our flour. Plenty of everything but for the wretched reservation. Boys gone to the mts. and I to dreamland to explore the lights of vision somewhere in its hidden caves.

Sept. 6th. By a little white lie we found good grazing 2 hr. Here we met the Bligh at the reserve house. They were cousins of Edwin's a cousin. Here he divided flour, meal, present of a quarter veal, a bucket of milk. Government charges \$10.00 for grazing. We had plenty but money.

Sept. 7th. Everything quiet. Rested a day. Mules resting, good feed, good weather.

Sept. 8th, joined by D.R.H. Blygh to Carson City. Everything as usual. 10 mi. no feed Northwest 5 mi. Water scarce, great deal of salt alkali grass, no change to Mason road down incline to Church Hill, traveled 27 mi. today.

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valley, and roads. About 12 mi. on farther 5 mi. of road thru formation of indescribable beauty of different rocks.

Sept. 15th (Thurs.) Lost the most valuable horse, lifeless in a cold pool. Passed two toll gates, camped at Charley Steadman's. We got hay at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb.

Sept. 16th (Fri.) To Whitker's, 24 mi. Passed thru Fiddle town, a nice little mining town, most Chinaman, nice orchards and homes. Arrived at Rich's, found Emma Mary's age. She borrowed Emma's shoes to go to church. Lost Vall Mr. Riche went with us to Sacramento. Treated all to beer but Nancy. She took buttermilk. Mr. Ric went back 40 mi. Edwin had a place rented for us We stayed with Mr. Hobert (a wine maker). Nancy was taking the mountain fever for 6 wks. She was the mother of the four weeks baby when the train started.

Lived in Sonoma 1 yr. Thin grass valley, Napa Co. where Bob was borned. Lived two yrs. Came to Oregon Nov, 23, 1866.