

DIARY OF HENRY SHOMBRE

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March 19, 1849 9 o'clock big crowd excitement boys tite. Conville crowd salute fired gun in cabin shot through door. Some feel very bad gals. one fell ove(r) & hurt his shin music dans (dance); coffee () neck ();

(March) Mo(n) 20 woke in Lantrel fine morning crowd came to see us boys in fine spirits lame man better shooting after breakfast met Mr. Huety glad to see him Boat reshaping to the wave () got acquainted with Lan C. Codiver over (our) boys little tite feel better help reshaping took all day start at sundown run aground 2nd pilot got mad swore ript() tore() snorted about to leave concluded to stay all glad of it. banjo playing dancing all fired a salute some playing cards some tite and full of fun.

(March) Tues 20 Boat made poor progress last night run aground 7 times reached Brookville at 6 A.M. lay by 2 hours saw Mr. Miller of Fairfield with wife and family for calafor (??California) one of the boys shot a goose some of them tite music & dancing shot old rooster a man came along the boys scared arrived at Harrison the boys all armed on deck fired a salute the whole town came down to see us lay there one hour at night great trouble about beds stowed in thick stealing blankets lots of fun get to sleep at 12 o'clock

(March) Wed 21st morning cloudy & cold in to good spirits the goose for breakfast all went to the first table some get seats at table cook drives them all out great excitement some gets mad but I was in for the goose at 9 o'clock pass through the Harrison tunnel had a long talk with one of the boys about home and the girls feel a little bad but not much left the boat 5 mi(le) above inclined to the top of the highest peak on the Ohio visited S. Spocks nursery &
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Page 8 - a camp close by have good music it is cheering indeed we begin to fix for bed our tent full full! Some of the boys a little discouraged and the sick not much better they both have chills

(April) Tues 3rd It began to rain last night about 12 and all night & all day we had a time getting breakfast in the rain one bread as downy (doughy) as ever but we had a change dow (dough) and meet (meat) for breakfast meet(meat) and dow (dough) for supper breakf(ast) & of us (over) start for Ind(pendence) 3 miles in the rain and mud the road winds up the mountain among broken cragy rocks

torn or tossed by some dredful convulsion in nature the hill is a mile long the scenry romantic the road is throng with men mules oxen waggons & carrig's (carriages) taking cal'vs and their goods to Ind(pendence) and vic' () the country is tol'(ally) brkn'(broken) but for upland the best I ever saw between the river and the town the ty(country) is well improved good farms and good houses saw one orchard the timber oak ash elm walnut pick () cherry sug() Ind(pendence) is in Jackson Co(unt) Lat(itude) 39 deg(gree) situated 3 1/2 mi(le) from the upper landing on a very handsome plain surrounded by a fine fertile CY(country) Pop(ulation) of Co(unt) 1,000 Pop(ulation) of Ind(pendence) 1600 6 churches Meth(odist), Bap(tist), Pres(byterian) Cum(berland), Cath(olic), Col(), 1 Sem(inary) 5 schools 3 div Sons(divisions????) 1 Dan(), 1 Temple Hon () 1 Lodge(e) Masons 1 do(same) Odd (??Fellows) 35 Stores &c 45 forges 5 sadlerys I went to town in the rain the thronged & muddy (muddy)

(April) Wed 4 morning cool The(temperature) 45 a man in the next camp very sick aft(er) bks(breakfast) go gunning the bluffs up the river are romantic very found() no game took dinner with Mr Maxwell had a good dinner a fine chat after a long ramble returned to camp weary 2 more of our men came on glad to see them sick man worse Took some cold bred (bread) and meet (meat) for supper. evening lovely made me think of home & friends

(April) Thursday 5 morning fine Sick man very bad said to cholera we hold a council conclude to move off the river a comty (?committee) to find a location and one to get teem (team), both procured & some employed in Page 9 moving while 2 of us are looking for another & better location we travel 1 1/2 mi(les) S(outh) of town the finest CY(city) I have seen find camp ground and lots of tents men, women & children all for Cal(ifornia). Return and find boys buisy in moving to top of hill Sick man dead poor fellow buried by his men in a lovely place 5 o'clock P.M. our tents nicely situated we feel comfortable but melancoly at the recent death of our fellow adventurer. he had a family in mod(?moderate) circumstances

(April) Fry 6 morning pleasant Thi(temperature) 48 much pleased with our new camping ground sick men get better got some saleratus had better bread men all have good apatite (appetite) after breakft (breakfast) great time messing off jct() finally arranged my mess com(pany) of 2 youngsters Mike Frasin Bill Buck Peter Booth and myself well pleased with the mess matters fix'd I go to town to write to the Weavers send a paper to Alo P and M.W. buy a few things and return to camp had a fine hower (?shower) 5 oc'(lock) P.M. 3 of us go fishing 4 miles up the river did not get a nibble stay till 8 ac(lock) come back over hills and dales reach camp 10 conclude to have a gard(guard) one of us to stand feel more like going to bed but have to stand it the gard (guard) is so noisy that we cant sleep a great time of it sure

(April) Sat 7 morning fine but cool The(temperature) 49 we have concluded to move another camping ground send for some of our mules which are 2 1/2 mi(les) S(outh) of town being 8 some not brok(e) great time getting them harnessed hich (hitch) them all to 1 wagon 1 pulls & 1 pulls but pull together finally get started tak(e) 1 waggon up the hill bring back 2 mules and take 1 small waggon the rest of us conclude to stay till Mond(ay). I conclude to wash a shirt and socks mad(e) a tol'(erable?) good wash for the first shirt look tol'(erable) white. Our supper over I visit a neighbours

PAGE 10 - camp was asked to tea they had corn bread and sugar in their tea. but we had a visit this afternoon from some cal (California) ladies they were very sociable indeed it done me good to see them so lively and cheerful they had some sweet little children all for the west they gave me an invitation to visit them when they camped and of coarce (course) I will

(April) Sun 8 morning damp and cool The(temperature) 44 all in tol(erable) health had a good bread for bkft (breakfast) called on a neighbour camp found them to be Hoosiers from Ind(iana) appear good fellows some muddy all over breaking mules. Soon after I returned to camp a tirkey(turkey) passed & such another rush for guns I ran with mine empty and had no balls but the Terkey(turkey) didn't kno(w) it had a fine chase but it was soon lost amon(g) the hills I then visited a Mr. Smith the richest man in Mo (Missouri) a clever old fellow expected to get dinner but he was just going to town got back to camp hungry and nothing cooked thot (thought) home & Davos, took another ramble in the evening over the hills see many flowers with for a pretty girl to enjoy them but alas have none. Last night was my first wach (watch) 2 hours in the rain stood tol'(erable) well but there was some grumbling

(April) Mon 9th morning cloudy The(temperature) 44 our men in tol(erable) good health took a ramble same up a heavy rain took shelter under a large projecting rock a fine place for meditation took out my journal wrote proceedings of the previous day enjoyed myself very well in my lonely retreat admiring the strange but beautiful and romantic works of nature returned to camp found some asleep some reading some writing 11 of our mules came to take 3 more waggons to the other camp myself and 2 others took a net and went fishing but bad fishers PAGE 11 - luck returned to camp 3 P M tired and hungry nothing cooked and no woman to cook any go at it myself get up a tol(erable) good supper and how it tasted good after supper we amuse ourselves jumping 8 oc(lock) we all retire but the gard (guard) the wind is very high from the northwest makes our tents quiver

(April) Tus 10 morning cool & frosty The(temperature) 38 last night the wind was very high all night and the coolest that has been this morning we are preparing to move to our new tenting place west of Ind(pendence) 2 ms (miles) on our road thither I called Col Gilpin he lives in an old log house 1 mile no(rth) of Ind(pendence) on a farm is a tall man about 30 yrs (years) of age quite affable intelligent and communicative he showed me his maps and plats of the rout(e) and county Ind(pendence) is a perfect throng and hustle all cal (?California) the town is literally crowd(ed) with mules oxen waggons for sale tol(erable) cheap reached new camp 3 oc(lock) P.M. a beautiful place in a wood pasture on a nice elevation sparsely covered with beautiful forest trees and covered with grass close to a fine spring the location is indeed lovely it looks as though I could stay here all ways last evening was passing lovely the stars looked brighter than I ever saw them and on the two light breezes (breeze) floated the sweet songs of native tribes of feathered songsters which was cheering

(April) Wed 11 morning fine The(temperature) 43 aft(er) bks (breakfast) a met (meeting) called ?mule Co(mpany) reported several com (committees) appointed held election for officers Capt Davis Tr (?treasurer) Thos Williams Secy Knobe a prop (?position) for 3 more officers Lut (lieutenant) Sergt (sergeant) gard (guard) get ? master metry () adj () til tomorrow went gunning stopt (stopped) at old thimp (?) devil She was some in a bar fight told that she PAGE 12 - could do when a gal but now was old and feeble to and couldnt do it any more rambled several miles found no game helpt draft the duty of ex officers

(April) Thurs 12 morning pleasant but cloudy our smiths go to work to fix waggons. help ketch (catch) a wild mule get on to ride & ride it was my first adventure on a jack ass & it was amusing took out through wood(s) and away we went put him through then went to town on his long ears and blind bridled looked some one (once) is awhile he would bellow out big fun. As usual town crowded business brisk. Saw a chief of Caw (Kaw) tribe a sqaw 2 popas and some others chief in full costume looked savage. 12 oc(lock) fine shower return to camp some of the boys out gunning come in wet hungry tired (tired) no bread baked baked nothing to eat they think it hard time rains all afternoon. Stay in tent and write dont feel very well after supper feel better. Numbers of wild geese fly over camp rain over turns cool our men all in better health and tol(erable) spirits except Miller

(April) Fri 13 morning pls (pleasant). The(temperature 44 aft bkft (after breakfast) a meeting was held some minor buis (business) as transacted had election to fill the new offices. A Cunningham Lieut L. Meek Qr master S McMurry Sgt of gard (guard) Smiths buisy (busy) fixing wag(waggon) a county appointed have wag(waggon) altered wag(waggon) maker and carp(enter) at work the rest of us pnt?? up mules to break brand & no small job hitch up two devils my first jack ass working and working it was
**kick paw fight & firmness was very large
some got the rest in a pan (pen?) have to do so them a great time of it I got 1 out a little devil worried nearly to death we had it up and down more than an hour got them all branded but two.
**(paragraph does not make sense...RB)
3 oc(lock) P M went to town invited to address or reply to an address to the emigrants of T. weather cloudy and cool returning to camp met 9 of the co(mpany) going to town
PAGE 13 - some pretty funny all appearin(g) high spirits. But things not going satisfactorily to me in several respects

(April) Sat 14 night cold an windy The(temperature - 29 morning very cold ice 1/2 inch thick ground froze lay cold all night aft brkft (after breakfast) (which was cold geting sure) went to town Saw my name of (on) the list of letters that came in night before called for it P.M. could not find it, hi or low very much vexed indeed half mad about it so anxious to hear from home. This is the day of the parade was introduced P.W.P of S.T. to gen (General) Lucas and several of the brethren (brethren) the orator has declined they want me to fill in his place they urged I consent with reluctance 11 o'clock Pro- ession in usual order grand marsh'l (marshal) gen (General?) Lucas all march to the C.(umberland)

Pre(sbyterian Church already partly filled by the fair sex all seated in order the marshal called for a mas? ode which was well performed next prayer than a T(ea) ode all done up in good stile (style) then the Masonic Oration to which was a very pretty thing he had it written and read it next I gave them an offhand shot after which there was a mos? ode the binadictor (benediction?) the prop (procession?) formed as before marched to the public square in a considerable snow storm. After din(ner) went again to the P O but the letter could not be found felt very much vexed. Gen Lia (General Lia ?) behalf and by request of the D of T thanks me for the notice I gave them and by request of the div(?ison) I was invited to address them on Wed(nesday) evening next ret(urned) to camp feel the effects of handling the j(ack) asses pains in my limbs the day has been very cold snowy & cludy poor prospect this for grass in making our bed put one blanket under all the rest over beside coats &c.

(April) Sun 15 last night was very cold at 1/2 past 5 o'clock Ther(thermometer stood at 24 there was a very hard freeze the (wind) blew from NE steady 36 hours after sunrise the wind fell but the cold was severe indeed. After bkft (breakfast) five of us concluded to go to Westport 10 miles west the country between here and that place is broken land is not so good we cros't (crossed) blue (Blue) a(bout) 3 ms(miles) west it appears sluggish though back water made it more so at this time, its banks are deep the land along the banks is good where it is not wet timber rather poor West Port is situated 3/4 of a mile from the boundry of U.S. Pop(ulation) 500 5 stores 2 doc(tors) 1 church 1 school 2 smiths S Some other mechanicks went to church twice went over the boundry lineout of the U.S. Stayed there all night saw much drinking some Indians slept on a bank tol (?) well. After bkft(breakfast) bot (thought) the country west of W.P. (West Port) good as far as I went some good fauns (farms) and tol (tolerable) well improved the citizens appear rather intelligent and quite fashionable dressing.

(April) Mon 16 morning cool though more moderate expect to get a bed last night but was disappointed got a hard bunk slept tol(erable) well. Aft brkft (After breakfast) bot (bought) some moccsons (moccasins) & then took up our line of march for the camp stoped (stopped) at blue (Blue) to fish but not a nibble returned to camp heard the Centerville Co(mpany) had arrived Sent two of our wild mules to bring them from the landing got some cornmeal & had some corn bread for dinner 4 oc(of) thewaggons Doc Pa and some of his men arrive we invite them to T(ea) Doc did me the hon(honor) to sup with my mess. help them pitch their tents & Doc is unwell clouds and appearance of rain.

had a word with one of the co(mpany) for calling me a liar told him would take the privelege of (k)nocking him down if he did it again sorry it took place but could not help it

(April) 17 morning cold THr (thermometer) 36 aft Bk (After breakfast) some of our boys got up 18 mules & went to the river after the Richmond boys. H Hanna & myself went to town and then took a walk on the Santa Fe road. I recd (received) a letter from Alred very glad to find the Indianapolis boys we met them on the way they appear fine fellows returned to town when (where) a man had been shot by axt(accident?) (and) on the day before but not killed. we bot(bought) some ginger bread went along the street with it under our arm eating. We turned to camp 12 noon fried some corn fritters they were good to! 3 o'clock the R(ichmond) boys come well fixt(fixed) our boys broke one of their waggons our camp begins to look some in a bar fight. D Wood just arrived who was out trying to find his mule but did not. they told them to go to St Jo thinking we had gone there

(April) Wed 18 rain mos(t) cold Tho(thermometer) 27 aft bkft (after breakfast) great time dividing mules among the messes Such another time you never saw. well we got them divided I got a good team of 6 mules got my driver hitched up to four packages they worked well after dinner we had a draw for waggons. Had some visitors from the Indep(endence) camp one mess broke the tongue of their waggon I am to speak in town on T. D. Wood Dr Prithett accompany me try to fix up a little but look hard sure to appear before the ladies we went to the W P and introduced friends find W P and his wife very clever went to the church find it crowded Wood and myself held for the had a fine time lots of ladies

(April) Thurs 19 morning fine but cold and frosty aft bkft (after breakfast) went to town expecting a letter and waited for the mail 2 hours got no letter left sad and disappointed over anxious to hear from home once more return got 4 letters for others thot (thought) every body was getting news but me

Page 16 - returned to camp thing(s) as usual some breaking mules some in tents some by fires some gunning visited my neighbours all seem lively 7 o'clock music in R(ichmond) camp it was sweet & soothing

(April) Fri 20 morning lovely The(thermometer) 53 aft bkft (After breakfast) lassoed & hiched (hitched) up our mules and had some fun sure drove them to town ther(e) was an Odd fellows procession a great throng in town the ladies look very fine. had the pleasure of an introduction to and

spent a few hours with some of them whom I found to (be) intelligent interesting as much so as in any country the society the buisness the country the soil all inviting in this section (fine!)

(April) Sat 21st morning lovely Tho(thermometer) 50 aft bkft (after breakfast) one man went to find another 6 ground our full number of mules bot(bought) oiling harns fixing boxes in waggons & our last man arrived Putney of Sager brot (brought) a lot of letters great time over them poor me got none. The Centerville boys returned with their mules. wrote a letter to Alf(red) went gunning found no game Sat down in the wood and thot(thought) about home and friends in the evening went to town bot(bought) some sugar

(April) Sun 22 morning lovely! The (thermometer) 56 had tol(erable) good bkft (breakfast) good wash shave & prepared to go to church fixt (fixed) the best I could wished for my better cloaths (clothes) wanted to mix in a little among the ladies but want fixt for it went to town anyhow and to bro (Bro) Hays W.P. of S T. Mrs. Hays very intelligent her husband not at home went with her to church dined with her and spent most of the day. She has 2.....into children her little girl put me in mind of her little Emma. took a stroll all over town and vic? saw some lovely sites for residents on my return to camp found the men all lying on the ground the evening was lovely Thot(thought) of home and friends how I would love to see them

Page 17 - (April) Mon 23 morning raining Thr(thermometer) 59 got in the rain fire out of wood all wet pouring down poor prospect for bkft (breakfast) had to make bread in the rain and bake it in the rain two of our men brot (brought) fish home Some of the Cent(erville) boys and went off in the rain 3 ms(miles) to fish had fishers luck 3 o'clock weather fine went to town to the Div?.....of 15 Tem?...

(April) Tue 24 morning lovely nature begins to ap(pear) more the appearance of spring aft bkft (after breakfast) was appointed to buy some flour went to town discharged my business went to the P.O. looked out over the list for my name put in a paper to B went to the list looked all over it again but turned in sorrow away being disappointed returned to find all buisy preparing to move a few miles to another camp on the Sant F (Santa Fe) road. 2 of us went fishing saw a woman at the creek to (the) evening was lovely beyond description

(April) Wed 25 morning sweet and lovely all preparing to leave for another camp we make a bolster get up our asses jack load our waggons and make a start such other jack ass putting you never saw we travailed 8 ms (miles) south of Ind(ependence) over a fine country entered the first ...?prairie...4 ms(miles) south of 't' (Independence) the K (camp) lay SW and very crooked. The country well improved good farms beautiful and fertile P T (pitched tents) in a grove a lay camp there already had the cholic (colic) tol'(erable) bad a few hours. The country well improved good farms beautiful on prar (prairie) good timber scarce.

(April) THs 26 morning fine got my Thr(thermometer) broke very sorry for it 4 of our mules got out last night and strayed off some of our men are out looking for them all in different camps a man sent to find a camping ground are preparing for the journey 2 little children in one tent. Mr. Bryant of St L. (F) went past with his train of pack mules

PAGE 18 - 180 in number and 60 men 2 of our men came home tite great time went out gunning found no gamea fine Co(untry) S(outh) the Co(untry) NW (North West) is more broken timber scarce off to the SW (south west) the prary (prairie) extends as far as the eye can see and farther felt unwell all day but am better the boys had some good singing last night the evening lovely

(April) 27 Fri 27 morning lovely aft bkft (after breakfast) a meeting was called for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of sending home for flour all concluded to send a comty (committee) appointed to send back to town to buy some more articles. one of our men Mr. Sanders sick. heard of 2 of our mules several out hunting them one of my had a chill took a walk over the prairie the road on both sides lined with tents & waggons men women children happened to meet a beautiful girl bound for Cal(ifornia) had the pleasure of a stroll over the prairies with her had an interesting time she is intelligent and interesting 6 oc(lock) P.M. our mules all found glad of it the Santafee road is one continual throng of emigrants going to a stream cold(called) blue (Blue) 8 ms (miles) on

(April) Sat 28 mor(e) cool aft brkft (after breakfast) a meeting called to take into consideration the propriety of selling 4 young mules2 broke ones 2 of our men bot (bought) on to ride through. took out my gun rambled over the prairies heard more of a young guirl (girl) in whose condition I felt much ** inst (explane)**(does it mean interest?）** there is a shameful riot & fight Beeler & Fifer sick men better

(April) Sun 29 Morning cool & dull aft bkft (after breakfast) took a walk with Mr Cunning have related the circumstances of the girl talked it over concluded to let it sand (stand) for a few days 11 oc(lock) 2 of the K (camp) boys came to camp & with the melancholy news of the death of Thos Hannah I immediately went up and found them all in deep dejection it cast a Page 19 - gloom over all their feelings Doc P told me that he suffered very little pain & died very easy

(April) Mon 30 sat up part of the night with the corpse it was very stormy and cold all night the morning very cold went aft bkft (after breakfast) to help dig grave slowly & silantly we hollowed his lowly tomb 10 oc(lock) he was placed in the coffin and convyed (conveyed) by the herse (hearse -horse) followed by some 40 of his friends and neighbours with sad hearts to his last long home where in deep dejection we paid the last respects to our mourned and departed young friend. Our K (camp) friends gave us all dinner myself & 2 of our men stayed to help the Center(ville) boys

****May Tus 1 Slept last night with H. Hannah at Mr Hills a bed felt natural and I slept well thot (thought) that would be the last feather bed I would get soon for the 1st of May it was the coldest I ever felt we were very buisy (busy) in getting off the Cente(erville) boys had some trouble with their asses but they and the R(ichmond) boys arrived at our camp in safety the road is throng with emigrants moving on every day from every state.

(May) Wed 2 had a fine rain last night with much thunder & lightning begins to look like spring our sick men better. we took our asses out to graze on the prairie it was poor grazing some of our men are making hobbles to hobble our asses.. we bot(bought) 6 yoke of oxen to drive along. at 30\$ per yoke they may do us for beef after we get there some of our men are in rather poor spirits others fine

(May) Thurs 3 appearance of rain all bustle & hurry to strike our tents for another camp all move of tol(erable) well we traveled 12ms (miles) SW (southwest) over a rolling prairie on a crooked road crost (crossed) blue R. (Blue River). it PAGE 20 - winds thro (through) a rich narrow valley covered with tol(erable) good timber we also crost a rocky creek, broad flat rocks form its bed plenty good stone all along. the country tol(erable) well improved. 10oc(lock) the most sudden hard rain I eve(r) saw it came down in torrents old Mr Wood's horse would turn his rump to he storm (it) wouldn't go. the C b' (Centerville boys) stoped (stopped) to get sunthing (something) done one of their

horses got away with gears on and ran all over the prairie but they finally got him we pitched our tents just over the B ? line to the west appears an eternal expanse (expanse) of prairie

(May) Fri 4 the rain fell last (night) in torrents just pord (poured) down our little fire was all out the wood (was) wet and raining things gloomy for the first morning out of our states we have now past (passed) beyond the bounds of cicilyz (civilization) there is a dogery () close to our camp which has been full all day of any taking the last spree some of our boys tite and all day I went back to C.B.C. (E.B's C) all in good spts (spirits) people are going all day in the rain going on

(May) Sat 5 heavy mist things look dreary some of our men went back to help theover some bad hills 11 oc(lock) they arrive we all string out making quite a sho(show) 10 wggons 57 men 81 horses mules and oxen 3 dogs with this train we bid fare well to civilization and our native states launching out on ocean eternal prairie our road lay over a beautiful rolling prairie SW (southwest) after --ms(miles) travel we encampt (encamped) for the night for the first time we hobld (hobbled) mules they cut a stiff sure cold meting and some guard regulations our wood was not water poor? we hauled wood 2 ms (miles)

(May) Sun 6 night damp appearance of rain 8 oc(lock) all ready to move on trav(eled) 15 SW ms (southwest miles) over a rolling prairie past the lone elm (Lone Elm) the sc(enery) beautiful and extensive overtook an ox train who had a sick (man) he died
PAGE 21 - we encamped on Bull creek tool?....place one of the R(ichmond) men 2 of ours sick the eve(ning) lovely

(May) Mon 7 Sick men no better morning lovely the songs of the birds in the little grove is sweet a thousand different voices pour forth their joyous warbling to him who gave them life from the (????coarce goo of thr p'H to the sweet) chirp of the smaller tribe from about daybreak til' sunrise may be herd (heard) in every grove we traveled 12 ms (miles) after crossing B C (Bull Creek ?) our road lay over a rolling prairie travld (traveled) NW (northwest) to a litle stream which I will call Indian crke (creek) Indian cabin close to a fine spring and in a sweet little grove for an Ind(ian) well fxt (fixed) the timber on creek is good oak, elm.....& strip along the creek which runs due north one of our sick men very low little hope R(ichmond) man do (same) 9 oc(lock) P M Doc P gives up our man

(May) Tue beautiful mor(ning) sick man hipelessly low went out after breakfast to mind the stock 1/2 8 oc(lock) I was informed that our poor fellow was no more he died without saying a word in regard to his willingness to die or his affairs in a distant and strange land far from home and relatives he was cald (called) to die it was a heavy stroke upon us all for his burying spot was selected a high note on the bluffs of Ind(ian) C(reek) in the edge of the prairie his lonely grave was in silance (silence) hollowed out 11 oc(lock) we placed him on a hand bier and in silance bore him to this last long resting place after we buried him which was as follows in his common cloaths (clothes) covering the bottom of the grave with green bushes then laid him in his grave, Mr Wood made a few appropriate remarks and had a prayer we returned to...