

Diary

- 1 April 22, 1850. Started to Oregon on steamboat Ludlow. Landed in Marietta, 7:00 P.M.
- April 23. Left on steamboat for Cincinnati. Laded 5:00 o'clock.
- April 26. Left on steamboat Washington for New Albany at 11:00 A. M.
- April 27. Landed at 1:00 o'clock.
- April 28. Left at 8:00 A. M. on Gernerall Lafayette for New Orleans. Wrote letter to wife.
- May 6. Land at New Orleans.
- May 11. Abraham started for New Albany on Bostonia.
- May 12. Wrote letter from New Orleans to S. R. Fouts.
- May 19. Wrote to Lydia.
- May 26. Wrote to Solomon.
- June 7. Wrote to Lydia.
- June 11. Left New Orleans on the steamboat Uncle Same for St. Louis.
- June 19. Landed at S. Louis.
- June 23. Left on the steamboat Robert Campbell for St. Joseph.
- June 28. Arrived at St. Joseph.
- June 28. Crossed the river, 8:00 P. M., commenced raining as we landed and continued all night.
- July 8. Crossed Big Blue.
- July 11. Passed Fort Kearney. Wrote to Lydia.
- July 17. Came by the Big Springs, after travelling 35 miles without water. Stayed all next day.
- July 21. Came to the crossing of South Platt.
- July 22. Passed over 100 Mormon wagons. Crossed Platte to North Platte. Camped at Ash Hollow.
- July 23. Travelled 25 miles, and camped on bank of river.
- 2 July 24. Travelled 28 miles and camped on little creek.
- July 25. Noon, near Capitol Rock on a little creek. Camped within 4 miles of Chimney ~~Rock~~ Rock. for the night. Made 26 miles.
- July 26. Travelled 28 miles.

- July 27. Travelled 12 miles to Scotts Bluff and camped at a trading post, kept by Mr. Rubideux.
- July 28. Sunday. Laid by on account of rain. Got a shoe put on a horse.
- July 29. Bought 5 mules. Travelled 12 miles. Heavy hale, big as quail eggs. Travelled 12 miles before noon, and 8 miles afternoon and camped for night.
- July 30. Travelled 10 miles till noon, and 12 miles in the afternoon.
- July 31. Travelled 10 miles to Fort Laramie.
- August 1. Made 24 miles.
- August 2. Travelled 27 miles, passing a good spring on high ground, and camped on river bank.
- August 3. Left river. Travelled over high ground, passing 2 springs 28 miles. Camped on small creek, and one mile southwest of the small creek, passed under a stone bridge with 80 foot span.
- August 4. Sunday. Camped at noon on a small creek and caught some fish.
- August 5. Left road and travelled 15 miles, and killed an antelope.
- August 6. Left river at noon--10 miles. Travelled to the ferry where we camped for the night, making ~~12~~ 16 miles.
- August 7. Left for Sweet Water, good spring on high ground, made 29 miles and camped.
- August 8. Travelled 23 miles and camped on Sweet Water.
- August 11. Came in sight of Wind river. Snow on mountains. Left our wagons.
- October 11. Got to Hedges, one mile from Oregon City.
- October 19. Wrote to my wife.

William Fouts

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