

Monday, April 4th, 1853.

Started for California from Rockville Lawrence Co Penna in a big wagon and got to Harmony & stayed all night It snowed all day verry hard

Tuesday, 5th.

Left Wolf's inn in Harmony got to Pittsburg at 5 O clock P M stoped at Samuel Hares Hotel all night

Wednesday, 6th.

Engaged our passage to St. Louis on the Steamer Twin City for 6 dollars and 81 cents

Thursday, April 7th, 1853.

Left Pittsburg at 5 O clock & got to Beever at dark went from Beever to Wellsville again day light

Friday, 8th.

Left Wellsville in the morning & got to Wheling at 11 O clock A M from thence to Marietta again 3 O clock P. M

Saturday, 9th.

Left Pomroy at day break and got to Ironton on the Virginia line at 12 O clock Received of Ebb 6.82

Sunday, April 10th, 1853.

Arived at Cincinnati O at 2 O clock A M Left at 1 O clock P M and arived at Madison at 8 O clock P M

Monday, 11th.

Arived at Louisville at 2 O clock A. M got to Canelton at dark a verry warm day Peachtrees out in full bloom

Tuesday, 12th.

Arrived at Paducah at the mouth of the Tennessee river at 6 O clock P. M.
got to Cairo at midnight verry warm day was a little sick

Wednesday, April 13th, 1853.

Arrived at Cape Jerido at 10 O clock got to the Devils Bakeoven at 4
O clock P. M. Rained a small shower in the afternoon

Thursday, 14th.

Laid up all day on account of a hole burnd in the boilers we run around
through the woods a good deal Jonathan Stoughten verry sick

Friday, 15th.

At 2 O clock left where we laid up passed Jeferson Barracks at 4 O clock
got to St Louis after dark

Saturday, April 16th, 1853.

Bought our provisions & engaged our passage to Independence on the Steamer
boat Clara Left St Louis at 5 O cloc[k] P. M St Louis is a hard look-
ing place

Sunday, 17th.

Arved at the town of St Charles at 8 O clock A M Landed at Augusta at
noon passed Washington at dark

Monday, 18th.

Landed at the mouth of the Osage River at 10 O clock A M Arrived at
Jeferson City the Capitol of Missouri at noon

Tuesday, April 19th, 1853.

Landed at Glasgow at 4 O clock P. M

Wednesday, 20th.

We Passed Waverly at 10 O clock A. M got to Lexington at 4 O clock P M

Thursday, 21st.

Landed at Wayne City at 10 O clock A M and went that night and stayed in
an old stone house $\frac{1}{2}$ mile up the river from Wayne City

Friday, April 22d, 1853.

Went from our encampment up to Independence to buy Cattle but got none returned in the evening to the Old encampment in the old stone house Dean & Brant staid in an old hollow tree

Saturday, 23d.

Packed our provisions in Sacks at the ware house in Wayne City a-half-mile-from-the-old-stone-encampment

Sunday, 24th.

Wrote a letter for Hbb Hogue and set a round the fire the rest of the day Got the Goose neck made for our waggon

Monday, April 25th, 1853

Went up to Independence, and Bought the bows for our waggon for one Dollar & 50 cts Dean & Brant made the waggon cover

Tuesday, 26th.

Had nothing to do and so did not do any thing Each mans provisions cost him 21.20\$ fare on Steamer Clara \$2.50 provision bill on her 84 cts

Wednesday, 27th.

Wednesday wrote a letter to W^m Kerr

Thursday, April 28th, 1853.

Packed some of our provisions in sacks it rained verry hard this morning before day light

Friday, 29th.

Packed our provisions in our waggon and went 1 mile on the ^{West} ~~other~~ side of Independence and encamped all night had mush for supper

Saturday, 30th

Passed through a verry pretty farming country went about 6 miles and encamped at a prety green and a spring close by croosed 3 or 4 small streams (or) runs

Sunday, May 1st, 1853.

Left camp went 7 miles to the Big Blue River crossed went one mile and encamped plenty of wood & water here is a black smith shop the Blue is pretty high but ford able

Monday, 2d.

Left camp at 8 O clock A M crossed the Missouri line into the Indian territory at 10 O clock A M went 16 miles & encamped at the Lone Elm know wood had to carry wood plenty of water

Tuesday, 3d.

drove to Bull Creek 16 miles know wood nor water till we got to the Creek where there is plenty of ^{wood &} water it rained all night and I stood watch

Wednesday, May 4th, 1853.

Encamped all day made a waggon cover for our waggon Ben Dean caught some fish Jonathan & Ebb watched the cattle rainy most all day Ben Dean a little sick with diarrhoea

Thursday, 5th.

Left camp drove 20 miles to the Wacarutia creek and crossed it plenty of water for 6 miles but a little scarce of wood saw some Indians of the Kansas tribe *beginning moneye*

Friday, 6th.

Left camp and went 18 miles wood verry scarce water here and their rained all day encamped one $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the road and had to go $\frac{1}{2}$ mile for wood

Saturday, May 7th, 1853.

Left camp at 8 O clock drove 15 miles and crossed a small creek caled the Shangganunggo and camped rained a little wood on the road verry scarce

Sunday, 8th.

Left camp on the Shangganungga and drove 7 miles and encamp[ed] took our provisions out of the waggon and suned them for 2 or 3 hours.

Monday, 9th.

Left camp at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 O clock drove 3 miles to the Kansas River
ferried drove 10 miles and camped wood and water a little scarce

Tuesday, May 10th, 1853.

Drove 20 miles and camped at the little Vermillion River crossed several
little streams with wood pretty plenty passed the catholic mission

Wednesday, 11th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M and crossed the vermilion and drove 8 miles
and camped at noon on account of James Loves woman Blejng sick

Thursday, 12th.

Laid up all day on the above account it rained a pretty smart shower
company settled and each one being square at \$114 dollars each

Friday, May 13th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M drove 7 miles to a stream which I will call
clear water a verry proty stream ~~know-wood-fer~~ then Drove 16 miles
know wood and camped

Saturday, 14th.

Drove 20 miles and camped on a smal run East of the big Blue crossed
Walnut Creek 7 miles from Fridays camp wood on the road scarce

Sunday, 15th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M crossed the Big Blue creek at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6
O clock A. M drove 18 miles and camped on a small stream off the road

Monday, May 16th, 1853.

drove 13 miles and camped on a smal stream 1 mile of the road wood &
water verry scarce rained verry hard in the morning

Tuesday, 17th.

Laid up till noon then drove 10 miles and camped off the road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
got know wood nor water had to cary wood and water rained in the
morning verry hard

Wednesday, 18th.

Drove 18 miles and camped on a small Creek crossed a pretty good sized creek name unknown at 11 O clock A. M crossed little sandy creek in the afternoon saw an Antelope

Thursday, May 19th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M Drove 20 miles and camped on the big Blue River crossed a branch of the Blue at 10 O clock A. M traveled up the blue 5 miles

Friday, 20th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M traveled up the blue 10 miles] and camped put our provisions out and sunned them passed some verry ruff looking bluffs.

Saturday, 21st.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M Drove 17 miles and camped on the blue traveled up the Blue all day Rained at 10 O clock P. M

Sunday, May 22d, 1853.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M Drove 14 miles and camped on a small stream at 6 O clock P M left the Blue at 4 O clock P. M Wood and water verry scarce had to cary wood from the blue

Monday, 23d.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M Drove 18 miles and camped about 3 miles from the Platte river bottom where there is know wood nor watter except a small pond of water

Tuesday, 24th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M Drove 18 miles and camped 4 miles from the Platte River & 6 miles from fort Carney know wood nor water except on the Platte

Wednesday, May 25th, 1853.

Left camp at 8 O clock A M drove 20 miles & camped 2 miles from the Platte had know water passed fort Carney at 10 O clock A M saw some old Buffalo heads Rained all four noon

Thursday, 26th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M drove 17 miles & camped on the Platte gathered some wood off an Island passed the first fresh grave Rained some little

Friday, 27th.

Left camp at 1/2 past 6 O clock A. M drove up the Platte 13 miles & camped in bluffs carried water with us from the Platte

Saturday, May 28th, 1853.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M drove 18 miles up the Platte & camped in the mouth of a verry pretty lonely dell here we seen some great natural curiosities found plenty of cedar wood Rai[n]ed some

Sunday, 29th.

Left camp at 1/2 past 6 O clock a/m drove 18 miles and camped 2 miles from the platte went through Dog town a place where a Dog Owl & Snake all run into one hole & harbor to gather

Monday, 30th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M drove 10 miles up the Platte and camped Robert Blair killed a Deer & we had a regular built feast

Tuesday, May 31st, 1853.

Left camp at 1/2 past 7 O clock A. M drove 18 miles & camped in the Bluffs a bout 4 miles from the Platte drove 2 miles in the Bluffs had a verry heavy thunder storn

Wednesday, June 1st.

Left camp at 8 O clock A. M drove 10 miles over the Bluffs and then nooned then drove 1 mile forded & ~~camped~~ the south Platte & camped in the bottom it Rained verry hard at noon

Thursday, 2d.

Left camp at 7 O clck A. M drove 9 miles up the Platte put out our p[r]ovisions & suned them a while then drove 5 miles & camped on the Platte got some wood on an Island

Friday, June 3d, 1853.

Left camp at 1/2 past 5 O clock A M drove 8 miles in the bottom then drove

15 miles over the bluffs & camped in the bottom of the Platte Rained
all day

Saturday, 4th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove 19 miles over the Bluffs & in the
Bottom & camped on the Platte 2 miles east of Ash Hollow had a storm of
Hail & Rain at 3 O clock P. M

Sunday, 5th.

Left camp at 8 O clock A. M. drove 8 miles & camped on the Platte Loves
compainly had a fall out among them selves & had a split the Leesburgers
went to gether in one company

Monday, June 6th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove 18 miles over a verry sandy road in the
bottom and camped on the Platte

Tuesday, 7th.

Left camp at 5 O clock A. M. drove up the Platte 21 miles over a verry
Sandy road & camped on the Platte after we camped we had a verry heavy
Storm of Hail & Rain got some Buffalow meat

Wednesday, 8th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove 21 miles & camped on the Platte passed
Courthouse Rock at noon it is 5 miles from the road Rained some in the
evening

Thursday, June 9th, 1853.

Left camp at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 O clock A. M. drove 21 miles & camped near the Platte
visited Chimney Rock which is about 500 feet high Passed an Indian Villedge
where there were some traders Rained in the evening

Friday, 10th.

Left camp at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 O clock A. M. drove 12 miles to Scotts Bluffs where
we found a spring of good watter drove 4 miles a cross the bluffs & camped
at the foot Saw Larinas Peak of the Rockeye Mountains from the bluffs
saw a Buffalow chase & it roused us as usual

Saturday, 11th.

Started drove 8 miles to Hors Creek crossed drove 12 miles struck the Platte & camped on it here we got wood on the River

Sunday, June 12th, 1853.

Drove 4 miles & laid up to let our Cattle rest the wind blew extremely heavy nearly blew our tent over it blew Ben Deans hat in the River

Monday, 13th.

Left camp drove at 6 O clock A. M. drove 15 miles & camped on the Platte 3 miles from fort Larimas had some heavy wind & rain

Tuesday, 14th.

Left camp at 11 O clock A M. drove 3 miles to the Ferry was detained all day at the Ferry on account of about 300 waggons being a head of us

Wednesday, June 15th, 1853.

Was detained all day on account of a Salt Lake train which was crossing that broke the rope and let the boat down stream a little ways camped all night at the ferry

Thursday, 16th.

Crossed at noon after they got the ferry fixed up and drove 8 miles over the black hill road the road verry good to this place & camped at a pool of water Ferriage ove[r] the River \$2.00

Friday, 17th.

Left camp at 5 O clock A M. drove 4 miles to the warm Springs and got our breakfast then drove 8 miles to Cottonwood Creek and nooned then drove 7 miles & camped

Saturday, June 18th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove 10 miles & nooned then drove 8 to a verry Clear and pretty stream which is caled Horseshoe Creek & camped on it

Sunday, 19th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove 19 miles over a hilly & mountainous road & camped on dry Creek in the evening we ware visited by a tremendous storm of Heil Rain Thunder & Lightning loves brok[e] one of their axle

trees one of Loves steers was near getting drowned

day, 20th.

Laid up till noon & Loves made an axle tree for their waggon (Sold a Cow for 7 Dollars & W^m Dean received the money) Started drove 2 miles to Trunk Creek crossed drove 4 miles to Redbank Creek & camped this country is a fine specimen of Volcanick eruptions

Tuesday, June 21st, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M drove 21 miles and camped in the mountains near a small stream crossed several small streams in the afternoon

Wednesday, 22d.

Left camp at 7 O clock a/m drove 20 miles & camped on the North Platte crossed deer Creek at 8 O clock A M struck the bottom of the North Platte at 11 O clock A M in the morning it was verry cold as cold as a day in January

Thursday, 23d.

drove up the Platte on a bottom road 18 miles & camped on the Platte this road in the bottom verry good Left camp at 8 O clock

Friday, June 24th, 1853.

Started at 6 O clock A. M drove 3 miles & crossed the North Platte on a verry good Bridge then drove 6 1/4 miles to the forks of the road went the right hand road 12 miles & camped in a low bottom know water from the forks of the roads for 12 miles (W^m Dean paid 6 dollars toll at the Bridge)

Saturday, 25th.

Started at 7 O clock A. M drove 13 miles to the first water & nooned then drove 5 miles to the Willow Springs then drove 2 miles over a large hill and camped. *Rained a little.*

Sunday, 26th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M drove 10 miles to Fishcreek the first water then drove 10 miles to Sweetwater Creek and Camped know grass for cattle

Monday, June 27th, 1853.

Left camp at 3 O clock A. M. drove 2 miles to the bridge on Sweetwater River crossed drove 1 mile and camped at 5 O clock A. M. passed Independence Rock $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the bridge Laid up all day the wind blew tremendous heavy

Tuesday, 28th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M. drove 4 miles and passed the devils gate then drove 16 miles & camped on Sweetwater 2 of our cattle verry lame verry sandy road all day

Wednesday, 29th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove 16 miles up sweetwater and camped cattle still lame and grass verry scarce grasshoppers so thick that they have to stand on top of others

Thursday, June 30th, 1853.

Laid up all day baked some bred & done some other cooking Benjamin Dean & Jonathan Stoughton caught some fish

Friday, July 1st.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M. drove 18 miles & camped on Sweetwater went 1 mile & left the River drove 7 miles & struck the River then left drove 10 miles over a verry sandy road & struck the River

Saturday, 2d.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M. drove 18 miles in the mountains & camped Left the River in the morning know water for 16 miles Saw 5 buffalow

Sunday, July 3d, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. went 3 miles crossed the River went up it 12 miles then left went 2 miles over some verry bad hills & camped at a Spring on the righthand of the road

Monday, 4th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M. drove 3 miles passed a good Spring went 6

miles to a branch of Sweetwater & nooned then drove 8 miles & camped on a small run Ebb. Hogue & I snow balled others put leather shoes on one of our Steers

Tuesday, 5th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went 1 mile crossed Sweetwater went 2 miles got to the summit of the mountains went 9 miles to the Pacific Springs at the mouth of the pass of the mountains then went 4 miles & camped

Wednesday, July 6th, 1853.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M went 5 miles crossed dry Sandy went 6 miles to Junction of the Fort Hall and Salt Lake roads went the fort Hall or right hand road 4 miles to little Sandy and camped 16 miles in all

Thursday, 7th.

Laid over all day to recruit our Cattle Rained a small shower in the evening Jonathan Stoughton shot 3 Sage Chickens and we had a splendid breakfast

Friday, 8th.

Left camp at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 O clock A M drove 8 miles crossed Big Sandy went 15 miles to the Sulphur Spring & camped

Saturday, July 9th, 1853.

Lost our horses Laid by till 1 O clock P. M know water to Green River 38 miles Started at 1 O clock went 9 miles got supper then drove 9 miles again 12 O clock & camped

Sunday, 10th.

Left camp at 5 O clock A M drove 18 miles to Green River crossed our waggons & camped left the cattle on the opposite side on this River they have 10 verry good boats for the accomodations of Emigrants Ferrriage here is \$8.00 per waggon

Monday, 11th.

At 10 O clock A M Swan our Cattle over the River & I had a hard time of

waiding after them was taken with verry bad with the Mountain feever
Jim Love tore 2 shirts of old Alex Love

Tuesday, July 12th, 1853.

Left camp on the River at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 O clock A M drove 8 miles over some
verry hard hills to brush creek & nooned went 3 miles left the Creek
then went 5 miles & camped in the mountain hills the feever pretty bad yet

Wednesday, 13th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M drove 8 miles over verry high Mountain hills
to the quakenasp springs & nooned then went 8 miles & camped in the hills
a little better with the feever nights very cold

Thursday, 14th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went 10 miles crossed Hansfork of Bear River
& nooned then went 7 miles & camped in the hills Still some better with
the feever

Friday, July 15th, 1853.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M drove 16 miles over Mountain hills of the
largest kind into the botton of Bear River & camped on a small branch of
the River

Saturday, 16th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M went 7 miles crossed Henrys fork of Bear River
then drove 2 miles & camped at noon on Bear River I & some of the other
boys caught some verry fine fish some of them 18 inches in length

Sunday, 17th.

Left camp 6 O clock A. M drove 12 miles down the Rive[r] went over the
hills 8 miles to the River & camped Moschetoss here verry bad

Monday, July 18th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went 9 miles & crossed a large branch of Bear
River then drove 12 miles down the River crossed numerous branches &
camped on a branch in a Strawberry patch Rained in the after noon

Tuesday, 19th.

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Left camp at 7 O clock A M drove down the River 20 miles to the Soda Springs & camped thes[e] Springs is the greate[s]t curiositis to the Emigrants on the road they boil up and form a rock in which the Spring is contained

Wednesday, 20th

Left camp at 7 O clock A M went 6 miles to the Junction of the fort Hall & Hudspeth cutoff took the cutoff went 16 miles to Cadeys Creek the first water & camped

Thursday, July 21st, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M drove 6 miles over a large Mountain hill to Shoshonee Creek crossed went 3 miles to Denistons River & nooned then drove 8 miles to Panack River & camped this River is verry swampy here is wild wheat in abundance

Friday, 22d.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M went 9 miles to a small stream & nooned then went 5 miles crossed a little stream went 3 miles & camped on a small Creek this evening it rained verry heavy

Saturday, 23d.

Left camp at 8 O clock A M went 6 miles to Spring Run watering & nooned (now know water for 25 miles) then drove 9 miles to Steep Decent & camped Rained verry hard at 3 O clock P M Steep Decen[t] a verry bad place

Sunday, July 24th, 1853.

Left camp at 5 O clock A M drove 16 miles to Spring ~~run-watering-~~ & Branches & camped grass here is verry scarce verry good road all day

Monday, 25th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M drove 7 miles to a Spring 3 miles to another went 5 miles to an a small branch & nooned then drove 5 miles to Sinking Creek & camped drove most all day throug[h] deep hollows or canons

Tuesday, 26th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went 4 miles to ford No. 2 of Sinking Creek went 17 miles to ford No. 1 of East Branch of Raft River & camped in this stream there is some verry fine Trout (12 miles to middle branch of Raft River)

Wednesday, July 27th, 1853.

Left camp at 2 O clock P. M crossed Raft River & drove up it to Swift water & camped Junction of Fort Hall road at the ford grass on Swiftwater verry good to day our seed Ox run off

Thursday, 28th.

W^m Dean Received 14 dollars of company money Left at camp at 6 O clock A M went up Raft River 6 miles to for[d] No 2 crossed went 14 miles to little Rattle Snake Creek & camped crossed several Small streams in the last 14 miles now in sight of the Great Salt lake road here is a hot spring in which we all baithed

Friday, 29th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M drove 5 miles to Steeple Rock Valley & crossed 2 streams went up the Valley 4 miles to the Junction of the Great Salt Lake & Calafornia roads went 13 miles & camped at blue Springs

Saturday, July 30th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M drove 6 miles over the Goos Creek Mountains to a branch of Goos Creek crossed went 2 miles to Goos Creek & nooned then went 9 miles & crossed a branch went 2 miles & camped on Goos Creek these Goos Creek Mountains are all torn to peices

Sunday, 31st.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went up Goos Creek 10 miles then went up a branch 5 miles & nooned went up a kanyon 5 miles to a Spring & camped this kanyon is verry rough and stony drove our cattle 2½ miles to pasture know water from her[e] to Rock Spring 12 miles

Monday, August 1st.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. went 1 mile to Stony hill then went 11 miles over the most barren part I ever saw to Rock Spring went 6 miles passed a Spring on the left Right went 8 miles & camped in Hot or Thousand Spring Valley water here verry scarce had to dig for water

Tuesday, August 2d, 1853.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M went up the Valley 7 miles & nooned on a Creek which sinks & rises her[e] and their[!] went 3 miles to a good spring on the left of the road took on water went 6 miles & camped on a run of water not fit for to cook with

Wednesday, 3d.

This morning found Ice in our buckets Left camp at 6 O'clock A. M. went 1 mile & met the water of the Hot Springs went 3 miles which brought us to the Springs they boil up & is pretty near boiling hot went 10 miles to hope Springs & nooned went 10 miles to Kanyon Creek & Valley & camped this is the prettiest Valley of grass I ever saw & is the best camp we have had on the road

Thursday, 4th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. went down the Creek 2 miles to kanyon went down the kanyon which is in some places verry rockeye 4 [miles] & struck a Valley which leads to Humboldt or St Marays River went down the Valley 13 miles & camped on kanyon Creek splendid grass here Sold a Steer at \$28.00 & J Stoughton received the money

Friday, August 5th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove 10 miles to Humboldt or St Marays River crossed went down the River 3 miles & nooned then drove down Humboldt 9 miles & camped on it We are now in the Interior Basin The dust to day could not ~~be~~-day well be worse

Saturday, 6th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went down Humboldt 14 miles to West Branch crossed went 4 miles over the Bluffs 1 mile down Humboldt & camped a long here the River passes through some verry narrow Kanyons Swam our Cattle over the River to pasture

Sunday, 7th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went down Humboldt 10 miles & nooned here on the East bank of the River is Springs of boiling hot water which boils out of the bank went 8 miles down Humboldt & camped grass is here verry good

Monday, August 8th, 1853.

Laid up all day Made and baked Pies & Bread Fixed up our Seythe & Mowed some gras to put over a slew to cross our Cattle on some of the boys shot some Ducks & we had a verry good supper was visited by several Indians

Tuesday, 9th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove down Humboldt 6 [miles] here we take over the ^{went 14 miles over the Mountains} Mountains to a small creek the first water & nooned drove down the Creek 3 miles to Humboldt went down Humboldt 1 mile & camped

Wednesday, 10th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. went 3 miles crossed a small creek here we went up the Mountain 8 miles to the summit went 1 mile down to a spring & nooned went 9 miles down the Mountain to Humboldt & camped the road very rough

Thursday, August 11th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. drove down Humboldt 1 mile crossed it drove down 14 miles & camped Sold 35 pounds of hardbread at 30 cts per lb \$10.50 W^m Dean recd the money

Friday, 12th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. went 1 mile to the Bluffs went over them 2 miles went down Humboldt 9 miles & nooned then went down it 11 miles & camped here the Mountain is verry high on both sides of the River

Sold Bacon & Coffee to the amount of \$12.45 W^m Dean Rec^d the money

Saturday, 13th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M. went down Humboldt 12 miles & nooned went down 8 miles & camped here is some verry bad Alkali water Sold meat to the amount of \$1.00 W^m Dean Rec^d the money

Sunday, August 14th, 1853.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M drove down Humboldt 12 miles & nooned on a Slew opposite what Love calls the Mercer Co haystack it is a verry sharp peaked Mountain on the opposite side of the River went 8 miles down the River & camped on a Slew here we find the Bay berry in a bundence

Monday, 15th.

left camp at 8 O clock A. M went 2 miles here is 2 little Mountains one on each side of the River went down the River 9 miles & nooned then drove 5 miles down the River went over the Mountain 2 miles to the River & camped opposite here is a little lone mountain

Tuesday, 16th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M went down the River 2 miles went over the Mountain 4 miles went down the River 10 miles & camped the Mountains about her[e] is all broken in short ranges Sold meat & hard bread to the amount of \$3.85 W^m Dean recd money

Wednesday, August 17th, 1853.

Laid up all day put our Cattle over the River to pasture Sold meat to the amount of \$3.75 W^m Dean Rec^d the moneye 2 packers got their diners at our camp Rained a little shower Loves lost a Cow

Thursday, 18th.

Left camp at 6 O clock A. M went down Humboldt 10 miles & nooned here the Valley of grass is verry narrow went 8 miles down Humboldt & camped grass getting pretty scarce Saw the lone waggon that left Loves company pretty heavy sand^a part of to day

Friday, 19th.

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Left camp at 7 O clock A M went down Humboldt 18 miles & camped here we have but little gras for our cattle this morning the Coesburg company & us parted on the account of the scarcity of grass Hambright & us is to gather yet road pretty sandy to day

Saturday, August 20th, 1853.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M went down Humboldt 18 miles & camped the road has been verry sandy all day swam our Cattle over the river to grass One of Hambrights Steers died to day Saw a man to day who was 77 years old doing his part of work with the rest of the boys

Sunday, 21st.

Left camp at 9 O clock A. M here we left the River went over a verry barren desert 16 miles to a Small Mountain stream & nooned went 5 miles struck the River went down 1 mile & camped We have had the worst dust to day I ever saw & I never expect to see worse

Monday, 22d.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went down the River 8 miles & nooned at a Spring close by the River in the Bluffs went 9 miles down the River & camped grass verry scarce all a long here dust to day as bad as ever

Tuesday, August 23d, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went down Humboldt 22 miles to the head of the Big Meadows & camped on a running Slew here we put our Cattle over several Slews to grass had to waid in the water up to our waists 1/4 mile Sow as to get to grass water being high grass verry hard to get at Jonathan picked this camp

Wednesday, 24th.

Laid up all things well till 3 O clock when alas the cry was that Jonathan Stoughton was drowning all efforts was made to save him but alas he sunk to rise know more he was in the water about 15 or 20 minutes after he was drowned till we got him out him & some of the other boys was waiding the

Tuesday, 30th.

Laid up all day to day the wind blew harder than I ever saw it it blew large limbs off of the Cottonwoods & some of them came near falling on our waggon

Wednesday, 31st

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went up the river 6 miles crossed over a Desert 12 miles to the River went up the River 3 miles & camped to day 3 of the Leesburg boys put their team to our waggon

Thursday, September 1st, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went 3 miles up the River Sold our team & waggon to Mr Burk for \$575.00 Sold some of our provisions throwed away a great many little articles Packed up our things took them on our backs crossed the River went up 7 miles & camped

Friday, 2d.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went up the River 10 miles crossed went 4 miles & nooned went up the River 16 miles & camped 1 mile above where the 26 mile desert road comes in the road on this side of the River has been verry sandy & ruff

Saturday, 3d.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M went up the River 10 miles crossed [!] over a ruff desert 10 miles to the River went $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Johnstons cut off went the cut off 6 miles to the foot of the Sierranovada Mountains & camped

Sunday, September 4th, 1853.

Left camp at 6 O clock A M went 19 miles over the first summit of the mountains & camped near the upper or South East end of Truckey Lake the road to day has been hills after hills of the highest kind the road is all verry smooth except about 4 miles which is scarcely pasible some grass here & their plenty of grass on the Lake

Monday, 5th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A. M. went through Lake Valley 13 miles to the foot of the second range of the Sierranewadas went up the mountain 1 mile which is all most straight up & so rough that a man can scarcely get up went 5 miles & camped crossed the ~~sumit~~ line between Utah & California at the top of this Mountain

Tuesday, 6th.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M went 12 miles over some of the roughest road I have yet seen & nooned went 10 miles & camped These Mountains is covered with Pine & Cedar of the largest kinds some of them 10 ft in diameter

Wednesday, September 7th, 1853.

Left camp at 7 O clock A M went 12 miles & crossed the South Fork of the American River went up the mountain 3 m to the Summit & nooned went 10 miles & took lodging at a house of entertainment got a splendid supper the Miners are at work a long here

Thursday, 8th.

Left camp at 8 O clock A M went 5 miles which brought [us] into Hangtown there is a good deal of business done here seen Wrd Stoughton Stayed all night at the National Hotell

Friday, 9th.

went 4 miles down to Diamond Springs here Wrd Stoughton & Hanning has a waggon Shop in this place there is a good deal of business done

Saturday, September 10th, 1853.

Prospected a little after ~~the~~ gold got know good prospect

Sunday, 11th.

Laid a round in the wagon Shop Ben & I wrote a letter to Ben Herland

Monday, 12th.

Abb Hogue Ben Dean & my self went to mining dug a hole 9 ft square 5 ft deep ground verry hard to dig

Tuesday, September 13th, 1853.

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All 3 mining sunk the hole 3 ft took out \$3.50 washed the gold in a Cradle

Wednesday, 14th.

Ben & I mining to gather took out five dollars

Thursday, 15th.

took out all the gold that was in the hole which was five Dollars & seventy five cents I received of what was taken out of gold I received \$5.72
laid out 15 cts for soap

Friday, September 16th, 1853.

Mr Dean Alex. Demston Ebb. Hogue Ben Dean & myself went out to the east of this to make shingles for Mr Newland got a tree cut down for a commencentment spent 15 cts for a thimble encamped in a vacant shanty

Saturday, 17th.

Ben & I sawed 10 shingle bolts of a tree $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft over the rest of that made 2200 shingles or rather clapboards

Sunday, 18th.

Dean went to market & the rest of us made shingles all day

Monday, September 19th, 1853.

Left here went a cross some verry hard hills & Wever Creek to the Illinois house to make boards stayed all night at the Illinois house this house is on the old Carson Valley road

Tuesday, 20th.

Started at noon to hunt timber for to make boards went 2 miles east & got pretty good timber camped in the woods or Mountains with the sky for our covering

Wednesday, 21st.

We altogether made 1200 boards four feet long

Thursday, September 22d, 1853.

We made 2000 boards and piled them up and partly built a Shanty

Friday, 23d.

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made upwards of 1300 boards timber not very good to work worked some at
our Shanty Ben Dean a little sick

Saturday, 24th.

made 1200 boards finished our Shanty Ben is a bout well

Sunday, September 25th, 1853.

I read some in the Testament & mended my pants Dean went to Diamond Springs
& the other boys done some washing

Monday, 26th.

Made 1500 clapboards Dean got back from Diamond Springs at noon

Tuesday, 27th.

Cut down 2 trees for boards & neither of them worked well made 1500 boards
Charley Brant came to camp in the morning he laid out all night by a fire
in the woods

Wednesday, September 28th, 1853.

Cut another tree made 1500 boards

Thursday, 29th.

Made 2000 boards

Friday, 30th.

Cut a verry large tree & made 1500 boards Charles Brant left for
Diamond Springs Samuel Montgomery visited us

Saturday, October 1st, 1853.

Made 2000 boards this day is verry warm

Sunday, 2d.

Went to the Illinois house for to get some Salt for salting our victuals

Monday, 3d.

Made 2000 boards

Tuesday, October 4th, 1853.

Made 1500 boards

Wednesday, 5th.

Made 500 boards & 2000 shingles

Thursday, 6th.

Made 3000 shingles

Friday, October 7th, 1853.

Made Shingles

Saturday, 8th.

Made Shingles

Sunday, 9th.

Started for Diamond Springs got in at 6 O clock P M

Monday, October 10th, 1853.

At 9 O clock went to work at bricklaying for Mr John Clark & co at noon
commenced boarding at the Golden Exchange

Tuesday, 11th.

Laid brick all day

Wednesday, 12th.

Laid brick weather verry plesant

Thursday, October 13th, 1853.

Laid brick all day

Friday, 14th.

Laid brick all day

Saturday, 15th.

Laid brick till 3 O clock P M

Sunday, October 16th, 1853.

Done some washing for my self

Monday, 17th.

Laid brick all day Rec^d ten dollare of Clark & co paid nine dollare for
1 week board at the Golden Exchange

Tuesday, 18th.

Laid Brick all day

Wednesday, October 19th, 1853.

Laid Brick all day

Thursday, 20th.

Laid brick all day

Friday, 21st.

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Laid brick all day went over to Clark's cabin at Hangtown & stayed all night

Saturday, October 22d, 1853.

Went to diamond Springs

Sunday, 23d.

Spent one dollar for articles too tedious to mention

Monday, 24th.

Wrote a letter to William Kerr sent a little gold dust in it

Tuesday, October 25th, 1853.

Settled with Clark & Randall balance due thirteen dollars and eighty cts

Went to Diamond Springs paid 4.50\$ for a pair pants

Wednesday, 26th.

Worked 3/4 day at tearing down an old house

Thursday, 27th.

Worked til noon at hauling stone foundation for the foundation of a new

house Went to Kelseys digins and back Recd 3.50 of C & Co

Friday, October 28th, 1853.

Commenced laying the foundation of the new house

Saturday, 29th.

Worked at the foundation

Sunday, 30th.

Went to Diamond Springs and back spent 50 cts this evening there was a
great fun raised about a man whipping a boy

Monday, October 31st, 1853.

Finished the foundation

Tuesday, November 1st.

Commenced laying brick

Wednesday, 2d.

Laid brick all day

Thursday, November 3d, 1853.

Laid brick all day

Friday, 4th.

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Laid brick all day

Saturday, 5th.

Laid brick all day

Sunday, November 6th, 1853.

Run round town a little

Monday, 7th.

Laid Brick all day

Tuesday, 8th.

Laid brick all day

Wednesday, November 9th, 1853.

Laid brick all day in the morning rained a little

Thursday, 10th.

Laid brick all day

Friday, 11th.

Laid brick till noon worked at lathing after dinner

Saturday, November 12th, 1853.

Lathed till noon in the after noon helped put the roof on the house
which is of Brick

Sunday, 13th.

Went to Diamond Springs and ~~went-to~~ back went [to] the Chinese theatre
price 1.00⁰⁰ wrote a letter to Edward rained this evening

Monday, 14th.

Monday worked at the house 1/4 day rained all day saw Robert Blair for
the first time after arriving in California

Tuesday, November 15th, 1853

Worked at laying the roof to day is very clear and pleasant

Wednesday, 16th.

Worked till noon in the after noon it rained

Thursday, 17th.

Did nothing all day

Friday, November 18th, 1853.

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Went a prospecting but like the many thousand returned home with out finding any thing

Saturday, 19th.

Was out prospecting

Sunday, 20th.

Robert Blair and my self went to Diamond Springs to see the folks

Monday, November 21st, 1853.

Went out to Weber Creek with R. Blair & W^m Smith to mine but could not on account of to much water so had to return lent Blair 5.50¢

Tuesday, 22d.

Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day at mining in Hangtown Creek made one dollar

Wednesday, 23d.

Mined with 2 other boys I tended the tom[?] this is a new business for me made 4.00¢ for my share

Thursday, November 24th, 1853.

Mined made one dollar this only pays grub

Friday, 25th.

Made one dollar which clars grub the wind blew verry hard this morning a while but soon turned to rain

Saturday, 26th.

Rained all day.

Sunday, November 27th, 1853.

Rained

Monday, 28th.

Monday Settled with [?] Randall & Co Rec^d 45.00¢ Started with Godfrey C. Ingram in a 4 hor[s]e wagon for Prairie Hill got there at dark paid one Dollar for my passage took up lodgin at McDonalds board[ing] house

Tuesday, 29th.

Went with Godfrey over Hangton digins to buy a claim from him bought his claim for 40.00¢

Wednesday, November 30th, 1853.

Laid round my boarding house could not get any work to do
Thursday, December 1st.

Worked for Mr Morrill at mining

Friday, 2d.

Worked for Morrill

Saturday, December 3d, 1853.

Worked for John Gorman at mining Worked at night for Jerry Posting

Sunday, 4th.

Laid by rec^d 8.00\$ of Morrill 4.00\$ of Gorman 1.50\$ of Posting

Monday, 5th.

Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day for Gorman paid James McDonald 8.00\$ for board

Tuesday, December 6th, 1853.

Worked for Gorman all day

Wednesday, 7th.

Worked for Gorman all day

Thursday, 8th.

Worked for Gorman all day

Friday, December 9th, 1853.

Worked for Gorman all day

Saturday, 10th.

Worked for Gorman all day

Sunday, 11th.

Settled with Gorman Rec^d 18.00\$

Monday, December 12th, 1853.

Did nothing on account of the ditch being broke wrote a letter to

James Smith

Tuesday, 13th.

Worked for Gorman all day

Wednesday, 14th.

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Went to work but did not work but a little while The ditch company raised the water on the miners and they struck off

Thursday, December 15th, 1853.

Miners still on a strike

Friday, 16th.

Went prospecting with S. R. Hall & Dallell(?) went to Wells diggins first from their to Michigan bar on the Cozumel(?) River

Saturday, 17th.

prospected in the diggins a little paid my bill at the bar which was 2.75\$ returned home at night

Sunday, December 18th, 1853.

Spent 1.50\$ for Sundries Recd 4.00\$ of Gorman

Monday, 19th.

Prospected a little in Rhodes Diggings paid James McDonald 6.50\$ for board

Tuesday, 20th.

Worked for John Church at mining

Wednesday, December 21st, 1853.

Worked for Mr Fairbanks at mining.

Thursday, 22d.

Worked for Gorman all day

Friday, 23d.

Worked for Gorman

Saturday, December 24th, 1853.

Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day for John Church

Sunday, 25th.

Recd 6.00\$ of Church 4.00\$ of Fairbanks 8.00\$ of Gorman we had an extra dinner to day at our boarding house

Monday, 26th.

Worked for John Gorman paid James McDonald 6.00\$

Tuesday, December 27th, 1853.

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Done nothing

Wednesday, 28th.

Went to negro bar to get some sluicers

Thursday, 29th.

Got our sluicers hauled up on our claim set them redy went in company with T. James

Friday, December 30th, 1853.

James and I went to work

Saturday, 31st.

Cleaned up had 19.000