

**DIARY OF**

**WILLIAM H. HAMPTON**

**1852**

An account of his trip to California in 1852. Mr. Hampton settled and mined on the Southfork of the American River near Coloma. Later settled at Cold Springs where he bought and operated the Temperance House.

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March the 14th, 1852

Left home, went to mothers, stayed all night.

15th- Stopt at Dover at LaPooles Tavern, bill .75.

16th-took dinner Barney's inn, Providence, Bill. 25. Rained, turned cold, hailed and froze. Laid up at Braces, 9 miles from Lafayette, bill .65.

17- Very cold, this morning. Cold and windy all day, roads rough, put up 5 mi from Galesburg.

18th Cold wind in my face all day - - - verry disagreeable.

19th cold and disagreeable, traveled 30 mi. stopt at the Union house

20th looks pleasant this morning, clouds up and snows cold wind, got to Chili

21st Cloudy and cold cleared off about noon, got to A Js about 2 OC, went to I G, stayed all night.

22 Went to A.J.

23 Went to Mill Creek

24 Went to Aunt Sarah's.

25 Went to Eli Hampton.

26 Went back to A. J.

27-28-29-30-31 April 1-2-3-4- the fifth snow fell 4 or 5 minches deep. 6th clear and warm.

7 Rained 8 went to Quincy

9 Left - - got as far as - - - rained stayed all night.

10 Got on the Wioming, went up to Burlington, fare \$3.00 put up at the Western

11th-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22 and 23 at Burlington waiting for the team the 23rd went to Marsdon, left, went over the river, passed Pontoosue 4 miles with the teams

24 Crossed the river, stopt 2 mi from Madison, the first night with teams.

25 Sunday morning foggy, corn worth 30¢ at this place.

26 Crossed the Desmoine at Farmington bridge.

27 Clear and pleasant, crossed over into Mo. went back into Iowa

28 traveling on the divide ridge between Fox River and the Desmoines

29 Went through Bloomfield traveled 20 mi. Corn 40¢

30 Windy and disagreeable camp on the Chariton bottom

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2 Dito, rained all night

3 passed through Centreville, corn worth from 75 to 100, roads rough and crooked

4 hilly and crooked roads, corn \$1.00 per bush, bacon 10 cts per lb, butter and eggs none to be bought grass so that cattle can live by driving moderate cappt in Mo. 3 mi from line

5 in Putnam Co. came through St. John, a town with 2 houses in it.

Roads rough plenty of grass, rolling Prairies, thinly settled - warm.

6 Traveling in several bad creeks to cross rained in the PM hard, and again at night camp in the Grand river bottom, Mercier Co. near Princeton.

7 Passed through some splendid timber land mostly white oak. Ferryed the east fork of Grand River, rained in the night

8 in Harrison Co. passed through Bethena, warm.

9 Sunday, fine pleasant day some hansom land. thinly settled crossed big Samson creek.

10 crossed Grand river, West fork at Gentryvill, Gentry County, rained camp on a long prairie 20 mi wide pretty land

11 Pleasant day fine land, timber scarce, camp 15 mi from St Joseph

12 Crossed the Platte River and hundred and two which is quite a stream, camp within 4 mi of St Jo

13 Went to town, wind blowed hard, disagreeable day.

14 Stayed at camp and wrote two letters.

15 went to town the streets were crowded.

16 Sunday morning

17 frosty morning started on our journey again, got to the river and could not get across, the boat was aground, went back out of town and camp, the Sts were crowded

- 18th Frost this morning, clear and pleasant, crossed the river in a flat boat, got across about 3 OC went out 6 mi to clear creek, good water and grass, hilly country
  - 19 Very cool this morning, laid by till afternoon, grass short very rolling prairies with little clumps of trees in the hollows. Went 4 mi, camped by grove
  - 20 Frosty morning, clear and pleasant, high rolling prairies with a few scattering of trees in the hollows, grass good, crossed Mosquito Creek clear water. Also Wolf creek, the Indians have a bridge here, they charge 25¢ per wagon for crossing, saw one new grave, Co. all well.
  - 21 Rained last night but we have a good tent, to sleep in and are all happy as kings. raining this morning, laid over till noon, passed Indian Agency at this place there quite a number of Americans living, it is the agency of the Miami and Kickapoo Indians, there is several fine farms here, camped on Mill creek, saw 4 new graves.
  - 22 Cloudy and cool, pretty prairies with little groves of along the streams saw 3 new graves, camped at a small creek with a few scattering trees along it, come 22 miles.
  - 23 Sunday, warm today traveled 21 miles saw 7 new graves, camped 1½ mi South of road, good place, first rate water, all one vast prairie
  - 24 Warm, crossed Nimehaw, this is quite a stream, plenty of timber, saw 8 new graves, camped on a little creek of clear water, some scattered trees along its banks, one case of Cholera on the road.
  - 25 Rained last night heavy wheeling, crossed Little Nimehaw, hilly country some timber, saw 5 new graves, camped on Elm creek, water poor.
  - 26 Foggy this morning, crossed Rock creek at noon, poor water, got to Big Blue River in good season,fordedit, camped on the West side by a first rate spring, of clear cold water, saw 9 new graves today.
  - 27 Laid over to wash. went in a swimming. A drove of -- passed today, one of their Co. died last night. good many teams passed today
  - 28 Started bright and early, passed the intersection of the Independence road, saw one of Mr. Hick's droves, he is taking 2400 head of cattle to Cal. crossed Cottonwood creek, camped on a little stream about one mile south of the road, poor water, saw 3 new graves today, clear and warm.
  - 29 Clear and warm, crossed several small streams with some standing water in them, water poor crossed Withe Creek, camped saw 8 new graves today. Met a team of waggoners from the rocky mountains, 17 in all, they had 7000 Buffalo robes.
  - 30 Sunday, we push along keep moving. the country is getting poorer, we crossed big Sandy and dry sandy and a good many small creeks with steep sandy banks and water poor, some entirely dry, we camped on a small stream with a little standing water in it. Co all well, saw 11 graves today.
  - 31 Very warm today, roads considerable rough and sandy, we passed a good many teams that stooped on account of sickness, one good spring today, 21 graves
- June 1st  
travelled along the little Blue river it is about a rod wide and about 3 feet deep, there is some Cottonwood along the banks, the land along the river is sandy, there is a few springs along the river but no other water running into the river from the north side, passed a good many that were sick. saw 15 new graves today, very warm, camped on the banks of the river, good place.
- 2 traveled along little Blue until noon, crossed over creek of clean nice water, that ran into the blue. some good land along the river, saw 7 antelopes, left the river crossed a creek some timber water poor. Met a train of 10 waggoners, loaded with buffalo robes and furs, clear and hot rained very hard in the night and the wind blowed one tent down, saw 7 graves

- 3rd Cool and cloudy this morning, the land today is level and sandy, got in sight of the bluffs of Platte river - 10 OC, there is not timber on the bluffs, camped on the Platte about 5 miles from the fort. Had to burn little willows to cook. Some timber on an Island but we could not get to it. Saw 6 new graves.
- 4th Clear and pleasant, passed Fort Kearney, there is about 60 soldiers here. There had passed here up to the 1st of June - 4,931 waggon. Cattle 50,889 Men 14,621, Women 3,120, children 4,092. Horses, 6041, mules 3,377, sheep 2,813. Camped 4 miles from the fort on the banks of the Platte, nothing to make fire with but willows. 5 graves today.
- 5th Cool in the morning, hot at noon and cool and cloudy in the evening, traveled along the Platte, no wood but on the Island, had to use Buffalo chips and dig for water, 2 graves, rained just as we ate supper.
- 6th Cool this morning, traveled along the river bottom, crossed Plumb Creek, a small grove at the foot of the bluffs, saw the first buffalo today, gave it a chase and H. Hyde shot it. Saw a great many teams on the opposite side of the river, camped on the bank of the river, no wood.
- 7th Rained this morning and the wind blowed hard, the wolves got after the cattle in the night and run them off about five miles, bit some of them pretty bad. The bottom here were very wide, road first rate. Camped near the river, no wood, 5 graves.
- 8th Cold this morning, pleasant through the day, passed Bradys Island, plenty of timber on it and a few trees on the banks of the river, crossed Cottonwood Creek, some timber and standing water, also Ash Creek, the bluffs here are high and broken, bottoms about a mile and a half wide, roads first rate. 6 graves, camped 1 mile from Ash creek. 377 miles from St Joseph.
- 9th Pleasant, I went out with 6 others a hunting, went up the bluffs in the neighbourhood of Ash creek. Bluffs very high and rough, one continual string of steep hills and deep ravines, some Cedar and Cottonwood trees in the hollows. These hills extend back 4 or 5 miles. Saw a great many Antelope and about 50 or 60 Buffalo, gave them chase, run them 5 or 6 miles over steep hills and shot at some of them but did not get them. Started back to overtake the waggon, traveled till after dark and stopped with a train about 5 miles behind our own. Tired and hungry. 15 graves. Plenty of good water about half a mile north of the road.
- 10th Came up to the waggon just after breakfast. Crossed the south fork of Platte river, very good crossing, put blocks under the waggon boxes and doubled teams. The river is very wide and shallow, went up the north fork, roads good, weather warm, grass short, used river water, camped on the bank of river, saw 3 new graves.
- 11th Traveled along the bottoms till noon. stream of water to the right of road, good springs of water along the creek, for several miles. Cedar bluffs - 429 miles from St Jo. went up a long hill but not very steep, very hot wind, blowed very hard and the sand flew so that we could hardly see, very disagreeable day to travel. Long hill to go down to get on the bottom again, didn't get to the river till after dark, some time - we were all tired and hungry. I was about half sick and had no water to drink but river water. 4 graves.
- 12th Went about 5 miles and camped. Road runs close to the river, some hills, roads sandy, dug a well and got good water, grass tolerable good, some of our oxen lame, in good condition otherwise.
- 13th Sunday - laying over to rest our teams. Company all well, warm and pleasant, rained in the evening, rest came in good time. I lay in the tent and slept while the cool wind blowed around my head. Some were sleeping, some playing cards, some reading, some washing and some went out a hunting. The hunter brought an antelope into camp. There were a good many teams passed us today on this and the other side of the river.

- 14th Got an early start this morning, some places the bottoms are pretty wide and sometimes the bluffs extend to the river, the points that extend to the river are not very high, but sandy and heavy hauling. The main bluffs are rocky and rough. We baited near the river where there has been a small grove of cedar trees, feed poor. Afternoon went over the bluffs into Ash hollow, long hill to ascend and descend, went down Ash hollow to the river, high rocky bluffs on each side, Ash Hollow is 469 miles St Jo. After we struck the river we kept close to the bluffs the road is verry sandy in places, some cedar trees along the bluffs and some ash trees in Ash Hollow, some springs along here and considerable alkali watter. 8 new graves.
- 15th Roads today have been verry sandy, heavy hauling, some dry creeks with steep banks, high rocky broken bluffs, some verry curious looking rocks bottoms narrow, grass poor, just before night we came to where the bottoms were wide and grass pretty fair. 14 graves.
- 16th Clear and pleasant, got an early start this morning, roads verry sandy in places feed rather poor, considerable alkali watter, some cedar groves on the bluffs several miles off. Bluffs not so high along here, camp near some good springs, no wood, buffalo chips scarce. 13 graves.
- 17th On the move pretty early, saw Chimney and Courthouse rocks early in the morning, crossed Lawrence creek, baited opposite courthouse rock. Had quite a blow and some rain in the afternoon. Camp to the left of road about 1 mile on a nice rise of ground, three firstrate springs here. 3 miles from Chimney Rock, some grand scenery high rocky bluffs, some cedar groves in the distance, grass tolerable good. 10 graves.
- 18th Started late this morning, went antook a view of Chimney Rock there is manny -- in it 200 feet from the bottom. There is a great manny curiositys here, the rocks are two or three hundred feet high and in a great manny shapes. Considerable many cedar trees growing along the bluffs, camp near the river 10 miles from Scotts Bluffs, there is a blacksmith here, they charge 10 dollars for setting waggons tires all around. \$4 for shoeing an ox, and they ask \$15 per hundred for flour. Some of the cattle are verry lame and have been sometime. 2 graves. Chimney Rock is 524 miles (from St Jo)
- 19th E. D. Lemoine had to leave one of his oxen, he got 5 dollars for it. The road left the river long hill to ascend to get on the bluffs, roads first rate untill we got to Scotts Bluffs, here there was some deep revines steep banks. Verry long hill to descend to get on the bottoms again. Here are some of the highest rocks I have ever seen. By hard work I got to the top of one of them, here was feast for the eyes, had a splendid view of Laramie peak at the distance of 100 miles, some Pine timber along the bluffs, there is a U. S. mail station and a blacksmith shop here, also some French traders and Indians, the first Indians I have seen since we left Fort Kearney, Camp near the river some of the company had to get their waggons fixed. Have to use river watter, settled with Prickly Pears. Saw 6 graves. Scotts Bluff 554 miles.
- 20th Sunday, laying over to repair wagon. A great many teams passed us today found 2 springs, tolerable good watter. Wrote a long letter home. Clear and warm, Company all well and full of fun.
- 21st On the move early, the bluffs not so high here, country more level. Came up with some teams that had stampeded, killed one man and broke 2 waggons. Crossed a small creek tolerable bad to cross, also Horse creek, this is a broad shallow stream, good crossing, cool and cloudy in the evening. 5 graves.
- 22nd Cloudy and cool this morning, left the river, went over the bluffs roads very sandy untill we struck the bottom again in a few miles, roads good along the bottom, cleared off about noon clouded up again and rained cold enough to wear an overcoat. Road went over the bluffs again, camp

- on the bluffs about half a mile from the river, plenty of dry wood.  
8 graves. Horse Creek 566 miles.
- 23rd Rained all the forenoon gently, cloudy and cool in the afternoon, travelled about one mile and come onto the bottoms again, Passed an Indian village and several trading posts, crosses Larime fork of Platte river a little after noon, there is a bridge here, they charge 2 dollars for 4 yoke of oxen and waggon. 25¢ for a horse. The fort was  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles to the left of road, went on about 5 miles and camped near the river, plenty of wood. We are now among the black hills, they look beautiful, scattering trees all over them. 2 graves. Fort Larime 604 (from St. Jo)
- 24th Rained last night, cold and drizzling this morning, afternoon rained hard but we did not stop, road hilly some places very steep and rocky, left the river, crossed bitter Cottonwood creek and another small creek, plenty of wood and water, the river is narrow and rapid, pine and cedar on all the hills, camped in a valley. 6 graves.
- 25th Clear in the morning, heavy rain shedd about noon. Crossed Dead Timber Creek, some first-rate springs. Some long hills and some places steep. Came to the river in two places, in some places the river runs between perpendicular rocks, had a fine view of Larime Peak, saw snow on it. Camped near the river at the foot of the bluffs, plenty of wood. 6 graves. Horse Creek 641 miles.
- 26th Ascended long hill and descended into a valley along the river, then ascended another long gravelly hill on the top of which had a splendid view of Larime Peak and surrounding mountains. Traveled on a ridge between two creeks, several hills. Afternoon kept on the ridge went down a long hill some 3 miles long to Laboute river, crossed over and camped La Boute river 669 miles, 6 graves.

This is the end of the first book, the next is more interesting, and is a continuation of this first one.

\* on page 4, "baited", its definitely baited, but I have no idea what the word means.

The spelling is Grandfathers and I have left it as is in most cases. All the words that have double s's in them such as grass, are written to look like grafs, which was the old way of doing. At that I think his vocabulary and even his spelling were good, for that day and age.

He probably had no idea that he was writing for posterity! otherwise he might have put in: the arrangements for the trip and with whom, how he travelled, whether he walked, rode, drove a wagon, or what. Later on I believe he mentions something about selling his pony, so maybe he rode all the way.

In the back of this first book he has a hand drawn calendar with the days marked off, and a record of the letters he wrote back home, with the addresses, but in most cases just the initials of the people to whom he wrote.

I have his birthdate somewhere, but would have to look it up, I believe his was born in the late 1820's, so he must have been in his 20's when he started this trip.

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Book two

Sunday June the 27th 1852

Clear and warm, roads verry hilly and stoney, traveled about 5 miles to branch of La Boute river, the earth for 20 or 3 miles on each side has a dark red appearance, about 6 miles we came to a small stream, good spring below the road. Road hilly all the way. Hyde's little girl fell out of the waggon and it ran over her, hurt pretty bad. Afternoon roads verry hilly and gravelly, hard on cattles feet, high mountains on all sides. Plenty of wood along the streams, camp on Laphrete? river found a spring of clean cold water, 4 graves.

28th Got a late start this morning, went about 1 mile and crossed Lapple river, bold rapid current, about 2 rods wide, plenty of timber, 4 miles further a small creek, water poor. 1 mile further Box Elder Creek, plenty of first rate water, not much timber, 5 miles further little Deer creek from there to the river sandy. In the evening cloudy, wind blowed hard very dusty. 6 graves.

29th Traveled about 3 or 4 miles to a ferry lately got up by some emigrants. It is about 30 miles below the upper crossing, they charge \$3 per waggon have to swim the cattle. We have to wait until tomorrow to cross. A man by the name of Case from Mo. was drowned today, he was driving cattle on horseback, the horse threw him and he could not make the shore, he left a wife and one child.

30th Got across the river about noon, all safe. Road hilly and crooked and very sandy, timber plenty, grass rather scarce. Camp near the river by a nice -- (corner dogeared, so last word is gone.)

July the 1st

We have traveled through a sandy barren country today, the roads have been heavy and rough and runs close to the river, plenty of timber for camping purposes, no water but river water, camp 4 miles from the main ferry. They charge \$5 per waggon and driver, 50¢ apiece for men. They have 3 groceries at this ferry. They charge \$8 per gallon for brandy, 25¢ per drink for whiskey, saw 4 new graves.

2nd We traveled 4 miles and came to the upper crossing, there were a good many teams here. 13 miles further we came to Mineral Springs and lake, the water below these springs poisonous when the water stirred up it becomes black. About 7 miles further we passed between some high rocks that form a kind of gateway. 2 miles further we came to Alkali swamp and springs, 4 miles further a small creek, here we camp by a spring, the roads this distance somewhat hilly, the country covered with wild sage but verry little grass-- 762 miles from St. Jo. 2 graves.

3rd Got a late start, went 4 miles to Willow Springs, good water here. Ascended a long hill from which had a fine view of the Sweetwater mountain. 4 miles further crossed deep slough. About a mile further ascended and descended a steep hill near the foot of which is a small creek. About 2½ miles further we came to another small creek traveled along this creek about 1 mile. 1½ miles further we crossed Greaswood creek. traveled down the creek a peice and camp the country along here is barren and sandy. Sage brush and greaswood, pretty thick along here, grass verry scarce. 2 graves.

4th On the move this morning tolerable early, traveled on to the Alkali Springs and Lake, 6 miles from Greaswood Creek. At this place are several acres of low swampy ground covered with a crust of Saleratus in places several inches thick which at a distance has the appearance of snow. The ground under this is very miry. About 4 miles further we arrived at Sweetwater 1 mile further Independence Rock, this rock stands on the north side of the river and is so close to the bank that there is but room for waggons to pass. It is composed of hard granite and is a singular curiosity. It stands alone near a mile from any other rocks or chain of mountains, it is 600 yds long, about 120' wide and about 150' high, it bears the names of thousands of

- emigrants put on with paint or cut in. One mile further we crossed sweetwater, the river here is about 8 rods wide rapid current, 4 miles further we came to Devils Gate, this is a place where the river passes between perpendicular rocks 400 ft high, camp near this gate. Verry windy and dusty. Rained and snowed a little in the afternoon. Some wood. 2 graves.
- 5th Quite cold this morning. Did not start out till afternoon, traveled on about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and crossed 2 small creeks. A little further passed a trading post. Good many articles for sale here. 6 or 7 miles further crossed another creek. Camp at the foot of the bluffs. Verry cold at night, grass short, no timber. 5 graves.
- 6th Cold this morning. Here we left the river, very sandy road 7 miles returned to the river again, about 2 miles further crossed a small creek. 3 miles further Bitter Cottonwood Creek, some green timber here we left the river 6 miles, returned crossed over and came to high mountains on each side of the road, those on the north side bare rocks, on the South side timber on them, and some of them snow. Some showers of rain in the afternoon and in the night rained hard, quite cold found a overcoat necessary for comfort. Saw a good many dead cattle along here. Grass short. 6 graves.
- 7th Got a late start, traveled along the river 7 or 8 miles, crossed it 3 times. Crossings not bad, noon at the last crossing. Here the road leaves the river, traveled 6 miles to where there was several acres of low flat land below the surface of which is a bed of ice about 2 inches thick. Went on 4 or 5 miles further and camp. No good water, after we left the river. Grass scarce, warm in the morning, rained and hailed verry hard before noon. Afternoon verry windy and cold, came in sight of the Windriver mountains. They are very high and covered with snow. 7 graves.
- 8th Clear and cold this morning, had a splendid view of the Windriver mountains as the sun first began to shine on them, they were dazzling bright. On the move early, got to the river at noon which is 17 miles from where we left it yesterday, no good water and but verry little grass this distance. Afternoon crossed the river and went over the points of some high bluffs to the river again. Went up the river 5 miles and crossed the river twice in this distance. Camp near an Indian village. Windy and cold. 6 graves.
- 9th On the move early this morning, ascended a verry long rocky hill. Verry hilly for 5 miles, 3 miles further we came to a soft swamp and verry small creek and 2 miles further a couple of small creeks 2 miles from them Strawberry creek. First rate water and some willows. 1 mile further Quakenaspe grove this is a small grove south of the road, good water here. 3 miles further the North fork of Sweetwater, this stream is about 1 rod wide, clear good water, 2 miles further we crossed Willow creek and camp first rate water and some willows, wind blowed verry hard in the afternoon, grass verry scarce. 2 graves.
- 10th Again resumed our journey onward, road first rate except 2 or 3 short, steep hills, 5 miles to Sweetwater, which crossed for the last time. Here we found snow where it had been drifted. 9 miles further we arrived at the summit of the South Pass Road, this distance first rate, from here we began to descend gradually, road good, 3 miles further Pacific Spring camp below these springs, verry soft and miry below these springs, grass very scarce on these mountains. Hardly annything but wild sage and greasewood grows here, but there is plenty of that. We are now 886 miles from St. Jo.

- 11th Sunday. We went about 3 or 4 miles in the direction of the Windriver Mountains and camped to rest the teams. Here we found good grass and water. Cold nights ever since we have been on the mountains. Had a light shower of rain today. Have been in sight of snow every day for the last week. Plenty of Indians along the Sweetwater. They appear to be very friendly. Company all well.
- 12th On the move again in the afternoon went 4 or 5 miles to a spring or as good as ever run. These springs are 4 miles from the road, north side behind a mountain. 15 or 20 Indian lodges here. Good feed here.
- 13th On the way again, struck the road a little past Dry Sandy, 5 miles further we came to the fork of the Salt Lake and Subletts roads. We took the Salt Lake road to avoid the desert, 8 miles further Little Sandy crossed and went down it about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and camped. This stream is about 18 feet wide some willows. The country here is barren and sandy.
- 14th On the way again, went on to Big Sandy, 8 miles this stream is about 6 or 7 miles wide, rapid current, went out on a 17 miles stretch 7 or 8 miles and camped, river from 1 to 2 miles from the road, grass tolerable good.
- 15th On the move again to Big Sandy again 8 or 9 miles from here to Green River 8 miles. Here we found 2 ferry boats running, they charge 3 dollars per wagon, swam the cattle and horses, they have a grocery here. They buy lame cattle here for about 3 dollars per head. Went up the river a piece and camped. Some scattering trees along the river mostly bitter Cottonwood, in the morning warm in the afternoon cloudy and cool. 2 graves.
- 16th On the move again the road runs up the river 10 or 11 miles and left it, we went on 7 or 8 miles to a small creek road somewhat hilly this distance. Had a heavy shower of rain in the afternoon, this road is called McKinsey's Cut off. Some bunch grass in places.
- 17th On the move again, went on to a spring at the foot of a bluff, distance 12 miles and the road somewhat hilly, this distance from here went over the highest mountains and the steepest that I ever saw, a road runs over. Distance 5 miles, camped at the foot of the mountain by a small stream of water.
- 18th Sunday. traveled 8 miles to a nice little stream of water at the foot of a mountain, good grass, road this distance somewhat hilly. Passed several good springs. We are on Sublette Cut Off. Had some nice showers of rain. There is 2 roads here, one goes over the mountain and one around it. We go around it.
- 19th Got a late start this morning, road good to Hams Fork of Green ?? Here are a number of Indian Lodges, also a trading post from here we went up a long rocky hill and some places steep. We then had a gradual descent and ascent, to Poplar Grove 7 miles, here we found good water and grass.
- 20th Traveled on to a small creek 4 or 5 miles in this distance went through fine groves this is a pretty place from here to the creek was the longest and steepest hill that I ever went over. Here the boys broke their wagon, fixed it up again and went on to Bear River 8 or 10 miles this distance had one long steep rough hill, some small streams and a good spring and plenty of grass., pleasant. 4 graves.