

AK 2/12 Barron, G.C. to his wife. 1850

Pickville May 1st 1850

My Dear wife.

We are this far on
our long journey - and have gotten
on well so far all well we are
crossing the river among the Indians
we have had to give out an average
20 cts per bu. for corn.

We have a very pleasant crowd we
shall travel 200 miles among the
Indians the boys as well as myself
get homesick every day my health
improves every day grass is not
plenty yet but will be in a few
days the boys all send their love
to all. I could not say to you at
what place to write to me except at
Fort Laramie we shall be far ahead
- of those who left three weeks ago
Kiss the children for me may
God bless us all and permit us
to meet again my heart is set

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See matter Plate River and Harriet's. City 122

bleeds whilst writing this if I
had it to over again I would not.
My love to all I shall write
to you and Barton at the
Indian mission. Farewell.
May God bless us all.

Yours husband
G. T. Barron

G. T. Barron father of Charles
Henry Barron. died on his
way to California July 4th
of cholera.

By mail to your home
improvement
to the same
to the same
at \$1.00 per copy
to the same
to the same July 1852
in last box
to the same
to the same (Prince William
County, Va.)

Monday 27th May 1850

My Dear Ruth

I sat down to write to you yesterday and last night the hardest storm I ever saw came up and destroyed my letter. I did wish I was at home the hail pelted me soundly last night. we have had fine luck we are above Fort Kearny on the big flat all well and tolerable. grass getting better every day. we are passing those who started 3 weeks before us their teams were starved out our look as well as when we started but I often wish I as one had not started there is not a moment for me but my thoughts and reflections are at home I hope dear Ruth you are well if we put our trust in God alone we may have a hope to meet again on earth. Kiss the dear children for me tell them to be good. There is plenty of game I have eaten buffalo meat it is good.

I see some one I know every day as there are about two thousand teams in sight. I could write a long letter but the express starts in a few moments. I wrote a long letter last night but this morning it was on the ground. Write to me at Fort Laramie as I would give \$5 to hear from home. we are all fat and can eat more than we cook. Mrs. Austin's boys Col Austin and ourselves mess together we have 60 men in company. we have had no bad luck at all at any time since we left. I could write more but have no time. Our love to all. May God bless and protect us all is the constant prayer of your affectionate husband
G. T. Barrow
This goes by express. I have to write this on the ground. I will write every time I can get a chance but do not expect to hear from you only at Ft. Laramie. tell Barton to write - I wrote to him last week.

Fort Laramie
11th June 1850

My Dear Wife:

I am this far
and thank God all in good
health a few days since I had
the diarrhea real bad but all have
had it but soon got over it some
few of our company have it now
but not bad we have traveled
up to this time 22 miles per
day. Cousin Thought boys are
2 weeks ahead of me all well
when they passed here there is
said to be 8 thousand dragons
behind us on this event and
about 1 thousand ahead we are
among the first our cattle hold
out so far well only one lame
jolly Santy is getting fat stand

it better than any we are here to
soon to get a letter from you
I wish I was with you. I have
droll fancies some times about home
May God bless us all I would
give 20 dollars for a letter from
to me in California. I see lots of
families every day but it rather
has a tendency to make me hate
the dumps than otherwise our
company consists of 8 messes.
I will set them down so that
if any one enquires you can give
them some satisfaction. all marked
with a cross are a little sick.

1st mess	2nd mess	3rd mess
Col. Austin	G. D. Barron	John Austin
H. Preble	x E. R. Earnest	Peter Austin x
Am Pitts	J. K. Earnest	Thos. Hollomay x
G. Bunch	J. S. Earnest	Am. Austin
^{4th mess} Ben White	^{5th mess} Barnett	^{6th mess} Swordy
M. Brown	Poland	Coleman
A. Austin	Moore	Coleman
Willis	Sweeney	Acary
	Brown	all well.

of the mess.
Thos. Buffington
Jas. Buffington
Jack D

I sh ones
J. Horrell
Sterlingdon
J. Smith
Dickinson

We had seventeen wagons but we
-divided last week. We have a fine
friendly company. Mrs. Austin's boy
Col. Austin and ourselves mess together
and we expect to go through together.
We have seen a great deal of wild
game and killed but little I have
only shot 4 times since I left home
and killed 3 things (at a squirrel
next a wolf. next a prairie dog. We
see many curiosities and many Indians
all friendly we have no use for
guns smiths and hunters both broke
so we will throw them away tomorrow.
you can find any thing you want
and almost see all of your old
acquaintances. I have been with
Pacson Sam Lockrell Sam Bradley
& Giles for two weeks. We have been
in 3 heavy storms. We are now
8 hundred miles from home.

tomorrow if we look well we will
take the mountain the curiosities
I will give you an account of in
my next. I washed some clothes
and I tell you they were well done
my children would hardly know me
I have shaved but once but on two
shirts shall change tomorrow again
my beard is nearly an inch long
my old pants has a hole in the knee
I shall also change them but shall
throw them away. I would give my
part of the Gold in California to be
-at home with you and my dear
bates. Kiss them for me and I hope
my dear wife you have been taken
safely through if the stranger is
alive Kiss it for me as well as
all the Gallens and Bartons children
my love Barton and all engineering
friends I hope you are all well
the boys send their love to all.
Mrs. Austin's boys are like brothers.

Col. Austin is kind but I can see
he makes a difference between us
and Howell Buffington & I don't care
you know it is a family failing.
Thos. Holloway is a clever fellow
the Indians here resemble the
Sioux Cherokees I met with one
on his way to California we had a
long chat you remember him Drew
our time is employed as follows
Newton and Smith drive 1 day each
and Elbert and myself 1 day between
us and help cook I am writing
this 10 o'clock at night and have
to go on guard at 11 o'clock and
the hour has come so I must close
Kiss the children for me. may God
bless you all and protect you
and may we all live to meet
on earth again is the prayer
of your affectionate husband
G. T. Barron

Don't forget to write send the

children to school all you can
- and teach them at home.
be particular about them & say
bad words. I have laid my
arms around you and the children
although so far away. tell the
children to be good and not
forget father for you are all
first and last in my prayer
G. T. B.

G. T. Barron
Parrish County W