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Diary of Joseph C. Seaford

I started in the first camp of the saints from Nauvoo on the eight of Feb. I staid and help ferry over the saints till evening of ninth I then went to out to camp of the saints I cald to stay as hard on ninth a boat sunk but every soul was saved and at the same time the Temple cast fire but it was put out on eighteenth I returned to Nauvoo with Brigham Young and H. C. Kimball on the nineteenth it snow all day on the two days falling the river shut with ice so that stop our crossing I recrost and on the satterday following went four miles to work the next thursday went twenty miles on the eight of March twelve miles fourteen I was appointed Captain of the first ten of first fifty of the first hundred of the Pioneers, and when we to B Young camp he cald on us to go in his camp to repair the waggions and ther things and on tenth and eleventh it rained we staid thare the nineteenth we came fourteen miles on twentieth 14 miles and twenty first _____ twenty second 10 on the twenty third 4 miles and crost the Sharedon and encamp on the Bluff on sunday night it rained all night and Monday and tuesday and snowed on Wednesday on thursday Br Young sent a letter to George Miller O Pratt PP Pratt George A Smith and they come into camp we staid on the Sharedon and repaired our wagons till the first of aprill we went seven miles and camp one mile from the east Branch of the shoal we rested on the 2 on the 3 we persued our journey in seven miles we crost the west branch and fed and persued our course from after we started it commenced raining for two days we went 18 miles and came on the East Branch of the [locus] on the morning of the six we persued our Journey and went 2 miles to the main Branch of the locus and that evening thare was tremendous thunder storm the next morning thare was some snow we staid thare till 15 and repaired some wagons on the we persued our Journey and went 7 miles 16 we went 3 miles and nigh our tents on Pleasant point I thare repaired a waggon for Br. Richards at that

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placed we held meeting for the first on the sabbath on the 21 we
seven miles 22 9 miles to garden Grove about 2 in the afternoon
we that day commenced work after picking our tents I went to fixing
waggon for to the mountains for Pres Young and others on the 26 there
was a meeting Pres Young spoke on different subjects concerning
the truth Adam was in after the fall and the why ~~and~~ and told us that
if we would be at peace with all things that they would be at peace
with us and said that if we would not kill the snake that would not
bite our cattle and knew it some others had spoke the meeting was
ajourned till two oclock in the afternoon there was appointed
men to oversee the different of worke 27 I went and pruned a [Bent]
for a Bridge over the west Branch of Grand river on 30 we raised
it and Pr Young took the command of it I then returned my work on
waggon [My] 3 I caled to make a dofin for Br. Thomas there was a
meeting in the morning in the afternoon it rained in course of the
week works were carrid on a field was fenced and several houses built
on the 10 there was a meeting and [Lather] was appointed President
over that place on 13 we come 10 miles and pick our tents on the
prairie and there was a hard thunderstorm the next day went 2 miles
and camp with John Smith and out in buggy singletree for A Lyman
on 15 went 6 miles and on 16 9 mile on 17 3 miles 18 13 miles
and cast a large pile of rock on the prairie which as if they had been
burnt we went on the main Branch of Grand river on the 19 I went
to work on waggon

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April 3 2 oclock we started as Pioneers B Young headed the camo we
went 9 miles and camp about 5 oclock on the 4 the camp remained and
President Young went to see the farm and to council the Brethern
on his return his hearing that PP Pratt had returned from England
he went back to winter quarters to see him returned on the tenth at
10 minutes before 2 and we started at 3 and came 9 miles and camp.

half past 6 we came on to the Bluffs on the [horn] and about 5 oclock on Sunday 9 oclock persued Journey and arrived at the ferry 10 before eleven oclock and crost over and camp half a mile below the ferry it being 40 miles Monday the twelve started back for W 2 at eight in the morning and came on 14 miles and camp on the Platte and fixt for setting tire distance in all 56 miles 13 we remained and repaired waggons and in evening Col Murcum spoke to the camp on obeying council 14 continued our leighbour

15 we continued our leighoor ~~and~~ the Twelve arived here about 2 oclock in the afternoon at 7 oclock the camp was cald together by B Young and he told the camp of Israel that thare was not time tonight he would call them together in the morning and organize them and select a gard and they was to remain untill we got through and said that thare was an influence use against us by the misionary and the traders with the Indanons he said that if we were faithful it would fall upon their own heads he said it in the name of Israeel God with several other things on the morning 16 we met to organize at 8 oclock Prain by B Young and several spoke and organize into hundreds fifties and tens and them selected to gard and Col L Murcum was appointed captain and then divided into tens thare was 5 tens I was appointed Capt of the 2 ten we took up the line of march about 10 and went 4 miles in all 58 and encamp for the night

17 we sarterd at 9 oclock and went 7 miles and encamt 65 miles in all and the camp was called together they organize into a military Body Sunday 18 remained in camp and took a walk with B Y and Br E T B and others at half past 5 the Capt were cald together and instructed to cryrs at the sound of Bugle mornings and evening and also rise and go to bed and jilurt and the guns to be olace at dark and all the loose men to keep by their waggons with their guns on their shoulder or in their hands this finishes

19 we started at 20 past 7 and came 23 miles and formed a half circle on the Bank of the Platt 83 in all

20 we came 16 miles 104 in all tuesday and camp on the Plat and put our teams on an Island

wensday 21 we started at 8 oclock and came up to the Paunee vilage and fed and there was the chiefs of the nation we gave them some preasants and then we came on ten miles which made 21 miles 125 in all and camp on the [Yiew] fork of the Platt for the night and upon our safety there was 100 watch 50 at a time

thursday 22 we moved of from camp at 20 before 3 oclock and come to the [Behien] river and fed and then crost and encamp at the Paunee missionary station and there we [load] hay and some corn and camp there and on the 23 BY HCK and others went to look for a ford on the [] fork of the platt on the 22 we came 15 mi in all 140 miles they returned about twelve oclock the order was them to take from two to three rails to make a raft to cross with at 2 oclock the cam p move of and came to the Paune vilage and about 80 rods below it for the night

on satterday we came 4 miles 146 in all on satterday 24 we crost the river and came 4 miles 148 in all we remained on Sunday 25 and held a meeting and B Young spoke on Monday 26 about 4 in the morning John Eldrige saw 6 induns craling up to get some horses they were fired upon and fled we started 20 minutes before 3 oclock we came and camp on a slew opposite an old indan ruin on the other Bank of the river after feeding we came on and Encamp for the night on a small stream about 4 in the evening while some were aherding they was a horce lose and started after it but when they came near the horce run and it was supposed it stole by an indian they went after it but did not find it we traveled 17 miles 165 in all

tuesday 27 4 men went back after the 2 horses that were taken from the camp after they had gone about 2 miles they found the trail of a roan in the road and followed back within a short distance of where we camp the night before there was some sawthing in the grass and O P Rockwell was again to shoot at it when 15 induns jump up out of the grass and made for them and shot 6 times at them we came 20 miles 185

Wensday 28 we came on and camp on a small stream 17miles 202

Thursday 29 we started at 5 in the morning and came to wood river and fed we traveled 10 hours and came 18 miles 202 from winter Quarters

Tuesday 30 we persued our journey as usual untill about twelve and stop on a small stream and fed the wind commenced blowing from north and was cold and it blew hard we camp under a small bluff the wind went down with the sun I dug a well and got water in three feet to supply the camp we came 15 miles 235 in all

satterday May 1 we started at 6 oclock and stop at 8 to hunt and saw a herd of Buffalo of at right of the camp the hunters went out but did not get any about 1 we saw another herd went out and 4 and 6 calves and brought them in we traveled 15 miles 250 in all

Sunday 2 in the morning there was ice acrost the stream about 20 feet wide it groze inch in the sails and kettles it is clear and blaisant towards night we went 2 miles and came on a slew 252

Monday 3 we sent men to look a rout they returned at 3 oclock and reported that they some indians we fixed the cannon for work there was some hunters out and they were sent for []

at 9 oclock the cannon fired and at 4 in the morning tuesday 11 oclock we made a move of in Platoons and at 12 there was a man ariden from F Larane we sent letters back by him to winter Quarters give him some Bread and meal he said he had not seen any Bread but once for 2 years we traveled 9 miles and camp on a small stream 261 in all wensday 5 we moved of and about 4 oclock we came to where the parie

we then we moved back and camp the back of the river and fed

our stock on an island the hunters⁶ got 1 Buffalo and 6 calves we
come 12 miles 273 in all

Thursday 6 we move at 5 1/2 oclock we come about 3 miles and fed and
got Breckfast there has ben Buffalo in sight all day some think we have
seen 5,000 of them today we came this night on the of the river we
have travled 16 miles 239 in all from W 2

we started 11 oclock we stayed to feed our cattle on the account of
the feed being fed off by the buffalo the Bottoms of the Plat has ben
leterly covered to day with Buffalo as far as the eye could see we
have come 9 miles 238 in all and camp on the Bank of the Platt

satterday 8 we traveld in sight of a gang of Buffalo on both sides of
the river from 1 to 3 miles wide we came 11 miles 309 miles

Sunday 9 we started out and after we came about 1 mile T Jonson
E Elworth and others rope a buffalo and led a nice and let him go
again we came 3 miles and camp for the day and had breaching in the
afternoon 312 miles from W 2

Monday 10 we started at 9 oclock and moved on till 12 and stop to ate
we persued our journey at 2 and camp on the Bank of the Plat in
the evening we had some musick and to make merry the horn Blows at
9 and repaired ~~to~~ the waggon for pryrs and bed we come to 10 miles
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tuesday 11 nothing of interest took place we come 8 1/2 miles 330 1/2

Wensday 12 we moved at 9 we came 12 miles 334 in all

thursday 13 we come 11 miles and crost Junction Bluff Fork and camp
on the west Bank of it making 345 in all W 2

Friday 14 we come on 2 miles and then had to leave the river for first t
time for the Bluff comes to the river we come 1 1/2 354 miles from W 2

satterday 15 we 7 miles 361 1/2

Sunday 16 we camp and dug wells

monday 17 we come 12 3/4 miles 378 1/4

tuesday 18 we come 15 3/4 miles 383 in all W Q

wendsday 19 we started and come 3 miles and fed it rained some in the night and it was a raining day we 9 miles we past a small stream wolf creek and the raised bluff we past then and come on and camp on the river 408 miles

thursday 20 persued our journey and there was rock on both side of the river in the Bluff but a bed of sand in the Bottom yet we past large cedar tree in which was found a small indian child luse up in the Branches with a [larote] A Liman O Pratt ^(L) T Johnson and B. Brown went across the river and a found where the oregon Rout came in on the Bottoms we came 16 miles and camp 422

Friday 21 we traveled and seen no game of any kind come 15 1/2 miles 437 1/2

saturday 22 we persued our journey and about 4 oclock comd where the Bluffs come to the river and had past over and 10 minits and come on P H Young and Luke Johnson went out ahunting and saw over a hundred Buffalo where thes had ben kild by the indians and they had skind and cut the ham ~~left~~ them we came 12 miles 442 1/2 from W Q

then they _____ that we have seen they done _____ Broken in places I we come 15 1/2 miles 453 from W Q

sunday 23 about half past 4 I started and went on the top of the highest pique with S A Hanks T V Green and B stringham which was about 200 feet above the Level of the river and on some places 70 or 75 feet perpendicular from there we could see the chimney rock

I now write some more there was a meeting at 11 oclock and P. Young spoke on several matters we come to our wagons at 7 oclock it commenced raining with a little hail with it it now rains verry hard Monday 24 we persued our coarse on and come 16 1/2 miles 464 1/2

Tuesday 25 we found a large rock resembling an old castle and come 12 miles 481 1/2

thursday 27 we started 8 oclock and and traveled on the river and found [yaoid] fold we camp on the river it a light shower we come 14 miles 507 1/2

Friday 28 it rained and we stop till 11 oclock and come 11 1/2 miles 519

saturday 29 it rained in the morning and got up our teams at 10 and then there was a meeting and B. Young spoke to us concerning our follies and we had come so far in peace and that there was onerey spirit a getting into camp and the Devell now would strive to do in playing chequers cards and other ways and was not agoing any farther unless the Brothers would reform and cald a vote on it and a cvenunt and they all eventied to do the will of the lord in as much as they knew it and to santify themselves before the lord and appointed a fast meeting on the day follwing we come 8 1/2 miles 527 1/2 from W Q Sunday 30 the prayer meeting at 8 oclock and we had a good meeting the spirit of the lord was with us and at 11 the general meting 555 1/2 commence and the sacrament was adminstered to the people

Monday 31 we found a good dale of [Burrans] and camp on a small stream and come 16 1/2 miles 593 miles

Tuesday we found a dry and sandy road and camp oppsite of Larrame Fort come 12 1/ miles 555 1/2

wensday 2 we stop in camp repaired waggons and fixt for crossing the river

thursday 3 commenced crossing about sunrise about 2 there was a thunder shower the second for 2 year so said the men at the fort

Friday 4 we got acrost about 10 oclock and started at 12 and come 8 1/2 Brother Crow and families with 6 waggons and 9 men joined us at the fort they come from Pabelo

saturday 5 we come on 6 miles and camp for noon at warm spring

there 11 Oregon wagons past us We then persued our journey and come
to spring creek 17 miles making 25 1/2 from F [John] 581 from W 2
Sunday 6 we had a fast and prayr meting and assenble for preaching
and it rained after the shower we come 5 miles and camp on the same
stream with the [thive] camps that had past us in the morning
Monday 7 we came over the Bluffs some pine timber come 13 miles
18 in all
tuesday 8 we come 15 1/2 miles 33 1/2
wednesday 9 we come 19 1/4 miles 52 3/4 miles this week