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Stillman Churchill
Lowell
Salmon

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Accounts

2437,41 gates - \$16,00
2347,31 Doctor - 64,00
195,00 Stranger - - 12,00
780,00 ve[---] - 24,00
3322,31
188,00
801,00 Hippins 111,00
100,00 R [-----] G K Waters \$35,
400,00 R [-]C Herick- 40,00
51,00 Rar C Beynolds 8,00
200,00
5068,31 M 1800 Gaigely 20,00
475,95 Moon 3500
3)5544,26 Moon 5600
184800 Moon Moon
Moon Hole 16 Moon
M Shinges 36 Moon
M Bail Co [-]y 52 M Moon
M Seale 17
M 12
Moon M
M M M M
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M M

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[-] 1 Scott \$5 00, out
38 ~~Folbert~~

Tolbert - 500, out
Wilkins - 500,
& 500, out
Churchils 500,
Yates - - 5 00, out
Owens - 5 00, out
Shaw- 5 00, out

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563,
9
50.67

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McGee conducted the first train
Lawsons road or
Lawsons Road
Martin Feb 6th 1850
155
14 10½
550
187,30 27½ M Mc [-]
5,77½ 455
5½
440
27½
4,67½
183,30
28,00
217,30
26,50
25,00
268,80
400,00
450,00 34
1118,80 34,00
1600,00 6
2718,80 34 204,00
25
170
68
850
\$204
252 4,31
20.0 3 50
75 3,81 272
150 2 4
76,50 7,62 276
122
4,314 11,50 3312
3 3 128
12,93.85 34,50 34,50
12,943
21.56

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March 10th 50
A list of depts to S. Churchill & Co
Fodree ----- \$14 00
~~Doctors mowl driver~~ ---- 5 00
Barker for use of horse from
Bidwells to Marysville ---- 10 00
~~Omerson for rides to Charleys Ranch 5.00~~
~~20 Taylor & Co for use of horse from~~
~~Marysville to Longs Bar on Feather B, 90 00~~
M.M. [-]en. freight from Sacramto
City to Bidwells Bar ---- 30 30
Judge Townsend four wash pans [-]3,50,14 00
[-] one frying pan 4 ---- 4 00
E.S. Sanford share on bar --- 37 50
E.S. Sanford 4½ gal Brandy 6 27 00
One [-]res 5 ----- 5 00
20 Lbs Potatoes 50 10 00
~~Shaw 15 Lbs Pilot Bread 50 7 50~~
Senor Don Jose Vibaneo --- 3 00
T [-]dree ----- 1 10
Senor Don Jose Vibaneo ---- 5 00
do ---- Vibaneo ---- 2 00
34 Pieces Cotton Cloth 6 ---- 204 00
5 Sail Needles 25 1 25
Owens & Talbert dept Churchill & Co 7 62
Co Deptor to Churchill & Co 150 feet
¾ rope 15 lbs \$1,00 ----- 15 00
128 17
Sonor Don Jose ~~18~~
Do --- ~~20~~

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Foderee to cash \$16 00
Do 1 25
Do 100 00
Do 56.00
[-] company or long bar for flour 26 00
Do Augers Marshall & co for [-] 27 00
Clark at Yubu house 3.00
0
Companys freight bill
34 Pieces Cotton Cloth 6½ Lbs --- 17 68
15 Lbs Cordage 1,08 --- 1 20
2 [-] Narrow Axes 8 ---- 0 64
7 Ship Carpenters do - 7 ---- 0 56
20 Lbs Tools ----- 1 60
1 Grind Stone 7 ---- 56
2 Iron Bars 10 ----- 1 60
1 Plate Sheet Iron 23 ---- 1 84
14 Boards 125 Lbs ----- 10 00
29 Lbs Cordage ---- 2 32
28 00
Our due for staying on bar 64,00

Each share - - - -41,96 - - 42 86
377,700
125,898
251,802
2,49 38 01
249,81 96 08
64 06

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Companies List of articles rec.d
34 Prices cotton cloth - - 6 - - - - \$204 00
8 Sails Needles - 25 - - - - 2 00
150 Feet $\frac{3}{4}$ Rope - 100 Per lb - - 15 00
2 Narrow axes - 3 - - - - 6 00
1 Ship Carpenters axe - 8 - - - - 8 00
5 Lbs Nails - 75 - - - 3 75
Tools \$25.00 - - - - 25 00
1 Grind Stone - 5.00 - - - 5 00
2 Iron Bars - 6 - - - - - 12 00
1 Plate Sheet Iron - 23 lbs 80 18 40
14 Boards 92 feet - 20 18 40
5 Balls Twine 1 50
2 Paper Tacks - 1,00 2 00
1 paper Sacks 2.00
9 lbs nails - - - 6.75
1 hank twine 1 00
19 lbs rope . - - 19,00
freight on rope ~~8cts~~ 291-- 8cts - 2.32
freight 352,12
9)380,12 28,00
Each Share 42,235 380,19
3
126,705
Our due 253,415
Scott Tobacco 10 Lbs 65 - - - - 6.50
Orvens do 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ do 65 - - - 7 37
O B

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Dr. The. Gd e. Lodge Independant O.
1847
Aug 6 Pd, Gd, Masters Dft in far G. Sec 6.00
Sept 20 " For this Booke 38
Sep 15 Pd Gd Masters Dft in fav G Sec 3 50
~~Sep 10 Do~~ - - - - - 3 00
Jan 5th Pd Gd Masters Dft in fav of G Sec 10.17
Feb y 15th
75
25 44 80
80 360 11
2,320 300 80
3300 80
880
omit

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O. Mechanics Pu less Withe R. Churchill. Co
1847
Aug 6 Recd of. Grand Secretary 6 00
Aug 5 Do ----- 5 00
Sep 10 Do ----- 3 00
Sep 15 Do ----- 4 00
7.05
Jan 5 Recd of J. Soll - - -
Do Ballance in Dft August - 6 - - 2,91
~~1-80-50~~ coarse salt
fine salt 80
50
25
155 lbs fine salt 50 coarse
omit

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Dr, - Owens & Talbot to R. Churchill & Co
to 8½ lbs pork - 55cts -- \$4,67½
Robinson & Scott ~~pork 10½ 55cts~~
to pork 10½ lbs 55 - \$5,77½
\$4,67½ Robinson & Scott to pork 55 \$5,77½
D D D Owe Owens & Talbert Dr to S Churchi
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Amount of Flour in the waggons of
7575 No 1 Divisions waggons No 1 & 10
82511 11 Sacks of Flour 75 - - waggon 8 25
5 5 lbs Hard or Ship Bread 80 4 00
2 2 Bags Parched Corn Meal 80 1 60
300 Lbs side Pork ----- 3 00
100 Lbs Rice ----- 1 00
1 Bag of Salt ----- 80
5 Bushels Beans ----- 4 00
75 Lbs dried Apples 20 75
4 Cheeses 50 ----- 2.00
1 Box Soap ----- 75
2 Bushels Shell Corn ----- 80
26 95
825
400
160
1,3,85
Division No 2 waggons 2 & 9
8 Sacks Flour 75 - - - - 6 25
6 Bbls Bread 80 - - - - 4 80
50 Lbs Rice - - - - - 50
1¾ 130 Lbs Corn Meal 1 30
35 do Coffee - - - - - 35
12 do Candles - - - - - 12

250 side Pork - ----- 2 50
5 Hams 20 - - - - 1 00
1 Sack Crust Sugar 75 - - - 75
1 do Beans 150 - - - - 1.50
95

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Dried Beef 2 00
Joles 30 lbs 30
Fish 100 1 00
1 Sack Brown Sugar 1 1 20
_____2357

Division No 3 wagons 3 & 8
3 Sacks Flour 75 ----- 2 25
6 Bbls Bread 80 --- 4 80
4½ Sacks Meal 80 ---- 3 60
15 Lbs Sugar ----- 15
1 Bag Sugar 220 ----- 2 20
160 Lbs Coffee ---- 1 60
50 do Coarse Salt ---- 50
100 do Joles ----- 1 00
1 Ham 20 ----- 20
30 Lbs Crackers - - - - 30
70 _____[7 & 4 wagon]_____

14
860 16 60
75
50.50
14 Sacks Flour 75 - 4 ---- 10 50
45 6 Bbls Bread 8 80 ---- 4.50
50.50 1 Sack Meal - 80 ---- 80
Ham 200 Beef 50 2 50
p-2 Sacks Crust Sugar 75 - - 1 50
Coffee 40 ----- 0 40
Side Pork ----- 0 25
2 Sacks dried Apple 75 ---1 50
Salt 50 Lbs ----- 50
8 Hams 20 - -----1 60
5 Bushels Beans 80 4 00
2835 ~~2,33513 35~~
28 35

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Division No 5 wagons 5 & 6
6 Sacks Flour 75 ----- 450
6 Bbls Bread 80 ----- 4 80
2 Sacks Corn Meal 80 1 60
1 do Sugar 70 - - - - 70
2 Bushels Beans 80 - - - - 1 60
2 Bags Salt 12½ - - - - 25
1 Sack Coffee 1 80 - - - 1 80
Coffee 60 lbs - - - - - 60
1 Box Soap - - - - - 40
1 Cheese 50 - - - - - 50
2 Boxes Nails 15 - - - - 30

2 Sacks Bolognies ~~85~~ 50 -- 1 00
Dried Beef 200 - ---- 2 00
Joles 150 - - - - - 1 50
1 Sack Side Pork 275 --- 2 75
87 11607 whole 11,237 24,30
30 2675 60 5)11300 350
160 2957 24 13½)2,260 480
40 1500 [-] 180 11,30 450
180 2335 480 60 287
35 9490 30 [-]060
4.10 11,297 310 1
42 Sacks Flour 2,695 2
300 27 Bbls Bread 2,357 1
250 2,835 30
25 275 120 120 200 1,660 100
25 15 30 30 2,430 150
575 300 220 108 200 5)11,977 280 100
850 355 20 5))12 395 200
200 1197 20
160
480

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June 14 Amount of flour 44 Sacks 75 each 33 00
29 Bbls Pilet Bread 80 each - 23 20
11 Sacks Parched Corn Meal 80 8 80
13½ Bushels Beans 60 - - - 8 10
150 lbs Rice - - - - - 1 50
3 Sacks Dried Apples 75 - - - 2 25
5 Cheeses 50 - - - 2 50
1½ Boxes Soap 75 1 15
470 Lbs Coffee - - - - 4 70
355 11 Brown Sugar 3 55
4 Sacks Crust Sugar 75 3 00
850 Lbs Side Pork 850 8 50
24 Hams 20 - - - - 4 80
450 Lbs Dried Beef - - - - 4 50
280 do Jole - - - - 2 80
30 do Nails - - - - - 30
2 Sacks Bolognies 50 - - - 1 00
100 Lbs Twine - - - - 1 00
2 Bushels Shell Corn 40 80
2 Sacks Crackers 25 - - - 50
12 Lbs Candles 12

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Dr. The Oskaloosa Company
July 28 Paid to R. Churchill 96 for 8 days board at 200 100 per [^]day 16.00
" " to E. R. Yates " G. days " " " 18 00
" " to Robinson & Scott 3 " " " " 6 00
Mr Robert Churchill of Lowell Masses
[-] Mr Robert W Church A m Ames Kim
Mr Samuel S Churchill of L L Lowell
Lowell Mass 1851 L Lowell December
Mr Robert W Churchill Lowell & Springfield Mass

Hon George Webster Churchill Lowell & Boston 1851
Mrs Lucinda Churchill Lowell Mass
Mrs Lucinda L Lowell Mass Fod For
Mrs Mrs Lucius M Morton of Spring
Springfield S S
Springfield Sprin D Dorchester Ke

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July 21 ^1850 in account with Josess Verwee & others Cr-
July 21 To 11½ days board 200 ^dol per day \$23.00
Do- 28 To 18 days board 200 ^dol per day 36.00
" " George W Churchill Lowell Mass
To 18 days board \$2,00 per day J. Joseph
N Henry Churchill
D D d. D D D Joseph Verwee Verwee Joseph
[-] Mr Henry ChurcMr H NH
Stillman Churchill of Salem NH
[-] Mr Henry Churchill of Lowell Mass 1851
George W Churchill
Mr George W Cl NH W
NH
Mr George Henry Churl NH
Mr George W Churchill of Lowell Mass 1851
[-] Mr Robert W Churchill of Salem Kentucky
Mr Robert W Churchill of Springfield
Stillman Stillman C
Sti Stillman
Stillman Churchill of Salem NH
NH
Stillman Cl
Reobert W George

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Guide
from mud lake to next water 10
to next 10
through Kanyan 4 good camping
to a branch 8 miles grass
near the dividing ridge or east side 16
miles on west side 18 or 2 miles from 16
to hot spring 10
12 miles to base of mountains 12 good camp
8 miles up stream last camp this side
4 miles to camp on west side
8 miles to lake Goose Lake
To high Rock Keanyan 10
do first mountain pass 18
grass 3 miles to the right round pass
camp at Running Brook 4
warm Spring 12
Summit of Sierra Nevada 18
water every 6 miles
Goose Lake 10

Arround Lake 20
Kenyan Creek 10
92 Boiling Spring 4
158 Shallow Lake 10
250 Sacramento River 20
Crossing of River 4
140
~~J C Greg~~ Illinois Union band

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8 miles snake
From fork of roads to first spring 12 miles
To Rabbit spring 18
Black Rock Spring - - - - 20
Boiling Spring some grass between 5
Mud Lake grass plenty 20
Leave the Oregon Road 180 miles from
here on Goose Lake or from junction
To where you strike the head waters
of Pitts River 8
Down Pitts 75
158
Small Lakes 13
Grass & water 17
do - - - - 12
do - - - - 9
Dear Creek best grass 10
water & grass scarce 12
To Lawson no grass or water 36
109
158
267

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July ~~23~~ Indian Bar July 1st 1850
Dr. Mr. Yates in account with the Co y
to Cash \$400,00
5 86 1,50 Cr
August 4 Verwee to 10 lbs beans 3 pork 3 sugar
Do- " 2,00 50
Gammon to 3 sugar [-]a ¼ Salserettes
5
150
150
200 ve verwee
10,00
Yates Yates in account with Churchill

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Oscalooosa Bar July 1st 1850

the company of said bar that to day at
1 o'clock P M. for the purpose of chooseing
a treasurer & doing such other business as
might come before the meeting the meeting
was called to order & Mr Shaw was elected
chairman R. Churchill was then elected
Recording Secretary the company then made choise
of Mr William Talbot as Treasurer after which
Mr. Frederick Robinson proposed to become a
member of the company & after due consideration
was elected under the considerasion that he
should pay one Thousand dollars & his prop-
otional part of all the expences the Co-y had
been at to be paid as fast as he made it
with the excepsion of w^hat it would ~~to be~~
take for his support the company then
voted that two men be elected to wash the
Gold from the machine W. Talbot & F. Robinson
were nominated & elected voted that the
Clerk inform Mr. Robinson of his election voted
to adjourn

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Oscalooosa Bar July 1st, 1850.
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P. M. for the purpose of chooseing a treasurer & doing
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elected chairman R Churchill was then elected
Recording Secretary the Co, then made choise of
Mr William Talbert for Treasurer
Osca. W T L Mr S L S L

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An account of the money made by the
company from day to day & in the
Treasurers hands
June 28, th amount of funds on hand \$.80,00
of which F. Robinson is to share with the Co-y
Do - - - 29 - to be divided between - 8 - {321,75
July 1st forenoons work - - { 166,00
afternoons work - - { 50,00
Do - - 2 - - A M - { 142 00
P-M- {426,00
- - 3 - - - A M - - 404,00
- P M -- -- 298,00
\$.1887,75
July 19 & 20 - dug gold to the amount of 975.50
with the exception of quicksilver Gold
" 28 from the 20 to 28 dug Gold to the amount of 5991.00

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[-]
Jos Joseph Joseph Verwee of Low
George W Churchill Churchill
Miss Cassandria Hathon of Hennika
of of B [-]
Miss Eliza Hathon of of of Henry
Miss Ca Cassandria S Hathon of Henniker
[-] Miss Maria H L of [-] L [-] L L
Lowell Mass
L L L L L L L L Lowell
(omit)
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July 1850

July 9, 1850

July 9th the Company met to day at 1 o'clock
for the purpose of dividing the money in the
treasury each member receiving his share & for
doing such other business as might come before
the meeting after dividing the money a committee
of 3 were chosen to draft a code of by laws &
report the next Sunday following
Committee F. Robinson
[-----] Shaw
R. Churchill

July 16, 1850

July 16th the company not all being present at
the time adjourned to met to day at 1,o'clock for
the purpose of adopting by laws & doing such other
business as migh come before them the Committee
on by laws made their report & after a secont
reading the following by laws were adopted
Article 1st This Company shall be hailed & known
as the Oskaloosa Company
Article 2nd the Co-y shall be composed of nine members at
the extent who shall hold equal shares & share equally
in all proffits & losses of the Co-y every member using
his utmost endeavours to promote the welfare of
the Co-y in every ~~res~~ respect

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Article 3rd there shall be 2 Officers in the Co-y a Clerk
& a Treasurer who shall hold their office throug the
ensuing season unless some plausible accusation be
brought against them for which they may be discharged

at the pleasure of the Co-y

Article 4th it shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a full & correct account of all the business transactions of the Co-y he shall direct to be paid from the treasury all bills that shall be brought against the Co-y & approved & shall see to the weighing of the Gold that shall be dug from day to day & to the division of the same

Article 5th it shall be the duty of the treasurer to take into his care & keeping all moneys belonging to the Co-y he shall keep a correct account of the receipts of all funds paid into his hands from day to day for which he shall hold himself accountable to the Co-y he shall pay out of the treasury all bills approved by the Co-y & get a receipt for the same

Article 6th in case any member of the Co-y shall be sick while the Co-y are mining he shall draw from the treasury one ounce a day until the Co-y can procure a hand to fill his place said hand shall be paid out of the members funds for who he

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shall labour & said member shall receive an equal propotion of all the earnings of the Co-y after such hand is procured

Article 7th if any member shall fain himself sick or shall become sick through intemperence or any misdemeanor whatsoever of which the Coy shall judge & deside he shall forfeit the sum proscribed in Article 6-

Article 8th in case of the death or demise of a member of the Co-y it shall be the duty of the Co-y to hire a man to work out his claim & the proceeds thereof to be sent to his widow or nearest relatives after deducting all nessessary expences

Article 9th any member who shall act the part of a lazy man or who shall not use his utmost endeavours to do his propotional part in all places & under all circumstances he shall at the request of the Co-y hire a hand to work in his place or forfeit such a porpotion of his share of the money comeing to him at the end of each week as the Co-y shall determine

Article 10th if any member shall lose any time on his own account or in doing business for himself when not sick he shall pay into the treasury one ounce a day for all such time unless the Co-y are mining in which case he shall

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be exempt from paying the above named sum but forfeit his propotional part of all earnings of the Co-y dureing such time

Article 11th these laws may be altered or amended at

any regular meeting of the Co-y all the members
being present & a majority being in favor thereof-
-all to which we subscribe our names

R. Churchill
S. Churchill
J. A. Wilkins
L M Owen
John Scott

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A list of names of the members of the Co-y
together with the amount each member drew
at each drawing from the Treasury

July - 9th " 28

R. Churchill \$158.65 634 00
S. Churchill 158.65 634 00
J.A. Wilkins 158.65 634 00
W.N. Shaw 158.65 634 00
E.R. Yates 100.18 634 00
J M Scott 158.65 634 00
J.F. Robinson 97.77 00
W Talbot 158.65 634 00
L.M. Owens 158.65 634 00

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~~L Left Lowell Friday L~~

~~Left Lowell~~ Left Lowell Feb 18th/ 51

31
31
18
7180
111
812
92
5
12 39
12)40
12
12
12
12
12
12
12

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Passenger Car Truck in
2 Jaw pieces each -----7 f - 3½ long Size 8 x 3¾ in
2 Cross bars " -----5 " - 8¾ " " " "
1 End piece -----6 " - 9⅝ " " 6 x 3½
1 " " ----- " " " " 7 "
4 Axle girts -----2 " 10 " 12½ x 3¼
1 Balance beam -----5 " 4 " 9¼ 7 7/8
Jaws 7¾ inside of ends
omit

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Baggage Car Dimentions
2 Sills whole length 24 f 9 in size 7½ x 4¾
Between joints 23 " 2½
Side door posts apart 2 " 10
2 End sills between joints 7 " 4 " " "
" door posts apart 1 " 8¾
Platform girts outside 4 " 8½
Length between shoulders 2 " " 6 7/8 3⅝
Bottom lip 1 ¾
End of platform long 7 2
Size in middle 5 in end 3 ¼ Thick 3½
Between outside & inside sill 1 6
Depth of rafter in middle 9⅝
Top riser for steps 9½ in bottom 9
Plates Bevel 2 in top - on side ⅝
End rafters 3½ deep [-] 9 thick 1¾
Corner posts 3 x 4 side door posts 2¾ x 4
All the rest 2 x 4
Bolsters 5¼ thick lip 2¼ wide 1
Posts between shoulders 6
omit

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July 28 1850 we severally received of R. Churchill in
behalf of the Oskaloosa Co-y the sum of
money attached to each of our names it being
the full amount due us for labour done on the
bar up to the [^]several dates

July 28 R. S. Gammon \$100.00

" " L. Stearns 104 00

" " Wm H Hill 48 00

" " James E Smith 64 00

August 1th

" 4 J. H Dodge 44 00

George Hunter 40.00

R. S. Gammon 48.00

S. Stearns 32.00

L. Dahl 48 00

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Dr - The Oskaloosa Company -
1850
1850 The Oskaloose Co

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in account with R.S. Gammon & others Cr ---
1850
{ - Days - - } dol - cts
July 12 to R S. Gammon for labour 12 13 \$16.00
{ - - Days - - } dol cts 29 " " " 48.00
16½ 17 18 19 20 \$36.00 5
22 " " " " 48.00

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- To Lemuel Stearns fo Labour - Cr
1850
{ - - Days - - } dol - cts { Days - - - } dol - cts
July 12 \$ 12 13 \$16-00
15 - 17 18 19 20 40 . 00 31 " " " 32 00
22 " " " " 48 00

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~~D~~ to J.E. Smith for labour Cr
1850
{ - Days - - } dol - cts { - Days -- - } Dol - cts
July 19th \$ \$
19 20 16 - 00 29 " 16 00
22 " " " " 48 . 00

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June 1850

June 27, 1850

June 27th as far as the eyes could reach the former
has the appearance of one of our Court Houses
with another rock in front, resembling in
shape a cone distance 20 miles roads heavy

June 28, 1850

28th Weather fair left camp ground at 6 A.M.
arrived at court house rock at 8 A.M.
distance [^]from court house rock to Chimney Rock
15 miles ~~at~~ the latter is distant from the
road 1½ miles it has the appearance in the distance
of a Locomotive Engine House having a bell top
& chimney in the centre but its real shape is
oval to the height of 150 feet from the base
with numerous excavations there is a second
elevation height 50 feet which continues without
any variation in size the third elevation is
also 50 feet about [-] one 1/3 the size of the second
being 15 feet in diameter distance 23 miles

June 29, 1850

~~28th~~ 29 Weather fair left camp at 6 A.M. proceed-
-ed 4 miles & found an excellent spring of pure
cold water on the right directly below there
is a blacksmiths shop also a store & dwelling
house all under one roof built of cedar
the only wood in this vicinity & it is owned
by a trapper who married an indian
squaw distant from Ft Laramiee 55 miles
we ascended the summit at 9 where we
had an excellent view of Laramies Peak
distant 150 miles being the first view of
a range of the rocky mountains

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the road continues good passed several sand
bluffs also horse creek then another stream
name unknown camped on bottom of
Platte distance 20 miles
30th Weather fair & beautiful left camp at
5½ A.M. drove 3 miles & came to a spring of pure
cold water

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[17]
To William H. Hill fo labour-Cr
1850
{Days} dol cts {-Days--} dol cts
July - 22 " " " " 480029 " " " " 4800

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[18]
To Joseph Verwee for labourCr
1850
{Days}dolcts{Days}dol-cts
July- 22" 2[-] " " " 10dol900029\$55.00

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GeorgeSS

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Distances from the junction of the
Mormon, & east Hall route to California
Steeple - Rock to California to Gold Mines 675
Steeple Rock to Goose Creek over a hill 10
Several camping places over this distance
up Goose Creek good camping most anywhere 22
To the Hot Spring valley good water little grass 13
2nd Spring good camping 5
Through Hot Spring Valley 32
Several good camping places none of them
more than ten miles apart
To a branch of Marys River 8
Good camping most anywhere
Through a Kanyan crossing the branch 9 times 8
To Marys River good camping all along 19
To Martin's fork of Marys River 60
Good camping all along 177
Thence over a hill through a kanyan
where you strike the river again 20
To a place in the hills crossing the river twice 72
Good camping anywhere
To the next crossing of Marys River
Good camping the entire distance
Over a barren desert without grass or water 14
To the lower camping place on the river 26
Grass scarce 178
177
178
355
Thsree hundred & fifty five miles from
the junction of the roads to mouth of Marys River

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To a Slough poor camping 15
To Sm [---] grass & wood scarce 20
The best water however in a slough
that passes through a bend & a
narrow bluff here also you may
find a new track on your left
that Childs intended to make
last fall which may be nearer & a

less distance to do without grass
& water
By the Battalion road from the
Sink to the Hot Springs no grass
& poor water 20
Thence to Truckies River good camping 25
& the road forks here you will
take the left hand road
Salmon Trout [-] River good camping 25
L Childs road if made comes
in here or next camp
Then turn to the right & cross a 15
bend good camping 8
up the river good camping
Cross a hill to river good camping 12
Pass over a creek through a Kanyan
good camping every few miles 42
Over another creek & Kanyan 5
Then to Red Lake or dividing
ridge of California Mountains 11
Good camping 198

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Guide

55.50 7½

16.50 6

59 40 3

16½

Lake valley good camping 6

Over highest ridges to Rock Valley

Good camping 10

To leek Springs good camping

& good water by the way 13

To camp Creek poor camping 10

Down the ridge you turn & descend

into a valley two miles on your left

Grass plenty 16

To p Pleasant valley or Gold Miner 12

To Capt Sutters the head quarters

of the California Emigration 55)

122

Truckies & Salmon Trout are not
the same rivers but Marys Ogdens

& Humboldt are 122

198

355

Three hundred miles from branch of 675

Marys River to Sink

One hundred & sixty miles from Sink

to dividing ridge of California Mountains

From dividing ridge to Gold Mines 67

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June P

25 Recived of the Sagamore Company

\$41.15 cts being the share of the public money due No 5 the named of which are Mr Wilkins Hellum Jewett Dr Paige Dr E G Baker Rice Burnap Sherwin R. Churchill. S. Churchill 10 in number 26 Sold an undivided share of a mule for \$14.75 cts which is in the private treasury \$41.15

14.75

\$55.90

5 Shoeing Mules 7½ Total in the treasury

12 Crossed the ferry price 6 dollars

12 paid 3 dollar for parched Corn

paid 2 dollars for bacon received 1 dollar

of No 5 waggon received \$1,25 for board

Paid 4½ for bacon received 2,25 of No 5

Paid 1 dollar to Mr. Wilkins

750 Crossing green River ferry 4 dollars

6 Paid Mr Sherwin \$1,65 \$1,65 for Pork

3 Paid Mr Wilkins 20 cts 18.50 to purchase

2 Tobacco 20 2.50

1.25 1.25 16.00 1.65

4.50 27.95 2.25 4

1 1 155.30 23,50 18.10 3

4 1.25 27.95 9,90 4 2,25

1.65 2.25 28 13,60 14,70 1,

0.20 32,45 9 25 9,90

31.10 18.70

2.25

20.95

2 95

18.70

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1849

March 1849

March 27, 1849

Lowell March 27th, 1849,

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March.27. Left Lowell at 8 A.M. arrived at Lynn

10½ A.M. Partook of a solation at 1 P.M.

a free gift by the ladies In the evening

we had a social gathering with the ladies

spiced with dancing at Sagamore Hall

lodged at Lynn Hotel. Weather cold & rainy

March 28, 1849

28. Met at Sagamore Hall ¼ before 1 transacted

some Co business adjourned to 3.o'clock

P.M. Thursday voted to start from Lynn

at 3 for Boston rain or shine Weather rainy & [^cold](#)

March 29, 1849

29 Met at 3 at Sagamore Hall left Lynn at 3½ was received at Boston by the Bay-State Co at 4¼ arrived at Stonington Depot at 5 escorted by the said Co arrived at Stonington at 8½ P.M. took passage on board the steamer Rhode Island for N.Y. Weather changeable

March 30, 1849

30. Passed whirl or hell gate at 5½ A M arrived at New York at 6½ took breakfast at the Earl House at 9 visited Trinity Church Castle Garden Tombs ~~5 points~~ Astor House Fountain &c &c &c Weather fair visited the National in the evening

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March 31, 1849

31 Left N.Y. for Pa at 12 A.M. in the Steamer John Potter went 30 miles in Steamer [-] 60 by rail road arrived at Pennsylvania at 5¼ P.M. took supper & lodging at Copples & Jones'es opposite the exchange Weather fair

April 1849**April 1, 1849**

April 1 Weather fine to day attended Church in the forenoon on New Market St had an excellent discourse delivered by William L Dennis of the Baptist denomination in the afternoon visited the fairmount water works, Girard College Penitentiary, Wire Suspension Bridge, and other public works.

April 2, 1849

2 Weather fine left Penn, to day at 11 A.M. arrived in Columbia at 8 P.M. left immediately in the Canal Boat ascended one inclined plane perpendicular height 170 feet Text Matthew 6 [-] - 19-20v

April 3, 1849

3 Weather fair nothing of interest to day

April 4, 1849

4 Weather fair do - - - - - to day

April 5, 1849

5 Weather fair arrived at Holidaysburg
at 6½ P.M. all well & in good spirits
distance from Columbia to Holidaysburg
173 miles traveled the distance in
68 hours - - - - -

April 6, 1849

6 Left Holidaysburg at 7½ A.M. we ascended
3 inclined planes perpendicular height
of whole 1396 feet whole number of locks
170 -- 6 feet each = 1032 feet Weather fair

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April 7, 1849

7 Weather fair men all in good spirits
passed through several villages beautiful
-ly situated on the banks of the river
also one tunnel 800 & 1 8 feet arrived
safely in Freeport at 11 P.M.

April 8, 1849

8 Weather fair remained in the City
over Sabbath ascended the mountains
adjacent took a retrospective view of
the river & City accompanied by a
telescope scenery beautiful

April 9, 1849

9 Weather fair Left Freeport this morning
at 12½ o'clock was safely landed at
Pittsburg at 10½ A.M. it is decidedly
the largest & most business place
between Philidelphia & Cincinatti
being the head of steamboat navigation
it commands the trade of the
waters of the Mississippi Missouri
& Ohio river there are also extensive
iron & ~~mi~~ coal mines thereby rendering
fuel cheap & labor plenty but it
presents to the traveler the appearance
of a City on fire on account of the
coal smoke rendering most of the
City invisible at any one point

April 10, 1849

10 Weather fair left Pitts.g at 5 A.M. in the
steamer Dewitt-Clinton called at Beaver
in Ohio distance 80 miles voted to discharge

Mr Dixon on complaint of swindling &
misconduct to Sagamore Co

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April 11, 1849

April 11 Weather fair left Wheeling at 1¼ after
being detained since 10 A.M. yesterday
took in 63 persons for the land of
promise making our number on-ports
board 150 for California do for other-

April 12, 1849

12 Weather fair all goes on pleasantly
scenery beautiful

April 13, 1849

13 Weather changeable we arrived at
Cincinnati at 7 A.M. left at ¼ to two
passed North Bend 16 miles below
Cinti had an excellent view of
General Harrison's homestead,
burial place, also the old
chimney which stand directly
in front of the House & on the
banks of the river the whole presen-
-ting the most beautiful appearance

April 14, 1849

14 Weather fair found ourselves in
Louisville this morning a fine healthy
& flourishing C City traveled 2
miles to see the Kentucky giant
named Porter he is 7 feet 8 in ~~in~~
[-] height left Portland at 12 A.M.
canal 2 miles long 3 locks
there is a great fall in the river
at this place

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April 15, 1849

15 Weather clear & cool reached Evansville
early this morning passed the celebrated
Buchaneer cave it is a deep hole in a
rock close to the waters edge said to
be the resort of an ancient band of
robbers

April 16, 1849

16 Weather fair found ourselves in the waters of the Mississippi this morning the country along its banks wears rather a dreary aspect there being high cliffs on the Missouri side just the reverse on the opposite it being low flat & marshy thereby rendering the soil unfit for cultivation or grazing the inhabitants earn a livelihood chiefly by cutting wood for the supply of Steamers

April 17, 1849

17 weather changeable passed Jefferson Barracks 12 miles below St Lewis the seat of the western division of the army there is nothing sublime in its location or appearance except a tower there are several towers in the river we arrived at St Lewis at 10½ A.M. took passage immediately on board steamer Belle Creole ~~St Lewis~~ Louis is a large & flourishing City

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April 18, 1849

18 Weather fair Held a general meeting of Sagamore C_o voted to admit Mr Baker as a member of this C_o also Mr Hudgins his wife to accompany him also Mr Lohman both of Tennessee Left St Louis at 4½ P.M.

April 19, 1849

19 weather fair Came up with the steamer Saluda she had both shafts broken we took her passengers on board numbering 60 for California

April 20, 1849

20 weather fair & warm struck several sand bars had to retrace our steps as far as Osage river passed Jefferson City at 10 A.M. the capitol of the state there is nothing beautiful or interesting about the City the State House is built of white soft stone arrived in Boonville at 6 P.M. all in good spirits

April 21, 1849

21 Weather fine struck our tents about
¾ of a mile from the City it occupies
an elevation of nearly 75 feet from
the Missouri river in a beautiful
grove the timber is chiefly black
walnut cotton wood Hickory & some
white wood there are also numerous
deer and a great supply of wild geese
& turkeys & other game a plenty

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April 22, 1849

22 weather fair we still remained
in camp we dug into an Indian
mound the result was the remains
of an Indian bones

April 23, 1849

23 weather changeable

April 24, 1849

24 Weather fair the Co have been engaged
in bringing mules from More & Porters
farm distant 3 miles from the City
¾ from camp

April 25, 1849

25 Weather fair the men engaged to day
in making tent pins pickets fixing
waggons & C & C had a visit from the
ladies & gents of Boonville who we
entertained with music from the
Sagamore band Mr Rice violinist

April 26, 1849

26 Weather fine Received a visit from the
preceptor of the academy & his pupils
& also a Boston lady formerly of Vermont
a teacher in the same institution

April 27, 1849

27 Weather fair the people have become
very much attached to our Co particularly
the ladies

April 28, 1849

28 weather fair visited Mr Tracys this
evening had a very interesting time

April 29, 1849

29 Weather fine Nothing of interest to day
several of the Co attended church to
Mr Bells

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April 30, 1849

April 30 Weather fine received the ladies &
gents of Mr. Bells church had a
sing from a Boston lady Miss Munroe
& entertained the Co with several songs

May 1849**May 1, 1849**

May 30 1 Weather fine attended a party to
Mr Bells had a pleasant social
gathering got wet on our return

May 2, 1849

2 Weather fine

May 3, 1849

3rd our harnesses & other
[-] effects arrived to day attended a
party at Mr Quarles this evening
one of the upper ten

May 4, 1849

4 weather fine men all busy in preparing
for a start voted to sell 2 spare wheels
voted to start to 2 waggons morrow
if possible

May 5, 1849

5 Weather rainy

May 6, 1849

6 Weather changeable had a discourse
delivered by Mr Mitchel in the
centre of our camp ground the ladies
occupying the right front seats the
gents on the left of the speaker
on the left & in the rear were several
buggies which gave to the whole a
most interesting appearance
estimated number of citizens 300

May 7, 1849

7 Weather fair no 1 mess & one waggon

of no 4 started to day

May 8, 1849

8 Weather fair all started to day except
1 team of no 2 no 5 waggon got set
returned to old camp

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May 9, 1849

9 Weather fine left again to day killed
one mule moved on 7 miles & camped
on the prairie

May 10, 1849

10 Weather fine left camp to day had one
waggon upset to day & were obliged to
camp near a small creek

May 11, 1849

11 weather fine repaired our waggon & struck
our tents broke one axletree supplied
another & drove to township no 42 & encam

May 12, 1849

12 Weather fine passed Georgetown to day
drove to the commencement of the

May 13, 1849

13 Weather fine again (-great Prairie
camped on the prarie

May 14, 1849

14 Weather rainy traveled 13 miles to day
& camped on the prairie

May 15, 1849

15 Weather rainy the company again moved
on went a deer hunting to day saw 5
deer all escaped without a Sagamore ball

May 16, 1849

16 Weather fine S crossed a large creek to day

May 17, 1849

17 Weather fine crossed 2 creeks to day
broke 1 axletree furnished another & moved

on ½ mile from Warrensburg & camped
on a low piece of ground

May 18, 1849

18 Weather fine crossed a large creek to day
traveled 12½ miles

May 19, 1849

19 Weather f ~~et~~ cloudy no rain passed the
village called Low & Jack camped 3
miles from there

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May 20, 1849

May 20 No traveling to day the company
are all in good spirits tents unmolested

May 21, 1849

21 We all arose with the morning dawn
in excellent health & fine spirits
our camping ground is situated about
12 miles from Pilot Grove 20 from
Independence in a southeasterly course
struck our tents at 8 & assumed our
journey broke 1 waggon spire traveled
20 miles to day crossed the big black
river width about 40 yds also little
& big blue little blue is a very small
stream big blue is about 20 yds wide
with a ledgy bottom debth 3 feet

May 22, 1849

22 Weather clear with a north wind
Mr Hudgins & wife left us the cause
being her ill-health left the camp ground
about 10 A.M. passed the Missouri line
into the Shawnee Country about 1 P.M.
18½ miles south-west of Independence saw
on the road several graves on one the name
J.N. Ives, visited a pyramid of rock many
names engraved thereon passed ex-governor
Edwards they had six ox teams distance of
travel to day ~~20~~ 20 miles

May 23, 1849

23 Weather rainy accompanied with terific thunder
& lightning clear at 10 left camp ground
at 1 distance of travel to day 12 miles

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Weather fine & clear struck our tents & left the ground at 7 A M about ½ mile from a stream grass plenty traveled 8 miles & passed an Indian hut the inmates had

May 24, 1849

24 deserted it there is a beautiful spring near by & a little below we filled our casks & traveled till 11 A M. the santafee road is 4 miles in the rear of our camping ground crossed a stream 35 miles from the line (Missouri) met several Californians on their return no game the 35 mile creek is called Rooshanacbe 9 miles farther there is one called Wakaloosa both of them are considerable streams rather difficult to pass, [-] there is an indian hut near the Wakosa there is about 1½ mile in length of level prairie over the stream very wet when we crossed camped on high ground at 9 ~~A~~ P.M. in shower 3 waggons [-] remaining on the low ground distance of travel to day 20 miles ~~2-2000 Bills Bills Bills Bills Boston~~

May 25, 1849

25 Weather showery this morning clear at 10 A.M. struck our tents & left at 2 P.M. traveled 10 miles & camped near a good spring grass plenty 6 mile from Wakaloosa we left the low prairie & ascended the high land perpendicular height 50 feet good roads ~~we~~ we had an excellent view of the surrounding country on the height

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May 26, 1849

May 26 Weather fine & clear struck our tents & left at 7 A.M. traveled 14 miles in the forenoon & bated our teams 2 hours & resumed our journey distance of travel this afternoon 10 miles passed the Virginia Co one of the company had his arm broken weather cool

May 27, 1849

27 Weather clear & cold

May 28, 1849

28 Weather fair left our camping ground at 8 arrived at the Kansas lower ferry at 11 A.M, crossed ~~the~~ over with the teams in 3 hours without difficulty there is about 5 miles of low bottom land over the river difficult to cross in wet weather the patawatimies indians inhabit the region of territory about the Kansas crossing the ferries are 12 miles apart, traveled 6 miles this afternoon & camped on a ridge of high land grass wood & water plenty

May 29, 1849

29 Weather clear & warm left camp ground at 7¼ A.M. traveled 9 miles & crossed a creek name unknown its banks are steep camped 2 miles from creek near several indian huts or wigwams grass wood & water plenty procured 23 axle-trees here (white oak, price 1 dollar passed several California companies

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May 30, 1849

30 Weather dull left the camp ground at 7¼ traveled till 9 A.M. laid by about 2 hours during a shower then resumed our journey 2 hours & camped for the night a second shower bringing us to a halt no wood very near.

May 31, 1849

31 Weather fair left camp at 7 traveled 8 miles & come to a creek crossed it & picketed out our mules met a company from Lexington Ma on their return home 2 other companies 1 from Tennessee the other from Illinois, traveled 4 miles & come to the vermilion was unable to cross & went back ½ a mile & camped

June 1849

June 1, 1849

June 1 Weather clear left our camp at 6 & at 9 was safely landed on the western bank of the Big Vermillion one mile of bottom land partly covered with timber about 2 miles from Kansas there is a 2 story house painted white piazza in front 3 miles from

there we left the low ground & took the
ridge road to the right & camped wood
water & grass plenty

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June 2, 1849

June 2 Weather fair left our camp ground at
7 A M roads generally good forded
several streams saw several indians
mounds camped near a beautiful
spring water cool & refreshing willow
trees arround it

June 3, 1849

3 Weather fine company engaged to
day in repairing waggons overhauling
the loads equalizing the same
was visited by several of the
wolverines rangers company all well
except some few cases of diarrhea

June 4, 1849

4 Weather fine left the camp ground
at 5 A.M. mules in good trim
halted at 11 the monthly meeting
of company at 12½ a vote was taken
to start at 5 hereafter ~~o if practica~~
if practicable there was much language
of a personal nature reached the
big Blue river at 5 & camped on
the very spot that Bryant did

June 5, 1849

5 Weather fine left our camp a at 5
& crossed the river which was hard
for our mules on account of its
long sandy bed main stream 100 feet
wide traveled 26 miles & camped

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June 6, 1849

6 Weather fine started this morning
at 6 A M notwithstanding the 5. o'clock vote
traveling to day most excellent roads
extremely hard over high table lands
camped at 6 P.M. on an elevated plane

overlooking a vast extent of country
the river in view has a sandy bed
& usually goes by the name of big Sandy
we encamped at 6 P M during a shower

June 7, 1849

7 Weather fine left our camp at 6 A M
crossed the above named river distant
from camp 1 mile a branch of the
little blue traveled 20 miles to day

June 22, 1849

~~2~~June 22nd

22 Weather fair left camp at 6 A.M when
we awoke several teams were harnessed being 4
o'clock cause scarcity of grass. distance 15 miles
Mr Wilkins A Hellums, teams remaining in
the rear till six finding grass in ~~the a rock~~
swale near the river 12 miles from here we
again st~~a~~ruck the river after we camped there
was a request made by several members for
a meeting to be called to try a vote of the C~~o~~
& see if they were willing that several members
should withdraw from said C~~o~~ & receive their
share of the C~~o~~ stock there was a majority
~~in of~~ voted in the affirmative a motion was
made to adjourn till 6 A.M. to morrow which
was carried the originators of this scheme
was Mr Hobart Stearns Sedgley Hooker Hawkes

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& the celebrated starched dickey Dr
Toothacher & others Mr Cummings included
distance 15 miles

June 23, 1849

23rd Weather fair arose at the dawn of
day & a meeting was called a[-] according
to adjournment a motion was made for
the aforesaid C~~o~~ Division N~~o~~ 1 so called
to receive their share of the C~~o~~ stock which
was carried but after mature deliberation
it was thought best to dissolve the old
~~origan~~ original Sagamore Co of Lynn
mass they therefore immediately commenced
forming themselves into 5 messes, each
mess to retain their former teams the
Provisions to be equally divided & the
residue to be sold at auction & the
money divided the day was busily spent
in the settlement & adjustment of the
property all was peace & harmony
4 messes have 10 men each the other
9, each mess traveling as they think
proper without any captain or inferior

officers our mess having 12 men
& 2 waggon leaving the old Sagamore Co
of Lynn Mass without any existence

June 24, 1849

June 24th Weather fair ~~left camp ground at~~
remained in camp to day to rest our teams
& divide the funds & the final adjustment
of all property & past & present difficulty
No 1 mess leaving camp at 5 P.M. 3

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June 25, 1849

June 25th Weather fair left camp ground at 5
A.M. all in good spirits & teams yet remaining
together ~~on~~ the road to day has been heavy
over high hills & crooked road camped near
what I call Castle Bluff on the left of the
road found 8 head of cattle to day passed
the road that leads in from the Upper
Platte Ferry on the left also through Ash
Hollow the road after. passing through the hollow
is very sandy several good springs here

June 26, 1849

~~26~~ June 26th Weather fine left camp at 6 A.M.
under the most favourable auspices with regard
to health the roads to day however has been
sandy & very heavy the sand bluffs continue
on our left & rise to a considerable eminence
being mostly broken they present a rough
exterior grass poor wood scarce the river & meadows
prized deer came to ~~S~~ the bottom again this
evening, grass plenty distance 17 miles

June 27, 1849

June 27th Weather fair this morning had a shower
last night left camp at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 5 A.M. [-] our
course has been on the bottom roads a little better
yet there is a great chance for improvement
we met one emigrant wagon on the return course
scarcity of grass we had a heavy shower this
afternoon accompanied with terrific thunder
& a heavy gale of wind the most severe I ever
witnessed it lasted $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour with little cessation
we come in sight of Court House Rock at $4\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.
immediately afterwards we saw Chimney Rock

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June 12, 1849

June

12 left camp ground at 5 A.M. Weather fair left Little Blue & commenced our Journey with the intention of reaching the Platte bottoms which we succeeding in doing at 6½ P.M. on, the route we met Maj Belcher & escort from Fort Kearney for Fort Leavenworth he stated there had been a skirmish between some pawnees & emigrants & several compaines of dragoons were in pursuit of them there was 7 mounted men & ~~as an~~ escort & 1 waggon camped 2 miles up the river distance 27 miles we had a most terific thunder shower in the night which continued till morning

June 13, 1849

13 weather dull in the forenoon clear in the afternoon distance to Ft Kearney 12 mills road heavy arrived at at 4 P.M. & camped ¾ of a mile off it is situated ½ a mile from the Platte on a perfect level the buildings consist of a Hospital Black House & several other buildings built of turf covering an area of several acres they are used for the various ocupations necessary for the safety & prosperity of a fort & distant from civilization 325 miles the garison number 200 inclusive of officers

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June 14, 1849

14 remained in camp to day busily employed in equalizing our loads & selling all the dispensible articles voted to reduce our personal baggage to 80 lbs per man good order prevailed something rare there was several companies around us

June 15, 1849

15 weather fair left camp at 6½ A.M. the roads first 8 miles heavy it then gradually grows better as we advance grass scarce wells by the road side dug by emigrants
~~+6 distance 22 miles distance 22 miles~~

June 16, 1849

16 Weather fine left camp ground at 5 A.M. grass plenty no wood the bluffs on our ~~are~~ left are distant from ½ to 1 mile called at meeting to see if it was expedient to travel to morrow (Sunday) voted in the affirmative distance of travel 26 miles

June 17, 1849

17 left our camp at 9 A.M. had a shower this morning considerable anxiety was manifest to day on account of the vote yesterday the more considerate seeing their hastiness saw a few buffalo to day distance 18 miles grass thin & poor

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weather fair

June 18, 1849

18 Weather fair left our camp ground at 5 A.M. & resumed our journey our course has been distant from the river 3 or 4 miles grass good near the river saw buffalo to day distance 25 miles

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June 19, 1849

19 left camp at 5 A.M. had a buffalo chase to day Mr Hooker & Hobart gave chase but lost them all Weather fair distance 25 miles

June 20, 1849

20 Weather fair this morning & it rained most of the night accompanied with terrific thunder & lightning the darkness rendering all things above & below invisible left camp at 8½ A.M arrived at the ford of the Platte at 10 & commenced crossing at 10½ & was all safely landed on the opposite shore at 1 P.M. broke one waggon spire after we landed occasioned by our mules being frightened by a terrific hail storm the lamps being the size of a hens egg the width of the river is from ½ to ¾ of a mile being very shallow from 10 inches to 3 feet in depth distance 12 miles

June 21, 1849

21 Weather fine left camp at 7 A.M. mosquitoes very thick & troublesome travelled 5 miles & left the - Fork of Platte for the North 3 miles apart roads over bluffs good scenery more interesting distance 18

miles camped near the river at the of
some bluffs the mosquitoes make a terri-
-ble incision with their probosis causing some
itching

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July 1849

July 20, 1849

July

20 Weather fair left camp ground at 5 A.M.
near a creek 1 mile from the Sweetwater
passed the summit of the Rocky Mount--
-ains at 10 AM. where we obtained some
specimens of rocks the country after descen-
-ding the summit present a different soil
also grass in considerable quantities
the soil is brown alluvial camped 2½ miles
east of Dry Sandy

June 21, 1849

21 Weather fair left our place of repose at
6½ A.M. arrived at Dry Sandy 7¼ A.M. a very
small stream water brackish little grass
no wood arrived at Little Sandy at 12
A.M the stream is 30 yds wide 2 feet deep
little timber grass plenty up stream
a shower arose from the south west
the first we had to contend with for
some weeks forded the river & encamped
1 mile from the same passed the junct-
-ion of California & Oregon roads at 10 A M
distant from summit 19 miles

June 22, 1849

22 Weather fair left the river at 2 P.M.
& reached the Big Sandy at 5 distance
6 miles roads good except some sand
camped 1 mile from the crossing up
stream grazed the mules ~~newisols~~ 3 miles
from the same

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June 23, 1849

23 Weather fair left the Sandy at
12½ noon & commenced a 50 mile
heat to Green River without a drop
of water during the entire distance
we drove till 5 P.M. & rested our

wearily till 7 when we again
resumed our journey till 11½ P.M.
when we pitched our tents & retired
we were all soon in a quiet slumber
awoke at 3 & found ourselves much
refreshed having traveled 27 miles during
the ~~the~~ afternoon & evening

June 24, 1849

24th found us ready at 3 A.M. to again
commence our journey of 23 miles to the
ferry the road for 25 miles is excellent
after that very hilly we reached the
Green River ferry at 11½ A.M. not ha-
-ving ate any breakfast when we arrived
at the ferry we had to commence imme-
-diately & ferry our own waggons over which
took till 3 P.M. when we ate our breakfast
& dinner together I cannot picture to
you the expressions of **gratitude** when
~~when~~ we were again seated to enjoy
a little repose after so fatiguing
& dinnerless a trip we were minus of
any grass on the bottom & drove our
mule 3 miles to graze

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June 25, 1849

25 Weather fair left our camp ground
at 8¼ A.M. the road for 2 miles is good
after that for 5 miles it is hilly & stony
when we reached a tributary of Green
River grass plenty 4 miles good road
on the bottom where we camped the
Pioneer line a heming us in on
three sides the smoke of their camp
fires being very annoying to our eyes
also a Missouri & Tennessee Co distance 11 **^miles**

June 26, 1849

26 Weather fair left our camp ground
at 5 A.M. the road to day has been hilly
& rough passed several creeks & springs
on the route grass plenty distance 90 mi
had a mess of sage hens for supper
which makes an excellent dish

June 27, 1849

27 Weather fair commenced our journey
at 6 A.M. struck the tributary of Green River
10 miles from camp grass plenty water good
we bated our teams a few hours & again

commenced our journey we first ascended a long hill which was long & tedious one at the top we had 10 miles of level table land after which we ascended several hundred feet being 1500 hundred feet higher than the South Pass we then descended 1500 hundred feet the roughest of all roads yet where we camped on a small creek distance 24 miles

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June 28, 1849

28 Weather fair left the old camp at ¼ before 7 ascended a long hill from both eminences we could see bear river after a long descent we struck the valley 10 miles from camp a beautiful stream 200 yds wide water not very clear skirted with timber grass in great Abundance some wild flax & a few fish duck a plenty

June 29, 1849

29 Weather fair remained on the bottom to day to recruit our teams the pioneer Co 1 miles above

June 30, 1849

30 Weather fair left camp at 6 AM & followed down the river roads excellent water continues dirty the United States Dragoons all camped near us at the bend of the river & while I am writing there is another division a passing which inspired us with renewed zeal & courage seeing Uncle Sams soldiers we saw a sand spout which raised the sand several hundred feet crossed a creek to day called thomases fork distance 15 miles

June 31, 1849

31 Weather fair left camp ground at 6 AM & immediately began to ascend a large hill after the descent we ascended a second hill very long & steep once at the top we could see Bear river several hundred feet below us when at the bottom we had a clear view of the teams on the descent

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which brought to view the French
a crossing the alps a most pleasing
view distance over bluffs 8 miles distance
to day 22 miles grass water & wood plenty

August 1849

August 1, 1849

August 1st

1st Weather fair left camp at 6 A.M. near a
creek & crossed several to day also a beautiful
spring near the road side left the river
at 9 struck it again at 12 grass & water plenty
camped near barsprings distance 22 miles

August 2, 1849

2 Weather fair left camp at 6 A.M. passed Sur
spring a little below the road in the bank of
a creek 1 mile from there is steam boat spring
to the left 20 rods on a point it is a curi-
-osity the water is warm & has an acid taste
it is forced out of a crevice or hole in the
centre of a large rock forcing the water
18 or 20 inches high making a puffing
noise resembling a steam boat we
here leave the river to the left & take
a near road 4 or 5 miles distant thenc
is the remains of an old crater which is
now extinct I with several others visited
it the base is 40 rods in diameter
50 feet deep 150 feet across the mouth or
spring of the crater roads hilly after the
first 14 miles from the forks of the
roads to the first water 19 miles
2nd watering place 3 miles 3 place 3 miles
grass plenty distance 22 miles

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August 3, 1849

3rd left camp ground at 6 A.M. Weather
fair distance from last watering place
7 miles to next 8 miles next 6 miles a good
spring & creek near by roads lily
not very rough grass plenty distance 20 miles

August 4, 1849

4th Weather fair left camp 1 mile
from spring at ¼ before 6 AM a long
hill to ascend the road is then descen-
-ding for a long distance a creek 2 mils
from here every 6 miles you find water & grass
most any where distance 17 miles

August 5, 1849

5th Weather fair left camp at 7 AM. Was told by a trapper there was water & grass 12 miles from there we traveled till 12½ AM & saw a piece of paper posted by the road side stating there was no water the next 13 miles which proved to be true making 27 miles without water all we had during the day was 1 gallon for 10 men the trappers are not to be believed we passed over 1 high range of mountains or ridge then a flat 4 miles wide then a lower ridge 4 or 5 miles from the lower ridge you find water

August 6, 1849

6th Weather fair distance 27 miles left camp ground at 8¼ A.M. 2 springs near by roads good 7 miles to first water no grass 3 miles to next spring grass on bluffs 1 mile from spring distance 11 miles

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August 7, 1849

7th Weather fair left camp ground at 1½ P.M. ascended a small hill the road is then descending for 7 miles through a gorge 5 miles from spring near yesterdays camp we passed another spring which appears to be the head of a creek having several streams flowing into it we are camped on its bottom this evening roads excellent-distance 8 miles

August 8, 1849

8th Weather fair left camp ground at ¼ before 6 A.M. roads good to day & level crossed the Mormon trail to day which leads from the city to Ft Hall 14 miles without grass or water then grass & water plenty Mr Kellum Brother Rodney & myself ascended the highest mountain in the vicinity on the left we had a view of the Salt Lake & Basin & adjacent country which was ample compensation for our toil we are encamped on a good bottom distance 21 miles

August 9, 1849

9th Weather fair left camp ground at ¼ before 5 A.M. roads good passed

through the gorge of a mountain
range then over a large bottom
on flat & are camped in the gorges
of another range grass & water
tolerably good the hills present
a different aspect here running up
to a sharp point

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& skirting the hills in all directions
water plenty to day distance 24 miles

August 10, 1849

10th Weather fair left camp ground at
6 AM the road for 10 miles is good
for the next 7 it is rough & very hilly
we are now camped on goose creek water
good grass not very plenty water & grass
plenty on the road all day passed the
junction of Mormon & Ft Hall road
at 8½ A.M 180 miles from the Mormon
City it is reported to be 60 miles
farther to Callifornia this road then
the old Ft Hall route including the cut
offs the city contains 4000 inhabitants
besides 3000 farmers their houses are
built of mud or dried earth regularly
laid out distance 20 miles

August 11, 1849

11th Weather fair left camp ground at 6 AM. grass
plenty most of the distance good roads for
18 miles then leave the main creek for 3
miles we follow a branch of the creek through
the gorge we here leave the creek just
through the gorge distance 21 miles

August 12, 1849

12th Weather fair left camp ground at ¼
before 8 A.M. for several miles the road
is very stony the next 14 miles is good
distance from water to water ~~13~~ 13
miles an excellent spring a few rods
above the road under a ledge

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from here the road follows down Hot
Spring valley no grass the first 4 miles
then a plenty of bunch grass
distance 17 miles

August 13, 1849

13th Weather fair left camp ground $\frac{1}{4}$ before 7
traveled $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to hot springs the
springs however are cold & water very
poor we traveled $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles from spring
& camped for the day the distance on
the bottom from spring to our camp
is very poor & no grass there is a plent-
-iful supply however where we are
camped of bunch & blue or red top
grasses I also purchased a large red
poney of a Shawnee Indian for a
rifle & worth 11 dollars & a red flannel
shirt worth \$1.25 making \$12.25 cts miles
a very large & good poney distance 8

August 14, 1849

14 Weather fair remained in camp
to day to rest our teams & if
we could judge of our own feel-
-ings we needed some rest ourselves
we however were struck with ama-
ziment at 5 P.M. on seeing one
Mr Hobart who formerly belonged
to the Sagamore Co but being
dissatisfied with said Co withdrew
his health was poor when he came
up but we gave him some
composition & gruel & treated him

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like a prodigal ~~in~~ & gave him a place
to rest his head at night in the
morning was quite well he had
in company with him 2 gentlemen
from Boston 3 from Illinois who
took breakfast & supper with us
~~distance 26 miles~~

August 15, 1849

15th Weather fair less camp at $6\frac{1}{4}$
A.M. traveled down the valley all day
grass & water plenty any number of
emigrants around us distance 20 miles

August 16, 1849

16th Weather fair left camp ground at $5\frac{1}{4}$
A.M. on the valley traveled $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles on
the bottom a spring at the head distance
from valley over the bluffs to Humboldt
River $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles (a good road by the way)
to the north branch the road down
the branch for 4 miles is good the next
2 miles it is the roughest & most difficult
I have seen crossed the branch 7 times

muddy & rocky & dasty camped on the
branch this evening grass & sage plenty
distance 23 miles

August 17, 1849

17th Weather fair left camp ground
at 5 A.M. traveled down the branch
10 miles & come into the old
left hand road 28 miles from hot
spring Valley the road this afternoon
has been excellent struck the main
river 2½ P.M. it is about 10 feet

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deep very shallow skirted with willows
there is also several small streams
emptying into it near here the valley
here is from 2 to 4 miles wide covered
with the most luxurient grasses
distance 24 miles

August 18, 1849

18th Weather fair left camp ground at
6 A.M. good roads & plenty of grass
this forenoon shot some prairie hes
bottom 2 miles wide 15 miles from
camp we crossed a branch of the river &
traveled over a bluff distance 2 miles
& again struck the river then a second
blue to river again grass growing poorer
willows sage & weeds plenty water good
roads worse but not very bad
Mr Hobart again in camp distance 25 miles

August 19, 1849

19th Weather fair remained in camp to day
to rest our animals & ourselves it being
sabbath grass passable not best wood & water
plenty considerable game

August 20, 1849

20th Weather fair left camp at 5½ A.M. roads
good most of the way 18 miles from camp we
struck an old road over a hill which is now
abandoned the roads leading round the bluff
through a defile keeping near the river 7 or 8
miles you can neither see to the right
or let the bluffs being very high

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on both sides you then strike the river

again [-] grass poor distance 27 miles

August 21, 1849

21st Weather fair left camp at 6½ A.M.
3 miles from camp we crossed Martins
Fork on the north side 3 miles from
Fork we leave the river & ascend the
hill there is then a succession of hills
mostly however up hill for 8 miles
when you reach the summit a little
bunch grass from the road also a good
spring on summit you then descend
* & continue descending from six miles
to 8 miles when you strike the river
again grass usually good but scarcely
a vestige left this season soon after
we struck the river bottom we crossed
once & camped 2 miles from fort
it was reported there had been cattle
stolen by the Indians but we saw none
distance 25 miles

August 22, 1849

22nd Weather fair left camp ground **
at 7 A.M. our course this forenoon has
been Northwest on the bottom good
road except very dusty as usual
grass there is none & from the appearance
there never was nor can be as the soil
is extremely poor from the river & weeds
takes the precedence near the river

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our course this afternoon has been south west
& a good road grass to night is good
distance ~~18 miles~~ 18 miles

August 23, 1849

23rd Weather fair left camp ground at 6 A.M. the
road for a few miles is good the road then
leads over the point of a bluff near the
river rough for a ¼ of a mile it is then good
a short distance when you leave the river
over a barren desert for 7 or 8 miles no grass
or water ~~take~~ by taking the left hand road
it is 23 by the old right hand road
instead of its being 23 miles without water
or grass there is a sufficiency except 8 miles
good roads this afternoon on bottom the
bottom this afternoon has been from 7 to 10
miles wide grass good distance 24 miles

August 24, 1849

24th Friday Weather fair left camp ground at 6 A.M. the road this forenoon for 9 miles is good & near the river we then leave the river & pass over a barren waste round the point of a sand bluff 4 miles & then strike the river again grass plenty the road this afternoon has been good & not far distant from river banks steep bottom 15 miles wide distance 25 miles

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August 25, 1849

25th Saturday Weather fine left camp ground at 10 minutes past 6 A.M. three miles from camp we came to a defile or gorge in some sand bluffs [-] distance through the pass 5 miles we then struck the river again the river passing through a defile to the left of bluffs I should judge during an ordinary emigration there would be a great supply of grass but this season it is the reverse the bottom after passing through the gorge is from about 3 miles wide the water this afternoon is winding in its course runing a perfect zigzag course the road running sometimes very near the river at others from 1 to 2 miles distant ~~distan~~
August distance 16 miles

August 26, 1849

Sunday August 26th Weather fair ~~left camp~~ remained in camp to day to rest our selves after a hard weeks journey grass good on an island but it was very difficult to cross the river the [-] banks being very soft there was no damage of our mules being stolen on account of several emigrant [---] companies being camped around us

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August 27, 1849

~~June 27th~~ August 27th Weather fair left camp ground at 6 A.M. the road to day has been very dusty & somewhat heavy most of the time altho there was the best of grass on the bottom near by & enough

to supply the whole emigration there was
[-] a mormon train passed by us about
1 mile on our left on the return from
California who have been mining since
last fall they reported that gold existed
in great quantities & provisions, plenty
the road this afternoon have been
sandy dusty & heavy grass tolerable good
river very crooked as usual have been
round the largest western bend this afternoon
distance 22 miles

August 28, 1849

Tuesday Aug 28th Weather fair left camp ground
at 6 A.M. after travelling a few miles we
come to a crossing also another road leading
over a sand bluff the latter formerly
being the old road it continued on the
river bank 17 miles the new road
keeping on the bottom fording the river
4 times the road leave the river near
where we are camped on the right
over a sand hill grass rather poor ~~at~~
during the day middling this evening
distance 20 miles

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August 29, 1849

Wed Aug 29th ~~Wedne~~ Weather fair left camp ground
at a ¼ before 6 A.M. & immediately ascended a sand
bluff & continued on a sandy road for 6 or 7
miles when we struck off to the left on the
bottom again to recruit our animals & cut
some hay as we were informed there is
no grass for 70 miles on either road there
is a new road over the mountains which
we intend taking our animals have fared
sumptuously to day have secured our waggons
full of hay & are ready for the desert
distance 6 miles

August 30, 1849

30th Weather fair left camp ¼ before 5
A.M. drove 11 miles & took our noon - halt
at the forks of the roads the road we
have taken is called Lawsons cutoff
we obtained our information from a
Mr ~~Lawson~~ [^] ~~Martin~~ Captain of an escort
train from Oregon under the autho-
rity of Gen. Lane to meet & escort
the Government troops from Ft
Hall through the southern Oregon
Trail the road for the first 12 miles
is an inclined plane (to a spring ~~who~~)

1¼ miles from main road on the left half
way up the hill) road excellent the 12 miles
from spring the road is somewhat uneven
a few miles there there is a long hill
to ascend when at the summit
it is descending for a several miles

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good wheeling the entire distance
left spring at 10 P.M. traveled till
1¼ A.M. & rested ourselves & bated
our teams till six & again resumed
our journey distance from Rabbit Spring
to our encampment near ~~Black Peak~~, Rabbit Spring
18 miles

August 31, 1849

Aug 31st Weather fair arrived at Rabbit Spring
at 10½ A.M. roads good except occasional
sand beds of a few rods in length each
the spring is on the right & wells on
the left of wood dead cattle plenty to
perfume the air water brackish with
salt Mr J B Varnum Kendrick &
Lohman camped near by left spring at
2 P.M. & again renewed our journey
till 6 P.M. when we bated our teams
at our supper & at 7½ passed forward
for Black Rock Spring the road for
the last 10 miles has been over a sand bed
& excellent wheeling 230 dead cattle lying
by the road side it should be passed
over in the night season we arrived
at the spring at 12 P.M. it is ¼ of
a mile from the road on the right
under or near a mountain of rock
the water is warm in spring
camped near spring & gave our mules
some hay

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September 1, 1849

September 1st
& first day of Autumn found
us camped near Black Rock Spring
left camp each this morning &
traveled 3 miles to some warm spring
on the right & wells all around
grass usually good but short at
this time remained in camp till

2 P.M. & again resumed our travel
5 miles from Black Rock Spring is hot
Spring a curiosity indeed one of them
cannot be sounded there are several
near by a little to the left is grass
we traveled till 7 P.M. over a barren
waste & halted bated our teams
ate supper & again commenced rolling
along traveled till 2 A.M. & halted
till morning the mules getting weary
distance 20 miles

September 2, 1849

2nd left camp early & traveled 5 miles
to muddy [-] Lake & camped the road
for a few miles is good it is then sandy
& heavy wheeling 6 or 7 miles the remainder
of the distance is stony & gravelly we
camped at 7 A. M. & remained in camp
all day the grass on the lake is very poor
at this season of the year being dry yet cattle
will do very well

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September 3, 1849

Sep 3rd Weather fair ~~left camp~~ remained in
camp to day to recruit ourselves & mules
all included we were a weary set of fellows
as you ever beheld all well
distance 1½ miles

September 4, 1849

4th Weather fair left camp at ¼ before 6
A.M the lake is about 3 miles long 2 wide
sometimes inundated covered with grass &
rushes leaving this lake we commenced
ascending a hill which is long & rocky once
on the summit we commenced descending
once on the bottom the road for 2 miles
is good & level running through a basin
it then enters a defile & has continued this
afternoon 2 or 3 miles from where we enter-
ed the canon we came to some huge
masses of rock of a conical form repres-
enting in there outline large ancient
edifices or structures being near 200
feet high 150 wide at their base tapering
towards the top presenting an oval
front & running back several hundred
feet which is nearly the form of an
ancient temple in the front part
under the first [-] is a cavern
or room the opening is void space
in front is 12 feet long from 3 to 4

high making an excellent entrance
into the cavern the dimentions

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inside are length 32 feet width 18 feet
height 12 feet in the form of an arch
overhead our noon half was near this
place 2 or 3 miles from here we turned
to the left & passed through a
narrow gorge rocks 150 feet high
each side & perpendicular road
excellent all the way water occasi-
-onally in pools fringed with willow
good grass most all the way
distance 16 miles

September 5, 1849

Sep 5th Weather fair left camp at 7½ A.M.
Mr Hellums team giving out camped
1 mile back which caused a delay
this morning the canon continuing nea-
-rly all the forenoon there is a large
bottom where we are nooning passed
a good spring near a large rock
on the left 2 miles from noon camp we
entered a High Rocky Canon the roughest
road I ever saw crossed [-] the stream
several times distance through 2½ miles
after leaveing Kanyan the rock is hilly
& passably good for 6 miles where
we struck a branch grass & water
plenty M Kellums team again fagging
out & stopping 6 miles back which caused

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some trouble as they had the
cooking utensils & bacon with them
I returned on the poney to get
the articles but being late rema-
-ined with them over night
18 distance ~~10½~~ miles

September 6, 1849

Sep 6th Weather fair left Mr Kellums camp
at sunrise when ¾ of a mile from camp
the poney gave out I took the pack
on my own back & traveled back
to my own quarters in season for
a little breakfast at 11 A.M. Mr. Kellum
arrived after dinner I proposed a division
of the provisions & other property waggons &
mules being previously disposed of which
was agreed to & soon consummated all

being settled we harnessed up & commenced our journey of 18 miles (being 3½ P.M.) without water we traveled till 7½ P.M. & bated our teams ate our supper & at 10½ PM & again resumed our journey till 3 A.M. when we reached some water & remained till 5 AM. distance 18 miles

September 7, 1849

Sep 7th Weather fair left camp at 5 AM there being no grass we proceeded on 4 miles over the first & east summit of the long looked for Sierra Nevada road very good for a mountain pass grass plenty

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water passable we repaired here till 10 minutes after 2 PM by the way however the grass caught fire 2 miles below all being asleep we we knew it not until we were waked from our reverie by one of the emigrants it was then within 10 rods we have all into the wagon in a moment & moved it several rods with aid out of the ravages of the roaring flames the road most of the distance ~~to by~~ this afternoon has been hilly & rocky with some sand distance to ~~where~~ where we camped ~~to base of rest range of mountain~~ 12 ~~to~~ miles grass & wagon water poor camped at 7 PM

September 8, 1849

Sep 8th Weather fair left camp at 6½ AM [-] road excellent water ~~8~~ eight miles from last camp in a ravine is some wells grass a plenty the road this afternoon has been superior all the way 60 miles to second water to base of mountains grass anywhere several little rivulets pouring down from the mountains side the scenery on the side is sublime to behold being fringed with trees & running streams timber being white pine also a day lake 1 mile from base camped 2 miles from summit at the entrance of the defile leading to the same distance 20 miles we follow along the base of mountains 6 or 8 miles

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September 9, 1849

Sep 9 Weather fair left camp at 7 AM full of ambition being animated by a desire to reach the summit single handed & being the first wagon out of the old Sagamore Co to reach the Sacramento Valley it is 2 miles from base to summit nearly all up hill parts of it considerable steep covered with pines the last hill or pitch is 30 yds long sandy & very steep & very difficult of ascent our mules got so tired or jaded we were obliged to call on an emigrant wagon to assist us up the last ascent which was granted when our wagon was safely landed on the summit at 10 AM we however had to pack ourselves & mules part way up we then descended $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile & struck a descending plane which we traveled $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to first camp where we remained over night

September 10, 1849

Sep 10th Weather fair left camp at 6 A M traveled on a descending grass bottom 5 miles ~~on~~ the road then turns to the less over another low range of mountains for ~~5~~ 3 or 4 miles road hilly & rocky when we struck Goose Lake it is 6 or 8 miles long with a plenty of game around it

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the hills on the left are low grass plenty water good nooned here & passed on 8 miles & camped on a stream of clear pure water grass good we here came up with Mr Reads train of mules they left us on Bear River distant from this point from 7 to 8 hundred miles distance 16 miles

September 11, 1849

Sep 11th Weather fair left camp at 6 A.M road good with the exception of ~~a~~ some small stones road descending our course is somewhat winding on the whole leading us southwest grass plenty have followed a stream all day distance 20 miles

September 12, 1849

Sep 12 Weather fair left camp at $6\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. road good

~~for a few miles~~ most of the day course
southwest grass anywhere on the bottom
altho we leave it occasionally there is
however a hill worth notice when 2 miles
distant it stands in front the bottom arround
it is level thereby presenting the appearance
of a pyramid it is distant from Goose Lake
40 miles camped on the river bottom grass plenty
distance 20 miles

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September 13, 1849

Sep 13th Weather fair left camp at 6½
A.M. roads good part of the day in
the afternoon we entered a gorge the
hillyest & roughest road yet grass
tolerable good distance 18 miles

September 14, 1849

Sep 14th Weather fair we have traveled
all day in the defile road rough as
ever mountains high on each side it
is dark - cold dismal & rough enough
distance 16 miles

September 15, 1849

15th Weather fair left camp at 6½ A.M.
traveled a part of the forenoon in the
gorge ~~when~~ when we left it & struck
a bottom again it will be recollected
that we followed the river through
the gorge called Pitts River the road
the rest of the day has been excellent
we had a shower this forenoon
accompanied with thunder a rarity
in these parts distance 22 miles

September 16, 1849

16th Weather fair a part of the above
is wrong it should be good road in
the forenoon we here leave the river
it forks one road crossing the river
to the right the other keeping to
the left over the hill the right
hand road is 15 miles the longest

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& a little the smoothest at a distance
of 20 miles by the left hand road they
came together again we took the shorter

left hand road & the roughest of rockiest road I ever traveled we traveled 9 miles in the afternoon when night overtook us & we camped 3 miles from water grass good distance 19 miles

September 16, 1849

Sep 16th Weather fair left camp at 6 AM drove 3 miles to grass & water & camped the remainder of the day we traveled in Co with a Mr Read of Lexington Missouri

September 17, 1849

Sep 17th Weather fair left camp at ¼ before 7 AM the road continuing rough for 8 miles to junction of roads 6 miles from last camp is water little grass 4 miles from junction is water ½ a mile to right of road grass anywhere 1 mile from spring each side of road traveled in pines all day distance 13 miles

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September 18, 1849

Sep 18th Weather fair left camp at ¼ before 6 A M road good this forenoon have passed through a dense forest of pines intermixed with hemlock & fir balsam together with a few cedars a plenty of water good bottom grass plenty where we nooned road descending this forenoon this afternoon it has been do ~~too~~ stoney in places bunch grass most anywhere distance 20 miles

September 19, 1849

Sep 19th Weather fair left camp at 6¼ AM drove 3 miles & found water 1½ miles from the road an excellent creek drove on 3 miles farther & come to several small lakes road descending remained here till 12½ noon & drove on 10 miles no water little grass road descending & very rocky most of the way traveling through the pines most of the time distance 18 miles

September 20, 1849

Sep 20th Weather fair left camp at 6 AM arrived at camp water good at 9 AM 1 mile to left of road grass passable road very rocky &

descending left noon camp at 11½ ~~AM~~ AM
road tolerable good with the exception of
1 steep rocky hill not very long the
timbers pine in particular the largest
I ever saw measuring from 4 to 5 ½
feet in diameter

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first water 6 miles from noon camp
to left 6 rods called Feather River a
tributary ½ a mile farther also a second
¼ farther yet a steep rock hill to descend
distance from this point to next
water 5 miles a large wet bottom
grass plenty but poor distance 18 miles

September 21, 1849

Sep 21st Weather fair left camp
at 6½ A M road rough first 2 miles
round the bottom we then follow
along the bottom of Feather River
grass plenty ground inumdated
with water road good for 4 miles
when we struck the river again
grass good & plenty water clear pure
to good one steep rocky hill to
descend we here cut some grass
to finish our journey report stating
there is no grass the last 35 miles
distance 6 miles

September 22, 1849

22nd Weather fair left camp at 7 AM distance
across the bottom 2 miles 1 bad slough to cross
road rough a few miles it is then good
to deer creek we first struck a branch run-
ning east 8 miles from Feather River bottom
we followed up this branch several miles
distance from where we struck the branch
to deer creek 9 miles

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good camping on branch reached deer
creek bottom at 6 A.M. grass plenty
distance 12 miles

September 23, 1849

23rd Weather fair left camp at 9 AM
after cutting some additional hay &
hunting for our mules road rough
for 8 miles & very hilly cross the creek

several times the worst road yet we
then found water traveled 4 miles
farther over hills & rocks to water
again arrived at camp at 8 PM
distance 12 miles

September 24, 1849

24th Weather fair left camp ~~at~~ as soon as daylight
could be seen after being up keep^{ing} light & leading
the mules our object in starting so early was
two ~~two~~ fold first [-] to head the innumer-
-able host of teams in our rear second
it was 21 miles to water & as rough a
road as ever wagon walked over
& one hilly to ascend as bad as the
Sierra Nevada the water is 1½ miles from
the road in a ravine the path leading
down is so bad I will omit a description
one of our mules pitching over the rocks
but not injuring here the water is
[-] 4 miles from this hill to left

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September 25, 1849

Sep 25th Weather fair left camp at 6 AM
road rough for 6 miles & hilly it then descen-
-ds & is tolerable smooth for a few miles
when we come to a deep ravine a steep
hill to descend water ½ a mile to right
Deer Creek we then ascend a rather sharp
hill 3½ miles from this hill we struck
the bottom road descending but very
rocky we camped ¼ of a mile from Deer
Creek I will not attempt to picture
to you my feelings when once on the
Sacramento after being on the road 6
months from Boston & 2 weeks from
Boonville to Missouri Line & nearly
4½ months from there to Mr Lawsons
on the river Mr Davis's coming first which
are called Rancheros usually Ranch
distance 20 miles

September 26, 1849

Sep 26th Weather fair nights pleasant & warm
left camp at 11 AM & traveled 8 miles
nooned on a branch & then traveled on
4 miles to Mr Lawsons ~~M~~ where we met
Brother Rodney who had previously gone
ahead camped 1 mile from Mr Lawsons
to the right on the Sacramento grass good
the Creek ~~empties~~ empties in here
distance 12½ miles

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September 27, 1849

27 Sep 27 Weather fair remained in camp
to day to recruit our teams provisions
are high at the ranch flour 50 cts
Sugar Coffe & Rice 50 each the
price of a meal per man 1.50 beef 35 cts
& other groceries in proportion

September 28, 1849

28th Weather fair remained in camp to
day

September 29, 1849

29 29th Weather fair remained in camp till
4 PM drove 15 miles & camped without
water being 22 miles to next ranch
Mr Bollers
distance 15 miles

September 30, 1849

30th Weather fair left camp at 5½ AM
arrived at Mr Potters at 8 & camped till
4 & traveled 8 miles to next ranch
where we are now camped

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Extraneous

July the 3rd Amount of funds in the Treasury - 20
[-] 117
\$1887.75 58
July 2nd paid to E.R. Yates to purchase cloth &c 399.00
-- 6 paid to S N. Shaw & J.M. Scott
to purchase a beef - 146.00
-- 8 paid for packing cloth &c - 31.00
Ballance in the Treasury
to be divided among the members \$303.75
July 20 amount of funds in the Treasury 975.50
Do 28 funds in the Treasury
dug between the 20 & 28 with
the eccepsion of quicksilver Gold 4991.00
paid for hired help 380.00
" " board 40.00

Churchills & Willins bill for
cloth tools &c bought for the Coy 249 00
Talbolts & Wilkins bill for takeing
care of bar through the winter 233 34
Talbutts bill for twine & leather 7 50
fund in the Treasury to be divided 5056.66

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An account of travels from ~~feat~~
Feather River to San - Francisco
from thence to the States by
way of Panama
Left [-] i Bidwells Bar Aug.
distance 37 miles to Marysville
traveled by stage to Sacramento
distance 45 miles from Sac to
San Francisco 100 miles traveled
in the steamer Hartford
Took passage on board schooner
Civillian bound for Panama
left San Francisco Aug 26th
stood off from wharf about 3 miles
& dropt anchor 27 left the harbor
had fair winds & Average passage
to Panama being 38 days with the
most miserable grub Panama is
the most Ancient place I ever
saw it contains several thousand
inhabitants and has once been
a place of business & magnif-
icence but is now partly in
ruins the distance from Panama
to Cruces is 21 miles with a
very rough road the last 12
being much the worst there
are several good Hotels at C
the distance from Cruces to
Chagres is 42 miles there is

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several American public
houses on a small scale where
from 30 to 50 person can be
accommodated the native
village of Chagres is situ-
-ated on the right of the
river as you come down
the American on the
opposite on the whole the
Isthmus is a miserable country
it takes 3 days to cross 2 from
Panama to Cruces 1 from C,
to Chagres whole expense
17 dollars

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Providence Is
is 270 miles from
Chagres
The eleventh of Oct we left Chagres
on the steamer Falcon the first
land we saw was an island
called Providence Island it is
small & lied to the lift of us
the next was the island of Cuba
815 miles from Chagres 185 from
~~H~~Havana on the point of land
is a light house [-][-]
End of Journal

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Accounts

~~Honorable George W Churchill~~
~~E Ep Governor of Massachusetts~~
~~Still O is a Pill Gaider~~
~~Hon Robert W Churchill~~
~~First Lord of the Treasury~~
~~Hurrah for Robert~~
~~A [-] Jerohntonian of Lions or~~
~~A Blackley~~

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An account of expenses from
Marysville to N.Y.
From Marysville to Sacramento City
~~15 dollars~~ by stage - - - \$15.00
From Sacramento City to San Fsc0 17 00
" San francisco to Panama 60 00
" Panama to Cruces - - - 4 00
" Cruces to Chagres - - - 7 00
" Chagres to N.Y. - - - 50 00
\$143 00
" New York to Lowell ~~5~~ 5 00
\$148 00

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July 28 Credit to JF. Robinson for share in Bar 563.00
August 1st - - - 206 00

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4 18)120(6,00
6.66 108
3 00 128
1.70 1000 108
1 00 185 120
16.36 815 7
60.00 60
40.00 120
116,36 whole expenses 150
70
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108
12
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2)111,36
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