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Diary, 1849

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April 1849

Journal of the trip to California

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April 28, 1849

The team started to California on the 28 of Aprile and got to lewis gills bridge on bear creek,

April 29, 1849

The 29 we got to Clems Mills and camped on the wes bank all night

May 1849

May 1, 1849

~~Wednes~~^{day} the 1 of ~~April~~ May we had a heavy frost Started & got 10 or twelve miles & camped in a large hollow where we grazed our cattle

May 2, 1849

Thursday the 2 travelled 14 miles & camped on yellow river here we had to graze our oxen for there is no corn

May 3, 1849

Friday 3 morning Cloudy, starte the team rain commenced Soon after and continued till 10 oclock, travelled this day 15 miles and camped, this day we got corn at one dollar per bushel camped on west locus this day

May 4, 1849

Saturday 4 travelled about 12 miles crossed a number of Streams and camped on Medacine here is good grazing

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May 5, 1849

Sunday 5 we continued our encampment over Sunday here is fine prairie & timber perhaps vacant

May 6, 1849

Monday 6 we travelled 10 miles & camped on muddy this morning we had a heavy frost

May 7, 1849

Tuesday 7 raining hard when we got up and continued till ten o'clock we then started & got ten miles and camped on hickory

May 8, 1849

Wednesday 8 day pleasant travelled 13 miles & camped on muddy where we had plenty of grass & a good camping ground here I made biscuit first

May 9, 1849

Thursday 9 traveled 3½ miles & camped on the west bank of grand river here we had good grazing

May 10, 1849

Friday 10 coll, travelled 14 miles & camped on grindstone

May 11, 1849

Saturday 11 travelled 3 miles & camped on lost creek -- here was good grazing, water swift & good mill stream

May 12, 1849

Sunday 12 travelled 10 miles & camped here was good grazing The country rolling & badly timbered

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May 13, 1849

Monday 13 travelled 10 miles & camped on plat river here we overtook Lockwood & his company consisting of 25 teams & 600 cattle & from 25 to 50 horses

May 14, 1849

Tuesday 14 travelled 10 miles & camped on the west side of the Savannah here we bought corn to feed our oxen for there is no grazing this is a flourishing town 5 miles from the river

May 15, 1849

Wednesday 15 travelled 5 miles and came to the river at nodaway crossed the river & travelled 3 miles and camped in the Indian territory & this evening 2 indians came to our camp the first I ever saw

May 16, 1849

Thursday 16 travelled 11 miles & camped on the prairie 16 miles from missouri river & 2 miles east of wolf river here we had good grazing for our cattle this day we saw one indian & a great many Californians three hundred [^]persons ~~wagons~~ this day William commenced mending of the measels

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May 17, 1849

Friday the 17 travelled 12 miles & camped on a small creek here we had a good camping place. this day we passed & indian mission here is a beautiful farm the only good land we have passed since we left the missouri river we likewise pass an indian toll bridge & paid 25 cts

May 18, 1849

Saturday 18 travelled 15 miles & camped on a small branch to the left of the road one mile, this day we passed over a very pretty country but destitute of timber only on branches and they Scarce, we saw 12 dead horses & one mule [^]this day & from missouri [^]river to here about 30 horses here [^]we[-] ~~is our~~ were called to lament the death of the emigrants on this road his name is John. Herlinger of Ralls Co Mo age 36 years

May 19, 1849

Sunday 19 travelled 15 miles & camped on a Small Stream to the left of the road 2 miles here we had good water & grass, passed a number of dead horses the prairie level & beautiful but no timber, the horse wagons go a head of us but they hall feed.

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May 20, 1849

Monday 20 travelled 12 miles & camped on Nime Haw this Stream is ⁺ beautiful and of the size of Salt river, the surrounding Country is fine but no timber except on the Streams & there is but few of them. this evening there is atleast one thousand animals on it

May 21, 1849

Tuesday 21 travelled about 15 miles & camped on a small run to the ~~left~~ right of the road here we had plenty of water but little timber this day we passed over some pretty land and some verry ruff one ox team run away wut done no harm & one mule with pack saddle

May 22, 1849

Wednesday 22 travelled 16 miles & camped on the west Side of big blue here is some of the prettiest country in the world but no timber passed 4 dead horses to day pack teams pass us slowly & some horsteams correlled with 8 teams to night

May 23, 1849

Thursday 23 travelled 15 miles & camped on a small branch to the right of the road here we had good water & timber to day we saw more people than we ever have seen

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on the road before we go ahead of most of the teams

May 24, 1849

Friday 24 travelled 15 miles and camped on turkey here we had plenty of water & timber enough to kook with here is a beautiful country of prairie but no timber we Saw tw fresh graves to day horses are found dead plentifully on the way

May 25, 1849

Saturday 25 travelled 20 miles & camped on a small branch on the road here is som beautiful land but no timber this morning passed 200 wagons teams look generally well passed several graves there is five hundred loose cattle behind ^{us} keep pace with any teams on the road but pack mules

May 26, 1849

Sunday 26 travelled 2 miles & was compelled to stop ^{on sandy creek} as William Fisher was sick of Cholera Notice ~~he~~ he was verry sik & bout one oclock the same day died this was the trying time on us as it was unexpected to all.

May 27, 1849

Monday 27 travelled 18 miles & camped on little blue here we saw our first buffalo, grass & timber plenty for our use, bottoms fine and lovely, saw some new graves from dieriah

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May 28, 1849

Tuesday 28 travelled 20 miles & camped on the same stream the road here runs up the east side of the stream, today David Nickle killed a buffalo Calf James, Stow killed a heifer & Daniel fisher, here the boys were past navigation, we travelled up the beautiful bottom of this stream and found good water & grazing the upland leavel & fine

May 29, 1849

Wednesday 29 travelle 16 miles & camped on the head of blue to day passed several teams oxen of moderate size stand the trip better than any other pack mules go ahead other teams of good quality keep togeather, three year olds generally poor

May 30, 1849

Thursday 30 travelled 17 miles & camped on the little plat here we had plenty of water & grass but no timber killed one buff alo to day, country to day verry Sandy here is where the indians kille d the oregon emigrants some 5 or 6 years ago cattle looks well

May 31, 1849

Friday 31 travelled 13 miles & camped on the big plat 5 miles above fort Carney here we travelled up the plat 180 miles here is but little timber as the plat runs through the prairie and but little wood only on Aisleands

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June 1849**June 1, 1849**

Saturday June the 1 travelled 20 miles & camped on the plat botton here we had good water & grass but no timber we are now almost destitute of timber, the plat is here about 2 miles wide and but little depth to day had several fine showers & to night quite showerry

June 2, 1849

Sunday 2 travelled 21 miles & camped on the same stream here we had, no wood but what we hawled from the ni ght before, but had good well water, passed a great many teams, the road runs up the river bottom.

June 3, 1849

Monday 3 travelled 21 miles & camped on the same stream here we had plenty of water & timber bye hard work passed a number of [^]ox teams to day, young oxen generally look badly old ones generally better our teams stand it [^]well

June 4, 1849

Tuesday 4 travelled 22 miles & camped on the bottom of plat here we had plenty of water & grass & but little wood to day passed Some teams horse teams look badly oxen from 5 to 7 years old look better generally than younger

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June 5, 1849

Wednesday 5 travelled 15 miles & came to the crossing on plat here we had no trouble as ~~we~~ the river was not more than belly deep the river is about one mile wide here travelled up 3 miles & camped, but little grass here

June 6, 1849

Thursday 6 travelled 18 miles & camped on the north plat here we had poor grazing & no timber the country through which we passed to day is verry barren & sandy no grazing, the river where we camped runs to the blufs on the left & on this account must take the blufs tomorrow

June 7, 1849

Friday 7 lef the river & ~~camped on~~ travelled 12 miles & came to the river again here we had no ~~water~~ grass but plenty of water dined here & camped on the north plat here we had tolereable grass an no ~~timber~~ ~~water~~ no grass all this day as the country is sandy and barren

June 8, 1849

Saturday 8 travelled 20 miles & camped on plat grass verry bad all day at four oclock came to ash hollow here we got wood as it is verry scarce here road sandy & heavy bad camping place as there is but little grass

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June 9, 1849

Sunday 9 travelled 20 miles grass bad & roads heavy from sand, horse teams are failing fast some wagons left here campe on good grazing to night here we had plenty of indian campers as they were on their Summers hunt

June 10, 1849

Monday 10 travelled 20 miles & camped on the plat bottom here we had good grazing. & a verry extensive bottom passed Scores of indian wigwams to day crossed a pleasant creek, good roads & less Sand cattle are getting lame & many are left on the plains som sickness

June 11, 1849

Tuesday 11 travelled 10 miles & came to courthouse rock where we dined this rock is from 2 to 300 feet high & covers about 2 acres of ground here was good grazing then came to within 2 miles of chimney rock which is 12 miles from Court house rock here we had good grazing roads verry good to day & crossed one pretty creek close [^]to Court rock

June 12, 1849

Wednesday 12 travelled 1 mile & laid by as George was sick here we washed & cooked & prepared to travell.

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June 13, 1849

Thursday 13 travelled 20 miles & camped [--] in Scotts valley here is the most magnifficent views I ever had of a land scape. good grass but no water here we are 5 miles from the river but now journey [^]to it

June 14, 1849

Friday 14 travelled 20 miles & camped on the plat aga in had good roads till evening then verry sandy good grass water & wood travelled over some hills grass generally not good horse teams generally failing

June 15, 1849

Saturday 15 travelled 20 miles & camped near fort carney roads generally good Some pretty brush isleands on the river, plenty of wood to day, here~~at~~ is pine clifts & hills our teams look well some badly

June 16, 1849

Sunday 16 travelled 5 miles & came to fort Laremy this is a pretty place one store & several houses emigrants have passed rapidly 6,500 teams have passed already, left here, ~~went down~~[^] travelled up a Smart raise then travell ed down a steep hill & camped no grass travelled 10 miles & came to good grass, [^]& water ~~upland~~ here we camped

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June 17, 1849

Monday 17 travelled 10 miles & came to a beautiful crek called bitter creek where we found plenty of water & some grass left ther travelled up a steep hill or hollow

for half mile & came to better roads camped in ten miles
no water nor wood but plenty on the road before,

June 18, 1849

Tuesday 18 travelled 11 miles & came to horse creek here
is plenty of water & wood but bad grass this day we travel-
led over hills & mountains hollows & I must here
note that we have been in sight of laramie peak
for 100 miles & are not yet opposite it, but can see
plenty of snow for the last 2 days one man who was
at the base of it ~~S~~ says its looks to be forty miles to the
Summit last night had hail this morning felt disagree-
ably cold with our overcoats on travelled on 11 miles & cam-
ped had wood & water good camping place here

June 19, 1849

Wednesday 19 ravelled over rough roads 12 miles & nooned at
a beautiful creek had plenty water & wood but bad grass trav-
elled till 6 in the evening & camped had fine grass up a long hollow

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June 20, 1849

Thursday 20 travelled 9 miles & came to a pleasant
stream stream & nooned some grass travelled
till 6 in the evening crossed several streams
& camped near the plat river again here we had
good water & grass roads generally rough to day

June 21, 1849

Friday 21 travelled 5 miles & came to the plat river
& crossed here we had some trouble but not half
so much as some others had paid 5. dollars here for
ferage treavelled 2 miles ip the river & camped

June 22, 1849

Saturday 22 travelled 10 miles & camped for sickness
here is, S. Miles, J Stow, P Kilender all quite sick
with the mountain fever & I am a little under the
weather myself grass tolerably good

June 23, 1849

Sunday 23 laid bye with the Sick, all bad John
stow killed a antelope the cattle are doing well
teams are passing verry fast

June 24, 1849

~~Monday~~

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Monday 24 Still laying bye for sickness. they are thought to be on the mend our Cattle are impro veing verry mutch roads since we crossed the river are verry Sandy & heavy; had a pleasant Shower this evening which has cooled the air verry mutch

June 25, 1849

Tuesday 25 waiting for the sick they are better

June 26, 1849

Wednesday 26 we travelled to the upper ford of the plat being about 20 miles heavy roads from Sand and but little grass that from 2 to 3 miles ^& that next the bluff teams look badly & many failing

June 27, 1849

Thursday 27 travelled 28 miles the country being destitute of wood & water except alkali which is worse than noon. her we camped on the wi llow spring the nearest grass 2 miles & that in the mountain hollows not verry good

June 28, 1849

Friday 28 travelled 12 miles & camped on a verry pleasant stream here we had sage & buffalo chips for fuel but little grass verry heavy roads

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June 29, 1849

Saturday 29 travelled 10 miles & noned at Sweet water here is rock Indipendance this is a Strange rock travelled 6 miles further & came to the devils gate this is a pass in the mountains 20 feet wide & from 2 to 3 hundred yards long & 400 feet high Sweet water runs here through this pass good grass on the left hand side of the road

June 30, 1849

Sunday 30 travelled 14 miles & camped crossed sev eral creeks today roads Sandy & heavy grass bad teams begins to look sorry or verry well

July 1849

July 1, 1849

July ^Mond 1 travelled 20 miles & camped. here we had Some grass half the road verry heavy we have been travelling up the Sweet water creek since we

came on it this country is quite a desert country
still by hunting [^]grass teams may keep up indians
hostile to emigrants

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July 2, 1849

Tuesday 2 laid by all day as Daniel Fisher is
sick, grass to tolerable good to miles a head
horse teams are very poor, generally packing
now ox teams look will for the grass

July 3, 1849

Wednesday 3 Fisher better travelled 12 miles
& camped on Sweetwater, we kept the
pass road which crosses the river 3 times in 2
miles ford passible, grass good on this road
the [^]left hand ~~right hand~~ road very heavy & bad

July 4, 1849

Thursday 4 travelled 15 miles to water & grass here
we nooned, road bad travelled 5 & camped on
Sweet water where we struck it road rough
& barren, no grass only on Sweet water

July 5, 1849

Friday 5 travelled 12 miles & came to quaken asp
~~to~~ creek where we had good water & some grass
travelled on 5 miles & camped a branch of sweet
water here is good grass & water as it has not been
camped on much teams are generally failing fast

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July 6, 1849

Saturday 6 travelled 7 miles & nooned on Sweet
water had plenty of Short grass, passed
at least one dozen of Snow drifts, today.
from 1 to 8 feet deep travelled till evening
& camped on Sweet water for the last time
in one mile of Summit road tolerable good

July 7, 1849

Sunday 7 travelled 5 miles, crossed the Summit & came
to the Pacific Springs. this is a curiosity being a lake
covered with muck & grass, cattle feeds on it & the
Sod bends every step from 4 to 6 inches & sometimes
break through, this is the first water that leads
to the Pacific ocean here is scores of teams at least 100

July 8, 1849

Monday 8 lay at the Springs all day grazed our cattle & cut grass for the desert grass good 5 miles from the Spring, none nearer

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July 9, 1849

Tuesday 9 travelled 25 miles & came to big sandy this is a fine stream, and the place to recruit teams grass 8 miles of from the road there is what is called the little sandy 5 miles before we came to big sandy, this is the first water we came to to day 9 miles east of this we passed the Salt lake road

July 10, 1849

Wednesday 10 laid by to rest our cattle for the desert as it is the last grass till we cross it cattle doing well here, the weather quite cool some mountain fevers on the road not very fatal

July 11, 1849

Thursday 11 at 12 o'clock started in the desert, travelled till 10 o'clock that night laid by till 2 started travelled till breakfast the next day morning.

July 12, 1849

Friday 12 started & went through till 12 o'clock that day, this desert is 45 miles long & almost destitute of grass except the first five miles & no water many cattle perished here for food & water as its [^]scarce

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July 13, 1849

Saturday 13 laid by on Greenriver to rest our cattle & ferry our wagons. here we drove our cattle 4 miles to grass on the road here is tolerable grass

July 14, 1849

Sunday 14 travelled 7 miles from Greenriver where we came to good grazing on a small Stream here we camped good grass & water & small willows to look with horses look very bad & oxen tolerable within one hundred miles we have passed 500 dead oxen

July 15, 1849

Monday 15 travelled 18 miles, crosse several
Small creeks & camped in a large hollow
where we had Some grass, & plenty off Snow
water roads verry hilly & mountainous

July 16, 1849

Tuesday 16 travelled 13 miles & came to the
first fork of bear river here we nooned
& camped over night as grass is verry
good & scarce everry where else

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July 17, 1849

Wednesday 17 laid bye all day to rest our cattle
here we remodled our wagon bed as it is ^{is} to
long & heavy we are now in the snake
tribe of indians they are frendly

July 18, 1849

Thursday 18 travelled 20 miles over high hills &
deep hollows & camped on bear river bottoms
5 miles from the river passed through one
pretty grove & crossed several fine springs. grass
good in any of the mountain hollows

July 19, 1849

Friday 19 travelled 18 miles & camped on the muddy
fork of bear river here is plenty of grass & willows
to kook with 6 miles after we left we came to the
4 forks of bear river here the road is verry difficult
on account of large rocks the res of the road good

July 20, 1849

Saturday 20 travelled 18 miles & camped on a large
spring here is the best of water plenty of grass & willows
teams are now filling up for there is grass in abundance
there is now a general breaking up of companys some for Califori [&] some for
oregon

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July 21, 1849

Sungay 21 laid bye all day to rest our cattle & refresh
our selves I have now left my own team & joined
with one to go to oregon as I think its impossible to
go to California with a team my company is verry
agreeable Edward Carther is with me there was no

difficulty in the company which made me leave it

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July 22, 1849

Monday 22 travelled 18 miles & camped on a fine spring to the right, grass fine crossed Several Streams this day roads generally good

July 23, 1849

Tuesday 23 travelled 7 miles & came to the Soda Springs they keep a constant boiling, 4 miles from here is the junction of the California & Oregon road we travelled 18 miles this day & camped on a fine Spring plenty of grass & wood

July 24, 1849

Wednesday 24 travelled up a Small creek & camped at the crossing, about 20 miles, here, is the best grass in the world. bear river & this creek afford plenty of grass [3]

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July 25, 1849

Thursday 25 travelled 18 miles & camped on a large Spring to the left of the road here is plenty of grass crossed many fine springs grass good all the way, but rough & hilly, many fine and singular springs trout in them

July 26, 1849

Friday 26 travelled 18 miles & camped on a branch of Snake river, here is a large bottom & many fine Springs init which makes the road difficult to travell fine roads today till evening, then 5 miles of heavy sand roads

July 27, 1849

Saturday 27 travelled 5 miles & came to old fort hall, this place is now ocupied bye traders entirely, the hudson bay company travelled on 5 miles further & nooned on the South fork of Snake river this is a large stream for a fork water run 8 in ches in our bead travelled till evening & camped on Snake river bottoms here is plenty of grass of the best quality

July 28, 1849

Sunday 28 laid bye all day to rest our cattle & our selves we are all in fine Spirits & health, here is plenty of cranes & wild geese in the river & swamps

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July 29, 1849

Sunday 28 travelled in the after noon as the company would not lay by all day, went 11 miles & camped on Snakeriver 2 miles above the american falls plenty of grass but none between campings

July 29, 1849

Monday 29 travelled 17 miles & camped on rock branch near the river had plenty of grass & cedar timber today crossed several fine branches grass generally plenty on the road, road runs over the blufs to day

July 30, 1849

Tuesday 30 travelled 10 miles & camped on raft river road runs across the blufs here grass plenty but some dry roads ruff from ^volcanic stones here is the junction of the last California & oregon road this creek is a verry pretty creek & full of trout

July 31, 1849

Wednesday 31 travelled 19 miles & camped on swamp creek this is a pretty creek after it leaves the swamp road rocky but generally level, but little grass on the road & no water but plenty of boath here there is but few teams on this road as yet

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August 1849**August 1, 1849**

Thursday Agust 1 travelled 4 miles & came to a creek plenty of grass & water travelled 7 miles & came to the river here we nooned plenty of wild rye & grass roads good but verry dusty travelled on, came to goose creek in six miles plenty of grass & water left here & travelled 8 miles to the river again here we had good grass, but little grass except where mentioned

August 2, 1849

Friday 2 travelled 13 miles & nooned at the 2 falls of snake this is a continued succession of falls for at least a mile it is perhapse 75 feet in all left here & travelled 2 miles & camped on willow branch here is good water & grass the first part of the roads to day rufs but level

August 3, 1849

Saturday 3 travelled ^10 ~~20~~ miles & came to rock river here we nooned plenty of grass & water roads generally rough travelled on 10 miles further & camped on rock river where we crossed

plenty of grass & water, the banks of this stream is
verry abrupt & difficult to cross roads good but
verry dusty

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August 4, 1849

Sunday 4 ~~travelled~~ laid bye all day to rest our cattle as
they are verry mutch exausted from dust & fatiegued
there is but few emigrants on this road as yet

August 5, 1849

Monday 5 travelled 15 miles, & camped on the blufs of snake
left our wagons here & took our Stock to the bottom to graze
roads heavy & Stoney no water ~~all day~~ till corn nor grass

August 6, 1849

Tuesday 6 left here, travelled 9 miles & watered on Snake
blufs steep to decend, no grass left here travelled 9 miles
& came to a fine creek here we had plenty of good grass
roads rather stoney & heavy all day here cut grass for to [^]morrow

August 7, 1849

Wednesday 7 travelled gown Snake to the falls 5 miles grazed till
evening, left here travel till near morning & breakfasted 15
miles from falls travelled on 2 miles further & came to
watering place here feed your grass

August 8, 1849

Thursday 8 left here & nooned 8 miles ahead on top of
high blufs here is some dry grass travelled 8 miles further
& again came to snake plenty of grass & water roads heavy &
verry dusty with many steep hills

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August 9, 1849

Friday 9 laid bye to rest our cattle & grazed them on the isleand

August 10, 1849

Saturday 10 travelled 7 miles & nooned, had good grass any where
on the river or nearly so to here; left here, travelled 12 miles &
camped on snake, good camp on island or this side, road generally sandy [^]&
heavy

August 11, 1849

Sunday 11 travelled 8 miles came to lake river here we nooned fine grass
left here travelled 6¼ came to snake & camped, here is fine grass, road heavy

August 12, 1849

Monday 12 travelled 6¼ miles & came to ~~the~~ good camp on river on isleand
here nooned travelled on 6¾ miles & camped on river poor camp roads verry
^dusty & heavy

August 13, 1849

Tuesday 13 travelled 5 miles & nooned on mountain stream here is
good place to camp, left here & camped on cordle creek
good place to camp roads dusty & heavy weather verry dry & hot ^8 miles
distance

August 14, 1849

Wednesday 14 laid bye all day cattle tired days warm

August 15, 1849

Thursday 15 travelled 14 miles & nooned on snake ~~par~~ toler
able grass, some in patches on the river, left here travelled
6¼ miles & camped on a creek, here is fine fine grass

August 16, 1849

Friday 16 travelled 3 miles & came to 2 warm springs at
river, 11 miles further came to some grass left here &
travelled 6 miles further & camped Some grass

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August 17, 1849

Saturday 17 travelled 5 miles & came to sturgeom creek here
is a fine place to camp, left here went 3½ miles & camped
[-] good grass this camp is on snake day pleasant but dusty

August 18, 1849

Sunday 18 travelled 12 miles & camped on owhyee here is
plenty of the best of grass & water roads sandy & dusty

August 19, 1849

Monday 19 travelled 3½, laid bye at fort boyse plenty grass
Salmon in a bundance here lay in all the sammon you want

August 20, 1849

Tuesday 20 travelled 15½ miles to a fine river here is the finest
grass I most ever saw, recruit worn out Cattle

August 21, 1849

Wednesday 21 travelled 12¼ miles & nooned at Sulpher Spring.

poor camp here hills have smart of grass on them but dry
travelled to birch creek 10 miles & campe good camp

August 22, 1849

Thursday 22 travelled 3½ miles & came to snake river for the
last time, went on 4½ & nooned on burnt river good camp
travelled till night & camped on ~~on~~ the same river good grass

August 23, 1849

Friday 23 travelled on burnt river & its branches all day
good camping for thirty miles most of the way

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August 24, 1849

[-]rday 24 travelle on the same stream till noon then
[-]truck a branch travelled on it & its tributaries till we camped [^]good camp

August 25, 1849

Sunday 25 travelled up a branch of burnt river 5 miles watered
& nooned, struck over the hills for 15 miles & came to the lone
branch where we camped good camp, no water till here

August 26, 1849

Monday 26 travelled 4 miles & came to the Slough of powder
river went on 8 & came to powder river & camped good camp

August 27, 1849

Tuesday 27 travelled 3 miles & came to the ford of power river
2 miles & came to the first fork 2 further 2 fork nooned good cam
travelled on 4 miles & came to good grass & water 8 further & camped
good camp here is pretty pine timber to the left

August 28, 1849

Wednesday 28 travelled 3 miles & came to grand round first branch
8 further second branch here we camped in this bottom this
is the best grass in the mountain Stock lives all winter

August 29, 1849

Thursday 29 Started across the blue mountains travelled 8
miles & camped on Ronde river tolerable grass roads ruff & rocky

August 30, 1849

Friday 30 travelled 18 miles & camped on camp spring no
water till here plenty good grass all the way road verry
rocky & ruff hills steep timber plenty

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August 31, 1849

Saturday 31 travelled 14 miles & came to first branch of umatilla river here we camped plenty grass & water here, so world [^]of indians

September 1849

September 1, 1849

September Sunday 1 travelled 8 miles & camped on umatilla river. no grass on account of So many indian poneys perhaps 2,500 here is a fine country & scores of Indians they live here all winter

September 2, 1849

Monday 2 travelled 6 miles & came to first ford of umatilla here we camped plenty of grass & water not so many poneys here here are a number of white men with Indian families

September 3, 1849

Tuesday 3 travelled 15 miles & came to river again, good grass here & for 4 miles up to ford, camp any place within the 4 miles this country is quite fertile and beautiful

September 4, 1849

Wednesday 4 travelled from second ford of umatilla to ~~ere~~ a lovely creek where we camped [^]being 10 miles here is plenty of water & timber, near the second crossing of umatilla the road forks, the right hand goes by Columbia ~~+~~ we took the ~~+~~ [-]ft hand as it is recommended as the best for grass & water.

September 5, 1849

[-]sday 5 left the creek travelled 17 miles & came to Spring in of that

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[-]where we camped poor camp, only dry gras[-]

September 6, 1849

[-]ay 6 travelled 12 miles & came to a creek plenty of [-]ss & water the roads has been verry dusty & some sandy this is a fertile valley for grass no indians here

September 7, 1849

Saturday 7 travelled 18 miles & camped at a spring good water & tolerable grass road rather hilly & dusty with some sand

September 8, 1849

Sunday 8 travelled 5½ miles & came John Days river here is good grass & water from Spring take the right hand road [-]ver the hill being the nearest to the river road tolerable [^]g^{oo}[-]

September 9, 1849

Monday 9 travelled 25 miles & came to Columbia river here a good camp 2 miles below where we strike the river no water on this stretch plenty of hill grass road good

September 10, 1849

Tuesday 10 travelled 3 miles to a shoot river where we crossed travelled 4 miles & camped on a creek plenty grass & water

September 11, 1849

Wednesday 11 came to the dolls & hire for one month for 75 dollars per month this road is some hilly & sandy & 12 miles there is 2 good camps on the road to Dalls Lewis Baldwin

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[2] The entries on the rest of this page were written originally in pencil and traced over in blue ink. It is hard to tell if they were traced in the same handwriting or not. The inked part may not reflect the original penciled spelling.]

[3] Tracing ends, and regular handwriting in blue ink resumes.

[4] The top left corner of the page is torn away for the first two lines.

[5] The bottom left corner of this page was torn away.

[6] The top left and right corners of this page are torn away. It is also worn away in places across the middle, where it was folded in half horizontally. Text that is affected is marked with [-].

[7] The text on this page begins halfway down the page, under a fold that halved the page horizontally.