

Started May the 14th, 1862.
Bid friends adieu and started travel to Byington creek and
Encamped first night 15th came through Iowa City and from there
to as/quire Walker and took dinner and then came west 10 m.
and camped here Neil took an over dose of eggs. here also had
indication of a hard storm but we prepared for it and after
some hard wind and thunder it passed over Roads very bad
came so. 15 m. Encamped south 5 teams from Demitt Iowa laid
by I arranged our things at had singing fiddling and dance.
In the morning of 17 we had a heavy rain, could not start early
only drove 8 m. this evening.

Luther & George came up with us. & Westfall took the
Colic and was bad sick today 18th rained all day roads bad.
Luther and Westfall both unwell. Camped near the Green Mountain
House and had a poor camping place Put our horses in the
stable & it rained all night Luther slept in the house West-
fall & Luther both still unwell today came through Brookes
Drove 30 m this morning George and I had a fuss with the land-
lord about wood talk much to him & made him dry up 28 m. Come
to skunk river & camped turn the horses loose. When we went
to catch them I undertook catch Paddy he throwd me into a ~~aunder~~
buyot & ran over me & throwd me clear under and hurt my leg.
Started from skunk ri. & I wrote home Thence so. 10 m. laid up
till noon & dried our things here a sharp fellow came to us
& we trayded westfall's gun & mine coat for a watch & oilcloth
Camped within 8 m. from Ft Desmoin here we run out of homemade
bread & George made flap Jacks. 28 m. Got an early start Come
through Ft Des.moin & thence so. 13 m. to Sugar creek & camped.
Today we crossed Des.moin Ri & coon R. traveld 21 m. started
early & came to the Co. seat of Dallas Co. Call a Adel here
crossed midle coon R: on a ferry boat traveled 22 m. camped
on cotton wood Spring creek passed through Redfield & Morrisburg
& Dalminuthe

Sunday 25. crossed midle R: a very small stream Today we
crossed the great western divide which separates the waters of
the Mississippi & Missouri drove 18 and camped on Turkey creek.

Laid by till Wednesday & Luther baked bread

Mon. 26th come trough grove City akince to Louis & camed
3 m. from Louis a small town on the Mishunabotena R had one
of the hardest storms I ever did saw got our thinks above
deck all wet had to sleep with wet cloth till morning.

Tues. 29 come 7 m. stoped to get corn no person at home
We have heard that they had corn to sell at
We measured up 2 bu: put 50 cnts under the door step and came
on drove today 25 m. crossed the w: branch of the Nishenabona
Today our dog campletly gave out considerd ill first sign of hard-
ships Came 28. cam 25 m. got within 2 m. of Council Bluffs
camped on Musquito creek at night we come to town Luther a
Corneil myself & a fellow by the name of Dan Clark went round
town took him to see the Elephant had an old time

29. Today we left Caneib with the waggon George Luther & I
went to the Bluffs to prospect for our outfit told Dan Clark in
the evening that they are inquiring about him in town and were
going to have him arrested for depradations comited the evening
before told him he had better run if he saw any person coming
on horseback He saw a man coming soon & he ran about a mile
& we had to go & hunt him up in the evening moved our camp
to town Sold Luthers waggon for \$35.50 p.m. here Luther
went with us going to hitch four hoses to our waggon very
rainy day here Caneil & I traded of our partnership watch
31. bought our outfit & packed up.

Sunday June 1st Stayd in camp today Luther bought a Poney
Saddle & bridle for \$30. stood guard this evening for the first
on account of horse thieves Council Bluffs is a hard town
horse thieves gamblers apeir to run the place. I crossed the
big muddy Mo. come through Omaha City thence w. 1 m. here
George went florence to see his uncle 5 m. come today to Elk-
horn 20 m. & camped with a big train here we saw the first
Indians they were Poneys 4 go 18 m. come through Freemont
here our dog gave out here had a poor camping place lots of
Indians came to camp to beg & steal I burned ones bak with
my sun glass & gave another bread with Cyyan peper they hoped

5th drove 21 m. came through North Bend crossed Shell
creek & camped with a very large train but turn out from their
corral and stood our own guard

Fri. 6. drove 16 m. came trough Columbus & crossed Loup

Fork of the Platte went to unhitch Georges horse today & let him loose (sic) he was so lame here Westfall so homesick he layed down & could not do anything. This evening saw Jim Burge on his way to Kalafornia drove 13 m. had work 3 horses stayed on the bank of the Platte here Dr. Jones came very near dying had to lay by on Sunday 8th layed by till Monday 9th started early & camped on the Platte at warm Slough drove 25 m.

10. traveled without any event of note

25 m. 11. came to Evenses Ranch

12. here got our waggon tire reset cost us \$4

Tus: 12. Fast as we got ready to start the Iowa City boys came up with us we was glad to see them come on till noon 18. here Luthers mare got choked ____ her and poured lard down then drove to Boyds Ranch 8 m. here is the Nebraska Center _____

13. came opposite of Ft Kearny 8 m. waited for John Heinley to get his waggon tire set drove 8 m & encamped

14. come to Elm creek in the forenoon 15 m. poor water and grass thence to Buffalo creek

15 today the whind blowd the dust so bad that we could hardly see.

Sun. 15th layed by till Monday George Walker & I went hunting George snaped 3 times at an Antelope with an empty gun walked 15 m without watter hot day and it was very dry

Mon. the 16th. Started early drove 12 m & camped for noon on the prairie the country trough here is smooth & level as far allmost as the eyes can reach without any timber & very little water except the Platte which is allways muddy that it looks like dishwater days are hot nights cold 12 m. then drove to the Platte in the afternoon 12 m. This morning a ragad (ragged) man who pretended to be crazy come to our camp he said he is going to Salt Lake & camped with the City boys

17th drove 12 m. it (ate) dinner on the prairie by a Station paid a 2 d. for a bu. of corn then drove 8 m to Platte

18th this morning George W Harison & me went hunting saw

no game drove to the Poney springs beautiful springs
surounded by National fortification or hills drove 12 m.
here again the crazy man came to camp about 12 o'clock at night

19. come 12 m it dinner at boiling springs beautiful
springs of cold boiling water name from the maner in which it
out of the ground crossed black mud creek which was very bad.
Passed Jim Burge & train thence 11 m. to a good spring have
encamped with 83 waggons had a dance at night

20th this morning come to where the Bluffs come to the
River drove 13 m. over sand hills had a very hard day on
our team that night had a regular N. M. thunder storm Westfalls
horse was sik to night.

21. drove 10 m. to rattlesnake river dinner come to a
bad slough & snamped 4 of our horses down had to unload our
things Dr Jones broke his waggon tongue no wood now for 80
m. back none before us 130 m. we use buffalo chips Platte
Valley coal

22. laid by today carried wood 2 m elected A. Hunter
for our Cap.

23. came 18 m. came over one sand hill of 1 mile on which
we had double teams passed Ash hallow on the opposite side of
the river

24th. drove 12 m. passed ancient bluffs of soft white
rocks some of them are 200 ft high they look like old ruined
castle here I took the first side of chimney rock & courthouse
rock drove 15 m. met 100 mumon (Mormon) teams going to
Florence N. Y. for emigrants 20. pa

26. passed courthouse rock and came within 8 miles of
chimney rock drove 22 m.

27. passed Convent rock today the Iowa City boys drove
on faster then we wanted to so here we parted had a thunder
shower as we pass Scots bluffs drove 27 m.

28. Encamped on a small creek lots of Sioux Indians
came to camp drove 25 m.

Sunday 29. moved up 14 m. to Rawhide creek inside of Black hills
went 14 m to Ft. Laramie & laid by the rest of the day. went to
the Ft & an adventure July 1st come from the Ft. got four letters
come 8 m encamped.

2. Luther went after letters bak to the Ft drove 8 m & came down a very bad hill let our waggon down with a rope

3. drove 16 m in a bad road in Black hills Friday laid by 4th passed Laramie peak drove 18 m.

5. passed 86 Murmon teams drove 18 - George & I went hunting kill one sage hen & cripled a wolf Playd k-l. laid by washed & baked

7. drove 15 m. & camped on Platte near some Canadian French trader Ranch

8. Come 10 m. had poor grass came 8 m had good grass rained till 10 oclock mildly which stoped the musquitoes

9. Come 25 m. trough awful sand & bad hills had to let our waggons down with ropes come to the lower platte bridge

10. here we crossed to South side of Platte on the bridge & came up 5 m. to avoid a big sand Hill crossed back only cost 50 m. they charged waggons that had come all the way on the South side \$5.00 m. Came 10 m. & stoped where the Musquitoes were thicker than any person who ever had never been west of Omaha could imagine

11th Traveled today over bad roads come 14 m. & camped at a deserted Station where the people had left on account of danger from the Indians. Formed our waggons into a line of defence, from the House to the Stable doubled our guard but saw no Indians this was at Willow Springs

12th Come 10 m. a good spring for dinner then 8 m. to greasewood creeck here Luther Dicky got mad at George Walker & swore he would take his team out off in the morning.

13th eventful day Luther was going to take off his team & their things & leive us. we settled up & George & I owed him 7.75 on each we here sold him our interest in the waggon & Harness for \$50 dollar here got a man by the name of Tom Baldwin to haul our things he is going to Oregon we kept Georges horse to ride. Baldwin & I here chase 4 men on horseback about 10 m. thought they were horse thieves. Come to Independence Rock

14th went over the Rocks & read names & wrote ours this is a large stone of Granite some 400 years long & 250-300 ft high on the bank of Sweet water, it contains the names of thousands travelers & gold hunters.

14th went up in Devil's gate could not cross Sweet Water come back to the Rock crossed on a toll bridge & came up again to the Devils gate 7 m.

15th Traveled up Sweet water 10 m passed the Pound Gap where the Denver Road comes in come 8 m & encamped on the River Swam our stock & back for grass

16th Started early come 6 m met a company of Soldiers Stopped for grass then come 10 m. further Passed the 3 crossings come trough bad sand

17th come in sight of the first snow on the Mountains passed Ice springs had a cold Rain & hail

17th nearly froze with our overcoats on 20 m without grass camped on Sweetwater

18th Forded Sweetwater & come 5 m for dinner come 6 m. South Pass City this afternoon I was taken sick bones ached head ached thought I was going to have the Mountain Fever.

19th our stock started to stampede last night but we stopped them drove 10 m & one of our men saw 50 Indians

20th Sunday layed by

21st come to sweetwater had an Introduction to Old Bridger he gave us a description of the Road to Ft Hall via Landers Cut Off come 12 m. fell in with & formed into a company of 16 waggons with a Denver Company we number about 35 men elected Mr. Jack Captain come along the back of the Wind River Mountain I went hunting & got sick.

22d. Come 8 m crossed the last crossing of Sweet water are now going trough the Great South Pass along a creek the last water that puts into the Atlantic Ocean

23d crossed little Sandy drove 25 m. crossed Big Sandy & camped here entered a large & beautiful Valley in sight of the snow on the green R range or Eastern R. of the Great Basin

24th Started just at days light & before breakfast drove

16 m. & found grass here we stopped for Breakfast here we left George Walkers horse to die of Rattlesnake bit it was like leiveing a friend drove 10 m. to Green R on Rio Colorado

25th could not cross without making a ferry out of our waggon boxes or going 10 m down to a little ferry went down & encamped it was ownd by a couple Emigrants had a dance crossed our waggons on the ferry had to swim our stock had lots of trouble to get them over came near getting one man drowned got all over by 12 oclock here we left 5 of our who bought the ferry Came 5 m. to a small creek & encamped this is where a great deal of depradations has been comited by the Indians & white Jayhawkers on the Emigrants we will keep a sharp look out this evening a party of 9 men from another train came up to us with the ferrymen who crossed us over the R. they taken them prisoners thinking them to be horse thieves as their horses had been stampeded the night before. They proved their inocence by men in our train who were acquainted with them & will travel with us a few days their names are Walters & John McGovern

27. this morning we heard a firing of about 100 guns which we thought was from a train atacked by Indians come about 2 m. & saw band of Indians & white men crossed the Road ahead of us they appeared to be tired we now supposed the fiering to be from a fight between two companion of Jayhawkers Came 8 m. to Bear creek here is the grave of a man killed by Indians This was a fight here in which two men were badly wounded

28th Drove to Lead Cache Creek 10 m. thence 4 m. to another creek.

29th Here started up a deep Canyon a long a creek called Squaw creek here had the bad Roads come George Walker Bill McFate & I went hunting & scouting saw no game but lots of Indian sign come 5 m. & encamped in the Ravine surounded by Cedar & pine timber good place for Indians to attack us had no trouble

30th Drove 8 m. to a creek called Tiney here one of Baldwins oxen fell down & died in a very few minutes & Watson broke his wagon stopped for dinner on the creek in the pine timber

surrounded by high Mountains covered with snow some 11 m. passed the grave of a man who had been murdered or killed by the Indians & buried by a train ahead of us camped in the Canyon

31. Started very early drove 12 m. over the worst hills and canyons I have seen yet it was cold enough last night to freeze ice strong enough to bear the weight of a man stopped for dinner in the middle of the road willows so thick we could not get out of it. on Le Burges Fork of Bear R. had to follow the chanell of the creek for 4 Rod with our waggons over Bolders as big as a wash tub drove 4 m. & encamped had no grass till tonight of any account for 9 days.

August the 1st, 1862. Drove 8 m. over the Mountains to Smiths fork here we entered a beautiful valley of good grass good water good wood, cattle all tired men all tired & mad except me & George. here we stopped about a middle of afternoon to lay be a day & half

2. Lay by I washed up our cloths & mended pataloons, etc. etc. today in the fornoon everybody as busy some shearing cattle some washing & some baking some patching boots mending clothes fixing waggons making whip lasher cleaning a gun everyone had something to do Oh how different a life it is men living in a State

3. Sunday layed by till noon here George W & I got a man by the name of S. Hindeman to have our things we will now cook our own grog with nothing but a frieing pan to cook in but that is a enough for two certainly & a frying pan will cook more then we had to cook in it soon & then we can throw that away

4th We come in this afternoon & camped in a beautiful park this afternoon Baldwin left a fine stalion with a disease which apears to kill all the horses that die on the road They get stupid & swelling genaraly in the breast & die in a very short time

5th started early drove 20 m. this afternoon a man by the name of Neil Howey & myself saw where two bear had cross the road we followed them about 2 m. & kill one of them at night we went over mountains & falling to our bear with 4

other men & carried it to camp We got in all tired enough today.

5th Started early drove through a canyon of about 40 m. & encamped in very nice valley we today made arrangements to have Mrs. Hindman cook our grog we now sleep on the ground in the open air here before we had slept in Mr. Watson's tent but as he left a horse yesterday & had to leave one wagon we can't use it no longer Well we are through & a tent is very unhandy to get in & out of so we are better off

6th Started very early this morning Neil Howie George W & I went hunting We saw no sign of game walked 15 m. passed a large Lake with rushes growing in it drove 20 m. had to carry our water 2 m.

7th This morning we saw 4 bear tracks in a Road & 7 of us went after them Dave Rook & I found a cavern in a rock with bear signs we followed it in about 60 ft & found its nest we hear the bear go back further in the cavern but could not follow owing to the hole going up about 10 ft one of the women Mrs. Mann took the scurvy We traveled about 20 m.

8th Started early this morning Our captain & one of our men with two others started on to Ft Hall & went in advance of the train some 8 m. & Indian who they supposed to be a scout they went on & saw about 20 Indians & come back soon after we saw about 12 men coming to our camp we got our guns in trim but they proved to be a party of Kal. on a prospecting tour who had just had a fight with a party of Indians they had 14 horses taken & shot, & also all their packs & 4 men wounded. One shot through the lungs one through the hips one through the thigh one in a knee We took them in & waited for another train to come up to get a Doctor bound up their wounds best we could with them the other train who will very probably travel with us are number something near 90 men traveled today 10 m

9th Layed by all day 18 men of us went out to look after the Indians & found 4 men killed & scalped layed on the road with indications of a hard fight their wagon was left & flour Kaffee & baken lay scattered around, etc. We found a wagon track leading off towards the bluffs & followed it about 3 m & did get so late in the evening that we could not get to the corral before

dark so we could not follow any further as we were afraid that they would attack our train in our absence at night as we came home we saw 15 Indians I stood guard tonight the Indians come in the night within 200 yards of camp I gave the alarm & aroused the train They let us alone that night

10th drove 10 m. come to where the men were killed took them & put them in a waggon brought them to where we camped gave them a decent burial as we could

11th Drove 6 m. came to a deep Canyon where our train was fairly in the Canyon our scouts come in on run & reported Indians Walker & Neil Howie with 3 others took to the rocks to get the high ground so as to fight them away from the train they come up & prove to be a party of a train who have been attacked going back with the ferry men & some friendly Indians to bury the dead drove 6 m. through the Canyon & entered a large valley with a round mountain drove 8 m. further.

12th we layed by till 2 o'clock found it 800 m to the Salmon R. miner & 200 to deerlodge valley nobody new where they were going some wanted to go to Ogn. some to Kal. & some to Walla Walla & some to Deer Lodge Walker & I were for Deer Lodge but could not get our things hauled here my friend N. Howie Madison Wisconsin left us for deer lodge we drove 3 m. & camped

13th Drove 8 m. crossed the Fortnauff R. on a Ferry boat made out of sciffs layed by till morning & wrote a letter to let & Father to send to Salt Lake by our wounded Kalifornians Four of them left us here for the State