

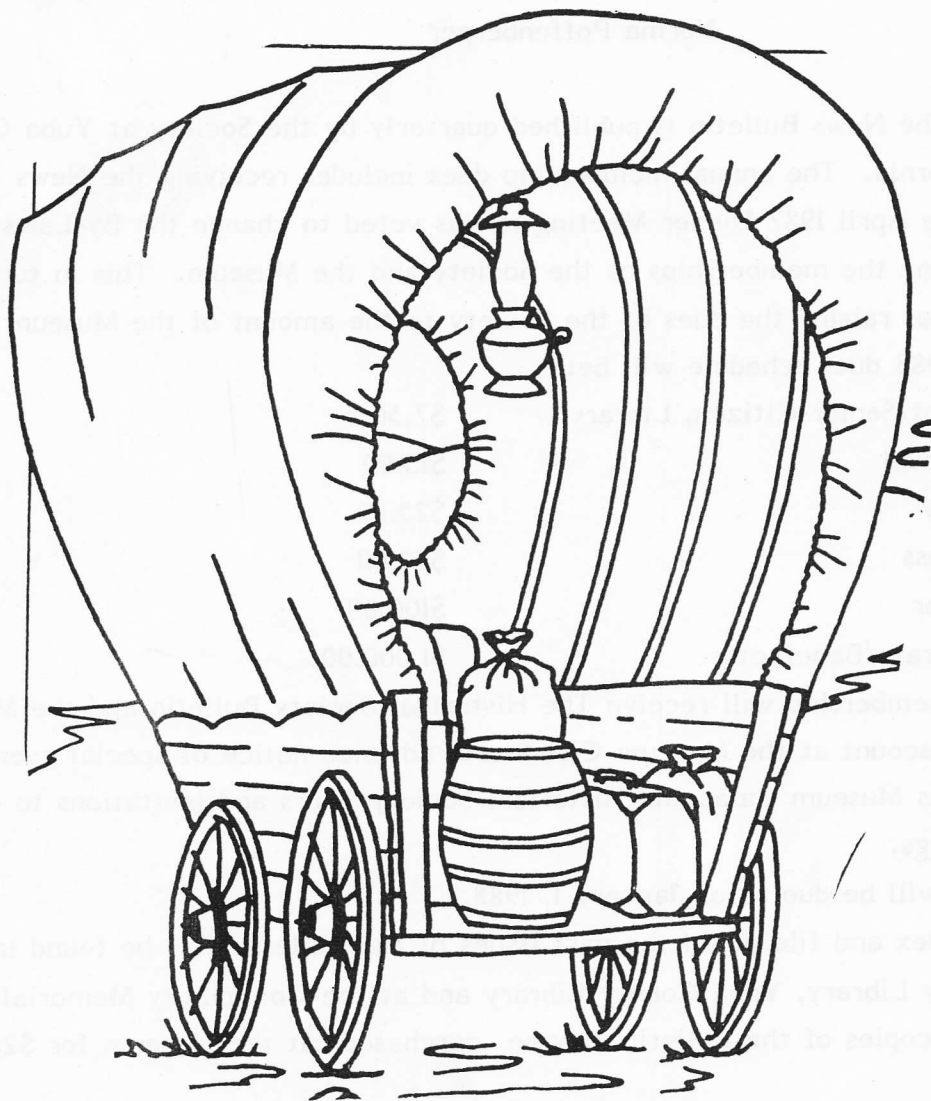
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The News Bulletin is published quarterly by the Society at Yuba City, California. The annual membership dues includes receiving the News Bulletin. At the April 1987 Dinner Meeting it was voted to change the By-Laws to combine the memberships of the Society and the Museum. This in turn requires raising the dues of the Society to the amount of the Museum dues. The 1988 dues schedule will be:

Student/Senior Citizen, Library	\$7.50
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Business	\$50.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Corporate/Benefactor	\$1,000.00

The membership will receive The Historical Society Bulletin and the Muse News, 10% discount at the Museum Gift Store, advance notice of special events such as Museum Galas and Historical Society Tours and invitations to exhibit openings.

Dues will be due as of January 1, 1988.

An index and file of all the past issues of the Bulletin may be found in Sutter County Library, Yuba County Library and at the Community Memorial Museum. Extra copies of the Bulletin may be purchased at the Museum for \$2.

## Director's Report

Visitors to the Community Memorial Museum will sometimes walk into the building and start their visit with a query to the volunteer at the front desk, "You don't have much history here, do you?" A variety of answers follow disclaiming the notion that our piece of the earth isn't quite as old as the rest of the world, but the basic premise that this combination statement/question raises needs to be addressed.

Visitors to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia see lots of evidence of history. There are large old buildings and elaborate granite monuments to mark places of "historical interest". We become so dazzled by these high-tech reminders of history that by the time we get to a small county like Sutter, if there isn't a large sign proclaiming that something important happened here one hundred years ago, then what's the use of seeing the place at all?

Sutter County has just as much "history" as anywhere else on earth. There is a natural history that is intrinsic to the entire planet that we share. The history of the people who dwelled here is, however, a far more subtle thing. There are no plaques up to proclaim Maidu Indians once lived here, but they did. And there are no signs that spell out in neon how the early white settlers came to this area and made it their home, but that happened too. Subtle points of history, perhaps, but as important to you and me as the signing of the Declaration of Independence and, in many ways, more relevant.

The Community Memorial Museum is the community's storyteller and in many ways that makes it a museum of subtle history. History that helps us to understand how our county was established and why it functions the way it does. History about families that are intrinsic to the basic fiber of the County. History about newcomers who made their mark as well. Every exhibit that goes up in the Museum deals with a subtle point of Sutter County history, be it the Sutter Buttes (some would argue that they are hardly subtle) or the cooking and eating habits of the last century. All that we can hope for is that every time an exhibit goes up, the story it tells loses its subtleness and becomes more blatantly obvious. Then next time someone asks "You don't have much history here, do you?" we can smugly answer "Yup, we've got lots of history here", and can show them.

Jackie Lowe

## Special Report

The Yuba City Rotary Club has made the Museum their Spring Community Service Project. Some Club members noticed our odd assortment of metal storage sheds behind the Museum and surmised that we could use a more permanent form of storage. So, in April, the Rotary Club will construct a 20' x 24' artifact storage building for the Museum.

As the Museum continues to collect the history of Sutter County, our storage needs will continue to grow. The Yuba City Rotary Club's recognition of this problem and their generous response to it is a special gift to everyone in the county. On behalf of the Museum staff and Commission and the Sutter County Board of Supervisors, "Thank you, Yuba City Rotary!"



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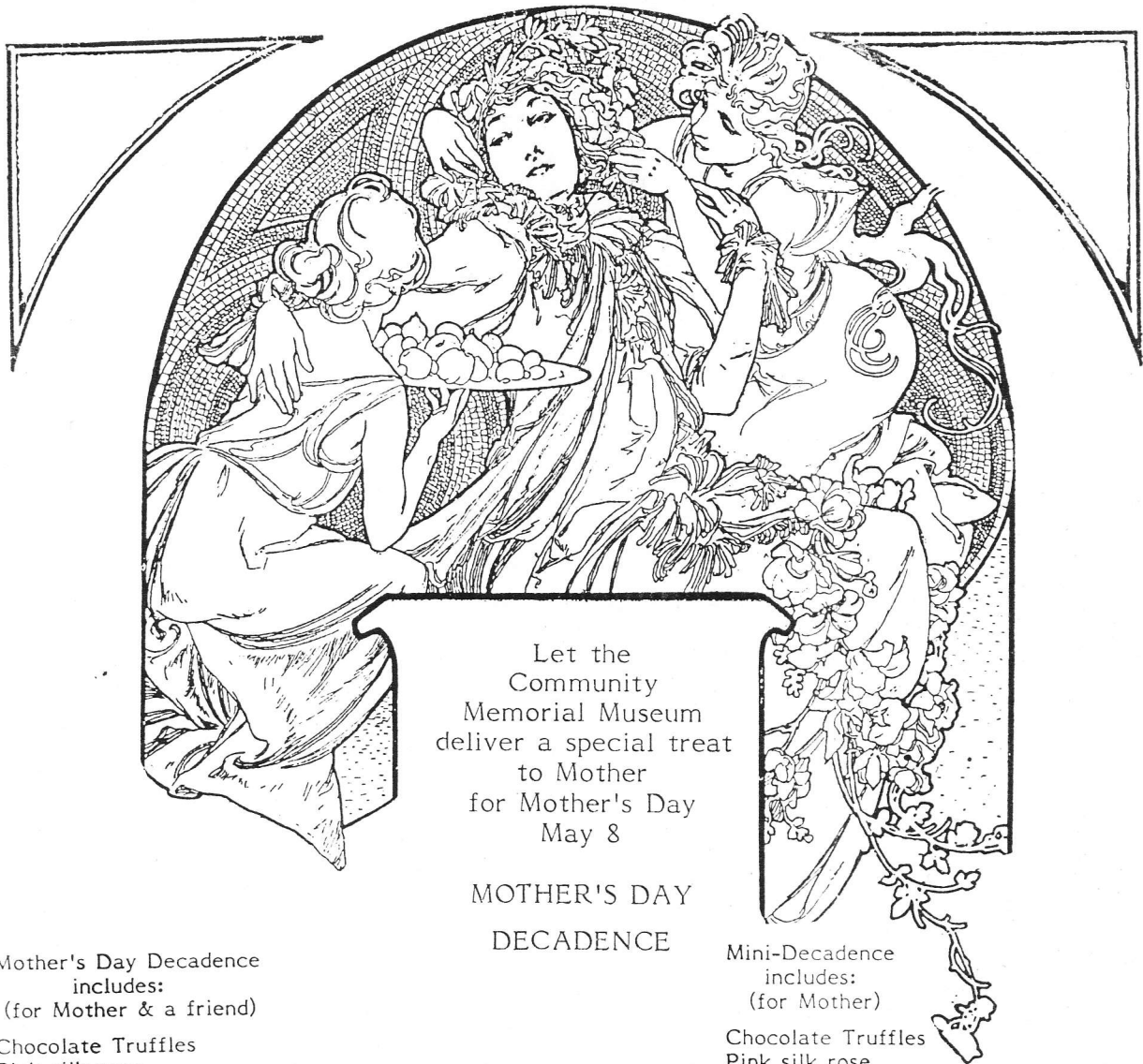
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In memory of Silas Miles  
In memory of Malcolm Meachan  
In memory of Gerald F. Allen  
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#### Meridian Plate Needed!!

Can anyone help Marion Hankins of Meridian who is in need of a Meridian Bridge plate that was sold by the Community Memorial Museum some years back? If you know of an available plate, would you please call the Museum (741-7141), and we will let Marion know.



Let the  
Community  
Memorial Museum  
deliver a special treat  
to Mother  
for Mother's Day  
May 8

### MOTHER'S DAY DECADENCE

Mother's Day Decadence  
includes:  
(for Mother & a friend)

Chocolate Truffles  
Pink silk rose  
Champagne (or non-alcoholic beverage)  
Glasses, napkins  
Strawberry/cream cheese Croissants  
Card  
Delivered in floral tote bag

The cost of \$15 includes delivery on  
Friday afternoon, May 6

Mini-Decadence  
includes:  
(for Mother)

Chocolate Truffles  
Pink silk rose  
Card  
Delivered in floral mini-tote bag

The cost of \$5 includes delivery  
on Friday afternoon, May 6

Order by Wednesday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m.

All orders prepaid.

Extra baskets, if available, can be purchased at the Museum  
on Saturday, May 7, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Send this form with check payable to:  
Community Memorial Museum  
P. O. Box 1555  
Yuba City, CA 95992

Delivery to:  
Sutter County  
Marysville

Deliver a Mother's Day Decadence or Mini-Decadence (circle one) to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sender's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sign the Card \_\_\_\_\_

Please draw a map with major cross streets on back.

# OUR HERITAGE

WORDS AND MUSIC

BY

THELMA ASHFORD GAGE

IT IS ALLEGED THE FIRST PEOPLE CAME FROM THE NORTH IN SEARCH OF A  
WARMER CLIME  
THEIR STRUGGLE AND STRIFE WITH WILD FRONTIER LIFE TOOK OVER AN EON OF TIME  
OUR HERITAGE  
EXPLORERS BOLD FROM THE WORLD KNOWN AS OLD OPENED THE GATEWAY TO THIS  
FERTILE LAND  
OUR HERITAGE  
THEN THE SPANISH CAME! NAMED THIS CHILD OF SPAIN CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA, IT'S A GOLDEN LAND THIS COASTAL STATE!  
IT'S THE WOND'ROUS LAND WITH A GOLDEN GATE  
THE MOUNTAINS ARE HIGHEST  
THE BASIN IS LOWEST  
THE LAND IS GOLD, A SIGHT TO BEHOLD!  
THE STREAMS FLOW BOLD AND SHIMMER WITH GOLD!  
FROM THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH FLOWS THE BLACKEST GOLD!  
EVEN THE FOG DRIFTING INLAND TO PARCHED CROPS IS GOLD!  
STAND THE MISSIONS OLD OF BY-GONE DAYS.  
TENDER STORIES TOLD OF BELOVED PADRES.  
THE SWEAT AND THE TEARS OF EARLY PIONEERS IS A HERITAGE  
HERITAGE  
YOURS AND MINE TILL END OF TIME.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE DIARY OF B.B. BRIGGS OF HIS TREK  
FROM THE EAST TO THIS AREA IN 1849. OUR THANKS TO  
LORETTA DEAN FOR THIS VERY INTERESTING ARTICLE.

B. B. Briggs; book 1849

March 19 Monday  
Left Sharon bound for  
California

March 20 Tuesday  
(no entry)

March 21 Wednesday  
Arrived at Wellsville  
6 O'clock pm

March 24 Saturday  
Left Wellsville at 4  
O'clock am

March 26 Monday  
Arrived at Cincinatti  
5 O'clock am. and  
left at 4 O'clock pm

March 30 Friday  
Arrived in St. Louis  
at 1 O'clock pm

March 31 Saturday  
Left St Louis 7  
O'clock pm

April 1 Sunday  
Passed Boonville quite  
a pretty town on the  
south bank. Passed  
Jefferson City a small  
and dirty town on the  
south bank.

April 2 Monday  
Stopped at Brunswic a  
hustling town on the  
north bank

April 3 Tuesday  
Rained all day Passed  
Lexington about noon  
Run onto a sand bar  
about 7 O'clock pm

April 4 Wednesday  
Cleared ourselves from  
the bar about 4 O'clock

April 5 Tuesday  
Left Independence Forte  
about 7 O'clock pm  
Discharged freight and  
passengers at Kansas  
Passed Ft. Leavenworth  
and Westen

April 6 Friday  
One of the boilers gave  
out I started accross to  
St Joseph on foot  
Stayed in Columbus one  
night

April 7 Saturday  
Arrived in St. Joseph  
about 2 O'clock. The boat  
arrived about 4 O'clock pm

April 9 Monday  
Went out to look at oxen  
the boys moved out to camp  
Stayed at Mister Houtes  
over night

April 10 Tuesday  
Look at cattle returned  
to camp at night

April 11 Wednesday  
Rained all day

April 12 Thursday  
Stayed in Town and looked  
at cattle

April 13 Friday  
Bought one yoke of oxen  
of Allison at \$40.00 went  
out in the country and  
staid at Willis's overnight

April 14 Saturday  
Went to Boyers to look at  
cows and staid overnight

April 15 Sunday  
Went back to Willis's and  
staid overnight

April 16 Monday  
Bought three yoke of oxen  
of Willis on yoke at \$60.00  
the other two at \$45 each  
returned to camp

April 17 Tuesday  
Lay in camp and fixed  
wagon cover

April 18 Wednesday  
In camp fixed for packing  
things in the wagon

April 19 Thursday  
Packed the wagon

April 20 Friday  
Lay in camp bought  
flour 85¢

April 21 Saturday  
Bought flour and packed  
our wagon

April 22 Sunday  
Went into country Staid with  
Willis one night

April 23 Monday  
Broke cows and drove  
our oxen into camp

April 24 Tuesday  
Distance travailed 15 miles  
Started from camp for  
forte Carny Passed through  
Savanah the county seat  
of Andrew County  
Intervening groves and  
prairie

- April 25 Wednesday  
Passed over nice rolling  
prairies with intervening  
groves  
distance travailed 12

April 26 Thursday  
Passed through large prairie  
crossed the nodaway river  
shot a prairie chicken  
distance 9

April 27 Friday  
Drove to Jackson's cut  
timber for yokes  
distance 4

April 28 Saturday  
Lay in camp and worked  
on the yokes and made bows

April 29 Sunday  
(no entry)

April 30 Monday  
Finished the yokes

May 1 Tuesday  
Bought a cow and some bacon  
Started from camp at noon  
Encamped at the small Tarko

May 2 Wednesday  
Passed the beautiful prairie  
stopped at noon at the large  
Tarko  
distance 12

May 3 Thursday  
Passed the rock creek. High  
creek in the rain passed  
Leinton Achison County  
distance 15 mls

May 4 Friday  
Crossed Pohna Botno Encamped  
on its bank distance 12

May 5 Saturday  
Passed through low prairie  
doubled teams through the  
sloughs Saw four deer  
Encamped on the timber 5 miles  
from there distance 8

May 6 Sunday  
Lay in camp 5 miles from  
the ferry. Wrote two letters.

May 7 Monday  
Drove to the ferry and waited  
for our turn to cross. Went  
out to feed the cattle and  
shot a turkey  
distance 5

May 8 Tuesday  
Crossed early in the morning  
Travailed 4 miles and Encamped  
for the day. A vast rolling  
prairie in front and scattering  
timber on either side  
distance 4

May 9 Wednesday  
Left camp late traveled about  
10 miles and met George. but  
little timber insight but water  
plenty  
Near Nimehaw in prairie  
distance 16

May 10 Thursday  
Travailed through the open  
prairie. Rolling and splended  
roads. Stood guard  
distance 18



May 11 Friday

Passed Elk Creek Lay by  
for the creek to fall  
Encamped at Salt creek  
distance 18

May 12 Saturday

Crossed Salt creek passed  
in sight of a few scattering  
trees Encamped at Cotton  
grove  
distance 24

May 13 Sunday

Lay in camp distance out  
80 miles

May 14 Monday

The road more rolling  
a little timber scattered  
along at the left Encamped  
2 miles beyond oak grove  
on guard  
distance 22

May 15 Tuesday

Drove 12 miles to the Platt  
bottom and 6 miles to the  
river a very little timber  
on the bank an island  
a party of the Pawne came  
in camp

May 16 Wednesday

Travailed along the Platt  
bottom Sandy road but level  
distance 22

May 17 Thursday

Travailed along the Platt  
bottom good road but little  
sand. Passed through the  
Pawnee Village Encamped 2  
miles beyond village  
distance 20

May 18 Friday

Road more rolling and sandy  
narrow bottom a little more  
timber along the river  
distance 25

May 19 Saturday

Bottom wide part of the way  
muddy met a large party of  
the Sue Indians in fair site  
of the Pawne's met a man  
from Salt Lake  
distance 22

May 20 Sunday

The road flat and wet  
passed the junction of the  
Independance and St Joseph  
road grass bad saturated  
with alkaline substance or  
salaratus  
distance 18

May 21 Monday

Passed fort Charles ten  
or more sod buildings also  
40 government wagons bound  
for fort Hall distance from  
ft Carny 25  
distance 20

May 22 Tuesday

Good roads the most of the  
day but little timber along  
the river 2nd watch  
dis 18

May 23 Wednesday

Good road and good feed  
Encamped about one mile  
from the river no wood  
dis 18

May 24 Thursday

Good road more broken along  
the bluff Commenced raining  
about 1 O'clock rained hard  
at night cold north wind got  
lost  
dis 25

May 25 Friday

Cold north-east wind road  
good  
dis 20

May 26 Saturday

Road good bluff near and  
broken Encamped about  
2 O'clock at a very nice  
grove on an island  
dis 14

May 27 Sunday

Lay by to rest the team  
Attended preaching at the  
Springfield encampment  
dis out 348

May 28 Monday

Bluff not so rugged good  
road Encamped off from the  
road no wood Come in view

of the south fork  
of the Platt  
dis 22

May 29 Tuesday  
Travailed along the  
south bank saw a number  
of buffalo two horsemen  
and myself persued a herd  
and killed one. Returned  
to camp late no wood, rain  
dis 20

May 30 Wednesday  
Cold north west wind and  
rain all day Lay in camp  
all day Plenty of pepper  
grass which the cattle eat  
well

May 31 Thursday  
Started out from camp late  
crossed the south fork of  
the Platt ford about 3/4  
mile wide Found good feed  
and me small brush  
dis 8

June 1 Friday  
Passed accross the bluff to  
the north fork a new rout,  
road sandy in places good  
feed but no wood - Shot 2  
buffalo and 3 antelope left  
camp alone in the morning  
and were in sight of a 100  
wagons at night  
dis 18

June 2 Saturday  
Passed up the river about  
10 miles then struck back  
across the bluff into Ash  
Hollow where we intersected  
the old road, But little feed  
plenty of wood and water  
dis 20

June 3 Sunday  
Buried J.H. Crandell  
resident of Illinois road  
sandy good feed and water  
no timber very warm  
dis 12

June 4 Monday  
Road sandy the earth  
strangly saturated with  
alkali in places no timber  
along the river Buried  
C. Tindell resident of  
Mishigan  
dis 18

June 5 Tuesday  
Met 2 men from Salt Lake  
who had been robbed by the  
Crow Indians Passed a  
beautiful grove to the left  
road sandy no timber along  
the river a severe storm in  
the morning  
dis 20

June 6 Wednesday  
Passed event house rock  
George overtook us road  
tolerable good some alkali  
in the wet parts no timber  
along the river Encamped  
near Chimney about 250 feet  
high  
dis 20

June 7 Thursday  
Bluff broken and present the  
appearance of ruined cities  
Encamped near Scotts Bluff  
road good plenty of feed but  
no water  
dis 22

June 8 Friday  
Beautiful and romantic scenery  
The bluff covered with pine  
and cedar road good leading  
through the bluff  
dis 21

June 9 Saturday  
Passed Skotch Bluff Passed  
a black smiths shop  
dis 22

June 10 Sunday  
Lay in camp by a clear creek  
good feed dis out 571 mls

June 11 Monday  
Passed up river about 10 mls  
and passed the Larime fork.  
Passed fort Larime crossed  
over the bluff & camped on  
the Platt  
dis 13

June 12 Tuesday  
Road rough and sandy  
in places struck out  
from the Platt into the  
Black Hills Pine timber  
scattered over the hills  
Encamped near Cold Spring  
& Bitter creek

dis 25

June 13 Wednesday  
Rolling barron and  
gravely soil steep hills  
Passed Horse creek and Habers  
Springs Passed Larime Peak

dis 22

June 14 Thursday  
Road very uneven and wind-  
ing Crossed the Lamont  
river no grass Encamped  
on branch of Lamont

dis 17

June 15 Friday  
Road hard and gravely very  
hilly Passed Grasshopper  
creek Encamped 4 mls from  
the Platt

dis 22

June 16 Saturday  
Crossed over the bluff to  
the Platt Crossed Deer  
Creek & Encamped 3 mls up it

dis 8

June 17 Sunday  
Lay by until 4 O'clock  
started across the bluff  
broke an axeltree & Encamped  
by the Platt dis out 681

dis 3

June 18 Monday  
Travailed up the river  
bottom road good feed scarce  
Passed several ferrys

dis 23

June 19 Tuesday  
Passed up the river about 5  
mls & undertook to cross in  
the wagon bed

June 20 Wednesday  
Went 8 mls below to the  
morman ferry & lay by  
waiting our turn to cross

June 21 Thursday  
Waited for the government  
train to cross

June 22 Friday  
Crossed the Platt in the  
morning about 8 mls bad  
road

dis 17

June 23 Saturday  
Passed rock avenue willow  
spring road hilly but hard  
and gravely Abundance of  
sage but little grass  
Crossed prospect hill

dis 22

June 24 Sunday  
Sandy barron & bad road  
Alkili springs & lake  
Crossed the Sweet water  
passed Independance rock  
& Devils gate

dis 28

June 25 Monday  
Road sandy road leaves the  
river alkili lake sage creek  
grass scarce

dis 18

June 26 Tuesday  
Road sandy & very heavy  
mountains on both sides  
no timber along the river

dis 17

June 27 Wednesday  
Road gravely & good Passed  
Iced spring no wood crossed  
the river twice

dis 20

June 28 Thursday  
Crossed the river passed over  
rough rocky ridges Strawberry  
creek & Popler creek. En-  
camped on branch of Sweet-  
water Snow 10 feet deep

dis 20

June 29 Friday  
Crossed Willow creek &  
Sweetwater Crossed  
the dividing ridge or  
south pass Road good  
Barron country Encamped  
by the Pacific spring  
dis out 868 alt 7052  
dis 21

June 30 Saturday  
Passed the Snow capped  
mountains. Crossed dry  
sandy water bad but little  
grass Passed the junction  
of Oregon & Salt Lake road  
Encamped on the little sandy  
dis 24

July 1 Sunday  
Sandy & barron but little  
grass Dis out ~~899~~ 901  
dis 9

July 2 Monday  
Road descending & gravelly  
some scattering grass among  
the sage Encamped along the  
high sandy dis 17

July 3 Tuesday  
Travailed about 8 mls to green  
river ferry wide stream &  
rapid current Crossed the  
river  
dis 8

July 4 Wednesday  
Road uneven & sandy in  
places Plenty of grass  
Encamped on hams fork  
dis 23

July 5 Thursday  
Road good feed tolerable  
plenty I had a severe  
headache Encamped on a  
small muddy creek  
dis 20

July 6 Friday  
Road tolerable good no  
water for 15 mls Encamped  
near fort Bridges a small  
enclosure with 2 or more  
buildings  
dis 17

July 7 Saturday  
Plenty of feed water &  
timber Descended a very  
rocky steep hill  
Passed soda spring  
Crossed high dividing ridge  
long gradual ascent rather  
steep ascent but good road  
dis 25

July 8 Sunday  
Road winds between high  
cliffs Passed sulphur  
spring & small creek Bad  
hill to ascend Encamped  
on Bear river  
dis 6

July 9 Monday  
Crossed bare river very  
rapid current & hard to ford  
Passed hatchet rock echo  
cove & creek Passed through  
long deep ravine good road  
& abundant feed Encamped  
on echo creek  
dis 20

July 10 Tuesday  
Road crooked & numerous  
bad places to cross very  
high bluffs on both sides  
Come to the Weber river  
4 miles farther crossed  
the current rapid & deep  
dis 20

July 11 Wednesday  
Long hill to ascend road  
crooked & bad bearing  
nearly south I was taken  
with a violent headache  
mountain fever  
Encamped on Kanyon creek  
dis 17

July 12 Thursday  
Lay in camp a beautiful  
clear stream near by &  
surrounded by very high  
hills feed good

July 13 Friday  
Lay in camp

July 14 Saturday  
Lay in camp

July 15 Sunday

Lay in camp about 2 O'clock  
Crossed high ridge very  
steep & had to descend  
Encamped 12 miles from the  
city good feed

dis 12

high hills covered with  
grass  
good feed little rain  
Encamped without water &  
wood

course west 26 mls

July 16 Monday

High ridge to cross road  
very bad Encamped 2 mls  
north of the city near  
the warm spring good  
feed small shower of  
rain Morman city out  
1112 mls

, dis 16

July 22 Sunday

Travailed 5 mls to water  
brackish & warm 5  
A spring of good water 13  
Road rocky in places  
good feed

c-e west-nort-west 18

July 17 Tuesday

Hot spring & lake 3 mls  
Plenty grass & water  
Numerous settlers all  
along good feed Encamped  
on small creek 13 mls

course north dis 16

July 23 Monday

Small creek a few rods  
north of the road 5 mls 5  
farther the creek sinks 7  
rather barron soil covered  
with wild sage.  
c-e W.S.W. 18

July 18 Wednesday

Cottonwood creek 18  
no water for 12 mls  
Weber river and 12  
Encamped 1 ml beyond 1  
good feed

course north 23

July 24 Tuesday

Crossed a very level  
barron plane to a spring  
at the foot of the mountains\*  
I got accidently wounded  
\*cedar mountain dis 18

July 19 Thursday

Large creek 1  
small creek 4  
Hot spring & lake 6  
Cotton wood creek 5  
small creek good feed &  
water 2  
course north 18

July 25 Wednesday

Lay in camp  
distance from Morman City  
151 mls  
Distance from frontier 1253mls

July 20 Friday

Bon ilder creek 7  
small creek 4  
Hot salt spring & cool 5  
fresh bare river Encamped 10  
by its side good feed  
course north 26

July 26 Thursday

Lay in camp  
I was bled.

July 27 Friday

Lay in camp

July 28 Saturday

Lay in camp  
The other three wagons &  
men left us.

July 21 Saturday

Ferryed accross bare river  
Brackish creek bad  
no water for 23  
road good passing through

July 29 Sunday thru August 3 Friday

Lay in camp

August 4 Saturday

I was put into a carriage  
& rode 10 mls & camped  
on a small stream

August 5 Sunday  
Travailed to Cassins creek  
dis 12

August 6 Monday  
Travailed 10 mls &  
camped on Cashins  
creek 8 mls from the  
fort Hall road I was  
not well

August 7 Tuesday  
Not able to ride  
Mr Sellie left with  
his carriage

August 8 Wednesday  
Thru

August 14 Tuesday  
Lay in camp

August 15 Wednesday  
Lay in camp  
inflammation set in

August 16 Thursday  
Thru

August 20 Monday  
Lay in camp

August 21 Tuesday  
Lay in camp  
I was put into a wagon

August 22 Wednesday  
Travailed 2 miles  
dis 2

August 23 Thursday  
Travailed 4 miles to  
the mouth of a canyon  
dis 4

August 24 Friday  
Travailed 8 mls to a  
spring in the valley  
dis 8

August 25 Sunday  
Drove 18 mls & camped  
on good creek  
dis 18

August 27 Monday  
Drove 20 miles  
dis 20

August 28 Tuesday  
Drove 18 mls but  
little water  
dis 18

August 29 Wednesday  
Drove 19 mls Encamped  
near a boiling spring  
dis 18

August 30 Thursday  
Drove 19 mls & camped  
in a small valley  
dis 19

August 31 Friday  
Drove 15 miles  
dis 15

September 1 Saturday  
Drove 25 mls to the  
Humbolt river  
dis 25

September 2 Sunday  
Lay in camp

September 3 Monday  
Drove 20 mls  
Encamped on Humbolt

September 4 Tuesday  
Drove 19 mls  
dis 19

September 5 Wednesday  
Drove 17 mls  
Met some mormans

September 6 Thursday  
Drove 23 mls over  
mountains Encamped on  
Humbolt  
dis 23

September 7 Friday  
Drove 15 mls  
dis 15

September 8 Saturday  
Drove 19 mls  
dis 19

September 9 Sunday  
Drove 12 mls  
dis 12

September 10 Monday  
Drove 22 mls  
course N.W. dis 22

September 11 Tuesday  
Drove 23 mls Hilly road  
course N.W. dis 23

September 12 Wednesday  
Drove 18 mls  
dis 18

September 13 Thursday  
Drove 20 mls & crossed  
the river  
dis 20

September 14 Friday  
Drove 9 mls & crossed  
the river  
dis 9

September 15 Saturday  
Drove 18 mls rough road  
dis 18

September 16 Sunday  
Drove 4 mls Encamped at  
the fork of the road  
dis 4

September 17 Monday  
Left --irys river  
Spring one mile to the  
left 14  
Spring at the right  $\frac{1}{2}$  m. 23  
Black rock spring 1  
Travailed in the night  
No feed or wood  
road good  
course W.N.W. dis 38

September 18 Tuesday  
Warm spring 25  
road good no feed  
travailed in the night  
course W.N.W. dis 25

September 19 Wednesday  
Black rock wells a  
little feed 4  
To good grass & water 12  
road good  
dis 16

September 20 Thursday  
Lay in camp  
I had my side lanced

September 21 Friday  
Travailed 4 mls warm  
springs good feed

4

September 22 Saturday  
Warm cool springs  
some feed 4  
Mud lake road sandy 18  
C-e W.N.W. 22

September 23 Sunday  
Travailed 12 mls to  
the top of a hill 12  
no water  
C-e dis 12

September 24 Monday  
Travailed along a deep  
Kanyon high rocks on  
the sides  
Good feed & water  
C-e W. dis 15

September 25 Tuesday  
Travailed along the  
Kanyon plenty of feed  
& water  
C-e W.N.W. dis 9

September 26 Wednesday  
Four miles through  
the Kanyon very rough  
road to a spring & feed 8  
C-e W. dis 32

September 27 Thursday  
Crossed a high ridge  
Put in an esceltree  
C-e W. dis 26

September 28 Friday  
Travailed 14 mls to a  
spring little grass  
road rough 14  
To the foot of the  
mountains good feed  
and water 18  
Travailed in the night  
C-e W.N.W. dis 32

September 29 Saturday  
Travailed along the



October 18 Thursday	
To feed & water at the	
right of the road	8
To a small lake no feed	11
C-e S.S.E. dis	19



October 19 Friday  
 To east branch of  
 feather river 7  
 To feather river  
 river valley 8  
 C-e S. 15

October 20 Saturday  
 Along the valley  
 C-e S. dis 9

October 21 Sunday  
 Lay in camp

October 22 Monday  
 To the leaving of  
 Feather river 6  
 C-e S. dis 6

October 23 Tuesday  
 To Butte river 10  
 up the river 5  
 C-e S.S.E. 15

October 24 Wednesday  
 To deer creek the  
 last feed 8  
 C-e S.S.W. 8

October 25 Thursday  
 Started on the desert  
 To a spring 18  
 plenty of water  
 between Road rough  
 & crooked  
 C-e S. dis 18

October 26 Friday  
 To the next water  
 at the right of the  
 road 12  
 To a bad hill 6  
 C-e S. dis 18

October 27 Saturday  
 To the top of a hill  
 water 1 ml at the left 6  
 Drove off from the road  
 to feed  
 road rough  
 C-e S. dis 6

October 28 Sunday  
 To a watering place at  
 the right of the road 11  
 To Antelope creek 5  
 to deer creek 6

Road very rough  
 C-e S.S.W. dis 22

October 29 Monday  
 To Lawsons Ranch 4

October 30 Tuesday  
 Went down the sacramento  
 8 or 10 miles to recruit  
 our cattle

October 31 Wednesday  
 Lay in camp on the bank  
 of the sacramento

November 1 Thursday  
 Lay in camp

November 2 Friday  
 Left camp for feather  
 river Commenced raining  
 in the fornoon and the  
 storm was very severe  
 during the night  
 C-e S.E. dis 15

November 3 Saturday  
 Drove to Potter ranch  
 John killed two antelope  
 Cloudy but no rain  
 C-e S.S.E. dis 6

November 4 Sunday  
 Drove to Dutch Charleys  
 ranch Commenced raining  
 in the evening  
 Encamped on Butte river  
 C-e S. dis 9

November 5 Monday  
 Rained all day & we lay  
 in camp

November 6 Tuesday  
 Rained all day lay in camp

November 7 Wednesday  
 Cloudy & a little rain  
 lay by on account of  
 high water

November 8 Thursday  
 Left camp in the morning  
 streams were high and  
 road very muddy  
 C-e S.S.E. dis 10

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 To fether river  
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 at the right of the  
 road 12  
 To a bad hill 6  
 C-e S. dis 18

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 high water

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 Left camp in the morning  
 streams were high and  
 road very muddy  
 C-e S.S.E. dis 10

George arrived in  
the night from Frisco  
with a boat

December 13 Thursday  
Rained all day

December 14 Friday  
Rained all day

December 15 Saturday  
Loaded our boat and  
sailed up the river about  
15 miles Commenced blow-  
ing very hard in the night

December 16 Sunday  
Very windy & cold  
all day Lay by

December 17 Monday  
Warm and pleasant  
Encamped at Vernon  
Lay by

December 18 Tuesday  
Good wind the first  
part of the day  
Blew very hard in the  
evening & all night &  
some rain Stopped on  
account of the wind  
Encamped at Vernon

December 19 Wednesday  
Good wind sailed up the  
river about 10 miles we  
were obliged to stop the  
wind blew so hard  
rained during the night &  
wind blew very hard

December 20 Thursday  
Lay by on account of rain

December 21 Friday  
Started out in the evening  
& rowed to Nicholises ranch

December 22 Saturday  
Lay by at Nicholises

December 23 Sunday  
Rowed up the river about  
8 miles

December 24 Monday  
Rowed about 10 miles

December 25 Tuesday  
Rowed up to Yuba city &  
from thence up the Yuba  
river about 2 miles

December 26 Wednesday  
Rowed up the Yuba river  
about 3 miles & were  
obliged to stop the  
current being so strong

December 27 Thursday  
Selected a situation for  
a ranch  
Rained part of the day

December 28 Friday  
Rowed down to Yuba city  
George started for the  
city

December 29 Saturday  
Walked up to Charlys ranch

December 30 Sunday  
Put our things on board  
of a boat and encamped  
about six miles down the  
river

December 31 Monday  
Arrived at the Yuba  
pitched my tent there and  
----- (words erased)

Diary ends

The Irish Lament

I am sitting on the style Mary  
where we sat side by side  
One bright may morning  
When first you was my bride

The corn was springing fresh  
and green  
The lark song loud  
and high  
The red was on thy lip  
Mary  
And the love light in thine  
eyes

The place is little changed  
Mary  
The day is bright as then  
The larks loud song is in my  
ear  
And the corn is green again

But I miss that soft clasp of  
your hand  
And your breath warm on my  
cheek  
And I still keep listening for  
those words  
You never more will speak

The pleasant home of ours Mary  
And the spring time of our life  
I looked upon thy smiling  
face  
And proudly called thee wife

I was pleasant when our  
children played  
Before our cottage door  
But the children sleep with  
thee Mary  
And I near shall see  
them more

Yours was the brave good  
heart Mary  
That still kept beating on  
When my trust in God  
had left my soul  
And my arms and strength was gone

There was ever comfort in thy  
life  
And lovelight on your face  
And bless you for that same  
Mary  
Though you can't hear me now

Tis but a step down younder  
lane  
The little church stands  
there  
The place where we were  
Wed Mary  
I see the spire from here

But the graveyard lies  
between Mary  
And a step might break your  
rest  
For I have laid you down  
to sleep  
With your babes upon your  
breast

I am very lonely now Mary  
For the poor have but few  
friends  
But they love them better  
for  
The few their father sends

You was all I had Mary  
My blessing and my pride  
But theres nothing left  
to care for now  
Since my poor Mary died

I am bidding you a long  
farewell  
My Mary kind and true  
I shall not forget thee  
there  
In the land I am going to

They say there is work and  
bread for all  
The sun shines always there  
But I'd never forget old  
Ireland  
Were it fifty times as far

But often in those giant  
old woods  
I'll sit and shut my eyes  
And my mind will wonder  
back again  
To the place where Mary lies

I think I see the little style  
Where we sat side by side  
The springing corn and the  
bright may morn  
When first you was my bride