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Dear Fred,

I am sending you a copy of this unknown woman's diary. Although she does not identify the year per say, her party used the new road, Jeffrey cutoff, so it must have been 1854. They were about ten days ahead of the Ebey train, and this put them ahead of the Ward massacre. If you can tie this into any of the trains you are aware of, please let me know.

When I was in Salt Lake City for the OCTA board meeting recently, I spent several days at the Family History Library trying to figure out who this unknown diarist was. She only uses first names when referring to members of the party, but in some of the other notations, there are some other names. By tying several families together and building up on them, I have a tentative identification for her.

This is only my theory at this point, I cannot call it 100% proved yet. If I can tie this down, I may try to turn it into an OJ article. I don't think the diary by itself has enough in it for publication as its own entity, as does the Ebey diary.

Members of an extended family by the name of Huntington went to Oregon/Washington in 1848, 1852 and 1854. In the latter group was the family of Chandler Robinson HUNTINGTON. Chandler's wife was Arabella SMITH HUNTINGTON. I believe that in this party were also members of the Stone families and the Smith families. These three families are found in various records in an interrelated way in Vermont, Ohio and Indiana in the early 1800s.

We know several things about the diarist, she was born on May 23, 1803 (she states she celebrated her 51st birthday on the trail - May 23, 1854.. We know she found her mother's grave on the trail, meaning that her mother had gone with an earlier group, and she seemed to be aware that her mother had died so it would most likely had to have been in an earlier year. She met her brother, Royal, at the Dallas, he having also gone at an earlier time.

Putting the above facts from the diary together with Census records in several states, books on the Huntington family, land donations claims in Washington Territory, and IGI files at the LDS library, I feel that the diarist was Mary STONE SMITH, daughter of Isaac and Eunice TRACY STONE, and husband of Jesse W. SMITH. She was a widow at the time she went to Washington Territory. Her sister was Jerusha STONE HUNTINGTON, wife of Benjamin HUNTINGTON, who went to Oregon in 1852. Mary's son, Royal C. SMITH, went to Oregon in 1848, probably with Harry Darby HUNTINGTON. Eunice TRACY STONE, Mary's mother, would have been the one who died on the trail, perhaps she went in the 1852 group which would have included her daughter, Jerusha.

There are other parts to this family that help to bolster the above, but this is the outline of it. If I am able to tie it together for sure, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

Rose Ann

Anonymous woman, Indiana to Washington
 Taken from handwritten transcript made about
 1925-30
 gift from James Gregory, 1969

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[Shelbyville and Jeffersonville are in Indiana, the latter being on the Ohio River across from Louisville]

[Author had 51st birthday on May 23. She mentions Emily (who died in St. Jo), Elvira, Celia, Oliver, Arabella, Anabell, Elisha, Chandler, and Isaac. Visits Mother's grave just before Bear River valley. Royal (son) meets them at Cascades on Columbia. "Dear" George's grave there (husband or another son?)]

Names on Fly leaf:	1061
King & Wood	1230
Merchants	75
Savannah Mo	50
	40
Nathan Barns	60
Newark Licking Co. Ohio	<u>30</u>
	1481

10 sacks of flour	960 [lbs?]
1 Barel	77
5 Sacks of clothing	100
1 " of peaches	56
1 " of Aples	45
4 " of clothing	130
1 " " Beans	32
1 " " apples	55

April 24 spend our first sack of flour
 9 of May our second
 19 our third
 June 1 our fourth
 10 fifth
 29 our seventh

March 17

6 Sacks of Flour	576 lbs
1 " of peaches	40
1 " of apples	52
2 " of Clothing	83
1 " of Rice	110
5 " of Clothing	100
1 " of meal	50
1 of salt	50
3 of clothing	25
1 of apples	50
2 of clothing	

We left our home in Hanover on the 21 of March and took the cars at 4 (9?) A M and went to Shelbyville the 1 night took the cars for Jeffersonville at 7 in the morning arrived Jeffersonville at noon took the packet Europe for St. Louis at 4 in the afternoon had a pleasant trip and reached St. Louis the 27 March.. 9 of April we took passage for St. Joseph on board the the Steam packet Sonora reached St. Joseph ther 3 of April all well as usual Emily appeared better than when we left home hired a house and commenced making preparations for Journey across the plains every thing went on as well as we could expect on the 9 Emily began to fail and died on the 12 lessening our little company 1 but she has ended her sufferings our loss her gain

Our Cattle came in on the 14th made preparations to start as fast as possible and were all ready and started up the river to cross on the 26.

April 26

Marvleous start from St. Jo traveled 5 miles up the river and campd Warm pleasantd day

27

turned cold and in the night cleared off about took the cattle across the river but wont go with the waggons untill the wind goes down

28

Crossed the river and campd about a mile up the hill we are now in Newbrask pleasant stay but cool nights

29

travled 12 miles over high roling prarie pleasant day but cold nights find our flannel dresses and sacks and overcoats very necessary

30

travled 12 miles high & uneven ground pleasant day campd at the mission station

May 1

traveld 11 miles began to rain about 10 o'clock and rained all day

2

travled (14 or 19) miles over a beautiful rolling prairie cool in the morning warm and pleasant afternoon

3

traveled 14 miles the country the same yesterday rainy night

4

drove 11 miles campd about 2 o clock pleasant day cool in the morning but warm in the afternoon we have had a very rough uneven road full of hills and deep ravines.

5

traveld 12 miles pleasant day had to stop early on account of not being any water nor wood for 13 miles ahead there is a man come to our camp that has come two thousand miles on foot and fecht a wheelbarrow all the way he is going to California we have a pleasant day

6

come 16 miles and campd on big blue river 125 from st Jo had the warmest day we have had since we started

7

made 14 miles this day pleasent but very windy a little boy in the company had his leg broke by the waggon wheel running over it

8

made 22 miles this day the windiest day I ever saw campd on little sandy all well the little boy is doing well as can be expected

9

made 15 miles to day over a rough hilly road wind blew a gale all day the dust has been almost intolerable campd on big sandy

10

made 14 miles pleasant day campd on little blue a fine pleasant place all well the little boy doing well.

11

traveled about 12 miles pleasant day but clouded up at night and began to rain campd on little Blue

12

rained all night and is still raining this morning and very windy kept cloudy all day traveled over a very rough uneven country nearly 20 miles campd on little blue up the river

13

Commenced raining at break of day and continued raining untill 8 oclock accompanied with a cold north east wind Elvira is quite unwell but I hope nothing very serious we travled about 12 miles and campd still up little Blue cold very cold and windy

- 14
traveled 16 miles camp still on little blue rained in the forenoon cleared of warm Elvira some better
- 15
began to rain last evening had a terrible storm of rain hail and there was the hardest thunder I ever heard Elvira is no better made 15 miles
- 16
rained in torrents all night and all day untill about 3 in the afternoon when we camp without wood cold and wet the men hunted up some willow sticks and prairie grass and made a fire so we could make a cup of coffee and made a good supper made about 12 miles this day
- 17
camp last night on the Platt started at 12 to day 1 mile this side of Fort Kerney a quite a rarity to see some houses once more pleasant day
- 18
made 16 miles to day up the Platte fine day
- 19
made about 20 miles this day camp on the Platt pleasant day
- 20
stopt this day to wash and clean up for sund[ay] very warm we are still on the river a muddy stream about a mile wide and not more than two or three feet deep without a single tree on its bank but it is full of islands covered with trees and the greenest verdure
- 21
started early this morning and made about 20 miles. the warmest day we have had begins to seem like spring camp still on the Platte
- 22
traveled 20 miles to day rainy in the morning but pleasant in the afternoon still camp on the Platte with high sandy bluffs on one side and the river on the other wide bottom from one to four miles wide
- 23
this is my birthday 51 years old a day never to be forgotten away on the plains far far away from any humane abode where shall I be in another year perhaps my body a mouldring under the green prairie sod well it will be all well I shall then be at rest never more to tire we have traveled about 18 miles camp on the Platte the boys went a hunting and fecht in an Antelope there very plenty here on the plains
- 24
made about 16 miles passt the south Platt and camp on it one mile from its mouth very warm.
- 25
traveled 7 1/2 miles up the South fork camp at noon for the teams to recruit on a beautiful island where the grass is excellent
- 26
made 15 miles this day rainy day still on the south fork the eclips to day but the (sic) hid it from our view
- 27
traveled 16 miles up the south fork and camp on it cloudy day
- 28
began to rain last evening and rained in torrents untill about noon we crossed the south Platte to day without any trouble and camp at noon wet and cold there were several Indians came to our camp a begging for something to eat they were perfectly harmless the first we have seen since we left the mission
- 29
started early passed through the Ash Hallow the hillyest road we have had and deep sandy hollow to the north fork of the Platte and camp on it cold in the morning but clouded up at night and rained in the night made 18 miles

30

made 12 over sand hills and hollow up the Platte and camped near about 20 lodges of Indians they belong to the Sioux and are running away from the Pawnees who are making preparations to fight them rain in the evening.

31

made a good start this morning traveled over sand hills and hollows until noon and stopped to rest eat our dinners when Celia was playing with a gun in the wagon and it went off and shot one of the horses in the leg and hurt it so bad that we had to lead him while we were with him there was about 30 Indians came up on horse back dressed and painted in the most heinous manner and scared our teams and six of them started and ran but we soon stopped them without any material damage made about 12 miles on the Platte pleasant day

June 1

this morning one of our working oxen died from the effects of a hurt at the runaway yesterday rainy in the morning but pleasant day camped on the Platte after a drive of about 15 miles came in sight of the solitary tower at noon and camped opposite of it four of our boys started for it after supper and did not return until after 1 o'clock which created a great excitement in the camp, for fear they were lost the tower is 9 or 10 miles from the road but one would not think that it was more than a mile and a half to look at it from the road. it resembles a large court house or some other large building

2

we made 12 miles this day and camped on the opposite side of chimney rock it resembles a chimney that runs up out of a factory it is 250 feet high we are now 66 miles from fort Laramie

3

this day we passed capital rock named so from the resemblance it bears to the capital at the city of Washington it is a beautiful specimen of the work of nature we passed many other beautiful and sublime rocks and towers and traveled about 15 miles and camped about 4

miles from the river without any wood except what we fetched from Ash hollow cloudy windy day

4

this day we have passed another of one the grandest sight I ever saw it is Scotts bluffs it strongly resembles a large fortified town and many other bluffs of equal beauty but not as large truly in this wilderness nature has excelled art in wonders we made 20 miles and camped over a spring not far from the river not more than a mile from 30 Indians lodges cold windy day we wore our overcoats and sacks all day

5

made 12 miles this day camped on the Platte cold and windy passed several graves they had four sticks stuck in the ground some brush laid on the top of them and the body laid on them wrapped in their blankets to be left in the open air to mould away

[6 omitted]

7

passed fort Laramie this morning and crossed the river on a good bridge several of our company were sick to day with dysentery some have been pretty sick but are better to night rained in the evening traveled about 12 miles and camped on the river left letters for our friends at the fort.

8

the sick have all got better left the river and started to cross over the black hills very rough and uneven road camped in a deep hollow traveled 15 miles cool but cloudy

9

traveled through the black hills 16 miles camped in a pleasant valley in sight of the river fine day for traveling

10

made 12 mile this day through hills and hollows came to the river twice then turned up the hills and camped in a hollow fine day for traveling

11

traveled 18 miles over the hills and camped on a fine stream called the Labont fine day.

12

traveled 22 miles over the roughest road we have had yet nothing but hills and hollows we passed over red bank creek the hills and road were red as ground brick camped on Lapar Creek a beautiful clear swift stream pleasant day.

13

traveled 9 miles over very rough road and camped on little Deer creek to wash and recruit our teams came up a thunder shower and rained in the evening

14

Stayed at our camp today to wash and let our teams rest pleasant morning but had a hard thunder storm and hail the Shian Indians around us by the swarm they are peaceable but troublesome because they are in the way and are constantly a begging,

15

rained and thundered and blew a gale all the fore part of last night but cleared off in the morning but has been a very cold windy day we have made about 8 miles today and camped again on the Platte crossed little and big Deer Creeks this is birthday 32 years old.

16

traveled 20 miles this day crossed the north fork of the Platte on a good bridge and it ought to be for it cost us 5 dollars a wagon for toll drove up the river 4 miles and camped on sage patch without much feed for our cattle nor wood but what we fetched from the other side of the river

17

had the hardest day travel we have had traveled 22 miles over alkali grounds with not a drop of water and camped on willow springs without any grass for our cattle nor any thing for fuel but sage we did not get into camp until after dark eat a cold supper and went to bed tired enough

18

started early this morning the cattle looking bad enough not having had much to eat for two days traveled 10 miles camped on fish run the boys caught a great number of fish.

19

drove 13 miles to sweet water passed by two saleratus lakes the saleratus almost equal to that manufactured in the States then we passed Independence rock went to it and saw thousands of names and dates but none that I know it is a beautiful rock at a distance it looks as though it was polished we left the river at the rock and drove about three miles into the mountains and camped on a small stream of beautiful clear water and good grass on the banks for the cattle, had a terrible storm of wind rain and hail we had to stop and unhitch our teams and the men had hard work to keep them together sage fuel.

20

laid by today for the cattle to recruit after the hard days drive these days that we lay over are hard days for us women wash and cook all day unpack and pack again, while the men most of them lay around and hunt or do nothing. sage fuel

21

started early crossed the river and drove about 20 miles up the river and camped on its banks it is a clear swift beautiful stream passed by the Devils gate it is a passageway in the mountains the perpendicular walls on each side are 100 feet apart and 400 feet high through which the Sweet Water passes. sage for fuel

22

made 15 miles today saw a large drove of buffalo near the mountains but the boys were afraid to go to them on account of the Indians guarding them to keep the whites from getting at them they were the first we have seen camped on bitter Cotton wood creek close to where it empties into the river a fine day for traveling no fuel but sage. our camp is surrounded with the Indians a poor miserable degraded of beings

23

traveled 12 miles to day crossed the Sweet Water river 3 times in one mile very high water and bad fording camp on a small stream about one mile from the river we have been in sight of snow on the mountains for several days there is a long range of mountains on our left that are very white with snow and make a beautiful appearance when the sun shines on them

24

crossed the river this morning and traveled over high land by several alkali lakes and camp on the river made 22 miles very windy day saw the wind river mountains covered with snow the appearance was beautiful indeed

25

the wind blew a gale last night the men chained the wheels of the waggon the wind has blown a gale all day the dust flew so that the men could not see to drive the cattle we traveled about ten miles and camp on the bank of the Sweet Water continued showers of wind and rain

26

made 15 miles this day over the highest hills and strongest road that we have had we camp on Aspen Creek a few rods above our encampment is a bank of snow and ice and close by the ice is the prettiest flowers I ever saw it has been a very windy cold day

27

hard frost this morning started late on account of having to fix the waggon wheels drove 10 miles and camp on the Sweet Water opposite several snow banks has been a very cold day windy and the dust almost intolerable

28

crossed the Sweet Water for the last time passed the south pass and the Pacific springs and made 16 miles camp on the open plains without any water but what stands on top of the ground fit for nothing but the cattle to drink and sage for fuel passed the first new grave to day

29

traveled 20 miles over high dry land without one drop of water for our cattle and reached little sandy river where we found plenty of water but not any grass Oliver has been quite sick all day

30

this morning found one of our cows dead that has been worked in the team yesterday crossed big Sandy Creek and drove about five miles and one mile off of the road and camp to get grass for our teams drove 12 miles over nothing but sage plains day after day not a tree or shrub to relieve the eye Oliver a little better but Elisha about crazy with a felon on his thumb

July 1

traveled 15 miles over sand and sage the wind a blowing a hurycane all the time and the dust intolerable and camp on the big Sandy the boys both are better.

July 2

traveled across the desert 16 miles and camp near Green river had a rainy afternoon lost a heifer by drinking alkali

3

came to the ferry there are several mormon families a living on the river they are a moving across the river for fear of an attack of the Indians they keep an excellent ferry and well they ought to for they charge five \$ for ferrying a waggon over without the team and 50 cents for each head of cattle we drove 9 miles from the river and camp with but little grass and sage fuel

4

Independence day while our friends are a celebrating this day joy and gladness we are a traveling through deserts of sand and sage making our way to our distant home, we made 12 miles this day and camp on a hill near the road without water for our cattle having fedit water for our cooking, sage for fuel as tall as a mans head

5

traveled over the highest hills and crossed some of the worst little runs that mired almost the teams we made 15 miles camp on a small stream with good grass and sage fuel

6

traveled 8 miles over very rough roads camped at noon on Hams fork of Green river where we have good grass for our cattle and the best of water

7

we laid by to day to let our cattle rest they begin very tired and tender footed traveling over the rocks and hills we washed to day

8

last night was very cold this morning the ice was an inch thick in the wash basin we came up and down the two hardest hills that we have traveled over in our journey passed through a fine grove the first grove of timber of any time since we left St Jo which is eleven hundred miles came into a deep hollow and there I found my dear Mothers grave dear dear mother how lonely she lies though her grave is passed by thousands and now her children have all visited it and wept over it Elisha has lettered a new board and the company are a going to set it and wall the grave round and that is all we can do for her here we drove about a quarter of a mile this side and camped in the mountains I went back to mothers grave this morning and took one last lingering look of the spot where my dear dear Mother lays, sad indeed is the thought, we walled the grave around with stones and covered it with turf and

it alone, alone a dreadful hill down to Bear river bottom and camped on the river a pleasant place only the Musketos are intolerable

11

traveled down the river about 7 miles and camped for the cattle to have good grass and to repair a wheel there was no wood and part of the men went into the mountains for wood and returned without any we then got some willow sticks and made a fire and cooked our supper.

11

Oh the mountains such mountains such mountains as I never saw we have traveled over to day but we came safe over them and we ought to be very thankful we made 12 miles and camped on the main Bear river the mosquitoes were dreadful we had to smoke them and we thought they would devour us alive.

12

staid in camp this morning to set waggon tire staid until two o'clock when we started out and drove 6 miles to a beautiful stream close to the mountains where we had good grass and plenty of mosquitoes.

13

made 14 miles this day over a good road crossed 6 small mountain streams the clearest purest water running over white rocky bottoms camped on quite a stream of pure water at 5 o'clock.

14

drove 18 miles down the river bottom camped at a fine spring about a mile from the road where we every requisite for a good camp good water good grass and plenty of wood at the right of our camp there was a number of poison springs that boiled up of the ground and ran a few rods and then sunk into the ground which, appeared like bed of well mixed mortar there was the appearance of a volcanic eruption near here there was a black wall of stone which arose up out of the ground and extended a considerable distance

15

we staired this morning and drove two miles to the soda springs there has been a great deal said of the springs but the half has not been told there are two mounds one each side of the road that are of a yellowish white stone and on the top of them there were several springs sprung up in basins the water clear but of a brackish bad taste some like copperas water and around them was a green and red substance. a little farther on was more springs that was very pleasant to drink and a little farther are the steam boat springs where there is a hole about 8 inches across and a foot deep and at the bottom of it the water foames and boiles making a rumbling noise and gaves the ground around we also have passed several caves in which the black rocks are hove up each side we drove 18 miles through a large valey richly covered with grass and campd on a small stream.

16

this morning our cattle were all sick by eating alkalie grass but I think they will get over it without any serious injury left the great salt lake road yesterday travled 13 miles and campd on a small stream with good grass and plenty of wood our cattle are some of them very sick tonight

17

the cattle are all better this morning we drove 8 miles up a deep bottom and stopt at a large spring we are now at the head waters of the Columbia we followed down the stream 5 miles and campd on it had plenty wood and grass.

18

last night one of the men in our company had two horses stole they were staked down the river all turned out to hunt them but returned at noon without finding them we then traveld 7 miles and camp on the same creek

19

we have travled over sage and sand 10 miles lost our way and 4 miles out of the road to the new road and came to snake river and campd on it

20

been detained all day a ferrying across the river campd a few rods on this side of it the ferrying was 5 dollars a waggon and we had to swim our cattle

21

this morning our company divided we travled over a new road and it was very rough being grown up with sage we campd on a spring we passed one good spring 8 miles back

22

staid in camp until 3 PM for the purpose of resting our cattle before crossing the desert of stones and sage of 36 miles we started and traveled until 10 oclock when we were abliged to stop because it was so dark the men could not see to drive

23

left camp early and travled all day and until 2 oclock in the morning without one drop of water for our cattle we have now travled 36 miles without water and all of the way over a volcanic crater the whole surface covered with black rock. there are two mountains in sight that we can see the smoke arise from we campd on Gordens river a clear pretty stream

24

staid in camp untill 4 PM when we left and travled 7 miles up the stream and campd Arabella has been quite unwell for a few days

25

left camp early and travled 27 miles travled untill 2 oclock in the morning to find water done without all of the time from sundown untill we came in the cattle and men all tired and run down we were all glad to get in a drink of water

26

left camp at 3 PM and travled 5 miles up a valey of beautiful grass with the mountains on one side and a ridge of melted lava on the other side these melted rocks are a great curiosity hove up in every shape and size surely this is a world of wonders no one can

form any idea of this scenery from description we
camped on a spring with good grass and beautiful green
shrubby the ground is almost covered with large
black crickets some of them two inches in length.

27

left camp and traveled 7 miles and camped in a small
ravine in the mountains with excellent grass and water.

28

traveled 15 miles over a crater of the blackest rocks of
hove up lava of every shape and size and camped on the
fish creek a small stream with good grass

29

made 16 miles and left the tower rocks and came over
the mountains camped on a spring

30

traveled 23 miles over the high mountains and came to a
large prairie and camped on the Madlade river met Jefries
at night which is the proprietor of the new road he says
we are to have a fine road and plenty of grass and
water

31

traveled 14 miles over some rough road and reached
cammass prairie a fine handsome plat of ground with
clear running stream running through every few miles
camped on a small branch

August 1

left camp early and traveled over a fine road 16 miles
and camped at butte spring a fine place the men went to
the top of the butt and found an old Indian fortress
which was quite a curiosity

2

left butte a 11 and traveled 10 miles on a fine road
crossing some fine springs of good water and camped on
a creek of standing water we had to dig a well for our
own use

3

left camp and traveled miles and stopped to dinner on a
small creek then we came to a muddy stream and
camped after traveling about 5 miles

4

traveled 15 miles over hills and valleys and camped on a
fine stream of clear water in division valley of granite
rock of all shapes and sizes they looked very beautiful
when will wonders cease

5

made 15 miles over a very hilly rough road and camped
in a deep hollow with a good stream of water and
plenty of wood

6

traveled 12 miles over high rocky mountains and deep
narrow valleys the hardest days travel we have had on
the road

7

left camp early and reached the old road about noon
made 18 miles camped on a small stream

8

made 18 miles and reached Boisse river and camped on it
a clear beautiful stream about twice as large as blue
river in Indiana

9

staid in camp to day to let cattle recruit had a fine day
the men amused themselves a fishing and hunting and
bathing in the pure clear stream while we women's
amusement was washing and cooking in the burning
sun and over a hot fire

10

left camp early and traveled 16 miles down the river
over a level country and camped on the river with good
grass

- 11
made 15 miles down the river and camped on its bank
there are beautiful salmon in the river but our boys
have not been successful in catching any. the Indians
fetched some very nice ones to camp
- 12
we left camp early and traveled 16 miles still down the
river and drove three miles off of the road camped on its
banks plenty of good grass
- 13
this day travel is best we left camp early and traveled
5 miles out without any road and found we were in the
wrong direction and turned round and went back to
camp and concluded to stay there for the night
- 14
here we are at fort Boise the long looked for place a
few miserable Indian huts swarming with naked and
half naked Indians and an enclosure looking as though
there was about a half an acre of ground in it situated
on the east side of Snake river
- 15
crossed the river in a ferry boat and gave 6 dollars a
waggon for ferrying and traveled 15 miles over sage and
dust without water and camped on a small stream
- 16
staid in camp all day for our cattle to rest there are the
hot springs but a few rods from our camp a great
curiosity at night governor from Oregon
came to our camp and supper and breakfast with us.
- 17
traveled 22 miles over sage and sand without any water
for our cattle and did not reach water until 10 o'clock at
night when we camped on first creek one of our oxen
died
- 18
traveled 7 miles and camped on burnt creek Anabelle very
unwell and has not been well for some time past.
- 19
traveled about 11 miles up the river over very rough bad
road and camped on a fine spring
- 20
made about 11 miles over a very rough road up the
river and camped on a small creek
- 21
five months today since we left home dear dear home
what fatigue and anxiety have we had since we have
been on the road we traveled 15 miles and camped on a
stream in the mountains
- 22
left camp and traveled 3 miles to another spring and
camped for our cattle to get well rested for a long days
drive tomorrow
- 23
had a steady rain last night the first we have had since
we left South Pass rained considerable of the time
today has been cool and fine for our cattle no dust and
good road rained this evening after we camped we
camped on a branch of the Powder river made 20 miles
- 24
made 13 miles and camped on Powder river this after-
noon a man overtook us with the distressing news of
the Indians killing some emigrant on Bois river they
have killed 8 men and took 4 women prisoners this
man is a going to the Dalls for troops come in for to
fight them and to search for the prisoners we have
had a fine cool day.
- 25
traveled 16 miles and camped in the grand round a large
high level tract of land 20 miles across surrounded on
all sides by high mountains this is a most delightful
place
- 26
laid by to day to rest before crossing the mountains

27

traveled 8 miles up the valey and campt on a spring at the base of the mountain

28

traveled 11 miles over high ridges of the blue mountains to Grand round river and campt on it four of our young men started back to Boisse river to assist in protecting the back emigration from being massacred by the Snake Indians it is greatly to be feared that they will still murder the remaining part of the emigration

29

traveled 10 miles over high mountains and campt in them found water and grass at the left

30

still continued traveling in the mountains 10 miles and campt. campt at Lees encampment

31

made 15 miles down the mountains and came to the Umatilla valey and campt we are now across the blue mountains

September 1

traveled 18 miles down the river over high rolling prairie and campt on the river

2

made 20 miles over high rolling prairie with an excellent road campt on a slue of the river there is an Indian Chiefs lodge close by the Chief came to us to night we asked him to eat supper with us he sat down asked the blessing in a very solem manner he seems to be a real gentleman he has a beautiful heard of horses several hundred in number it would surprise a person in the states to see the heards of fine horses that roam over these praries we bought potatoes green corn and onions of Wm McCay [or Mcbay] a half Indian who is a very Inteligent man that lives on a farm here

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murders in the emigrants

Aug. 28

four months to day since we crossed the Missouri river long long time to be on the road a ware ourselves out for nothing but to go to oregon we traveled 12 miles and campt in the mountains felt very unwell all day the jolt of the waggon over the rocky road has been very hard

29

traveled 10 miles and campt still in the mountains with plenty of Indians around us feel better today than I did yesterday the Indians are a looking at me with surprise to see me write they are very friendly

3

we passed the agency this morning this is a pretty house the first frame building we have seen since we left St. Jo what gives it the name of agency is the man that is agent for the whole territory to transact business with the Indians and to do any other business for the government there is a man came from the back emigration with the dreadful news of the murder of ten men and three women and 7 children they burnt the children they distroyed the whole train all but one boy about 10 yeares old they shot him and wounded him he crawled out of their sight and laid there untill the next train came along there is a company of volunteers from the dalls just gone by our camp a going to fight them

4

we left camp early and traveled 18 miles over high rolling prairie and campt at wells [?] springs there came up a hard storm of wind and rain and rained very hard for an hour two of our men returned that went back to protect the emigrants

- 5
traveled 18 miles over high rooling ground without a
shrub or tree campt on a small creek showers through
the day
- 6
made 21 miles rained all day untill about the middle of
the afternoon campt on rock creek a clear pretty stream
- 7
left camp travled five miles crossed John Days river
came up the hill which is the worst hill we have drove
up on the road drove five miles on the bluff and campt
without wood or water except what we fetched from
rock creek
- 8
well we are now on the bank of the Columbia the far
famed waters which flow into the Pacific it is a clear
beautiful stream about the size of the Ohio without a
tree or shrub within sight we have travled 20 miles
and Camp on the Columbia
- 9
traveled five miles down the river ferryed over the
Deshuts river and came up the hill and traveled five
miles and campt on a small creek
- 10
made 10 miles and reached the dalls of the Columbia
there are a few houses here
- 11
drove to the river and began to load and we had to stay
all day and night to wait for more freight
- 12
all on board the flat boat south America we pay five
dollars a waggon and two and a half for a person to the
Cascades we sailed down the river 4 miles and had to
haul in on account of contrary winds
- 13
the wind favorable this morning we started out and
came down the river untill within about four miles of
the cascades and stopt untill morning it being difficult
getting down in the night
- 14
started out this morning and landed at the cascades
about noon there are a few houses here but it is a
dreary looking place the mountains shut in on every
side and are so high that the clouds are below the tops
of them. it is here where my dear George died and
was buried but we have searched in vain for his grave
there is a burying ground here enclosed and we think
he is in it for it is where the emigrants have all been
buried there is boards or sticks set up at the end of the
graves but no mark on them to tell one from another
- 15
laid here to day a waiting for the boys and cattle they
are driving them down the pack trail we have a very
bad place to stay it is on a hill of rocks we cannot find
a level spot big enough to spread a tent
- 16
still on our rocky hill heard nothing from the boys or
cattle Chandler went with a boat to ferry them across
the river but has not returned
- 17
heard nothing from the cattle yet Chandler has not
returned am afraid something has happened to them
- 18
Chandler came in this morning the cattle were ten
miles up the river they were a driving them down to
the ferry as fast as they could he and Isaac went back
to meet them with provision and have not returned
- 19
this day the cattle were detained by high winds they
were ferryed over just night and the boat sank about
one rod from the shore the cattle swam out and the
men came on short in a small boat Royal came up to
night on the steamboat none but a Mother can know
the joy I experienced he had been from home 6 years

20

made a portage round the Cascades a very bad road
 Royal found George's grave it is on an island opposite
 where we camped the water was so that I could not get
 to it, it is a very romantic pretty place the island is a
 small one and rises into a high bluff covered with green
 shrubery and a few fine trees.

21

laying here at the lower end of the falls waiting for the
 boat to come up the river, Royal and Isaac went back
 wall up and fix George's grave

22

still waiting for the boat

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Feb 12th 1857

paid 1 sack of Sugar	60
paid 1 dollars worth of Coffe	
do aples	1.00
1 sack of flour	2.25
paid 2 lbs of tea	1.00

March 18 1854

C R Hunting Dr to	
to paying Erwin	\$50.00
to work and money	23.70
27 1 dollar	1.00

April the 11th

to paying for Beef and Bread	1.70
18 to paying for 6 yds of	
and 2 combs	<u>1.25</u>
	97.76

March 27th 1854

J. B. Smith Dr to C. R. Huntington	
to ten dollars	10.00
to a suit of India	
Rubber clothes	6.00
2 pair of boots	6.50
30 1 dollar	1.00
Apr. 22. 1 pair of shoes	1.25
1 shovel	1.25

Memorandum of travleing expenses from port
 to Shelbyville from Shelbyville to Edinburg
 5.00

Mr. Ward Sir Pleas Pay to the Barer the sum of Five
 dollars Being Payment in full for hauling your waggon
 from the uper Landing to this place

George Royse

Caskade City
 Sept. 23 1854

March 21 1854

Medicine bought by C.R. Huntington	
for self Noyes Stone and S. R. Smith	
six bottles of Fo . . ha lineament	2.50
Lith?ntritic	2.00
two bottles of Chery pectoral	2.00
1 bottle of Me . . bin	.25
3 bot of rev	.60
Med at Dr Tishbock	6.25
pills and Bro	1.50
Mr Smith M . .	1.00

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4 oz of Chlory form	.85
1 doz bot of pepermintt	.40
chamfire	

April 4th 1854

1 Camp Kettle	1.50
1 doz plates	1.20
1 doz cups	1.20
1 washing tub	1.00
1 wash board	.35
1 cake of soap	.10
1 frying pan	.50
coffee pot	.50

4 miles to ferry spring 1 to sage spring then you leave
the river and go to the right 15 miles to the point of the
mountain
12 miles

4 miles to ferry spring
8 from that to sage spring
30 miles to the Bute spring
8 miles from Bute to Good . . . river. you follow up the
river
8 miles than you leave the river and go to the right
15 miles to the point of the mountain
12 miles creek or of water
12 to lake Creek
19 to fish Creek
8 to small Creek
10 to fish Creek
15 to small Creek
17 to Cam . . . Prarie
17 to small Creek
12 to Tillick Creek
15 to good Spring
20 to white house Creek
15 you strike the road