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Emigrant Crossing at
Salt Creek showing the
north bank and the
rocks and dirt fill placed
there by the emigrants.
View looking southwest.

—*Credit Walt Mulcahy*

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Diary of S. M. Jamison
1850

SAMUEL M. JAMISON

Samuel M. Jamison was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and died in Reno, Nevada, September 9, 1909.

In the company of an unknown number of friends he began his trip to the California gold fields March 15, 1850. The party shipped 20 horses and mules along with supplies and several wagons to St. Louis. These materials were then sent by boat to Independence, Missouri.

The party came down the Humboldt, across the Sinks to Genoa. The destination was Georgetown in the Mother Lode. After several partially successful attempts at mining, Jamison conducted the post office and telegraph office at Yankee Jim.

He followed the building of the Central Pacific Railroad to Cisco, California. When the railroad was completed as far as Lawtons (west of Reno), he and his family came to what is now Reno. They walked into the future townsite from the end of the construction. Mr. Jamison was present when the first lots were auctioned. He owned and operated one of the first dry goods stores on Second Street.

Mr. Jamison became Reno's first Postmaster in 1869 and continued in that office until 1884.

Samuel Jamison was a charter member of Reno Lodge No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, and served as the lodge's secretary for 37 years.

DIARY OF S. M. JAMISON—BOUGHT IN
ST. LEWIS APRIL 1, 1850

- April 19** Arrived at Independence
- 20** Repaired wagons
- 21** Went to church and wrote 2 letters
- 22** Bought 3 mules and violin
- 23** Wrote 2 letters. Sprankle bought horse got ½ days washing
- 24** left Independence at 2 oclock. Went 10 miles to Col. Grants and Encamped
- 25** left camp at 12 oclock in company with Tanagaman and Green County Company and traveled 25 miles to camp and called a meeting. elected Capt. Tangaman traveled 11 miles.
- 26** left camp at 6 oclock in company with 11 wagons & 69 men traveled 25 miles all pararie land and no water.
- 27** left camp at 6 oclock & traveled 15 miles & encamp at Walhaloise
- 28** lay in camp over Sunday very cold
- 29** Left camp at half past five let our wagons down into the creek with ropes 2 miles very bad swamp. Passed one grave. Drove 22 miles for diner Mules run off hurt not Passed 64 wagons and drove 30 miles.
- 30** Left camp at 5 oclock in a hurry to pass the ox tran which passed before day light to get to the river before us. Traveled 15 miles before 9 oclock wind heigh & very cold lay at river 5 hours waiting on the wind to fall so as to cross. Drove 17 miles
- May 1** Left camp at 6 oclock pass over beautiful Con passed Catholic Mission. Sprankle Swapt horses with an Indian. Crossed the Camilira once. Traveled 28 miles.

- 2 Got up at 3 oclock to pass St. Lewis Company left camp at 5 oclock. Crossed Vermilions 3 times. Passed 3 graves. Come on rane at 10 oclock. Stoped at 12 took din left & went 3 miles & encamped. Routed out of bead by alarm of the gard of Indians. 3 mules gon. Found on the morning. Traveled 20 miles
- 3 Left camp at 7 oclok wind very heigh & very cold Traveled 12 miles for diner & then traveled 9 miles & encamp Traveling 20 miles.
- 4 Left camp at 6 oclock traveled 15 miles for diner Crossed 2 small streams which I did not know the name of. the Country is more broken here than any part which we have pass over the plains run out Straight and fall of. Suddenly it is very Stony. A find of flint stone We passed three graves and traveled 33 miles & encampt. Wether fair & pleasant.
- 5 Got up at day light as very heavy frost & Cold left camp at 7 oclock traveled 13 miles over a fine road. Encampt at 11 oclock & lay over until Monday the land is good with Iron ore
- 6 Left camp at half past 5 oclock traveled 15 miles for diner passed 2 tranes one with 27 wagons & the other 15 passed 6 graves from the apearance they had bee last years death the country is fine Some broken. We had two mules gave out traveled 25 miles & encamped for the night. When I was caled on gard in passing around the encampment I triped on the rope of a mule & Skined my shin.
- 7 Left camp at 5 oclock the road Slipy from the rane on the night beffore. Traveled 13 miles for diner Left at half past one and traveled 13 miles passed 3 graves the country very leavele & Sandy when we desended the bluff to the river & encamp for the night the river Pawnee
- 8 Left camp at 5 oclock traveled 13 miles for diner had no dine only beens & dried beef & bread no water left in a great hurry to pass another tranes which came along at time traveled 15 miles & encamp for the night
- 9 Left camp at 5 oclock traveled up the river 10 miles & Stoped to take diner on account of no wood nor water for 22 miles Our men are very tired driving the loose mules & make a big farts we Left at 11 oclock &

ascended the bluff & traveled 15 miles & encamped for the night

- 10 Left camp at 6 o'clock descended the bluff to the Platt river & encamped for dinner. There is no pasture here yet & our feed is near done. Left camp at 1 o'clock & traveled 8 miles up the river. There is pretty poor pasture here. Spotswood, Singly and Simpson quarreled. Rode one letter home.
- 11 Left camp a half past five. Passed Fort Kerny. Left several letters there & traveled 10 miles for dinner. Encamped in the river bottom. Wood very scarce. Some of the men had to use Buffalo chip to cook their dinner. Left camp at 1 o'clock & traveled 15 miles. 2 mules gave out on the way. The night is very cold. There was ice in our buckets this morning as thick as glass.
- 12 Sunday lay by to let our mules rest. Rode a letter to I Hargrave. Nothing else of any account. Heard by there was something supposed to be a wolf by some (& others a dog) come into camp which raised an excitement for a few minutes then was several shots fired at it but did not hit it.

Memorandum of Distance

Distance from Fort Karney to the crossing of south fork 100 miles. From south fork to Ash hollow 18 miles. From Ash hollow to the leaving of the river 83 miles. From there to Fort Larime 62 miles. From Fort Larime to striking north fork 93 miles. From here to the ferry on north fork 35 miles. From take Sublets cut of the right hand road take the left hand road 2 miles from Humboldt river. From leaving the Humboldt to Carson river 25 miles. From striking the Carson river up the valley 10 miles over the bluffs 15 miles from the leaving of Carson to striking again 25 miles up the valley 8 miles cross the bluffs again 12 miles into a small valley 42 miles in length at through Cannan Creek 5 miles a valley of 11 miles.

- 13 got up early. Tangamans train left us this morning. We were sorry for it but it could not be helped. We had to aim to fast to keep up. We made a division in our company to day. Kesler, Simpson & Howe left off by taking our three shares. We put nine shares into one wagon. Left camp at half past one o'clock. Traveled 10 miles & encamped. Disturbed in the night by something supposed to be a wolf.

- 14** We no frost this morn Left camp at half past five oclock passed two Small Trains seen Tangamans Old mule lying dead passed one grave. Shot one duck then Stopped and took diner left camp at half past one oclock——traveled 25 miles and encamped for the night. had to use Small willow brush for to make fire had to dig a hole in a Slu for watter
- 15** Left camp at half past 5 oclock Howe & Armstrong went a Buffalo hunting passed one grave & three wagons the mules in one of them Scarde run round & Broke a wagon tung encamped at half eleven for diner pastur Scarce went 2 miles for watter & not good at that Left camp at 2 oclock & traveled 10 miles & encamped for the night went 2 miles for water & wood
- 16** Left camp at half past 6 oclck Traveled 12 miles up the river passed over Some very deep gulleys we found Some very fine grass here. wind very heigh at 10 oclock the bluffs have a very Strange appearance here we leave the bluff this evening encamped at 5 oclock at a fine stream of watter & ketched some very fin fish. made 15 mil
- 17** Left camp at half past 5 oclock Some rane this morning traveled four miles & came on 6 Buffalo Howe and my self took after them on horse back run them about 3 miles and Howe Shot one of them once with a rifle & four times wih a revolver it then lay down & died we then went to and cut off the rounds of the hind quarters and took them back to the wagon we then traled 6 miles for diner which made 10 miles we then encamped & took diner of fresh Buffalo stake which was the first fresh meat we had for Some time Left camp at 3 oclock passed the Junction of the north and South forks of the platt we took the South fork Seen Several deer and antelope found a fine dog laying on an old camping ground which we took with us the land abounds with Salt here. it lyes on top of the ground drid up with the sun we traveled 10 miles & encamped in the Bottom at half past five oclock
- 18** Left camp at half past five oclock traveled prity Smart for five hours. Seen 10 deer & Some Buffalo Stopped at 11 oclock on a Small Stream which we found to have a great many fish we made a brush net and Swept Some of the holes and got a fine mess of fish Left camp at 2 oclock traveled about five miles Seen a herd of buffalo

we ——— out one of them. Armstrong Stewart & Howe took three horses & took after I had no horse I went on foot the other three ran him hard Armstrong got to close the Buffalo turned on him and tore his horse very bad Stewart and the Doctor sowed up the wound Howe kept up to him I got up to him by this time he ran on for some time after I got up to him Stewart then came up his horse very near gave out I was to by this time I got on Stewarts horse and he got on Hows we kept in Sight for half a mile to let our horses rest mr. Buffalo lay down by this time Stewart got up with in four or five yard and shot him it did not mind it I then went round to the right sid & Shot him in about the heart the blood Spouted out at the bullit hole and at its mouth he than lay over & died we then Started for the road Howe lost his hat which we did not find. we then encamped for the night at 5 oclock traveled 25 miles

- 19 Sunday lay by a train going by Scard a deer down to our cam we fired four shots at him but did not hit him I done my first washing to day Stewart Howe and my Self. we had a very heavy hale Storm to day it hailed so hard that we gathered a buckit full of hale to make Ice watter for our water is very bad here
- 20 Left camp at half past five road a little Slipy from the rain night before Seen a great many deer wolves & passed 2 dog towns encamped for diner at half past 11 oclock on the right hand side. Left camp at 2 oclock Seen Several Buffalo this after noon crossed the platt this afternoon the Bottum is very sandy and soft it was hard on our mules Howe & Sprankle waded over by taking of their pants we then encamped on top of the bluf on the north sid of the left hand side of the road the pasture is very bad here we made twenty five miles
- 21 Left camp at half past four passed through ash hollow which is a very beautiful place we had to let our wagon down the hill with a rope here is the first green leaves we have seen we encamped for diner at the foot of the hollow at the river on the right hand side of the road in Sight of an Indian village There was about thirty Indians come in to camp while we lay there to beg provisions we gave them Some things Left camp at half past one and traveled eight miles the road is very Sandy Since we left Ash hollow it is hard on the mules. We had quite a brush this evening with fire which got out from our fire it burnt of some of our gras very nigh getting into the wagon

- 22** Left camp at half past five passed a very large ox train passed an other Indian village met the U. S. Male. We encamped for diner in Sight of an Indian village on the right hand Side of the road there was Several Indians come around beging while we Stair Spotswood Swopt horses this day with an Ind We left camp at 2 oclok the road is Still Sandy there is some places here that abound with a kind of pea which is very beautiful. Encamped at half past Six traveled 20 miles
- 23** Left camp at half past five road still very Sandy we picked up a card this morning which had been dropped by on of Tangamans compy for us which would make them one & half days ahead we passed Some bluffs to day on the left hand sid of the road which were covered with Small cyprus we also passed one Sand hill which had a Strange apearence we crossed a small Stream of clear watter to day which looked very natural we encamped for diner on the right hand side of the road there had been Some wagons burnt here we discovered a fine lime Stone Spring here before we Started which was Something new to us it is the Second Since we left Col Grants. We came in sight of a rock this evening which we do not know the name of we must be ten miles of it presents a very beautiful appearance at that distance I will learn the name hereafter we encamped for the night at half past five on the left hand side of the road we have no wood here the water has to be caried about one mile we traveled about twenty five miles
- 24** Left camp at half past five rained a little last night traveled 2 miles & crossed Smith creek passed two graves to day & five yesterday traveled about 12 miles & encamped for diner handy to chimney rock Left camp at 2 oclock traveled 12 miles encamped for the night making 25 miles got my fott tramped very bad by a mule
- 25** left camp at half past 5 traveled about 6 miles before leaving the river & traveled 6 miles and encamped for diner heavy thunder & hale storm very high wind by by till after rane left camp 5 oclock travel 4 miles & encamped at big Spring one mule died in about half an hour after Stoping from drinking cold water.
- 26** Sunday lay by heavy thunder heigh wind

27 Lay by & traded with the french for one horse made three pack Sables & made a great many repairs we now will comence to pack. Sold fifty dollars worth of provisions. a grat many trains passed this day Nats not so bad as have been. This place is Called Smiths Bluffs there is a fine Spring here

28 got ready poot on our packs Left camp at 10 ocl traveled fourteen miles & encamped for diner on the other side of horse creek Left camp at half past three & traveled 8 miles & encamped for night of the road Some distance

29 Left camp at half past 6 traveled 15 miles for dn Left at 2 and traveled 15 miles pased 33 wagons encamped one mile this sid Fort Larime on the left of the road There we got the amout of emigrant horses mules oxen wgons

no. of men	6582
Women	61
Children	38
Wagons	1849
Horses	6633
Mules	2268
Oxenen	1062
Cows	76

30 there has one thousand emigrants passed this day until 12 oclock. Left camp at 12 oclock and traveled 18 miles. very heavy hale storm some distance of a great many wagons layed by a great deal of property distroyed of all kinds—

31 Left camp at half past five & traveled prity smart over a rough country encamped for diner. Crossed one stream three times. Left camp at three oclock pased 2 graves crosed a fine stream of water encamped on the west side traveled thirty miles.

June 1 Left camp at half past five asended the Bluffs came on to the river road 60 miles from fort corosed a Small Stream & encamped for diner. Left camp at 2 oclok passed Bead Butts traveled 33 miles encamped one & half miles from a creek not knowing the name of it

2 Sunday lay by in a fine grove a great many passed this day

- 3 Left camp at 6 o'clock traveled pretty fast passed a great many Emigrant crossed three streams of water struck the river encamped for dinner on the right hand side of the road heavy rain rain every day for 7 days very cold left camp at 2 o'clock came in sight of snow Mountains encamped for night handy to the river on the right hand side of the road more rain very cold night traveled 30 miles
- 4 Left camp at 7 o'clock crossed several small streams of water encamped for dinner on the right hand shot a hair which made a good supper left camp at 3 o'clock traveled three miles to crossing of north fork. Encamped for night traveled 16 miles
- 5 Left camp at 5 o'clock went to ferry had to wait until 9 o'clock before we could get over. Left the river Encamped for dinner 1 mile from mineral spring & lakes grass very poor Left camp at 1 o'clock crossed one stream of Alkali which is very poisonous to cattle. traveled 29 miles & encamped at willow spring here we had the first good water since we left the States
- 6 Left camp a half past five traveled 10 miles to green wood creek which is very fine water Encamped for dinner on Sweet water making 20 miles this fore noon no grass no wood Left camp at 2 o'clock passed Independence Rock which is a natural curiosity it six hundred feet long one hundred and fifty wide & I cannot say how high there is a great many names engraved on this rock crossed Sweet water which we had to ford. The Devils gate is the next curiosity which is seven miles further up The water here passes through the mountain in a channel of about fifteen feet wide & four hundred high Encamped one mile from devils gate on the left hand side the road good grass & water but no wood
- 7 Left camp at half past five passed a great many wagons traveled 21 miles for dinner encamped on the right hand side the road crossed Sweet water 3 times the rocks have a very strange appearance along the road with a great many names engraved on them Left camp at 2 o'clock making 36 miles to day
- 8 Made 28 miles to day Left camp at half past 5 crossed Sweet water directly after leaving camp ascended the bluffs for sixteen miles & struck the river encamped for dinner no grass hardly Left camp at 2 o'clock crossed the

rive once came in sight of Snow Mountains yesterday which I had for gotten to mention they appear to be a great distance off crossed the river and encamped for night at 5 ocl^k

- 9 Sunday lay by Boile much better this day My own ear very painfull from cold in the head
- 10 Left camp at 5 oclock traveled 35 miles passed several branches of the Sweet water river passed over the Sumit Snow Mountains very close encamped at the paciffich Spring very cold water. here the watter runs to the west very swampy to get to camp ground height of Sumit 6.700 feet
- 11 Left camp at 6 oclok Traveled 24 miles for diner on little Sandy this is a very muddy stream & heigh great quantities of snow in sight all day traveled 8 miles & encamped for night on Big Sandy this is a smart stream grass & wood plenty. passed the Junction of the California and Oregon roads this day. Big fight in camp this evening Sprankle and Gumpers knocked other prity smart not much hurt Thunder great not much rain.
- 12 Left camp at 6 oclok crossed the river and traveled 17 miles to where the road strikes big Sandy and took diner left camp at 2 oclock and traveled 10 miles to Green river which is very hard to cross we had to swim our stalk over and take our baggage over on the flat they charge one dollar pr horse here for feriage man seen floating dead on the watter here to day who had been drowned on the uper road could not be ketched the river here is ten rods wide and deep an nough to swim a horse. Still in sight of the Snow Mountains came in sight of an other set of — left the river and traveled three miles making thirty miles
- 13 Left camp at half past five traveled 17 miles for diner here we struck Blacks fork of Green river traveled up the river five miles to the fording here we had to get our Baggage taken over on a wagon Box which some of the Indians use as a Boat and swam our Stalk over. this stream is a bout two rods wide very deep encamped Blacks fork grass good traveled 25 miles
- 14 Left camp at half past five traveled over very sandy road crossed 2 small streams which were prity heigh very heavy hale storm covered the ground about 1 inch

deep very cold with heigh wind encamped at four oclock on Small but very rapid stream this was a very hard night on us every thing wet and cold hard on the gard traveled 30 mils

- 15** left camp at 7 oclock passed fort Bridger Spotswood & Gompers (Gumpers) swopt horses here with briger raised the mountain. very cold traveled twelve miles for diner good grass left camp at 2 oclock crossed one smal stream Still keep raising the mountain the heighst or altitude 700 feet passed a Sulpher or mineral spring encamped on Bear river traveled thirty miles
- 16** Sunday lay by a great many wagons passing
- 17** Left camp at 7 ock Snowing good tracking snow very cold crossed Bare River ver rapid not deep Struck yellow creek at the fot of Stony Bluff. encamped for diner at yatch cave this cave in the Bluff some two or three rods so heigh that a man can walk upright in it Some names ingraved in it Left at 2 ock traveled down Echo creek this is a deep reveene the rocks on the right hand side have a Strange appearance. encamped in this reveene Six miles above the Junction of the Kenyin & Weber river traveled 32
- 18** Left camp half past five struck wever River Six miles above the crossing here we had to get our baggage taken over on a raft (which is manged by the Mormans) and Swim our Stalk we then assinded a long hill a smal Stream of water Some timber crossed Mt ridge dicended a steep hill. Struck the Kenyin had to cros here they pull their wagons across on two logs with ropes cross this Stream eleven times bad crossings keep up for thirteen miles took up a small stream three miles encamped mule gave out very cold traveled 30 miles
- 19** Left camp half past six oclock we now begin to assend the heighest mountain on the road altitude Siven thousand Seven hundred feet arrove then lake of the sea. when at the sumit you are in sight of the valley of the great Salt lake which is a very beautiful scene it is twenty miles distant we decended a very steep hill some timber had to cross this Several times encamped for diner 10 mils from city here we crossed over a heigh bluff and got on an other stream which we had to cross several times which were very swift came in sight of

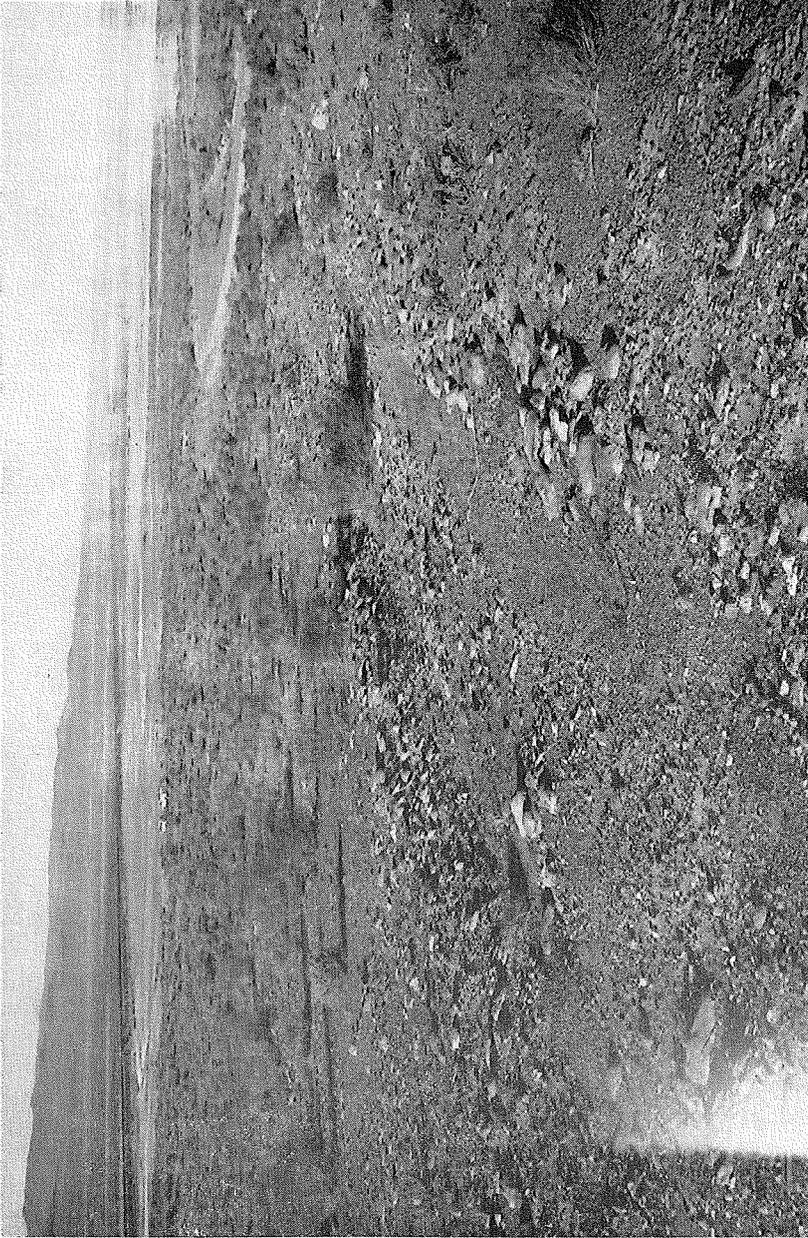
the city which looked very scaby every citizen owns one acre and one fourth there is but one house which makes it very much scatered. traveled through the city and encamped one mile on the west side at the warm springs. this is a very plesent place to Bathe the water being about Blood warm we bathed here several times while we stayed traveled twenty miles.

- 20 Lay by and procured some provisions which we had to pay very heigh for flour cost fifty dollars pr hundred corn meal thirty dollars barley twenty dollars pr Bushel bread fifty dollars pr hundred beef Eleven dollars pr hundred and very scarce at that
- 21 Lay by to get more provisions and jirk our beef
- 22 Left camp at 5 oclok and traveled eight miles passed the hot springs this is hot an ough to scald in a few minutes encamped at the willow spring
- 23 Sunday had to travel to day on account of scarecity of provisions traveled sixteen miles crossed several small streams here we have a view of part of salt lake
- 24 Left camp at 6 oclock Exchanged horses this morning crossed several small Streams crossed Weber River poot our packs on the flat and swam our Stalk 50 cents pr pack 5 miles and encamped for diner left camp at 3 oclock crossed several very bad miry Swamps passed the Boiling Springs these Springs are so hot that a person cannot bare the hand in it 2 miles further and encamped making 33 miles here we have good cool spring
- 25 Left camp at 6 oclok crossed several Streams of watter and good Springs encamped for diner at the cold and warm springs here there is three springs of watter one hot sulfery one salt and the other fresh all in the bounds of three rod square Six miles to Bear River this we feried and swam our stalk one mile and encamp making 30 miles
- 26 Left camp 6 oclock crossed Mudy Creek bad water mule got fast in the bridge fell over Swam out. creek eight feet wide 2 miles and spring of good watter no more watter for Eighteen miles cold & hot springs not good water Salt & warm took diner here left at 2 oc no watter for 12 miles good spring encamped for night making thirty five miles

- 27 Left camp 6 oclock creek four miles & sinky creek 13 miles this is bad watter 6 feet wid & so deep as to swim a mule one of ours fell in hard getting him out no more water for 12 miles here ther is a 2 springs took diner here heavy thunder Storm Left camp at 3 oclock 6 miles and a good spring and wood 8 mils and good watter and wod encamped making about 33 miles
- 28 Left camp 5 oclock crossed several Small streams Struck goos creek folowed this creek thirty five miles traveled about 15 miles and took diner good wattr poor grass sage wood Left camp at 2 oclock traveled 15 miles and encamped poor gras willow wood good watter making 30 miles
- 29 Left camp a half past 6 traveled 20 miles for diner Left camp a 3 oclock travle 8 mils and encamped for night making 28 mils
- 30 Sunday traveled to day a cross the bluffs to green valey we follow this valey 45 mils traveled 15 miles and took diner poor gras sage wood left camp at 4 oclock traveled 10 miles and encamped poor gras sage wood
- July 1** Left camp 6 oclock traveled traveled 12 mils took diner here there is warm Springs and alkalie poor gras no wood Left camp at 2 oclock crossed several bad swamps. Struck the head of Marays River this we follow two hundred and seventy miles
- 2 Left camp at Six oclok passed a camp that had a man shot by an Indian night before with and arow while on a gard crossed several bad Ravenes Encamped for diner Left camp at 3 oclock crossed Marays Rive this we had to fery in a wagon bed and drive our stalk through I had to get in to lead them out we had three places of this kind encamped for night traveled thirty miles
- 3 Left camp 6 o clock traveled twelve miles for diner Left our gray horse had the Scours got our muls mired very swampy all alon this river Left camp half past two crossed a branch of the Maryes river fieryed traveled about thirty miles
- 4 Left camp 6 oclock passed a big ox train which was lay-ing by celebrating the fourth They had the stars and stripes afloat camped for diner 11 oclo very bad

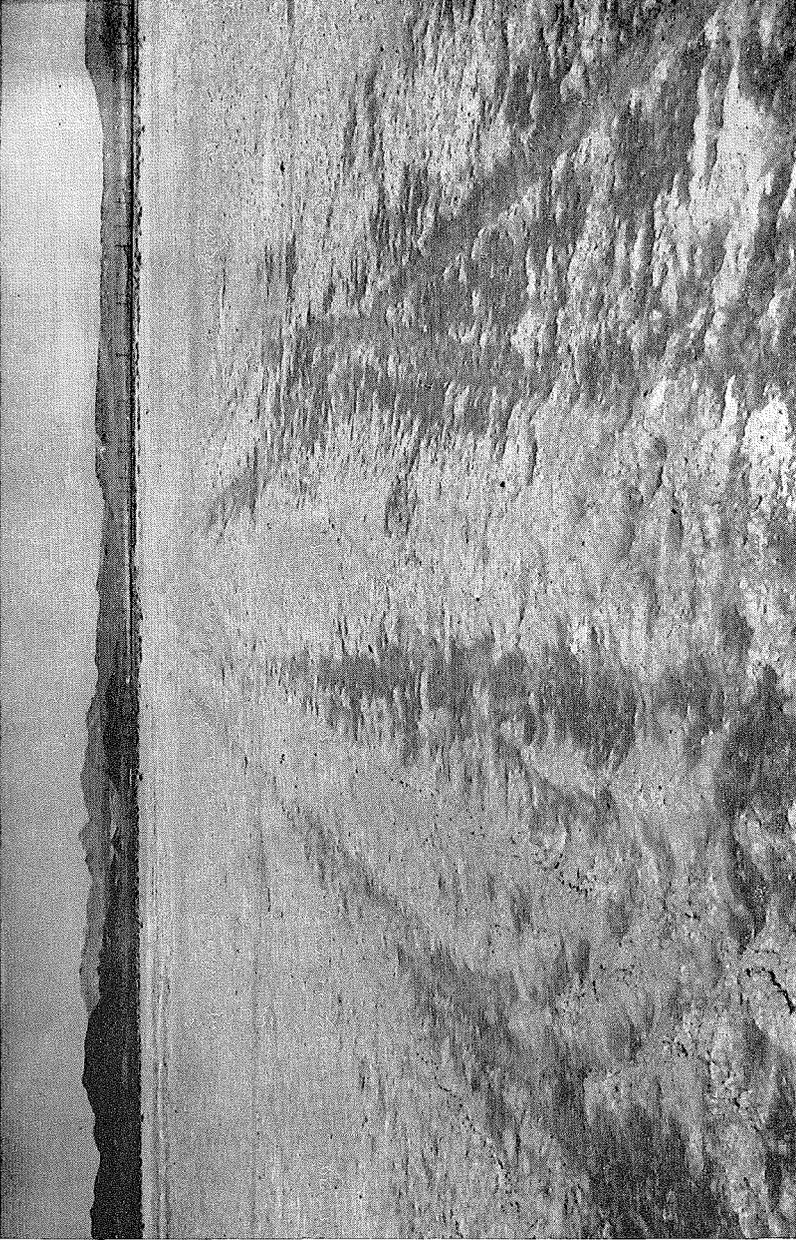
Swamp got one of our mules mired Left camp 2 oclock left the river for ten mils took a cut off which led us into a strange looking place encamped for night on a small rim making 25 miles

- 5 Left camp 6 oclock traveled 14 miles over the bluffs Stopt at a spring on top of the mountain for diner grass good plenty of wood Left camp at 2 oclock traveled 12 miles encamped for night making 26 miles
- 6 Left camp half past four traveled 14 miles no water crossed a small run and encamped for diner good grass wood and water Left camp half past three traveled 8 miles and the road leaves the River for fourteen miles no wood nor water but alkalie traveled 6 miles into this place and stoped for the night no water to cook super.
- 7 Sunday got up at 3 oclock to start found two of our mules gon hunted until 6 before we found them Started at 7 and traveled 10 miles without breakfast Struck the river and encamped no grass except what we mowed lay by the after part of the day making 10 miles no grass Except what we mowed and caried to our stalk burnt up two wagons while we stayed
- 8 Left camp five oclock traveled 15 miles before striking the river a gane when we arived hear we found that we are with in 18 miles of the sink of the rive. no grass here we then took up the valy four mils to wards the mountain here we found fine grass and clover lay by from 12 oclock until next morning. cut grass for our Stalk through the dessert which is forty five miles without wood watter or grass
- 9 Left camp 5 oclock struck the Bluffs & left the blufs for 7 miles. found it a mistake consarning the dessert traveled 15 miles for diner mowed grass for our stalk left camp 3 oclock traveled 15 miles & took super & started to cross the desert once more but found our mistake traveled two miles and came to a small Stream here we stoped for the night no grass Except what we had packed all day
- 10 Left camp 5 oclock in crossing the stream Howes mule fell down in the water and wet him all over traveled 2 miles and took breakfast no grass except what we mowed Left camp 9 oclock road very Sandy and hard traveling 18 miles & took diner & Super Left camp 5 oclock



Small section of the Emigrant Trail at Double Wells at side of old Fallon-Lovelock cutoff. Small section of modern road on the right is a portion of the first highway cutoff Lovelock to Fallon later abandoned.

—Credit Walt Mulcahy



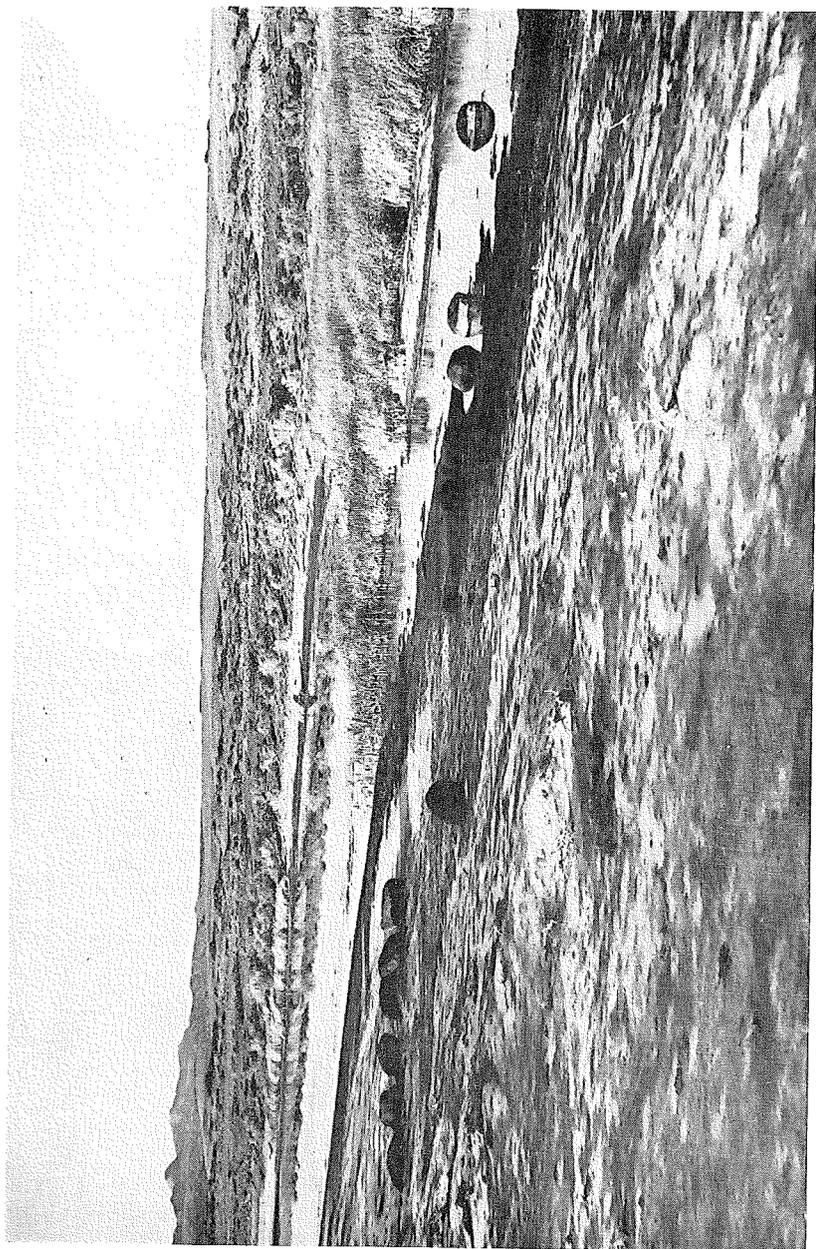
Emigrant tracks across a small alkali and sand flat west of the present Southern Pacific Railroad about two miles north of former Parran. Double Wells, last water on the Carson River Route, are to the left background just out of the picture.

—Credit Walt Mulcahy



Slough connection between Carson Sink and Humboldt Sink—called Salt Creek by the emigrants. Picture taken from the railroad bridge looking west. South end of Trinity Range in right background.

—Credit Walt Mulcahy



Emigrant crossing at slough connection of the Humboldt and Carson Sinks. This was called Salt Creek by the emigrants. Picture taken almost due west shows the south bank of the crossing and the rocks placed by the wagon trains.

—Credit *Walt Mitchehy*

passed Tangamans waggon which he had left on the 7 traveled 10 miles and encamped for the night grass very poor have to mow and dry it out maskatoes very bad

- 11 left camp 4 oclock traveled 8 miles and Stoped to let our Stalk graze poor grass diner and left camp 1 oclock road very dusty can see the dust rising two or three hundred feet into the air met fifty packers returning home from Califronia encamped on the river had to Swim the river to cut gras with our knives and scarce at that
- 12 Left camp 6 traveled 12 miles took diner Left camp 2 oclock traveled 15 miles and encamped for the night no grass feed willow tops
- 13 Left camp 7 oclock nats very bad travled 12 miles and good spring of watter 6 miles and good grass and watter here we cut grass to cross the dessert we are now within twenty five miles of the sink of Marays or Humbolt river
- 14 Left camp half past 5 oclock traveled 20 miles for diner no water in this distance we are now at the sink of Humboldt river the water hear is not very good it is alcalie By digging into the ground about fifteen inches it will rise very salt. Left camp half past four and started onto the dessert traveled 10 miles and passed the salt springs Spotswoods horse gave out here and we left him traveled ten miles and stoped and gave our annamels some grass Started at one oclock and traveled twenty miles 10 of which is very sandy and hard on our anabel five of which gave out left two got three into camp with difficulty seen a great many wagons abandoned and horses that had died for want of water and feed. there was a stray horse come into camp while on the dessert which we took up and feed that night and found an owner next day Encamped a few rods above the striking of the river Spotswood went back for the last mule that we left and met a man leading the first brought them to camp and gave the man four dollars for his trouble Left camp at 6 oclock and traveled up the river and encamped good grass wood and watter
- 15 Left camp 7 oclock traveled up the rive 8 miles & took over the Bluffs for 14 miles before striking the river agane no grass nor watter. Encamped on the river good grass road very sandy made 22 miles

- 16 Left camp 3 o'clock no grass nor water for 21 miles then we strike the river road very sandy stoped and took diner Left camp 3 o'clock traveled 8 miles and Encamped met two trains of traders from Sacramento city ask 150 & 2 dollars for hundred for flour Bacon & making twenty nine miles
- 17 Left camp 6 o'clock left the river for 10 miles here we found a provision Store we bought 5 lbs of flour & paid \$7.00 dollars for it we had Bread for diner to day for the first time for three days Left camp 2 o'clock traveled 15 miles here is a Beautiful valey sixty or seventy miles in length & thirty or forty in weadth good grass and watter making 25 miles
- 18 Swopt 2 mules for thirty lbs flour making the mules worth \$20.00 per lb and the flour worth \$150 pr lb Left camp 8 o'clock traveled 8 miles to Morman post traded one mule for thirty lbs beef. Left 9 o'clock traveled by warm spring 4 miles and took diner took the george town road assended the mountain which is very steep is about 2 miles heigh very heavily timbered with yellow pine traveled 12 miles & encamped making 14 miles
- 19 Left camp half past four passed in sight of a Small lake traveled 12 miles and took diner after crossing several small Streams Left camp 12 o'clock assende a very heigh mountain met a train of traiders Selling flour at \$150 pr lb pickled pork at \$2.0 descended the mount to a very Rapid stream that runs down the mountain with about ten feet of a fall to the rod then took up the mountain a gane this is the Sierenevada mountain went up two miles and encamped two mules gave out making 25 miles
- 20 Sunday left camp 6 ocl 1 mile up the mountain 2 miles from hear we left the trail for some time but found it and went ahead Some very heigh mountains to cross to Encamped on a small stream no grass. tied our mules to trees and lay down making 25 miles
- 21 Left camp 4 o'clock Boyles (Boiles) mayor fell of the bridge into the creek and lost his Blankit. we now assended a very heigh mountain one mule gave out near the top Armstrong Beged a piece of Raw venison which we eat so and thought it very good. poot the pack on my mule and followed the rest of our company cot up in Union valley good gras and watter cooked som soop

made of Suet out of beef we are all very weak for want of something to Eat we sent Howe ahead from here to George town to get some provisions Left camp 6 o'clock crossed a very rapid stream there is a packers bridge over it we then passed some camps that had been made by the mines crossed another stream and ascended a very long mountain Stopped at the top tied our animals to trees and lay down making 12 miles Left camp half past five traveled over some mountains for 5 miles and Stopped for breakfast no grass and very little water Howe came up while we lay here bringing 16 lbs flour & 6 lbs pork. Several men came along that had eat nothing for two days we gave what we could Left camp 10 o'clock and traveled 2 miles and let our animals eat awhile Started and traveled 6 miles and encamped making 15 miles

- 22 Left camp 5 o'clock crossed a Small Stream traveled up a long mountain and down the same to the Ranch making 9 miles the timber having a different appearance it is now low and scrubby all got pretty well Drunk Boile & Stewart worst traveled off the road one & half miles for grass. Left camp 2 o'clock traveled 8 miles to George town this is a brisk little place Boile sold his mule for fifty dollars. bought some provisions and went out 2 miles to grass no guard to night for the first since we left the States mules Strayed away had to hunt some time for them
- 23 Left camp 9 o'clock passed several diggings saw them wash gold for the first time. Traveled 10 miles to Pallo-man took dinner tried to sell our stalk then went to & divided it Howe Stewart & myself taking 2 mules Sprankle & Armstrong one Boile & Spottswod 2 Singly one went out to camp and eat all our provision the same night making ten miles
- 25 Divided our cooking utensils each man taking a plate & cup & spoon Howe Stewart Armstrong & myself went into a company Howe Boile Sprankle & Singly went to Sacramento Spottswod & Gumpers to Geo. town Stewart Armstrong & myself to Ger. town sold a mule there for thirty five dollars & bought a fit out for the diggings costing us about thirty dollars making 10 miles
- 27 Left camp & traveled 16 miles toward the big Barr
- 28 Lay By on Sunday for the first for five Sunday

- 29 Left camp 7 o'clock traveled 6 miles to the River or Big Barr here there is a great many to work at minning went down the river to head to Rocky Barr and took diner. Then went out to look for a Situation. The prospect appears dull men hear are making from three to ten dollars per day
- 30 Went to work encouragement very poor first day only making three dollars
- 31 went to work and washed out eight dollars
- August 1** went into a new hole and washed out three ounces
- 2 Howe & Boile returned to day Bringing no letters but one for Armstrong There is 5 of us at work now averaging from eight to ten dollars pr each
- 20 this day packed up our tools and left to hunt better digings encamped 9 miles from georgetown next day 21 got into georgetown Stewart took Sick on the way in & becom so bad that he couldant travle here we Stayed over night
- 22 This morning Howe Boile & my Self packed one of our mules and left to hunt digings leaving Armstrong to take care of Stewart we Raked the hills and valleys that day all day but found nothing in the evening on our way we found some men to work to find out whether they were making any thing or not was our next obj
- 23 This day prospected all day but found nothing
- 24 Sunday wrote one letter Howe went to town for Stewart & Armstrong Stewart being some better
- 25 Sunk one hole to day ten feet Square & about twelve foot deep but had to abandon it on account of watter
- 26 Howe & my self went down the creek 6 miles and found a little Sign of gold. By washing towo or three pans full an got about two dollars
- 27 moved down here & went to work we worked her about three days not making over ten dollas
- September 1** moved up to george town prospected round here for Several days making nothing

- 4 Howe & my Self Started to Hangtown to buy 2 muls and waggon
- 5 Bought 2 mules for which we paid \$125 & wagon for which we paid \$100 dol harness wasant to be had their at that time on our way home bought 2 Set neally wore out for which we paid \$20 dollars
- 10 Howe started to Sacramento this day with the wagon for the first time taking with him three let one for my father one I Houston one for miss Thompson Besides Several others from the rest of the company this day we comensed taking out Stuff for our house rained here to day this is the first Rain I seen fall Since about the first of June
- 18 Howe Returned Bring mail for all our men but him and my self

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The death of Clara Beatty, Executive Director of the Nevada Historical Society, on October 25, 1967, brought to a close a career of many years of devoted service to the State of Nevada both in private life while active in civic affairs and in public life as a public servant. The daughter of Plumas County, California, pioneers, Mrs. Beatty was educated in the Reno public schools and was graduated from the University of Nevada in 1914, having majored in history. Her demonstrated and continued interest and devotion to the history of the State of Nevada resulted in her appointment as Executive Director of the Nevada Historical Society in 1950, which position she held until her death. In recognition of her dedication to the State of Nevada she was awarded a Distinguished Nevadan citation by the University of Nevada in 1962, and also received during her lifetime numerous awards for her historical accomplishments. By her aggressive efforts the society's collections were increased for the benefit of all the people, students and scholars of our state. This issue of the Nevada Historical Society Quarterly is dedicated to her memory.

