

**NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Research Library - Print Collection
List of Resources**

**OVERLAND TRAILS
JOURNALS, DIARIES
LETTERS STORIES**

- | | Print Collection – | Box Collection | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Atherton, P. A. | Diary | 1849 | |
| Indiana to California 1849
Typescript. From “The Pacific Historian”
August 1 st . Humboldt
August 15 th . Truckee River.
August 21 st . Carson River. | | | |
| Babcock, Leonard | Journal | 1849 | |
| Photocopies of the diary from Bancroft Library.
Very hard to read.
Journal of trip to Los Angeles from Independence, Mo., in 1849. | | | |
| Baker, William B. | Diary | 1852 | |
| Typescript. Copy of diary, as kept by William B. Baker,
Father of Mrs. Guy Smith of Saticoy.
Baker left Wisconsin March 16, 1852 bound for California. | | | |
| Backus, Gurden | Diary | 1849-1851 | |
| Overland journey from Burlington, Vermont to Sacramento, Calif.
164 Pages. Photocopy of the hand-written diary. | | | |
| Bell, Jane to Julie | Letter | 1859 | |
| Facsimile of handwritten letter from Jane Bell to her sister,
Julia, back home in South Norwalk, Connecticut, dated Oct 31, 1850,
From Oroville, California. Account of their trip from Iowa to
California.
One typescript of same. | | | |

Chadwick, Samuel **Diary** **1852**

30 pages typescript.
Typewritten copies of a diary kept by Chadwick, A Wisconsin man
Who noted accounts and details of his journey to California by Ox team.
Mentions Truckee-Beckworth

Clark, Costmor Harris **Diary** **1850**

A Trail of Hardship to “The Land of Gold and of Plenty, 1850
Marilyn Samuel, Noel L. Danner, and Ruth E. Danner.
Four copies. Reprint from “Rangelands” Vol. 8, No. 4, August 1986,
147-154.
Immigration to California in 1850.

Cogley, Dr. Thomas J. **Letter** **1850**

Letter to Dr. Thomas J. Cogley from Theo S. Thompson dated
April 17, 1850. Regarding death of David A. Cogley to his brother
Dr. Thomas J. Cogley.
Photocopy of original letter and typescript copy of same.

Cornwall, Rev. Joseph **Journal** **1846-1847**

Account of trip from Arkansas to Oregon in 1846 and 1847. Copy
of typescript. 24 pages.

Dalton, John E. **Diary** **1852**

52 pages typescript
Diary of an overland journey to California, April 7 to October 31, 1852.
Mentions Truckee – Beckworth Pass

Duncan, George **Diary** **1894**

Photocopy of handwritten diary. Two-week account of his
Travels.
Page 2 – May 2nd, 1894 mentions Hot Springs.
Page 3 – Washoe County.

Fuller, Randall **Diary** **1849**

Published in “Overland Journal” 1988
They added biographical notes and pictures.
Diary of Randall Fuller. Wisconsin to California

Galloway, John Debo Early Travel Routes Across Northern Nevada

Extract from the bulletin, "Early Engineering Works Contributory to The Comstock, a recent publication of the Nevada State Bureau of Mines and the Mackay School of Mines, Geological and Mining Series No. 45.

Gibson, John McT. Diary 1859

Journal of journey of John Mc.T. Gibson from Marengo County, Illinois, In April 1859, to Placerville and Coloma, California, in September 1859.
August 5th. Humboldt River
August 25th. Carson River
Photocopy of typescript of the diary.

Glen Family Story 1864

Account of a sudden rainstorm and fatal wagon accident on the road from Esmeralda County, Nevada, to Bridgeport, California, in July 1864. Reported in the Esmeralda Daily Union of July 26, 1864, and the Red Bluff, California, Semi-Weekly Independent of August 1, 1864. Photocopy of typescript. 3 pages.

Harlan, Aaron W. Diary 1850

Journal of A.W. Harlan While Crossing the Plains in 1850.
From Missouri to California
August 15th. Humboldt
September 1st. Carson River
From: Annals of Iowa April 1913, reprint of the diary.

Hunt Family Story of 1847 & 1849

Booklet by Fred Lockley. 16 pages.
To Oregon by ox-team in '47.
The story of the coming of the Hunt family to the Oregon County
And the experiences of G.W. Hunt in the gold diggings of California
In 1849.

Kaye, John Brayshaw Diary 1850-1852

Trip by wagon train from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, to Virginia City, Nevada, in 1863.
Photocopy of typescript; 30 pages.

Twitchell, Frank M. Diary 1856

8 handwritten pages photocopy.
To California in 1856.
Pg. 2 – “Mormon War of 1856”
Pg. 4 – Carson City.
No information as to where it came from.
Note: See Genealogy in the Holding File: Twitchell, Sarah M.

Unidentified Female Author Diary 1864

From Iowa March 24th, 1864 to Virginia City, Nevada.
9 typescript pages of the diary from March 24th to June 15th.
She is never identified by name. Her husband is Prent (Prentiss)
And a brother named Arch (Archie)
Page 5 mentions Courthouse Rock and Chimney Rock
Page 8 mentions 49 miles to Virginia City

Unknown Scout Diary 1854- 1855

Black folder tells where it came from and a typescript copy
of the diary.
Bound copy of actual handwritten diary.
Main journal is 1854 and 1855. Missouri to California.
Newspaper article March 4, 1943, Nevada State Journal, Reno, Nevada
tells about how the diary was found in Virginia City, Nevada
Pg. 44 - Humboldt
Pg. 67 - Ragtown
Pg. 69 – Carson Valley
Pg. 71 – Mormon Station

Shepard, George Diary 1850

“Overland Journal” Winter 1992 published.
They added photographs and maps to the diary.
Introduction by Merrill J. Mattes and notes by
David Bigler, Donald Buck and Merrill J. Mattes.
Shepard party used horses for the journey from Kanerville
to Placerville, California.

Stimson, Fancher **Diary** **1850**

Photocopy.

Letter, March 19, 1851, written by Fancher from the Middle Fork Of the American River in California to his brother, Edgar. The 26-page letter includes a copy of Fancher's diary written while Traveling overland to California in 1850. The journey commences in Along Humboldt River through Nevada, and ends in Placerville (Hangtown), California, in July. There is one annotation by the author dated September 1900.

Van Dorn, T.J. **Diary** **1849-1850**

Photocopy of typescript of diary. Original is in Beinecke Rare Book Library at Yale University. 54 pages. Starts in Woodburn, Macoupin County, Illinois, in April 1849, and ends in Weaverville, California, in January 1850. Mentions Humboldt and Truckee Rivers.

Walker, Zachariah **Diary** **1850-1851**

Photocopy of diary and typescript of each page.
21 pages. From State Historical Society of Iowa.
Two pages up front with names and dates mentioned in the diary.
101 mentions the Carson river.

Watkins, Francis Marion **Story** **1865**
"Story of the Crow Immigrant Train of 1865"

Author was Francis Marion Watkins.
Photocopy from a book at the California State Library.
Mentions Carson with lots of encounters with Indians.
250 wagons with the Crow party many split off at Ft. Hall to Oregon.

Williams, John T. **Diary** **1850**

Reproduced diary written by Williams, while on an overland Trip to California in 1850. The journey begins on March 11, 1850 at Kirkland, Clinton County, Indiana, and ended on September 20 at Parks Bar, California.
Photocopy from Indiana Magazine of History – 1936.
Footnotes 21 and 22, page 406. Humboldt River and the Carson River.

Woods, Andrew

Diary

1850

13 typescript page of the diary and two pages of a newspaper article.
Diary kept by Andrew Woods of Bellevue, Jackson County, Iowa.
Started March 18, 1850 arrived Weaver, California July 16, 1850.
The account of voyage from Morman Island, California to Bellevue, Iowa
Via the Isthmus of Panama, August 21st, 1851 to October 16th, 1851.

Young, Anna J.

Autobiography

1862

10 pages typescript. She was born in Illinois.
Pg. 9 – mentions Gold Hill and Silver City, Nevada and mining.
Arrived in San Francisco 8th October 1862.

ALSO SEE: CLIPPING FILE – Trails

Applegate Trail - Beckworth Trail - Carson River Route,
Emigrant Trail – Johnson Cutoff Route – Nobles Trail
Old Spanish Trail – Overland Trail – Walker River, Senora
Route - and other folders related to Trails.
Trails – Emigrant trail – Diaries & Journals
Trails – Emigrant – Women & Children

ALSO CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

Manuscript File

Photograph collection under Transportation – Trails.

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