## 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 1st. Humboldt
August 15th. Truckee River.
August 21st. 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.

### Bonney, B.F. Personal Narrative 1846

Booklet. "Across the Plains by Prairie Schooner" By Fred Lockley.

Personal narrative of B.F. Bonney and his trip to Sutter's Fort, California, in 1846, and of his pioneer experiences in Oregon during the days of Oregon's provisional government.

The diary, written almost daily through August 18, 1850 and then occasionally to May 1, 1851, describes the route from Burlington To St. Louis, Fort Kearney, the Platte and Sweetwater, Sublette's Cut-Off, Fort Hall, and the Humboldt River to Sacramento, with descriptions of the country and notes on life in the mines and Sacramento.

### Boquist, Laura Brewster Story 1862

Typescript from Ventura County Historical Museum. From Iowa to California – 1862. Account by Laura Brewster Boquist. April 18, 1918.

# Breyfogle, Joshua D. Diary 1849

Photocopy of typescript of diary of journey from Ohio in April 1849, to Sacramento, California, in August 1849. Further description of life in Sacramento and gold diggings in 1850. 34 pages.

Included with What I Know About the Breyfogle Family, by Lewis W. Breyfogle, and The Breyfogle Genealogy, by Flora Breyfogle Grumman.

#### Brown & Duncan Families Diary 1862

Photocopy of typescripts. November 8. 1964
By Beverly M. Cannon, c1984, which records
information, in 1938, from Velma Rodgers Moore about the Duncan and Brown
Families. Included are reminiscences by Mrs. Cannon's grandmother,
Laura Ellen Duncan Brown, concerning her overland journey to Nevada
In 1862 and the death of her grandmother, Lucinda Duncan.

#### Brown, Jos. Story – Crossing the Plaines in 1849

Published account. 38 pages. By Jos. Brown Marysville, California 1916 Publication unknown. Joseph Brown, born. Scotland, 1838, died 1917 San Francisco

### 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

Page 2 – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894 mentions Hot Springs.

Page3 – 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Humboldt River August 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Humboldt September 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### Keck, Joseph A. Diary 1850-1852

34 pages typescript from the diary.

Journals of Keck from March 27, 1850 to August 1852.

Gold Rush-Covered wagon and ox team from Harrisburg Iowa, to

Sacramento, Calif. Across plains and desert.

July 16<sup>th</sup> mentions Humboldt river.

July 20th mentions Carson river.

## Lockhart, Edith A. (Humphrey) Diary 1861

15-page typescript.

Diary of 16-year-old Edith Lockhart of trip from Harlem, Clay County, Missouri, to Honey Lake Valley, California.

### McCauley, James

1849

Newspaper copies of "A Pioneer's Reminiscences." Published in the "Salem Times", Salem, Virginia September 1881 [James McCauley born 1828 died 1913 in Los Gatos, California] Chapter III. Carson Desert

#### McKnight, Sarah

Journal

1893-1895

Living at Keystone Mine, Shenandoah Peak in Nevada (Lincoln County)

Typescript of her journal by J. C. McKnight, grandson.

#### Morrison, Samuel C. and Robert Letter 1850

Letter from Samuel C. and Robert Morrison to an unnamed brother dated November 15, 1850, from Cold Spring, California. Describes trip from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Cold Spring.

Photocopy of original letter and typescript transcribed by Richard L. Rieck of Western Illinois University, Macomb, in 1999.

#### Murphy's of Santa Clara County - Diary 1844

55 typescript pages and seven of genealogy.

To California from Missouri.

Martin Murphy Sr. lead Murphy party to Calif. In 1844.

Pg. 6 – Starts account of Murphy party to California.

Pg. 14 – Humboldt

Pg. 17 – At site which became Reno

Pg. 29 – Marin Murphy in California

Pg. 36 – Bernard Daniel Murphy

Pg. 41 – Appendix:

Note excellent footnotes starting Page 43.

### Ness, Richard

## **Diary**

1849

34 pages photocopy of the diary.

Contains many random notes, short description of his trip Via Council Bluffs, Salt Lake, Truckee route, working in the goldfields, and the return to NY via Panama.

### Owen, East S.

### Diary

1852

Journal of an Overland Journey, 1852 Photocopies of original handwritten diary. Truckee route via Beckworth Pass.

### Payne, Captain James A.

**Diary** 

1850-1853

Typescript of diary of journey from St. Louis, Missouri, in April, 1850, to Sacramento and San Francisco, California, in August 1850. 110 pages. Mentions Humboldt and Carson Rivers. Account of his shipping business on California rivers. Typescript made in 1895 by the son of the author; the original had been lost.

#### Rickey, Thomas Brinley

**Diary** 

1852

Typescript of diary of journey from Dubuque, Iowa, in February, 1852, to Volcano, California, in August 1852. 7 pages. Mentions Humboldt and Carson Rivers and Genoa.

#### Rogers, Samuel Hollister

**Diary** 

1848

Trail Journal of 1848 transcribed by Will Bagley 1991 Transcribed from Xerox Copy of Manuscript LDSArchives MS 883 Starts April 9, 1848 ends October 1848

### **Short, George Washington**

November 7, 1853.

**Diary** 

1852-1853

70 typescript pages of the diary 1852-1853. Typewritten copy of a dairy kept by Short, Waukesha, Wisc. Covering his trip to and from California. March 29, 1852 to

**Tuttle, Charles** 

Diary

1859

Diary of Tuttle 1859, Salt Lake City to Carson City via Simpson Pass/Southern Route

From: Wisconsin magazine of history, December 1931.

#### 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 1864 to Virginia City, Nevada. 9 typescript pages of the diary from March 24<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 1854and 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 Marrill J. Mattes.
Shepard party used horses for the journey from Kanesville 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, 1950. The account of voyage from Morman Island, California to Bellevue, Iowa Via the Isthmus of Panama, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1851 to October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

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