

Cynthia Cox Oregon Trail Letter 1847

Indepananc Rock July 1st 1847

Dear brother and sister having an oportunty of sending a few lines I gladly embrace it we arrived at Indepandanc rock on the firt of July abut two in the after noon and encamped abut four miles above it we have all enjoyed good helth with the exception colds Mother is not vary well at present I am just now at the mountains I don't hardly now what to say I can now see the snow on the mountains one would hardly balive when it is so warm in the valley it is useless for me to describe the country don't hardly now what to write if you ever come to Oregon be shure to have your family waggon made so that yo can get in and out at the hind end on account of the children while we was traveling on big platt their was a boy 8 years old fell out of the waggon when both of the wheles run over his head and killed him instantly we have had som lame oxen and som sick one or two died they thout it was watter that kild them we have sen a good may from Oregon they all give vary correct accounts of the country they say that emigrants will not like it the first winter if you ever think of comeing besure to bring a cooking stove for they say a stove is worth a 100 dollars in Oragon father health is better than ever i saw it Father will go long the road singing and picking flowers like some little boy I should like to see you all give my best respects to all of our friends to all of my school mates tell charlotte I will look for her Remember me when far over the rocky Mountains I be Cynthia Cox Eliza Cox It is late so good night to you all

Letter addressed to John Fishburn Wilmington Will Co Il

Postmarked St Joseph Mo Jul 31