Richard Farwell was a member of Solomon Tethrow's 1845 wagon train to Oregon. He was with Samuel Barlow, Joel Palmer and William Rector when they blazed the Barlow Road. Farwell returned to Illinois, married Esther Paugh in 1848, traveled to California to search for gold, went by boat back to Illinois to get his wife and child and returned to Oregon in 1852. On this Mercer County, Illinois to Willamette Valley Oregon trail experience he was accompanied by Solon Shedd; Hiram Farlow and his wife, Lucinda E. (Farwell), and children, Sarah Marie (5), John N. (3) and Edward Jewett (1) and John Weiss. Solon kept a 3 5/8 by 5 7/16 inch diary of their journey from April 12 to September 10, 1852. Turning the journal over, an accounting of expenses for Shedd, Farwell and Farlow is listed. The journal was written in pencil with much of it traced over in ink. Page 1 is the actual size. The copy was made at 129% with darkness adjusted depending on the writing.

Using horse drawn wagons they traveled rapidly reaching Kanesville on May 4. It wasn't until the night of May 11 that they could get their wagons across the Missouri River on the ferry and didn't finish getting their horses across until noon May 12. They traveled on the north side of the Platte River. Solon noted carving his name as high as he could reach on a large detached rock at Independence Rock*, seeing the grave of America Smith, amusing himself by reading Milton and Shakespeare, taking the Barlow Road, reaching the Willamette Valley on August 15 and dividing their expenses. On August 26, Solon traded his horse for an Indian pony and started for Shasta City, California. He went through Albany, Marysville (Corvallis) and Jacksonville and arrived on September 10. After only ten days in the Willamette Valley of Oregon he headed for the Clear Creek, California to mine for gold with his brother, Warren, who had gone there in 1850. The Farwell and Farlow families took donation land claims in Linn County. (**"S. Shedd June 15, 1852" is still visible.)

Solon's brother, Frank, was a Captain in the Civil War. In 1864, Frank traveled to Oregon with his family, which included his wife, Emily; his widowed 78-year-old mother, Jemima; four sons; his wife's three brothers, and a hired woman. Their two-year-old son, Frankie, died on July 4 at Independence Rock, where he was buried. Frank Shedd was elected captain of this 1864 wagon train. He bought a Linn County donation land claim in the spring of 1865. The town of Shedd, Oregon was named for Captain Frank Shedd, who was elected to the Oregon legislature in 1874.

The Bank of Shedd was founded in 1913 by Cornelius J. Shedd and Associates. The bank building was constructed in 1913 and is listed on the Linn County Register of Historic Sites. C. J. was a son of Frank Shedd. Two of C. J.'s children, Harold and Lucile Shedd, became cashier and assistant cashier until they retired in the 1950's. The bank was sold and operated as a branch of Citizens Valley Bank and later Key Bank of Oregon until the bank closed in 1991. Key Bank donated the bank building to the Linn County Historical Society. Following the deaths of Harold and Lucile Shedd, the Linn County Historical Society received a bequest of an endowment to operate a museum and much personal property, including the Solon Shedd journal and a trunk and folding camp table used for meals along the trail carried in the Frank Shedd wagon train. The Shedd Museum is being organized by volunteers in the Bank of Shedd building.

Three of the Shedd Museum Committee members are also members of OCTA and are attending the OCTA Convention at Elco, NV. The Linn County Historical Society wishes to donate a copy of Solon Shedd's 1852 Oregon Trail Journal to OCTA. We hope it will add to the COED project.
Mon. April 12th 1852 I started about seven o’clock from home for Oregon and California. I called about two hours at Dr. Farwells. My Companions upon the journey are Richard Farwell his wife and son a child of three or four years of age. Our team at present consists of one wagon and three horses. I started on horse back. Crossed Edwards River at Boons Saw Mill. Went to T. H. McBrides where I staid all night. I called at Mr Saul [Sam’l?] Caleans[?]. The weather was cloudy and windy with a little sprinkling of rain.

Tues. Apr. 13th 1852 Soon after an early breakfast I started from T. H. McBrides. I called at Mr. Beeson’s a half hour and he having just returned from California. Gave me some good advice in relation to the journey. Pursuing my way I reached New Boston about noon, there to wait until R. Farwell should arrive with the team. I took dinner with T. B. Beeson Esq. Our team came together with H. Farlow his family and John Weiss[?] about the middle of the afternoon. We camped and staid at New Boston all night. Pleasant weather but bad roads.

Wed. Apr. 14th 1852 We waited at New Boston there being so many teams to cross the river before us. That we could not get over. I rode across the Bay in a skiff Bought a pocket Milton. Pleasant weather The water in the Iowa is so high that they have to land three miles above the usual landing place. We may be detained a number of days.

Thurs. Apr. 15th 1852 Still waiting to cross the river. I went about two miles up the Bay on a flat boat and came down in a skiff. There are about twenty teams waiting to cross. Pleasant weather

Fri. Apr. 16th 1852 Still waiting at New Boston. To cross the river. The morning was cloudy and it rained most of the forenoon. In the afternoon We found that we could not cross the river for three or four days. And H. Farlow his family and myself went to Wm. Doak’s and staid all night. The afternoon was cool and cloudy.

Sat. Apr. 17th 1852 We went out to see if we could kill some game and brought in two ducks. I read in Milton a little. Took care of my horse and staid at Wm.
Doak’s Cool changeable with a little rain.

Sun. Apr. 18th 1852 I attended church at the Universalist Meeting house Bluff. A. Gregg Preacher. Text. Psalms 127.3 Lo Children are an heritage of the Lord. I called at Isaac Moore’s. after meeting I went home with Alferd Spangler. Took supper at Mr. Beesons. Staid all night at Mr. Spangler’s. The weather was pleasant cool.

Mon. Apr. 19th 1852 I called a few moments at Geo Scotts then went to New Boston where I staid waiting for an opportunity to cross the river. The weather was cool. I slept in the wagon. I amused myself reading Milton: and bought a Shakespeare.

Tues. Apr. 20th 1852 To day we should have crossed the river had not the wind blew so hard. Consequently we waited in New Boston. I did a share of the cooking. And amused myself reading. Slept in the wagon. It rained quite hard in the night. The weather is cold. We have paid 25 cts per bushel for corn. And 18 ¾ for oats. 50 cents per hundred for Hay 8 cts per Doz for Eggs.

Wed. Apr. 21st 1852 Our wagons and six horses crossed the Mississippi river this morning. And I waited with three horses and crossed about noon. I overtook the wagons about five miles on the road. We camped for the night about ten miles from the Mississippi in Des Moines Co., Iowa. We paid 25 cents per bushel for oats. The roads were tolerable much better than we expected to find. The country was wet. Five springs issued from the Bluffs. Weather cloudy but no rain. Cool.

Thur. Apr. 22nd 1852 We started from camp about seven passed over high wet prairie. Roads quite muddy and evidence of having been much worse. Grain very scarce. Corn forty cents per bushel. We passed through Mt. Pleasant the county seat of Henry Co., a pretty town of about eight hundred inhabitants and camped two or three miles west of the place. The weather was changeable. Very warm and again cool. Travelled 25 miles.

Apr. Fri 23rd 1852 Left our camping place about seven AM. Passed through Trenton. crossed Skunk river at Deedsville. Took dinner on the west side. In the forenoon we had good roads. PM quite bad. Weather cloudy with rain in the PM. Came to Pleasant Plains, where we wished to stop but could not find grain enough in the place to feed our horses. Went on and in a mud hole the singletrees to one wagon broke and left the wagon in the [mud], Borrowed doubletrees and went about a mile from the road and found grain and stabling for
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Sat. Apr24th 1852 Travelled about 25 miles. Roads good in the forenoon Pm very bad. It commenced to rain about noon and rained all the afternoon and night. Camped for the night in a little grove near Butler, P. O.[?] We left Rickland to the right in sight of our road. Paid 50 cents per bushel for corn and 15 cts per lb for butter. This was in Keokuk Co.

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Sun. Apr.25th 1852 Travelled eighteen miles with very bad roads over flat wet prairie Passed through a small town in Mahaska county called Fremont. Camped two miles east of Oskaloosa in a pleasant grove. Corn 40 cents per bushel oats 25 cts. Hay 37 ½. In the morning rain foggy and cloudy all day.
Apr. Mon 26th 1852 This morning was cloudy and misty. We started from camp late. Passed through Oskaloosa the county seat of Mahaska county very soft roads many very bad mud holes Went through to Pella, Marion Co.

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ea settlement of Hollanders very neat looking village came about two miles west of the place and camped. Very cold day uncomfortable riding Paid forty cents per bushel for corn fifty cents per hundred for hay. Traveled 22 miles.
Tues. Apr. 27th 1852 I got up at day light and got breakfast waited in camp after our teams had left to run some balls and clean my pistol. Overtook the team at Red Rock on the Des Moines. Where we crossed without any delay. Passed through Pleasantville Marion Co. and camped a

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the bank of south river in Polk co. Travelled about 25 miles. Road good Weather pleasant. Corn 40 cts per bush. Eggs 6 ¼ cts per Doz.
Apr. Wed 28 1852 Crossed South river. Passed through Palmyra in Polk county. Took dinner in Indianola the county seat of warren Co. We have had excellent roads to day and better country than for the last few days. Corn 70 cts. Per bushel Pleasant Travelled 28 miles.
Apr. Thurs 29th 1852 I rode on before the teams to Wintersett to get my horse shod. Took dinner at the Hotel crossed Middle river. Went three miles
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beyond Winterset and camped in a fine place near an excellent spring. Traveled about fifteen miles. Pleasant weather and tolerable good roads. Corn one dollar per bushel.
Friday Apr. 30th 1852 This morning was windy and cloudy. We started late. I rode on horse back and followed the middle river and came to the ford about twelve. Built a fire and at two the teams came up and are located ourselves for the night. It rained very hard in the forenoon. Very windy. The wind has gone down and now it is pleas-

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Ant. This place is in Adair county Iowa. No corn or Hay to be had at this place. Travelled about twenty miles.
Sat. May 1st 1852 started early for a days drive of thirty five miles of Prairie. We had good roads and came to the [-urber] in good season. Corn was 1.25 per bushel but we bought none. Hay one dollar per hundred. Weather very pleasant.
Sun. May 2nd 1852 In high spirits. Very early we started from camp. After driving about two miles we saw a prairie hen and in shooting at it fright-

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end a horse which was tied behind a wagon so much that he overturned the wagon and broke the coupling tongue and bows. And the horses got away. We caught the horses fixed the wagon and in twenty minutes was on our way. Took dinner at Indiantown. In the afternoon got two horses down in a mud hole which delayed us perhaps twenty minutes. Arrived at [timber] after traveling thirty miles. Very heavy showers with hail in the forenoon. Rained hard in the night Paid fifty cents per bushel for corn

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Hay 30 cts per hundred.
Mon May 3 1852 We had thirty miles to go to reach Kanesville. I started at seven o'clock on horseback and got in at two PM. Staid in the town till four and started back to meet the teams. Met them about two miles back and camped for the night. We had good roads and a good day to drive cloudy and cool. Paid 30 cents for corn and 25 per hundred for hay. In traveling this forenoon, I passed 125 teams and got in a[head] of every team I saw since we
started. It rained in the night

Tues May 4th 1852 To day we came into Kanesville with our teams and camped about 80 rods out of town. We looked round and towards night bought a wagon. Very windy. In the night the wind came near overturning our wagons. I sent a letter home.

Wed. May 5th 1852 To day I laid in our outfit worked all day getting the things put up. And did not get it completed. Rained very hard in the night. We moved our camp this

morning and went to a very pretty place with every convenience except water. Which we have to carry a quarter of a mile

Thurs. May 6th 1852 completed laying in our outfit and took it our camp. Wrote letters &c. Rain in the forenoon.

Fri. May 7th 1852 Finished writing letters. Fixed wagon cover to the wagon &c. Pleasant bought a set of harness.

Sat May 8th 1852 Loaded our wagon and about noon started for the Missouri river found very good roads. There were two or three hundred teams at the

River. And we shall have to wait two or three days camped on the bank of the Missouri in a grove of cottonwood. Pleasant weather. Corn in Kanesville is twenty five cents per bushel.


Mon. May 10th 1852 Still waiting to cross the Missouri I went to Kanesville to buy sacks for oats bought 20 bushels at 35 cts per bushel. Read two

plays in Shakespeare &c. a little rain in the afternoon.

Tues May 11th 1852 Waited till night then moved our wagons up to the ferry and about midnight crossed our wagons and two horses. We crossed the river with two wagons and four horses & two mules. Pleasant.

Wed May 12th 1852 I took the horses up to the ferry at daylight and crossed with the last of them a little before noon. We immediately started and went to a small creek and camped. Good grass and water a little above the river. Staid there an hour or two then moved on. Travelled about
twelve miles. Roads good. It commenced raining and we had a very heavy shower. It was nearly dark when we stopped. But little water. Sulphur spring.

**Thurs. May 13th 1852** Started from camp late, crossed the Pappea [Papillion] at noon. Came to the Elk Horn at four o'clock. Got supper and fed our horses. Then crossed. Watched from ten till half past twelve. Weather very windy. With a little rain. We are in the Pawnee country and there are many around.

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Travelled about 18 miles. Good roads, but crooked.

**Fri. May 14th 1852** We traveled on the bottom between the Platte & elk Horn rivers. Struck the Platte and followed up it sometimes on it ands then away from it. Roads soft and some bad mud holes. Camped ¼ mile from the Platte near a small lake. Timber near. Weather pleasant. Went about 16 miles. Good grass water from a small lake. Saw but few indians.

**Sat, May 15th 1852** Travelled 20 miles, Poor roads, got one wagon fast in two mud holes saw some indians and when we were starting from our camp at noon at Shell Creek, our mules were frightened at them and came near running away. It commenced raining soon after we started and rained till noon. Camped on the banks of the Platte. Very heavy shower after we stopped very windy and cold with rain in the night. Willow bushes for fuel. Grass short.

**Sun May 16th 1852** Started early after feeding our horses and without our breakfast. Travelled about eight miles had a very bad mud hole to cross and went to a place protected from the wind by trees and bushes on the South side of the road. Suffered very much with the cold. Good grass. Plenty of wood. Water from a lake. We are about a mile from the ferry on Loupe Fork. Staid here all day. In the afternoon the sun shone. Water froze in the night.

**Mon. May 17th 1852** Waiting at Loup fork to cross the ferry. I waded half way across the stream to find a place to ford a few teams forded below the ferry. Very bad fording quick sand bottom. Pleasant day but cool, No indians about.

**Tues. May 18th 1852** We started from camp at ten o'clock for the upper ford on Loup Fork. Having found that we should...
have to wait at the ferry a day longer at least. Crossed Looking glass creek and camped on beaver river. Travelled 18 miles very cold night. Grass short. Wood & water plenty.

Wed. May 19th 1852 Crossed Beaver river. Plumb, ash, & cedar creeks. Passed two deserted Pawnee villages and came to a new ford of Loup fork about 13 miles below the upper ford. We crossed here raised our wagon beds & the things in our wagons. & went over without much damage to our provisions.

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day we passed opposite fort Kearney  Used buffalo manure for fuel.  Sprinkled a little in the afternoon  Poor grass good roads.
Wed. May 26th 1852  Travelled 25 miles good roads Tolerable good grass.  Camped on the Platte. Got wood from an island in the river. Teams forded the river a few miles below this. Sprinkled a little in the afternoon. Warm weather. Pleasant breeze.
Thur. May 27th 1852  Drove 25 miles good roads except some sand bluffs to cross. Followed the bluffs to avoid a bad

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swamp  camped at a splendid spring of Pure cold water at the head of the Pawnee swamp. Weather very warm. Crossed Skunk creek After we stopped, I went out hunting and shot at a Buffalo.
Fri. May 28th 1852  Travelled 17 miles and stopped half past one found a very good spring. R Farwell and H Farlow killed a Buffalo and we had a feed of a shower of rain & hail
Buffalo meat cooked with the excrement of buffalos
Sat. May 29th 1852  We had about six miles of very heavy roads over sand bluffs traveled 22 miles Crossed North Bluff fork

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quite a stream and camped on Bluff creek and had a very good sulphur spring. Nearer very warm and the flies and mosquitos troublesome. Showers in the night
Sun. May 30th 1852  crossed several small creeks and stopped for dinner at a very nice sulphur spring. Camped for the night on rattlesnake creek. A few miles of sandy road Roads very dusty. Weather warm
Mon. May 31st 1852  Crossed several small creeks the largest of which was Wolf creek. We had two miles of very sandy road at [foothill?] on the Platte

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weather very warm and roads dusty. Good grass. Used the Platte water. Traveled 25 miles.
Tues. June 1st 1852  Passed the “Lone tree” Travelled 27 miles and camped on the Platte. Crossed Castle creek a wide shallow stream. Had very good roads but very dusty. Warm weather Grass poor.
Wed June 2nd 1852  We had ten or twelve miles of sandy road. Crossed crab creek and cobblestone hills. Stopped at noon at the Ancient Bluff ruins. So named from their resemblance to the ruins of ancient cities. I ascended the highest bluff and


Fri. June 4th 1852 Pleasant, cool Breeze. I wrote a letter to send to my parents - at noon.


Sat. June 5th 1852 Started late. Travelled 17 miles and stopped to shoe our horses. Camped on a small creek south of the road. Excellent spring water. Good grass. We got wood by going a half mile. I met a team from Salt Lake going to the states. I sent a letter home by them. Commenced writing a letter to [towne?]. Heavy rain storm.


Mon. June 7th 1852 Passed Fort Laramie. Did not cross the river. Roads sandy to the fort. Afterwards good but hilly. Travelled 25 miles. Camped among the hills at a good spring of water. Grass pretty good. Good wood plenty. Weather cool & windy. I had a good view of the surrounding country from the top of the highest hill near the camp.


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Thurs. June 10, 1852  Travelled 18 miles. Sandy road in the forenoon. Rough and hill in the afternoon. We stopped early on account of the appearance of a heavy storm. Plenty of timbers for firewood. Poor grass. Used the water of the Platte. Our camping place was at the foot of a long high hill. It did not rain but was pleasant at sun down.
Fri. June 11th, 1852  We had a number of miles of heavy sandy road. The wind blew very hard and made it disagreeable traveling. Came 23 miles. Camped on the Platte.

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tolerable grass. Wood and water plenty. Saw teams on the south side of the river. I went a hunting after we camped and wounded an Antelope. Warm weather. Sprinkled a very little.
Sat. June 13th, 1852  Very heavy sandy roads. Traveled 15 miles and camped at 12 o’clock on the Platte river. Good wood. I went out hunting in the afternoon and killed an antelope. Went out to get it but could not find it. We had excellent grass for the horses.
Sun. June 13th, 1852  I went out at sunrise after the Antelope which I killed yes

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ils Gate a place where the river runs between perpendicular granite rocks 400 feet high. About 100 ft. wide. Pleasant weather. A very little rain. Tolerable roads some sand.


Thurs. June 17th 1852 We started at five o’clock and down to the Ice springs. And found very good grass. Saw no ice Staid two hours. We did not


Fri. June 18th 1852 Started late traveled slow & stopped early. Went 14 miles. Stopped at noon at some excellent springs and a delightful place on the sweet water. Camped for the night near the top of a high mountain near a spring and

snow bank. Water very cold Grass very good. Weather pleasant. We had a very good road with the exception of some long hills.


Sun. June 20th 1852. Started at seven. Crossed the summit of the Rocky mountains and camped on water whose course is towards the Pacific. Did not travel in the afternoon. I went out hunting, but killed nothing. Had good grass by driving our horses a mile from camp. Good roads. Drove 18 miles. Pleasant weather.

Mon. June 21st 1852 Started about six. Passed the point where the Salt Lake road turns off. Crossed Dry Sandy and Little Sandy. Also Big sandy. And camped on the side of the latter where commences a desert of forty miles. There is an Indian village
of the Snake nation at the crossing of the Big Sandy. It rained in the afternoon. Traveled 23 miles. Tolerable roads. Poor grass. Good water and plenty of sage brush for fuel.

**Tues. June 22nd 1852** We laid at the Big Sandy till two o’clock but then started across the desert. Traveled 18 miles and camped with but little grass and no water except what we brought with us. It rained and hailed a little in the afternoon. Roads some muddy but tolerable. Very cool weather. As our horses were dry – watched them to prevent them from wandering off.

**Wed. June 23rd 1852** We started this morning at three o’clock. Drove till six then watered them a little and fed hard bread. Arrived at Green river at one in the afternoon. Crossed over immediately. Paid six dollars per wagon and one dollar per head for horses. Drove two miles up the river and camped in a very good place. Good roads but hilly. And some very steep places to descend. Weather cool a little rain. We drove our horses over the creek and had excellent grass.

**Thur. June 24th 1852** We waited till one o’clock. I lettered a board to put at the head of a grave of a [young] lady by the name of America Smith. Drove eight miles camped on a small creek. Grass thick but feed down. Good water. Roads hilly.


**Sun. June 27th 1852** Started late. Drove 20 miles. Crossed a very swift deep creek and a half mile of very bad rocky road. Road in the afternoon fine. Excellent grass. Camped on Bear river. Weather pleasant Mosquitos very troublesome.

**Mon June 28th 1852** Travelled most of the day in the valley of Bear river.rossed two high hills. Camped on a beautiful mountain stream. Good grass and water. Pleasant weather. Travelled 28 miles. Good roads.
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Tues June 29th 1852  Travelled [27] miles. Excellent roads Crossed a number of creeks. Good grass along the road. Camped [---] near an [Indian] village [---] Blacksmith shop. Good [---] & water [B---] grass pleasant weather
Wed June 30th 1852  Travelled 28 miles Passed the fork of the Oregon and California roads. Passed a [Bear river ford] to a spring. Camped on a small creek excellent grass many [---] stones in the road afternoon good weather pleasant
Thurs July 1 1852  Crossed  [one line illegible]

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tifull springs Camped on a creek Grass poor Roads rough Weather pleasant
Travelled 23 miles.
Fri July 2nd 1852  Travelled 15 miles the first part of the road was sandy the last was muddy We got a span of mules [sold for ???] Passed Fort Hall and camped at the Hudson Bay Co. trading station. [two words] very good the station is on the Snake or Lewis fork of the Columbia river. Weather pleasant. Mosquitos [excessively] troublesome

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Sat. July 3rd 1852  We should have staid and shod our horses had not the mosquitos been so troublesome but we started off and traveled 14 miles. Crossed a small creek. Then an other larger one. A branch of the Snake. Water 4 ½ ft. deep. Got most of our hard bread wet. A very bad mud hole on the south bank. Camped on a small creek. Good grass and very windy night [2 ½ lines illegible]

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Sun July 4th 1852  We travelled 10 miles and [....] Falls in the Snake River. Caught a nice mess of salmon [...] I set two shoes [...] I judge that this is [13 words] Roads very dusty. Grass not very good.
Tues July 6th 1852  [3 lines illegible]

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a small creek Very good grass and water. The weather was very cold We wrapped a blanket [3 lines]
Wed July 7th 1852  Travelled [4 lines]
Thurs July 8th 1852  Started early Travelled 27 miles. Camped [2 words] creek grass plenty [....] poor [4 lines]
Fri July 9th 1852 We traveled 21 miles without stopping at noon. Roads very dusty and in many places rocky. Camped on the top of the bank of the Snake river [...]. A mile to the water 200 feet below us Grass tolerable good Pleasant weather

Sat July 10th 1852 travelled 20 miles. We had a few miles of Sandy roads. And in some places stony camped on Fall creek near Snake river Grass very good Caught a few fish and bought some dried salmon of the Indians Pleasant weather

Sun July 11th 1852 We did not move from camp today but remained on Salmon Falls creek. Caught a large mess of poor fish. Cool. Cloudy weather.

Mon July 12th 1852 We started at five o’clock. Drove 20 miles without water and 15 miles farther without grass. Camped at nine o’clock at night. Having driven 35 miles. The roads part of the way was very sandy and all the way dusty. Very warm day. And a shower after dark. Grass where we camped poor Water from Snake river. We had to unloose our horses from the wagons and drive them down a way steep hill a mile for water. This was the worst days drive we have had. Some very steep hills to descend.

Tues. July 13th 1852 Started from camp at one o’clock Pm and drove seven miles over rough and sandy roads along Snake river camped on a very pretty bottom with plenty of tolerable good grass. Warm weather


Thurs. July 15th 1852 We had very dusty roads. Many small stones in the track which made it very unpleasant going. Travelled 20 miles. Camped at noon on Catherine’s river with good grass and water. Camped for the night on Snake river. Poor grass and but little of it. Weather hot.

Fri. July 16th 1852 Made 18 miles over very dusty roads. Camped on a small creek with very poor grass. I ascended a high Bluff and rock near the road and was well rewarded for my toil. Warm weather.

Sat. July 17th 1852 We crossed a creek 8 miles after leaving camp then drove 17 miles without grass or water Camped on snake river. Where was a small spring of cool poor water. We had one very bad steep hill to ascend. Very dusty roads and hot weather – Grass feed close.

Sun July 18th 1852 We started soon after daylight and drove seven miles to a small creek and tolerable grass. I read Popes essay on man in the seven miles drive. Staid here all day. Drove our horses 1 ½ miles and had good
grass. Weather hot. Roads Rocky and dusty.

Mon. July 19th 1852 We drove 20 miles and camped on snake river. Grass plentiful roads since only dusty. Weather pleasant. Some sandy road. I watched half the night.

Tues. July 20th 1852 Travelled 25 miles. Crossed the Owahee river and camped on it near the mouth about two miles above trading post at Boisse. Very good grass. We shot five hares today. This morning we left the company we had been traveling with

for a week past. They stopping on account of a sick horse. Watched our horses. Pleasant day. Dusty roads.


Thurs. July 22nd 1852 We drove 12 miles and came to a sulphur spring where was a little poor water. But little grass. Traveled 27 miles camped on Snake river. Poor grass. Pleasant weather windy weather in the night watched our horses.

Fri July 23rd 1852 Today we had very rough hilly roads. Traveled [sluro.] up Burnt river valley. Camped on Burnt river and had good spring water. Good grass. Left Snake river this morning and shall see it no more windy in the night. Went 18 miles. The valley is crooked and narrow and on each side are high steep mountains.

Sat. July 24th 1852 The forenoon we had rough and hilly roads. Afternoon very good roads but dusty. Left Burnt river at noon. Camp on a small creek. Had good dry Bunch grass. Today we bought some bacon, paying twenty five cts per pound Drove 20 miles. Pleasant weather.

bad hill. This land is much better than we have seen for a few weeks past. Our camping place was on Powder river bottom

Mon. July 26th 1852 Crossed Powder river and a number of small spring branches. Excellent grass and water. Camped at the cold springs. Good roads rocky in places, cold weather. Saw Cayuse Indians. Travelled 23 miles.

Tues. July 27th 1852 Travelled 14 miles. Descended a long steep rocky hill into Grand Round valley. A

beautiful valley 10 or 15 miles in diameter enclosed with high mountains. Fertile land good water and grass and these mountains covered with pine timbers. Camped at the west end of the valley near the foot of the mountains which we shall cross in the morning. A large company of indians with numerous poneys camped nearby. Pleasant weather. We had a beautiful camping place.

Wed. July 28th 1852 We started this morning soon after [seven] [...] Crossed Grand Round

river the road was lined with pine timber. Very hilly and Rocky. We drove expect to reach the river again. But after driving 32 miles and not seeing it camped. Very good grass. Good water by digging Cool pleasant weather

Thurs July 29th 1852 Started late drove 14 miles part through timber. Came on to the bottom of Umatilla river. Camped at a very good spring. Grass fed down by the Cayuse poneys. Roads hilly but better than yesterday. Weather pleasant.


Sat. July 31st. 1852 We drove 14 miles without water from the first crossing of the Umatilla to the place where came to it again. Camped at the Indian agents house on the Umatilla. Poor grass river in places dry. Roads quite dusty. Very windy. Plenty of Indians and Indian poneys. Went 18 miles

Sun. Aug. 1st 1852 We started late and drove to [...] creek
10 miles and camped for the rest of the day. Left the Umatilla. Roads sandy. Weather windy. Very good grass and cool water. Good weather.

Mon. Aug. 2nd 1852 this day drove road 33 miles. 18 to a spring of poor water and a little dry grass thence 15 to a creek but not running water. Tolerable grass Good undulating road. But dusty. We arrived at the creek a little after dark. Pleasant weather.

Tues. Aug 3rd 1852 We started from the creek at 9 o’clock and traveled 20 miles with out water. Good road, but very dusty. Camped at a spring of very good water. Poor grass warm weather.

Wed. Aug 4th 1852 Started before breakfast and drove six miles to John Day’s river and staid till 10 o’clock then drove 24 miles without water. Camped at a small sulphur spring. We were three hours in watering our stock and then they did not get enough. Grass very good but burnt off near the spring. Cool, cloudy day. Here we left one wagon. We bought flour and sugar at a trading post on John Day’s river

Flour $20.00 per hund. Sugar 35 cts per lb.

Thurs. Aug 5th 1852 We started from the spring before breakfast and drove to the Columbia river where we staid till afternoon. Good grass there Crossed the Deshute river. Ferriage $5.00 per wagon and 50cts per head for horses. Camped on a small creek at Olney’s Ranch Grass fed down in the bottom but good on the hills. A little rain in the morning. Traveled 12 miles.

Fri. Aug 6th 1852 Drove 9 miles and camped on the Columbia

within 3 miles of the Dalles. Grass fed off. Walked down to the dalles post office Pleasant weather.

Sat. Aug 7th 1852 We shipped one wagon at the Dalles. Then drove 3 miles and camped. Good grass and water. Hilly road. Traveled 6 miles. Weather pleasant.

Sun. Aug. 8th 1852 Started late Travelled over hilly rough roads 6 miles to a fine creek with fine grass and camped for the rest of the day. Fine weather Paid $15.00 per hundred for flour at the Dalles. & 20cts per lb for pork.

Mon. Aug. 9th 1852 Started late drove four miles to a creek where was the forks of the road then drove 15 miles and camped on a fork of the DeShute at an Indian village. Grass fed down. Roads rough and one very steep hill to descend. Weather fine.

Tues. Aug. 10th 1852 This morning when we got up we saw an Indian riding one of our horses off. We followed him and found the horses We had a long steep hill to descend. Drove 30 miles and camped at a small
creek the rest of the day. Road very good. We met George and Miller Farlow this morning in search of us. Pleasant weather.

**Wed. Aug. 11th 1852** It rained this morning and we waited till late. Travelled 10 miles. Camped at the toll gate on a small creek. Good grass by driving stock a mile from the creek.

**Thurs. Aug. 12th 1852** We passed the gate and commenced crossing the cascade mountains. Paid $5.00 per wagon and 10cts per head for live stock. Travelled 15 miles and camped on little Sandy but [---]

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grass though good. Weather pleasant one long steep hill to descend. Roads rough and rocky.


**Sat. Aug. 14th 1852** Today our road was rocky. Hilly mountainous. We camped on Big Sandy. Good grass. Good weather we had a few miles of [.......] road traveled 18 miles

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Sun. Aug 15th 1852 We traveled 25 miles and camped in Willamette Valley about a half mile from Phillip Foster’s. road smoothed but very hilly. Weather fine. Not very good grass.

**Mon. Aug 16th 1852** We arrived in the valley without any provisions and bought for our supper last evening. To day bought provisions for the rest of our journey. Flour 8 cts per lb. Beef 12 ½. Potatoes one dollar per bushel. Travelled 15 miles Road hilly Crossed the Clackamas river. Camped for night [……] but little grass.

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**Tues. Aug 17th 1852** We lost two of our horses last night. We found one of them. We then drove a few miles and camped till the lost horse came up. Travelled ten miles. Crossed the Molala and camped at a saw mill. Grass short. Bought butter 50.0 cts per lb. Rain.

**Wed. Aug 18th 1852** Rain steady all day. Travelled but half of one day. Went 8 miles. Camped at a spring. Good grass

**Thurs. Aug 19th 1852** Drove 16 miles. Crossed a number of streams and the Howl [……] camped near a home.
Fri. Aug. 20th 1852 We were delayed this morning in finding our horses. Drove 18 miles and arrived at our destined place in the Willamette Valley Oregon Territory. Staid at Widow Farlows. Crossed the Santa Am at Santa Am City and were ferried free. Good roads and beautiful country. Cloudy but no rain. Good grass for our horses.
Sat. Aug. 21st 1852 I cast up our expenses and made a settlement. Staid at Mrs. Farlows. Crossed Pleasant weather.

Commenced to write a letter home.
Sun. Aug. 22nd 1852 Called at Mr. George Millers. Finished one letter and commenced another. Good weather, staid at Mrs. Farlow’s.
Mon. Aug 23rd 1852 Wrote a little Went to Santa Am. And staid at Mrs. Farlow’s Pleasant,
Tues. Aug. 24th 1852 I went out hunting and killed two grouse those with me killed a deer. I went to Santa Am. Slept with ‘len’s Farlow in his house. Pleasant.

Wed Aug. 25th 1852 Wrote letter Went to Abraham Miller’s and put a rivet into my knife. Staid at Mrs. Farlow’s Warm Pleasant weather,
Thurs. Aug. 26th 1852 I traded my horse for an Indian pony and about 3 o’clock PM started for Shasta City Cal. Crossed the Willamette at Albany. Staid at Jno. Stewart’s, Polk co. pleasant day. Rode 14 miles expenses including ferriage 1.12 ½.
Fri. Aug 27th 1852 Passed through Marysville. Crossed Marys river camped at noon on the “Long Tom”. Travelled 30 miles good roads. Staid at Mr. [Gibsons]
good grass Expenses $1.00
Sat. Aug 28th 1852 Started tolerable early. Yesterday I got in company with a Frenchman Manuell Bartlett going to Rogue river. We got our supper at the foot of the Calapooia mountains then crossed them. Slept under an oak tree in a small prairie. Good grass. Road very good except the mountains. Rode 40 miles Expenses $1.75
Sun. Aug 29th 1852 Rode 32 miles Roads good a few high hills crossed the north [Umpqua] on to Winchester slept under […..] 2 miles from the river. Pleasant and good grass
Mon. Aug. 30\textsuperscript{th} 1852  Rode 28 miles crossed the south Umpqua and cow creek and stopped one mile from the mouth of the canon. Hilly roads A beautiful valley So. Umpqua. Good grass. Pleasant expenses $1.25

Tues. Aug. 31\textsuperscript{st} 1852  Rode to the canon and took breakfast the canon we crossed canon creek 93 times and the creek running south 8 times. […] traveling in canion creek […] or three miles very rocky hilly road. Travelled 32 miles. Stopped on [ Grave] creek Pleasant weather. Good grass Expense $1.37 ½.

Wed. Sept. 1\textsuperscript{st} 1852  Started at sunrise. Made five miles before breakfast here my company and myself parted he going [down] rogue river. I [np.?] Forded the river at Evans where I staid all night. Tolerable road 0065penses $1.75. Rode 25 miles Pleasant.

Sept. 2\textsuperscript{nd} 1852  Rode to [Jacksonville] & Eli Moore and hunted for Jas. C. [McBride] & Eli Moore but did not find them. Rode on 3 miles [heared] of Moore and staid the night. Good grass Pleasant  Ex. [?] (expenses)

Fri. Sept. 3\textsuperscript{rd} 1852  Staid at Collins all day. Pleasant. Very smoky. Met Eli B. Moore at Collins Ranch.

Sat. Sept. 4\textsuperscript{th} 1852  Started with Eli B. Moore & C. Landrith  Travelled 33 miles. Good roads till we got to the Siskiyou mountains Staid at a Ranch at the South foot of the mountains Pleasant Expenses $1.50

Sun. Sept. 5\textsuperscript{th} 1852  Rode into Wyreka (sic) and put up with Landrith. Good roads. Very windy. Crossed the Klamath & Shasta rivers. Rode 28 miles.

Mon. Sept. 6\textsuperscript{th} 1852  I staid in Yreka waiting for company to Shasta City. Read the Matricides Daughter cool.

Tues. Sept. 7\textsuperscript{th} 1852  Started from Yreka late. Rode 30 miles

crossed one mountain and traveled up Scott’s Valley. Stopped 10 miles from Backbone mountain. Good road & grass. Pleasant  cold weather

Wed. Sept. 8\textsuperscript{th} 1852  Travelled 25 miles Very stony road did not reach a house pleasant

Thurs. Sept. 9\textsuperscript{th} 1852  Rode 18 miles in company with the express. Staid at Mary’s Ranch Pleasant. Rough roads.

Fri. Sept 10\textsuperscript{th} 1852  Rode 33 miles Took dinner at French gulch. Staid at the Free Bridge house on clear creek. Very Warm. Hilly. Rough road.

[end of diary] – several pages of ledger entries follow. Upside down, starting from back, continue to this page. Pagination continues from diary perspective. Some entries are preceded by an x, appearing to be check offs – or itemizations for settlements.
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