

Kate and Jennie Smith Diaries of 1879: Overland Journey to Washington Territory



Rowland Smith family

Left to right: (front) Sarah Elizabeth (Sadie), Margaret Catherine (Kate) , Rowland, Margaret , Mary Jane (Jennie) , Tenna Irene (back), Matilda (Tillie), Harry, Margaret Sargent (Daughter of Mary Jane) [Click here for a larger view.](#)

I would like to thank Charles (Tom) Gibbs and Janet Adams, the grandchildren of Tenna Irene Smith for their invaluable help in providing the diaries of Margaret Catherine (Kate) and Mary Jane (Jennie) Smith as well as the Smith family photograph and associated Smith family information. Janet Adams transcribed the Jennie Smith diary which I reconciled with the Kate Smith diary and made revisions where necessary to keep both transcriptions in coherence. Any errors and/or omissions when reconciling Janet's diary transcription with my transcription of the Kate Smith diary are of my own making.

I have provided thumbnail photocopies of the diary text of the Kate Smith diary on this document with a link to the original full page diary entries that researchers and interested Oregon Trail buffs can compare the Kate Smith transcription entries with. The Jennie Smith diary was too faded to make a stand alone- readable scanned copy though I used a very faded copy obtained from the Washington State Library to help reconcile her diary transcription. Both diaries were written in pen and ink cursive. As with any transcription it is easy to inadvertently insert ones own grammatical corrections. I have tried to minimize my footprint. Janet Adams had an incredibly hard task of transcribing the Jennie Smith diary as it is in very poor condition. Keep that in mind when comparing the two writing styles and subsequent transcriptions.

In both diary transcriptions below I have used round brackets () to denote original text areas made by the Smith girls. Square brackets [] are used to indentify add on information made by me that the reader may find helpful when reading specific diary entries. I have also underlined diary text, highlighting towns, landmarks and events that may be of interest to the reader. Feel free to contact me if you have more information to add to this project or can decipher faded diary entries better than what I have been able to do. I consider this project to be a work in progress and a very tedious one at that.

It has been a fascinating investigative journey and treasure hunt putting together the transcription diaries of Kate and Jennie Smith. Working with Tom Gibbs and Janet Adams was a great pleasure. I also found the tools of the Google search engine and Google maps invaluable in reconstructing the overland route the Smith family took as well as helping me decipher diary text. Many of the towns such as Boston, Kansas are no longer existing but can be tracked down using these online resources. I have also created a Google online maps page of the Smith family journey that you can visit, as well as an Adobe Acrobat PDF version with notes.

In 2007 while searching for overland trail diaries in the State of Washington as a surveyor for the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), I came across a listing in the Washington State Library in the city of Olympia for an 1879 diary written by Jennie Smith. It gave an account of her family's overland journey by covered wagon to Washington Territory (Washington became our 42nd state on November 11, 1889). When I visited the library to view the microfilm copy I found it to be illegible, not uncommon for many documents of this type. The librarian, Shirley Dallas, was very helpful in providing me the history of the

diary's microfilming. Mrs. Laurel (Margaret) Gibbs, daughter of Tenna Smith, had temporarily donated the Jennie Smith diary for microfilming in 1969. Here is the short note she sent along with the diary. Laurel Gibbs was Mayor of Winlock, Washington in 1960.

The Washington State Library lists the Jennie Smith diary as; "Oregon Trail diary kept by Jennie Smith on her journey from Independence, Missouri to Portland, Oregon, May 1-September 8, 1879". The family actually left from Independence, Kansas. Though they left Independence on September 1st, both Smith girls make diary entries that indicate September 5, 1879 to be the day the family actually left for Washington Territory. Their final destination was Washington and not Oregon. Kate Smith writes in her second to the last diary entry on September 12th; "*We arrived at Kalama [Washington] about ten this morning and found we would have to take a steamer to Freeport. So we drove below town to wait untill the Dayton returns. This is a very dull appearing place we are all pretty near home sick.*"

My initial telephone conversation with Tom Gibbs revealed that the family had the original Jennie Smith diary as well as a second unpublished diary written by her sister Kate Smith. I met with Tom in the summer of 2007 and he provided me with the Smith family information and a photocopy of the Kate Smith diary. His sister Janet Adams sent me her transcription of the Jennie Smith diary. Upon my recommendation, Janet Adams was very gracious in donating both original diaries to the Washington State Historical Society in Tacoma, Washington for future generations of Oregon Trail buffs and historians to enjoy.

The Smith family left Beech Creek, Pennsylvania, which is located about nine miles southwest of Lock Haven, in 1877 travelling to Texas and later to Kansas near the town of Independence. In 1879, they began their overland journey to Washington Territory travelling through the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Oregon and finally to Washington. The family passed through the Barlow Gate in Oregon on September 1, 1879. Kate Smith made a diary entry about her turning eighteen years old on August 8th. Jennie Smith was nineteen at the time according to a letter written to the Washington State Library by Mrs. Laurel Gibbs.

1879 was close to the end of what is considered to be the Oregon Trail experience. The Smith family, a family of eight, followed along the established stage coach and railroad lines by covered wagon. According to the documents supplied by the Smith family the draft animals used to pull the wagon were oxen though they are not mentioned in either diary. A horse and smaller wagon was purchased by the family on June 1st and is later described by Jennie Smith on August 2nd as; "*our little wagon*" that was sold by her father. The family also had mules and ponies. It is likely that mules were also used for pulling the wagon. Jennie wrote in her May 14th diary entry; "*camped a little ways west of Sterling on the R R our mules_were badly scared at the cars*". Kate and Jennie make frequent diary entries of taking horseback rides after setting up camp for the evening.

The family had encounters with Indians during their journey and Jennie Smith made a diary entry about Sarrah Smith, not related to the family, giving birth to a "*fine baby girl*" on July 26th. In the town of Heppner, Oregon, Kate Smith writes on August 23rd; "*The Artist wanting a picture of our traveling outfit put our wagons in position and took a very correct photograph of them.*" It would be quite a find to discover that picture, if it still exists, sitting in some archive or chest of drawers.

Reminiscences from family members say that in Washington the father, Rowland Smith, drove oxen for Ezra Meeker in Puyallup but later moved his family to Lewis County near Winlock, Washington and homesteaded on Jones Road. Rowland was said to have served as a Justice of the Peace in that area. Though being a man who was inclined to move his family with five girls around in search of better opportunities, he was encouraged by others to remain in the Territory as it was said that eligible women were few. The 1880 census shows Rowland Smith residing in Puyallup, Washington with his family.

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Diaries of Kate and Jennie Smith The Perpetual Diary 1879
Margaret Catherine (Kate) and Mary Jane (Jennie) Smith

May 1, 1879 [Jennie Smith]

Came from Independence today [Kansas] seen some people going to Illinois Tillie Walton came home with us had quite an interesting party this evening there were six couples present and two () ones Melers Donne () and Tillie stayed all night

May 2 [Jennie]

The boys and Tillie left this morning about nine o'clock Mrs. Haggard called this morning Mrs. Council spent the afternoon Jenny Whisler called this eve washed and made a sun bonnet and I am feeling tired

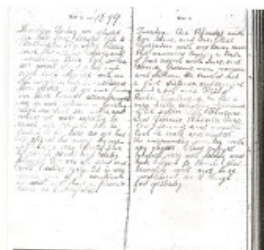
May 3 [Jennie]

It was quite cold and disagreeable today we ironed, baked and scrubbed today Mrs. Kate Council spent the day with us Mrs Rhodes, Mr and Mrs McMillen spent the evening

May 4 [Jennie]

Sunday.

This has been a beautiful day Mrs Downing came about twelve oclock after dinner Tillie Walton and Pennie Whisler came then we five started for a pleasure ride called on Mrs. McMillin in the evening went home got supper and walked to preaching Mr. Downing stayed all night



May 5, 1879 [Kate Smith]

Monday: Today we started on that long dreaded trip to Washington [Territory]. After bidding our friends just adieu, and receiving their best wishes, we went about a half mile and took dinner with an old neighbor, Mrs. Council and then started on our journey. Mr Burr Council accompanied us on our afternoon journey which was about six miles and where we were expecting to meet Mr. () but he failed to be here so we had to spend the night by our self had a very pretty place to camp Wood and water plenty. We are all tired and will retire early. It is very beautiful and if it continues we will have a pleasant time as anticipated.

May 5 [Jennie]

Started to Washington traveled eight miles and camped half mile West of Farmersburgh found plenty of wood and water will camp alone tonight this has been a long and blustery day

May 6 [Kate]

Tuesday: Mrs. Rhoades with two teams, and Mr. Oscar Ferguson with one team came this morning making a train of four wagons with ours, and twenty persons men, women, and children. We traveled but a short distance and camped a half mile West of Bostin [Boston], Chautauqua Co. [Kansas] had a very pretty camping ground. After supper () Mrs. Florence and Jennie Rhoades, Mrs. Bea, Jennie and myself took a walk and viewed the surrounding country through spy glasses. Have enjoyed myself very well today and have begun to think that travelling will not be as unpleasant as I thought for yesterday.

May 6 [Jennie]

Left camp this morning at ten in company with Mr. Rhodes family and Mr. Beath's, Mr. Oscar Ferguson and Mr. Frost passed a drove of four hundred and eighty hogs we have traveled about thirteen miles today and camped about one mile west of Bostin



May 7 [Kate]

Wednesday: Left camp at seven O'clock and travelled through a very hilly and rocky country. Crossed Big Cana [Cane River] and stopped for dinner at the fork of the Flint Hills after dinner crossed Flint Hills and passed through Lazette County () and camped on the West bank of Grouse Creek which is quite high but passable. To day has not been quite so pleasantly spent as yesterday but have camped on quite a beautiful place. Mrs. Florence Jennie Rhoades, Jennie and myself took a ramble over the hills Florence and Jennie each sang a song which has revived our spirits greatly.

May 7 [Jennie]

We left camp this morning at halfpast eight ate dinner on a small stream west of big Cana Creek passed a small heard of cattle we crossed the Flint hills today came through Lazette and camped about one mile west on Grouse Creek we traveled twentytwo miles today this is a pretty place

May 8 [Kate]

Thursday: Left camp about seven O'clock travelled through a very pretty country and stopped for dinner on Duch Creek. Six wagons beside our own stopped at the same place. After dinner crossed Rock and Mud Creeks and camped on the west bank of Mud Creek. The wind has blown quite hard all day. It is looking very much as though it would rain.

May 8 [Jennie]

All feeling better this evening left Grouse Creek at seven oclock took dinner about twelve miles from there on Duch Creek two families caught up to us at dinner time that are going to Ness County Kans. and one that is going to Reno C. Florence and I had quite a nice ride we are camped tonight on Mud Creek Bartles Co.



May 9 [Kate]

Friday: Left camp quite early and passed through Douglass Butler County about nine O'clock was weighed and weigh 107 lbs. Crossed little walnut which is high and quite muddy We have camped in a very pretty place six mile East of Wichita in Sedgwick County. We have traveled through a thickly settled and very pretty county. The wind has been blowing quite hard and it being dusty makes it very disagreeable. The girls have all taken a ride to the Creek to water the () and I am all alone.

May 9 [Jennie]

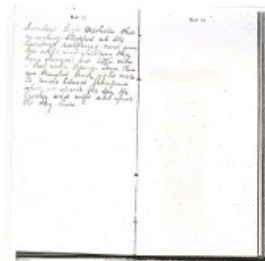
We girls had quite an adventure this has been a very windy day I have rode all day with Mrs. Cox passed two dugouts in Bartles Co. and a small herd of cattle traveled twelve miles before dinner took dinner near the County line camped six miles east of Wichita Jennie [Rhoades], Florence [Rhoades], Mrs. Beath and I took our horses [to] water three quarters of a mile

May 10 [Kate]

Saturday: Left camp about seven O'clock and arrive at Wichita at ten where we camped for the day Have been packing a box to ship but was to late to send it so will ship it from Hutchison. Dr. Croskey an old Penna [Pennsylvania] friend was to call on us this forenoon. This after noon mother's aunt Tilhe Thompson and her three daughters called I like their appearance very much. They wanted us to () with them but could not. In the evening Mr. Maddie (a friend of Florence Rhoades) accompanied Rhoades two girls Jennie and myself down town we promenaded a while and then called on Mr. Maddies sister was favored with music on organ. It was greatly enjoyed and we returned home about eleven O'clock.

May 10 [Jennie]

We stopped today about ten oclock in Wichita we unpacked our trunks and filled a box to ship we baked had good luck everything is black with dust. Sold 1/5 lbs meat Dr Croskey called this fornoon Aunt Tillie and the girls made us a () this afternoon which I enjoyed very much Mr Maddie took all us girls to see the town called on his sister she'd favored us with some music enjoyed the [organ]



May 11 [Kate]

Sunday: Left Wichita this morning. Stopped at Dr. Croskeys residence and seen his wife and children they have changed but little since I last seen them from there we traveled North eight miles to uncle Edward Thompsons where we spent the day Dr. Croskey and wife also spent the day there

May 11 [Jennie]

Left camp nine o'clock and stopped eight miles north of Wichita at Thompsons we spent the day in company with Dr Croskey and wife enjoyed the day hugely had all the ice cream we could eat The spent the evening with us

May 12 [Kate]

[Monday: No entries for Kate this date.]

May 12 [Jennie]

We ate breakfast at Uncle Thompsons bid them goodbye and started again on our trip crossed the Little Arkansas River at Thompsons house our team crossed without any trouble took dinner near a farm house and stopped for the night near a nice lake cold today



May 13 [Tuesday: No entries for Kate this date.]

May 13 [Jennie]

It is still cold and the wind is blowing a perfect gale took dinner two miles east of Cow Creek crossed Cow Creek two miles east and stopped for the night half mile east of Huchison over took four wagons going to W T . [Washington Territory] Rode among to

May 14 [Kate]

Wednesday: We left our camping ground pretty early and passed through Huchison where we shipped our goods. Huchison is the County seat of Reno County is a very pretty town situated on the bank of Cow Crick. The () seem pleasantly feature about. It is that the sand is drifted in the Streets as deep as ones boots. We have crossed Cow Crick twice. Stopped for dinner four and half miles East of Nickerson very good pasture for stock But water very scarce. after dinner passed through Nickerson a flourishing little town in Reno County. We camped half mile West of Sterling in a very pretty place. The wind has been blowing quite hard all day and the dust flying. Have been North of the R. R.

May 14 [Jennie]

We crossed Cow Creek in the edge of Huchison this is a nice place and is in Reno County took dinner four miles and half east of Nickerson this is also in Reno camped a little ways west of Sterling on the R R our mules were badly scared at the cars there was some fellows riding around it looks suspicious we are in Reno Co tonight



May 15 [Kate]

Thursday: Left camp at seven O'clock and travelled about twelve miles to Raymon where we stopped for dinner. Raymon is a small town on the A. T. & S. F. R. R. [Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railway Company] very nicely situated. From there we continued our travel to Ellinwood where we camped. It is a very pretty place. Ellinwood is on the R. R. and in Barton County. This has been a very pretty day the first since we have started. The wind has not blown today but the sand has been quite deep in places.

May 15 [Jennie]

Left Sterling in good time this morning traveled twelve miles before dinner stoped for dinner west edge of Raymon traveled eleven miles this afternoon camped about a mile east Ellinwood in Bartin Co. the () are just passing had quite a pleasant ride this eve by myself there is twelve waggons tonight

May 16 [Kate]

Friday: Left Ellinwood early and traveled eight miles to Walnut Creek three miles East of Great Bend where we stoped to do our washing. Walnut is a pretty Creek and splendid for washing. Three wagons from Chautauqua County on their way to Washington over took us today. There are eight or ten other wagons camping on the same ground it seems quite lively here tonight. The train that had promised to wait here for us failed to do so but think we can over take them. Pa received a postal stating that they would travel slow and give us a chance to overtake them. This morning it was quite cold and threatened rain but it cleared up and we have had a nice day.

May 16 [Jennie]

We went through Ellinwood this morning traveled eight miles and stopped on the [West of] Walnut Creek after dinner we washed and baked after we were done washing we done some ironing did not get all of our clothes dry the Ripeto boys come to day Kate and I took a walk down the creek were somewhat frightened



May 17 [Kate]

Saturday: Left our camping ground early and continued our journey westward passed through Great Bend. It is the county seat of Barton County and is a very very pretty town. We have left the R. R. and traveled for the next eleven miles before stopping for dinner we then traveled twelve miles and camped for Sunday about three quarters of a mile East of Walnut Creek. We are in a very pretty place. This has been a very disagreeable day. It drizzled rain in the forenoon and in the afternoon it rained quite hard. Have traveled through some a very pretty country

May 17 [Jennie]

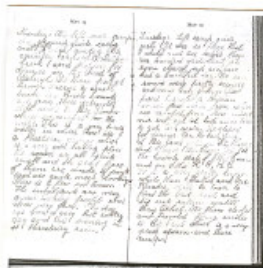
Cloudy today went through Great Bend this morning got some groceries then traveled eleven miles before dinner stoped near a duch woman house traveled twelve miles after dinner and stoped on Walnut Creek a very pretty place it rained this afternoon had some music which sounded well

May 18 [Kate]

Sunday: Our first Sunday camping it has been a very long day and would prefer being on the move. We are camping in a very pretty place but have had such rainy wether this forenoon it rained some and blew very hard. This afternoon it has been very pleasant. Mrs. Florence Rhoades, Jennie and myself took a walk to the creek and had a long talk which wore away the time very pleasantly. While we were away four antilope passed near here that greatly excited the persons in the camp they followed in pursuit but returned with no antilope.

May 18 [Jennie]

Sunday. Still cloudy had quite a storm today the sun shone awhile this afternoon we dried all our clothes today and put them out of the road Harry had a chill had an invitation to play croquette but instead of accepting took a nap then dressed and Florence Kate and I took a long walk sat down on the bank of the creek had an interesting talk of old times



May 19 [Kate]

Monday: We left our camping ground quite early and passed through quite a hilly country around Walnut Creek and stoped for dinner on the head of the Walnut. We then passed through Lacross a small town in Rush County and from there traveled eight miles to Big Timber where we camped for the night. This is a very pretty valley in which there is a Russian village which is a very odd looking places the houses are all quite small and the great part of them are made of rock and are quite neat looking. There are a few red homes. The inhabitants are very queer looking people and dress very poor. Today has been a very hot sultry day and this evening it is threatening rain.

May 19 [Jennie]

Started early traveled about twelve miles took dinner on the head of Walnut Creek about five miles east of LaCross come through Lacross this afternoon (This is in Rush Co) come thirteen miles after dinner camped on a stream called Big Timber near a Rushion Village we girls were to see the town is quite odd town had a very pleasant chat after we returned

May 20 [Kate]

Tuesday: Left camp quite early. It was so foggy that I could not see more than two hundred yards. But it soon cleared up and have had a beautiful day. We saw some very pretty scenery and some very gloomy. We passed through a Russian village four miles from where we camped from there missed our road and it took some time to get back again. We stoped for dinner on the East bank of Big Creek Fort Hays and Hays City. Hays City is the County Seat of Ellis County on the K. P. R. R. [Kansas Pacific Railroad] It is a very pretty town while there Father and Mr. Rhoades went to town to find the best road and did not return untill three O'clock. We then started and travelled four miles to Big Creek which is a very pretty stream and there camped.

May 20 [Jennie]

We come through another Rushion town this forenoon crossed Smokey Hill Fork had a nice ride this forenoon in company with the two Rhodes and Tillie rode on Mr Beath's pony traveled 14 miles before dinner stopped on Big Creek was ordered off by the marshal of the day stayed till three oclock had a nice time passed through Hays City and got yarn for mittens



May 21 [Kate]

Wednesday: We left our camping ground at seven O'clock and proceeded westward. Traveled to Ellis which is eleven miles travel and stoped for dinner a short distance West of Ellis, Ellis County and from there traveled about ten miles and camped half a mile north from Ogallah the commencement of the Railroad (). We traveled through hilly and barren country was very this morning. Florence Rhoades and I took a horse back ride In the evening there being campers on the same ground where we were camping a couple young ladies called on us. Mother has been chilling and is feeling quite bad. The day has been very hard.

May 21 [Jennie]

Traveled twelve miles this forenoon took dinner north of the R R three miles west of Ellis Ellis Co. passed through about ten oclock camped for the night one mile north of Ogallah water poor and no wood Maddie and Cloker left us this evening some Iowa folks camping two young () spent the evening with us were very friendly

May 22 [Kate]

Thursday: In the morning we passed through Ogallah and from there traveled West for nine miles to WaKeeney the county seat of Trego County. We there got water and then stoped for dinner three miles West. From there traveled ten miles to Collyer Gove County and camped about two miles North where we have found sufficient but very poor water. The country through which we pass is still barren and wild looking. Mrs. Florence and I took another ride this after noon. The sun has shone quite hot all day morning and evening has been quite good.

May 22 [Jennie]

Wood and water still scarce come through Wa Keeney Trego Co. camped for dinner South of the R. R. four miles west of town seen three Antelope the boys tried to shoot them but did not succeed camped for the night on Coyote Creek one mile and a half north of Collier Baked today had bad luck on account of the high wind



May 23 [Kate]

Friday: We left camp at seven O'clock our usual hour and traveled fifteen miles to where we stoped for dinner half mile East of Buffalo where we had plenty of good water. When then went through Buffalo in Gove County we then left the Railroad and traveled North crossed a stream four miles from town and seen no sign of water for thirteen miles we then reached the Saline river where we camped found water plenty but very (). This has been a very long day. It has been so hot the wind has been blowing from the South so hot as to pretty much sufocate us this afternoon we suffering for water what we had with us was so warm that we couldnt drink it. We are all feeling rather gloomy tonight. I had a horse back ride of fourteen miles this evening.

May 23 [Jennie]

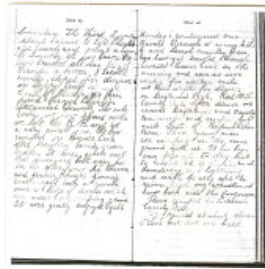
Traveled fifteen miles before dinner eat dinner South of the R. R. and on the east edge of Buffalo Gove Co. camped tonight sixteen miles northwest of Buffalo on the Seline River in Sheridan Co. near a cow ranch seen sixteen Antelope today the wind has been blowing from the South today it was very warm all feeling bad tonight seen () fellow.....

May 24 [Kate]

Saturday: Left camp at our usual hour and crossed Sand Creek three miles from where we camped from there we traveled twelve miles to where we found very good water and where we stoped for dinner. From there we traveled ten miles to Prarie Dog Creek where we camped for the night. The country through which we have passed about the same as yesterday hilly and barren and the houses very much scattered. It has not been quite so hot to day as yesterday. The wind has rose to night it is blowing quite hard. We we favered with music on the violin which was quite a treat. The men have been trying to kill antelope but have failed in every attempt.

May 24 [Jennie]

Left camp early this morning crossed Sand Creek three miles east passed a good many new houses and lots of wagons loaded with buffalo bones the men had an antelope chase stoped for dinner on Solomon River seen some folks camping that intend taking claims there took a long sleep afternoon and I had a nice ride this forenoon camped tonight on Prairiedog Creek very pretty place.....heard some music on a violin by a



May 25 [Kate]

Sunday: The third Sunday spent since I left Chautauqua County and what a lonely Sunday it has been. We have traveled all day passed through a barren () country stoped for dinner on Sappy [Sappa] Creek half mile South of Oberlin. We then passed through Oberlin Decater County [Decatur County, Kansas]. The only town we have passed since we left the R. R. and it a very small one. We have camped on Beaver Creek after traveling twenty seven miles. It was quite cool this morning but very hot in the afternoon. Mrs. Florence, Jennie Rhodes, Jennie and myself took a ramble over a ledge of rocks which were near our camping ground. It was greatly enjoyed by all

May 25 [Jennie]

Sunday traveled fifteen miles before dinner camped for dinner a quarter of a mile east of Oberlin Decater Co on Sappy Creek camped this evening on Beaver Creek twelve miles from Oberlin four from the Nebraska line took a walk to a ledge of rocks climbed them and then had a game of dominoes sitting by a big fire while the boys are playing cards

May 26 [Kate]

Monday: Continued our travel through a more hilly and barren country than we have yet traveled through. Crossed Beaver Creek in the morning and seen no more water for eighteen miles. we then stopped for dinner on Driftwood Creek, Red Willow County Neb. After dinner we crossed Driftwood and traveled ten miles and camped half mile East of Republican River. Three young men are camping on the same ground with us. It has been very pleasant today but to night it is cloudy and thundering and lightening and will be very apt to rain. Had my accustomed horse back ride this forenoon. Have camped in Hitchcock County Neb. It rained about eleven O'clock but not very hard.

May 26 [Jennie]

Crossed Beaver Creek... eighteen mile..... camp traveled through a rough and () county took dinner on DriftWood Creek in Red Willow Nebraska small heard of cattle hearded by Texas cowboys crossed Drift Wood at a farm house rode on the pony all afternoon had a pleasant chat about the days of yore seen an antelope camped on Republican River Hichcock Co.



May 27 [Kate]

Tuesday: This morning we crossed the Southern Fork of the Republican and passed through Culbertson. Then traveled up the valley of Frenchman (Creek) and camped on the same Creek for dinner. We continued our travel up the river crossed it twice and camped on Stinking Water [creek] traveling about twenty miles. There is a cattle ranch about three miles from here the only house we have seen since we left () this morning. There are quite a good many cattle on this Creek have seen quite a good many today. The young men who camped with us last night are still with us. Florence Rhoades and I had a horse back ride this forenoon as usual. We camped in Chase Co. Neb.

May 27 [Jennie]

Crossed Republican River this morning had to double team crossed through Culbertson Co Site of Hichcock Co. eat dinner on Frenchmans Fork eight miles from Culbertson crossed the Creek twice this afternoon camped tonight on Stinken Water in Chase Co near a cattle ranch had bad roads today. () over six hours and herd of cattle grazing on Frenchman and Stinken Water Rivers had a nice ride this afternoon with Florence had a pleasant walk this evening upon the hill

May 28 [Kate]

Wednesday: Today we continued our march up Stinking Water passed a cattle ranch in the morning where we received information concerning the road. We stopped for dinner on Stinking Water Creek we then left the Creek by the West and traveled about five miles through a very hilly country untill we again reached the Creek. The road was then some better but mostly have been very poor all day. We camped on the head of the Stinking Water having good grazing for the stock and splendid Spring Water. After we had stopped about () hours we started and traveled until mid night on account of the days being hot and water scarce. I rode all the way and enjoyed it truly.

May 28 [Jennie]

Traveled ten miles this forenoon took dinner on Stinking Creek near a ranch traveled to the head of Stinking Creek there got splendid water and grass got () hiched up started about dark and traveled about twelve miles camped on the high prairie had very good grass didnt pich our tent slept in the waggons seen about three hundred cattle no antilope today



May 29 [Kate]

Thursday: Started to finish our journey to the Platte River found plenty of stock water. We traveled right along and did not stop until we arrived at the River which was not until four O'clock. We then overtook a train of fourteen wagons a part of the train that is from the County that we are. We then took supper and then crossed the river which is about half mile wide. Our team became foolish and stopped in the middle of the Creek. But reinforcements were soon obtained and we arrived on land in safety. We camped there for the night. Mr. Fletch Taylor the gentleman in the train we overtook favored us with music on the violin which was greatly enjoyed by all. It was quite cold today for the time of year.

May 29 [Jennie]

Left camp this morning early sun eight antelope I rode on the ponie all day had lots of frolic traveled about twenty three miles got into camp at three o'clock there found the rest of our crowd will cross Platt River Tonight part have gone..... There was nine Indians... run our team strat in the river had music on the violin pleasant evening in Keith co

May 30 [Kate]

Friday: We passed through Ogallala this morning and crossed the W. P. Railroad [Western Pacific] we then traveled West on the North side of the R. R. the roads has been much better than the one we just left. We traveled about ten miles and stopped for dinner we then waited for Mr. Rhoades who had got behind and before he arrived it began to rain so we remained here the remainder of the day. And Mr. Rhoades instead of camping with us went about half a mile West and camped by himself. This has been a very disagreeable day. This forenoon was so cold we could hardly stand it and this afternoon it was still cold and raining. We have found our our new campers to be quite agreeable.

May 30 [Jennie]

Rhoades didnt start with everone this morning three young men left us this morning staid in camp this afternoon on account of rain very cold and blustery all day baked this afternoon and fixed my old wrapper we are ten miles west of Ogallala north of the RR in Keith Co. seen about four hundred head of cattle three antelope



May 31 [Kate]

Saturday: Left our camping ground at half past seven or eight O'clock A. M. Passed by Big Spring Station in the morning traveled over great many hills. after dinner the roads were much better have camped half mile South of Julesburg we have our wagons in a circle and men to watch the stock. Mr. Rhoades has camped about half mile from here by himself. This forenoon it was very cold but this afternoon it was some warmer. Harry had a hard chill today.

May 31 [Jennie]

Left camp about half past seven stopped for dinner north of RR seen two antelope rode on Flecher from this forenoon past Spring Stacion after dinner traveled over very bad roads camped at Julesburgh tonight Stone depot and a couple of houses seen between one and two thousand head of cattle Rhoades camped quarter of a mile from

June 1 [Kate]

Sunday: Another Sunday spent traveling. And oh! What a lonely Sunday it has been. have been trudging along all day. Father bought a horse and wagon today and divided our load which gives us much more room. Passed a couple of horses some cattle and the remainder of the () sandy and dry less prairie with some sand hills took dinner on Pole Creek traveled close to it all afternoon and camped on it in the evening stopped about four O'clock and expect stop tomorrow and wash.

June 1 [Jennie]

Passed a large herd of horses half mile west of Julesburgh seen a couple thousand head of cattle took dinner half mile west of a section house Frank Frost took dinner with us very cold and stormy this forenoon Pleasant after dinner bought a horse and wagon I drove all afternoon stoped four oclock



June 2 [Kate]

Monday: Nothing of importance has happened today. We all have washed. Wood is very scarce but have found sufficient Water is plenty and good. The men as usual went hunting and as usual returned with nothing. A boy of fourteen tried it and returned with an antelope it was quite a treat

June 2 [Jennie]

Staid in camp to day has been a very pretty day washed and baked today worked all day and tired tonight Joe Lowry killed an antelope this evening Mother had tooth ache today camped in Colorado south of Rail Road on Pole Creek chilly this eve going to bed early must put the meat on to boil for breakfast

June 3 [Kate]

Tuesday: Left camp about eight O'clock traveled about ten miles and stopped for dinner on Pole Creek. There was a train of wagons going to Colorado and Montanna stopped near us. There was several with buggys on the train. We then traveled about ten miles to Sidney where we met some old friends from Chautauqua County Bartons family. Jennie and I staid with family for supper had a very pleasant time. After supper we all went to where the wagons had camped which was about a mile from town. We heard the band which was quite a treat. After we arrived at camp Fletch Taylor favored us with music on the violin several of the group sang songs our friends then returned home and we were left feeling much revived over their visit.

June 3 [Jennie]

Took dinner on Pole Creek south of the RR near a Section house some Iowa people camped near us took a long nap this morning another this afternoon seen five or six thousand head of cattle Henry killed an antelope came through Sidney and took supper with Bartons had a pleasant time come down to camp and had some music heard () the band today at the ()



June 4 [Kate]

Wednesday: Left camp quite late traveled about ten miles and stopped for dinner on pole creek after dinner traveled about eight miles. Passed several cattle ranches and seen some hills covered with white rock and yellow pine trees the trees looked old fashioned and beautiful to us. we camped on Pole Creek and stop at a ranch and got all the milk we wanted for supper and breakfast. In the even Mrs. Cox, Jennie and I took a walk to the hills and it was quite late before we returned. We caused quite an excitement in camp were seen and taken for horse thieves but they soon found out their mistake and laid down their arms. It rained just enough this afternoon to make it disagreeable.

June 4 [Jennie]

Seen a heard of about six thousand this morning have seen eight or ten thousand today slept all forenoon took dinner near a section house 12 miles from Sidney the scenery was beautiful camped for the night on Pole Creek near a ranch house all the milk can use.....

June 5 [Kate]

Thursday: Left camp traveled about eleven miles and stopped for dinner on Pole Creek and close to a railroad house. Passed Potter Station this morning and Antelope Station this after noon. Traveled about twenty two mile to day and camped on Pole Creek two miles West of antelope Station. The men in the train killed two antelope today. I slept the greater part of the day and saw but little of the country but I guess it has been the same as it has been nothing but barren plains and hills. The wether has been quite pleasant.

June 5 [Jennie]

Come Passed Potter station this forenoon and Antelope in the evening stoped on Pole Creek for dinner and again in the evening baked Henry shot an antelope this afternoon Flech killed one this forenoon slept all forenoon pretty near all day nothing of importance today



June 6 [Kate]

Friday: Left camp early traveled about ten miles and stopped for dinner stopped about two hours. Crossed the railroad this morning and traveled on the North side. Crossed Pole Creek twice Passed a great many cattle. Passed through Pine Bluff this evening when the passenger train passed us had full view of the passengers and they of us. Stopped about a mile West of the Pine Bluffs at the foot of the Bluff covered with small pine trees did not get rambling over them as I wanted to as much. We washed some this evening. It has been quite pleasant to day with the exception of some hard rain this afternoon.

June 6 [Jennie]

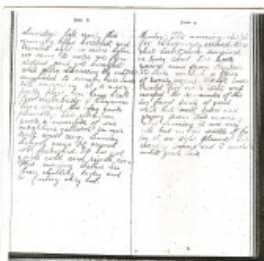
Took dinner north of RR on Pole Creek It was warm this forenoon had a long walk felt fatigued when I reached camp the wind blew very hard this afternoon I took a long nap camped tonight north of the RR on Pole Creek west of Pine Bluff station at the foot of Pine Bluffs water clear washed

June 7 [Kate]

Saturday: Left camp early and passed a station about ten O'clock we then left the railroad. Crossed Pole Creek twice and one ranch then stoped for dinner on Pole Creek where there was but little water we then crossed the Creek twice again then passed another ranch We then left water and then traveled untill dark before coming to any we then came to a tank but could only get enough water for cooking. It is a very gloomy night for me. I saw the mountains today they looked like clouds but as we approached them they looked more like mountains. Mother chilled again today.

June 7 [Jennie]

Passed Tracy and Egbert Stations and camped tonight at Burn Station couldnt get any water took dinner on Pole Creek there was no water in it had to dig a hole to get water for cooking baked today traveled about thirty miles turned cold this afternoon



June 8 [Kate]

Sunday: Left camp this morning before breakfast and traveled eight or nine before we came to water we then stopped and got breakfast and after discussing the outfit concluded to remain here untill morning it is a very pretty place on Crow Creek five miles East of Cheyenne. Have spent the day quite pleasantly. This afternoon quite a number of our neighbors gathered in out tent and sang Sunday School songs It seemed old fashioned. It has got quite cold and has rained some this evening. Father has been chilling today and is feeling very bad.

June 8 [Jennie]

Got up early and started without breakfast traveled eight miles and stoped on Crow Creek south of the RR and near a ranch staid the remainder of the day only five miles from Cheyenne had singing this afternoon Papa had a chill very cold this morning pleasant midle of the day is raining this evening

June 9 [Kate]

Monday: This morning started for Cheyenne and arrived there about ten O'clock remained in town about two hours received news from Kansas. We there overtook a train of twenty wagons. We left town traveled five miles West and camped the remainder of the day found plenty of good water but wood scarce and grazing poor. This morning and evening it was very cold but in the middle of the day it was quite pleasant. This evening Jennie and I rode untill quite late.

June 9 [Jennie]

Still cold passed a lake two miles east of Cheyenne come through Cheyenne it is quite an enterprising city seen several Chinamen come through Ft Cheyenne and stoped one mile and a half west of the Ft. the rest of the day has been cold this afternoon wrote a letter to aunt Lyde



June 10 [Kate]

Tuesday: Started westward this morning have been having splendid roads from Cheyenne. They are some what broken but smooth. Stopped for dinner on the high prarie with neither wood nor water but we happened to have some of each with us. We crossed a creek in the morning where the stock was watered. We then passed a farm house the only house I have seen to day. From there we traveled () and half miles and camped on top of Foot Hills had plenty of good water but had it to carry about half mile had wood in abundance but grass very poor. From where we have camped I can see the hills all around with a yellow pine tree here and there which makes it seem somelike () () not enough to make me realize that I am on the foot Hills of the Rocky Mountains.

June 10 [Jennie]

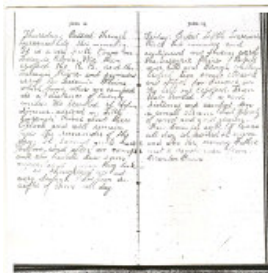
Traveled about nine miles before dinner camped on a hill for dinner had neither wood nor water came twelve after dinner began to ascend the mountain this afternoon from..... seen a ranch and crossed a branch of Crow Creek camped on a hill tonight have good wood and water lots of it seen pretty hill covered with pine...

June 11 [Kate]

Wednesday: This morning we continued our march up the mountains had tolerable good roads for a couple of miles Then they went up one hill and down another for a distance of about five miles then we stopped for dinner on a Creek the name unknown to me. Crossed two other small Creeks this afternoon the names are all unknown. Traveled over more hills and camped three miles and camped three miles East of Laramie City on a lake have splendid water. Mother had another chill today was quite ill have written letter this evening.

June 11 [Jennie]

Walked a long time today scenery very pretty roads smooth but its up one hill and down another. Stopped for dinner on a nice little stream twelve miles east of Larimy pleasant today camped tonight on a Lake three miles east of town Mother had a chill water is splendid and plenty of it wrote a letter



June 12 [Kate]

Thursday: Passed through Laramie City this morning. It is a very pretty town on Laramie River. We then passed the R. R. and the Laramie River and proceeded across the Laramie Plains which from where we camped is a distance of twenty miles. We traveled it before dinner arrived on Little Laramie River about 3 O'clock and will remain here the remainder of the day. It rained quite hard before and after we camped and also hailed. Saw snow mountains where they look as though we are not very distant. Have been in sight of them all day

June 12 [Jennie]

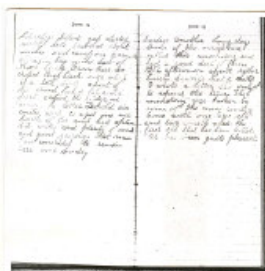
I am now in Laramy City the prettiest town I have seen in the West camped tonight on the Little Laramy River stopped early on account of rain did not rain much very cold tonight intend sleeping in our waggons on account of dampness

June 13 [Kate]

Friday: Crossed Little Laramie River this morning and continued our journey across the Laramie Plains. Passed over hills and through valleys crossed two small streams and stopped for dinner on the last one crossed. From there we traveled but a short distance and camped on a small stream. Had plenty of wood and good grazing Have been in sight of snow all day it rained at noon and also this evening. Father met a ranch man from Scranton Penna [Pennsylvania]

June 13 [Jennie]

Crossed Little Larimie this morning crossed another nice stream before dinner stopped for dinner in a pretty place on a nice stream camped tonight on a stream and near a () ranch rained tonight Flech and Mr. Hunt give us music on the violin and



June 14 [Kate]

Saturday: Did not get started until late traveled eight miles and camp on a small () two miles East of Rock Creek over which is a toll bridge a part of the crowd passed by it and a part crossed the bridge we were the latter. Traveled six miles and camped one mile South of the road had plenty of wood and good grazing. The men have concluded to remain here over Sunday.

June 14 [Jennie]

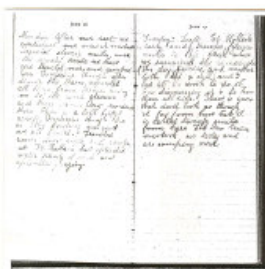
Left camp late this morning traveled about ten miles and took dinner on a stream a quarter of a mile east of Rock Creek part of the teams forded Rock Creek we crossed on the bridge paid fifty cts. for our two teams traveled () miles after dinner camped on Gold Creek for the night

June 15

Sunday: Another long day some of the neighbors called this morning and had a good deal of fun. This afternoon spent rather lonely. Jennie had a chill. I wrote a letter the only way to spend the time The monotony was broken by some of the men coming home with one large elk and two small ones the first that has been killed. It has been quite pleasant.

June 15 [Jennie]

Sunday. Will stay on Gold Creek today had lots of fun this forenoon after ... P [father] had a chill mother had one this forenoon Mr Will Tabor and Hiram Smith killed a young elk Jim Van Oredal and Dan Sitpen killed an old elk and the... seen a man from () Oregon who had seen Uncle Will Smith there



June 16 [Kate]

Monday: After our rest we continued our march westward Traveled eleven miles over the worst roads we have yet traveled over and camped on Medicine Bough [Bow] after dinner the main train separated all those from Kansas going on to the next stream and those from Mo. remained there There is a toll bridge across Medicine Bough but as the fording was good we all crossed. Traveled seven more miles and camped at Ft. Halleck had splendid water plenty of wood and splendid grazing.

June 16 [Jennie]

Reorganized last night come over awful roads traveled sixteen miles and stopped on Medicine Bow for dinner will stay tonight, but some of the crowd had.... stop on account of a sick child. Heard today that () went through here on Friday camped at old Ft Halleck grass good

June 17 [Kate]

Tuesday: Left Fort Halleck early and traveled fifteen miles to Pass Creek where we remained the remainder of the day. Jennie and mother both had a chill and I had all the work to do. Oh how discouraging it is to have them all sick. There is snow that dont look as though it far from here but it is called twenty miles from here. The Mo. train overtook us today and are camping near.

June 17 [Jennie]

Tuesday. Left camp early and traveled fifteen miles remained there the rest of the day I took a chill about noon and chilled all afternoon camped on pass Creek but I dont know what the camping place looked like Mother had a chill at the same time



June 18 [Kate]

Wednesday: Left Pass Creek quite early and traveled eighteen miles to the North Platte River we there took dinner on the East bank. After dinner crossed the river had a very good ford the water ran in our wagon bed some but had no trouble in crossing from there we traveled about fifteen miles and camped we arrive here at about seven O'clock without water or grass the stock in very much need of both have traveled through alkali dust all after noon and have to pitch our tent right on it without one bit of grass to cover it

June 18 [Jennie]

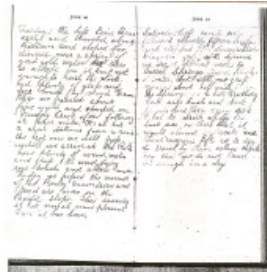
Wednesday. Left Pass Creek early and traveled eighteen miles to the North Platte River took dinner on the east side of the river about fifty wagons in all crossed after dinner water ran into the waggon but no harm done traveled about fifteen miles after dinner got to camp at dark had no grass water but white with alkaly Wasnt fit to use feeling weak

June 19 [Kate]

Thursday: Left camp about seven O'clock and traveled about six miles to Pine Grove where we had plenty water wood and grass some alkali in the water but not enough to hurt the stock. Mother Jennie and Harry all had a chill today and left me mistress again. We have camped in a very pretty place snow not very far distant and there is five hundred Indians about four miles from here but they are harmless and are heard but little. The Mo. train have camped on the same camping ground with us.

June 19 [Jennie]

Thursday. Left our bed of alkaly dust early traveled about six miles and stoped at Pine Grove near a ranch Is a very pretty place and have lots of wood and water grass Harry Mother and myself chilled today did not chill so hard to day but had fever all afternoon five hundred Indians 4 miles [from] us



June 20 [Kate]

Friday: We left Pine Grove early and traveled about thirteen and stopped for dinner near a spring of good cold water there is alkali in it but not enough to hurt the stock had plenty of grass and Sage brush for wood From there we traveled about five miles and camped on Muddy Creek after following it three miles. We are but a short distance from a ranch the last one we will pass until we arrive at the R. R. have plenty of wood water and grass the wood being sage brush and alkali water. To day we passed the summit of the Rocky Mountains and are now on the Pacific slope. This evening it is much more pleasant than it has been.

June 20 [Jennie]

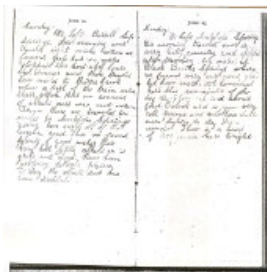
I am feeling better this morning crossed the summit of the mountain today traveled about ten miles and stopped for dinner on Muddy Creek come about eight miles after dinner and camped for the night on Muddy Creek near a ranch grass poor was fishing but had fisherman's luck

June 21 [Kate]

Saturday: Left camp early followed Muddy fifteen miles and stopped for dinner There being no grass after dinner we drove fifteen miles to Barrell Springs found plenty of water but still no grass camped about half mile from the Spring on a hill. Nothing but sage brush and dust Jennie and Harry again sick today I had to drive all day the dust was so thick that it would almost suffocate me. Four wagons left us today to travel by themselves thinking we do not travel far enough in a day.

June 21 [Jennie]

Saturday: We started in good time this morning traveled down Muddy fifteen miles and stopped for dinner there being no grass we traveled fifteen miles farther to Barrel Springs still there is no grass Messrs Madick and Coker and Mrs Cox left us at noon to travel by themselves chilled today will have to make our beds on a pile of alkali dust



June 22 [Kate]

Sunday:

We left Barrell Sp Springs this morning and traveled eight miles where we found grass but no water stopped two and half hours and had dinner and then traveled ten miles to Bitter Creek where a part of the train watered their stock. But on account of alkali ours was not watered. From there we traveled ten miles to Antelope Springs going two miles off of the main road. There we found plenty of good water there being but little alkali in it grass not very good. Have been alkali plains to day the alkali dust has been dreadful.

June 22 [Jennie]

Sunday: Left camp late this morning come through the most awful country nothing in the valley but sagebrush the hills are white with alkaly took dinner on a hill had no water and very little grass come to Antelope Springs and camped at night grass good

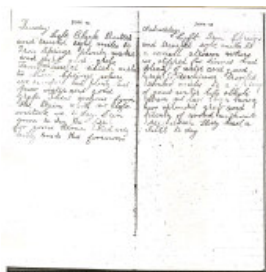
June 23 [Kate]

Monday:

We left Antelope Springs this morning traveled over a very hilly country and stopped after traveling ten miles at Black Buttes Springs where we found very very good grass but poor water. We remained here the remainder of the day. () () () about four O'clock and it is now very cold Jennie and Mothers chills were lighter today than usual. There is a heard of () here tonight.

June 23 [Jennie]

It was late this morning when we left camp traveled ten miles over awfull roads stoped at Black Buttes for dinner grass being good staid there the remainder of the day an Idaho man is camping here has two hundred head of ponies very cold had a light chill Papa was bitten by a tick made him sick



June 24 [Kate]

Tuesday:

Left Black Buttes and traveled eight miles to Iron Springs plenty water and right good grass From there traveled sixteen miles to Mud Springs where we camped had plenty but poor water and good grass. Three wagons from the train which we left over took us today. Seen snow to day the first for some time. Had very hilly roads this afternoon

June 24 [Jennie]

It is still cold Papa was very sick all night I was allmost discouraged this morning but am feeling better this evening had fearfull roads yraveled eight miles stoped for dinner at Iron Springs come fifteen this afternoon camped tonight at Mud Springs grass good water has been miserable yesterday and today

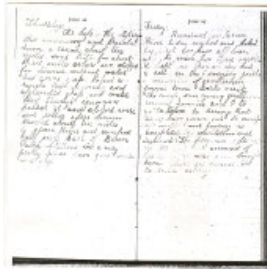
June 25 [Kate]

Wednesday:

Left Iron Springs and traveled eight miles to a small stream where we stopped for dinner had plenty of water and good grass. After dinner traveled twelve miles to a Spring of good water less alkali that we have been having have splendid grass and plenty of wood without sage brush. Harry had a chill today.

June 25 [Jennie]

Left Mud Springs in good time this morning traveled eight miles and stoped for dinner near a cattle ranch had lots of water and plenty of good grass traveled fifteen miles after dinner come up some very steep hills camped in a canyon have nice clear water good grass and wood decided to go by Ogden had a pleasent chat with Mrs. Smith



June 26 [Kate]

Thursday:

We left the Spring this morning and traveled down a canon about ten miles over hills for about three miles where we stopped for dinner without water had some grass. Passed a ranch this morning and splendid grass and water. But through ignorance passed it and stopped without either after dinner traveled about ten miles to green River and camped half mile East of Green River Station in a very pretty place have good water and grass

June 26 [Jennie]

Thursday Left camp early traveled down a canyon about ten miles had very pretty scenery This forenoon passed a ranch had groceries for sale took dinner at the foot of some rocky bluffs had very little grass and no water come to the RR at a section house camped on the east bank of Green River half mile west of Green River station

June 27 [Kate]

Friday:

Remained on Green River today washed and baked () we have [not] all been able to wash for three weeks it kept us busy all day had a rest in the evening quite a number of gentlemen in town went to visit the camp one young gentleman invited Jennie and I to go to town to swing. But we have given up to camp life until our journey is completed. The invitation was declined. The Ferryman [on journey] () () () of () there was some brought down. there are several on the train acting

June 27 [Jennie]

We staid in camp today we done a big washing and baked today Mr. Smith was sick all day was invited out to take a walk and swing by a city gent but did not except the invitation for the reason that I did not know him I dont think he meant any harm by the invitation



June 28 [Kate]

Saturday:

We left our camping ground and crossed Green River and paid ferry for 1.30 a wagon. We girls formed the acquaintance of the man who owns the ferry. He is an old bachelor of thirty five which made the conversation all the more interesting. He was very anxious in having us stop in From Green River we traveled untill noon and stopped for dinner with out () and some grass for the stock. After dinner struck Black Creek a distance of twelve miles from Green River. From there went four miles up the creek to () () on Black Fork where camped for Sunday. We found good grass plenty and a very pretty place. We camped a few yard from the R. R. The family here at the..... Mr. Jim Vanarsdall and wife stopped by at the () and Jim is going through with us.

June 28 [Jennie]

Saturday morning: We are on the bank of the River waiting to be taken across crossed River in safety had a chat with the Ferryman camped on the prairie with out water we have traveled seventeen miles camped tonight at a tank on the east bank of Black Fork have music... the violin. Had a game.....

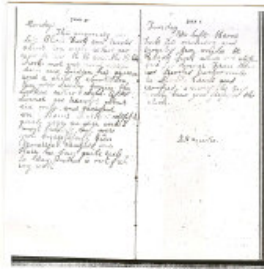
June 29 [Kate]

Sunday:

Today has not been spent as Sunday should be spent. This forenoon P. did wrote a letter this afternoon and this evening we all called on Mrs. Brisband the lady living But for some reason the make its appearance and it proved to be a failure much to the disappointment of all. This morning three () Indians made their appearance the first I have seen since we started two of them eat breakfast with us They were much better behaved than I had expected to see. Indians.....

June 29 [Jennie]

Sunday Had the honor of taking breakfast with a Pete ()..... we camped today on the east bank of Black Fork four miles west of OBrien Station I did some ironing and packing this forenoon have been restless all afternoon spent the evening in company with a medium.... spirit..... gratify us enough to make its appearance. Rained some The eve is beautifull



June 30 [Kate]

Monday:

This morning we left Black Fork and traveled about ten miles where we came to the R. R. and the Black Fork not very good grass Seen one Indian his squaw and a child of about ten they were driving ponies they looked rather wild. After dinner we traveled about six miles and camped on Hams Creek stopped quite early Jennie and I went fishing and were not successful. Jim Vanarsdall caught one. Harry has been quite sick to day. Mother is not feeling well

June 30 [Jennie]

Monday. Started early this morning come about ten miles this forenoon camped for dinner north of RR and Black Fk. R.R. grass very good south of River sandy camp ground come five after dinner camp again tonight on Hams Fk. Kate and P were fishing but got no fish Harry has been sick all day not feeling well myself

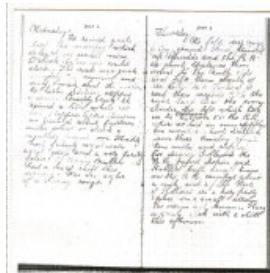
July 1 [Kate]

Tuesday:

We left Hams Fork this morning and traveled ten miles to Black Fork where we stopped for dinner. From there we traveled twelve miles to Muddy Creek camped among the () () have good grass for the stock. 22 miles [mileage at bottom of diary page]

July 1 [Jennie]

We left camp in good time and traveled about ten miles and stoped for dinner on Black Fk. a very pretty stream come ten miles since dinner camped tonight on Muddy Creek right among the sagebrush It rained some but this is a beautifull evening were recalling the first day of July for the[prior year]



July 2 [Kate]

Wednesday:

It rained quite hard this morning which delayed us untill nine O'clock before we could start. The roads were quite muddy this morning and only made about six miles to Carter Station stopped again on Muddy Creek it rained a little while we had stopped. After dinner we traveled about fourteen miles where we struck a () () on Muddy had plenty wood water and grass and a very pretty place to camp mother had a hard chill this evening Was in sight of Keeney range.

July 2 [Jennie]

Wednesday. We had quite a shower this morning did not leave camp till nine o'clock would have had good roads had it not been for the rain took dinner on the bank of Muddy a little ways from Carter a small town camped for the night on the RR. have a very pretty place Mother had a chill I baked this morning had bad luck

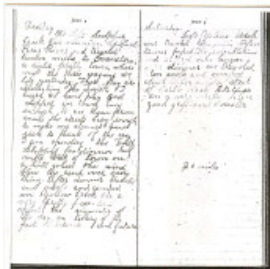
July 3 [Kate]

Thursday:

We left our camping ground and traveled up Muddy and the R. R. a short distance then crossed to the North and left them South of us. Came to a fork of a road Three wagons took the right hand side the remainder the left which took us to Peidmont a town on the R. R. where we laid in some supplies we went a short distance from there traveling about two miles and stopped for dinner. Followed the R. R. and passed Aspin and Hilliard both small towns on the R. R. camped about a mile and a half West of Hilliard in a very pretty place on a small stream the name not known. Harry is quite sick with a chill this afternoon.

July 3 [Jennie]

Thursday: We crossed the RR and traveled about eight miles to the forks of the road the Lowrys and took the right hand road we took the left and went to a town called Pedemont seen the first lumbermen I have seen since we left P. [Pennsylvania] took dinner at a pond south of RR a couple miles west of town passed a town called Aspin camped () mi west of Hillard on Sulphur Creek.



July 4 [Kate]

Friday:

We left Sulphur Creek this morning crossed Bear River and traveled twelve miles to Evanston a right pretty town where met the three wagons we left yesterday. There they are celebrating the Fourth. I heard a band play and stopped in town long enough to see them promenade the street being enough to make me almost home sick to think of the way I am spending the Fourth. Stopped for dinner half mile West of town on a hill where the wind blew the sand over every thing. After dinner we traveled one mile and camped on Yellow Creek in a very pretty place and spent the remainder of the day in talking of the past present and future.

July 4 [Jennie]

We left Sulphur Creek early this morning crossed Bear River a very pretty stream passed some got into camp and ate the same time that our did camped for dinner at half mile west of town in a fearfull place then we went a mi further and camped the rest.....

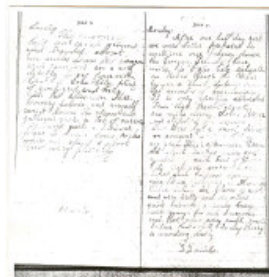
July 5 [Kate]

Saturday:

Left Yellow Creek and traveled ten miles before dinner passed () Station and entered Echo Canyon after dinner we traveled ten miles and camped about () miles West of Castle Rock Station in a very pretty place good grass and water
20 miles

July 5 [Jennie]

Saturday. We traveled about ten miles took dinner in Echo Canyon a couple miles west of Wasach station the water was poor but the grass was splendid passed Little Rock Station camped for the night three miles west of there had a very pretty campground cenary beautifull we girls had a great time.....



July 6 [Kate]

Sunday:

This morning left our camp ground and traveled about ten miles down the Canyon and camped in a very pretty place four miles East of Echo City plenty of good grass and water in the afternoon Mrs. Lowary Jennie and myself went down the stream and gathered quite a lot of currants We found quite a pleasant place to climb some rocks where we spent a short time very pleasantly.
10 miles

July 6 [Jennie]

Sunday. This was a beautifull day traveled ten miles before dinner cenary beautifull camped on a little stream near a mill after dinner Mrs Lowry Kate and myself took a stroll gathered a lot of wild currents to make pies today we were sitting under the hanging rock when the train passed one liberal young man had 3 dollars to spend but we were not hard up for money

July 7 [Kate]

Monday:

After our half day rest we were better prepared to continue our journey down the Canyon Traveling four miles to Echo City situated on the Weber River in Weber canyon a short distance from the mouth of the Echo Canyon. It is very () situated. From there traveled about six miles down Weber River and stopped for dinner Staid there but a short time on account there being no grass. This afternoon traveled about twelve miles and camped () mile East of Weber City grass quite scarce but water quite good () nice..... in places is wide and very pretty and in others quite barren and rocky being wide enough for only a wagon road. Had some very rough roads Mother had a chill to day. Harry is mending slowly
22 miles

July 7 [Jennie]

Monday. Left camp early traveled twelve miles before dinner took dinner on Weber River north of RR. no grass come through Coho City [Echo City] a pretty little town come over awfull roads this afternoon I drove all day Pa had a chill Cenery pretty as I drove along the () of the river



July 8 [Kate]

Tuesday:

Passed through Weber City this morning it is a very pretty town and the country surrounding is also beautiful this forenoon we traveled twelve miles and camped on the top of a rocky hill but had a splendid shade There we remained for the remainder of the day on account of three teams that didnt catch up

July 8 [Jennie]

Left camp in good time Mr Riggs and the Dane family stoped three miles west of camp passed through Weber seen some very nice buildings along the road traveled till noon stoped on the Weber the rest of the day Mrs. Lowry and I were gathering currants got a nice lot of them very pretty place had lettuce and onions super

July 9 [Kate]

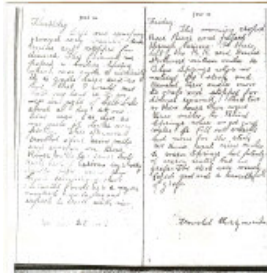
Wednesday:

Left our camping ground and traveled twelve and stoped for dinner on the North bank of Weber River two miles from Ogden had plenty shade. Passed through the Devils Gate which is quite a rough place had very rough roads untill we entered the Vally a distance of about four miles through the valley the roads were pretty good The valley is beautiful settled mostly by mormons. This afternoon traveled about ten miles and camped in a lane at about seven O'clock with neither wood nor grass but got clover. This afternoon we passed through Ogden it is a beautiful city we there layed in supplys after West of there it is very thickly settled is a very pretty country came in sight of Salt Lake it is fourteen miles away Mother had a chill it was not as bad as they have been.

22 miles

July 9 [Jennie]

Wednesday. Late this morning when we left camp passed through Devils Gate seen the Devils Slide quite a curiosity traveled down Weber canon three miles then traveled down the thickly settled vally camped for dinner on Weber for dinner a mile and a half from Ogdon passed through Ogdon pretty place camped five mi west in the road buy feed for horses



July 10 [Kate]

Thursday:

Left our camping ground early traveled ten miles and stopped for dinner. This afternoon we passed a boiling spring which was quite a curiosity it is quite large and so hot that I could not hold my hand in it we were in sight of Salt Lake about all day at one time was a close as one mile it looks very pretty. This afternoon traveled about nine miles and camped on Bear River on the East and half mile East of Carrine [Corrine] in a very pretty place some () () camping a short distance from here a wagon over took to day and expect to travel with us

Traveled 2() miles

July 10 [Jennie]

Camped tonight on Bear River twenty give mi west Ogdon a mile east of Corinne passed Salt Lake this forenoon seen a boiling spring water salty took dinner a couple miles from the lake near some farm houses passed a couple towns settled all along the road Tenna is sick. [Tenna Smith]

July 11 [Kate]

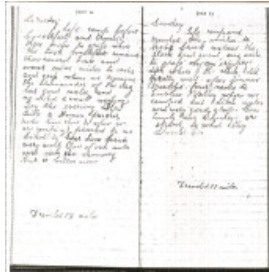
Friday:

This morning crossed Bear River and passed through Carrine. We there left the R. R. and traveled Northwest sixteen miles to Blue Springs where we watered the stock and traveled three miles more to grass and stopped for dinner remained there two or three hours then went three miles to Blind Springs where we got good water to fill our vessells but none for the stock we then went nine miles to warm Springs had plenty of warm water but no grass. The stock pretty much faged and not a mouthful of grass.

Traveled thirty one miles

July 11 [Jennie]

Friday. Come through Corinne this morning crossed Soap Suds Creek watered our teams at blue Springs drove three miles and camped for dinner after dinner went about three miles and filled our kegs at Blue Springs only water we seen today fit to drink drove on to Warm Springs making 33 miles dark when we reached camp very dusty today no grass



July 12 [Kate]

Saturday:

Left camp before breakfast and traveled three miles to grass where we took breakfast remained there several hours and went nine miles to water and grass where we remained the remainder of the day had good water and washed a small washing. In the evening Mr Dille a Mormon preacher who lives close to where we are camping preached to us like to hear him () very well. One of our mules was sick this morning but is better now.

Traveled 12 miles

July 12 [Jennie]

Saturday.

Left camp early drove three miles and stoped to leave our stock graze and get our breakfast Kit mule had colic which allmost discouraged one drove Morgan with Pa started again drove 9 mi and stopped for dinner by a house remained there the rest of the day Kate and I washed I listened to a Mormen sermon watter good and plenty of it and grass allso

July 13 [Kate]

Sunday:

Left camp and traveled six miles to Rock Creek watered the stock and went one mile to grass on irrigating ditch where the stock did pretty well after dinner traveled four miles to Curlew Valley where we camped had ditch water and very good grass. How lonely our Sundays are spent to what they should be.

Traveled 11 miles

July 13 [Jennie]

Sunday. Late when we left Mr Dilles crossed Sink Creek six miles from there took dinner one mile west had plenty of grass and water traveled four miles farther and camped the remainder of the day in Curlew Valley near some little log houses did some packing heard some music on a flute



July 14 [Kate]

Monday:

Left Curlew Valley and traveled fourteen miles to Pilot Springs where we stopped for dinner had no grass for stock so did not stay there but a short time from there went ten miles where spring where we found good water but poor grass

Traveled 22 miles

July 14 [Jennie]

Monday. Left camp in good time walked ahead seen three coyote wolves dust worse than ever took dinner at Pilot Springs the water was good no grass camped tonight at a nice spring grass tolerable come 22 miles today we are in Idaho tonight

July 15 [Kate]

Tuesday:

Left the Springs and traveled about twelve miles to a Creek where we found splendid grass. One of our ponies gave out this fore noon was replaced this after noon by one of Mr. Poatch's mules. This after noon traveled about eight miles to Raft River where we camped. had tolerable good grass and water.

Traveled twenty miles

July 15 [Jennie]

Tuesday. Left the spring in good time we girls walked ahead to a ranch and bought some butter crossed a nice stream traveled twelve miles to a stream where we found good grass one of our ponies gave out this forenoon was replace this afternoon by one of our mules traveled eight miles to Raft River where camped for the night very good grass and water very pretty place to camp



July 16 [Kate]

Wednesday:

Left Raft River and traveled nine miles and stopped for dinner had splendid grass but very poor water after dinner traveled nine miles to a small mountain stream where we camped. good water and grass crickets very thick.

Traveled eighteen miles

July 16 [Jennie]

Wednesday. Left Raft River early I walked about three miles this morning passed the city rock also and old stage traveled nine miles and stopped for dinner on a small stream grass and water poor traveled nine miles to a mountain stream and camped over a stage station grass and water good very pretty campground

July 17 [Kate]

Thursday:

Remained in camp all day and washed. The men killed two deer and this () we made a scaffold and jerked a part of () (). Crickets are very thick our tent is covered.

July 17 [Jennie]

Thursday Remained in camp all day and washed and baked the men killed two deers and two fawns we made a scaffold and jerked our meat it was splendid we had what I call a good dinner Mrs. Lowry was sick today some of the others were not feeling sore eyes seems to be the prevailing disease.



July 18 [Kate]

Friday:

We left the cricket nest this morning traveled twelve miles. Crossed Goose Creek and other smaller streams and stopped for dinner by a ranch had but little grass for the stock after dinner traveled eleven miles crossed Dry Creek passed several small ranches and camped in Buck Horn Canyon. Had good water and splendid grass.

Traveled 23 miles

July 18 [Jennie]

Friday. This morning we started on our journey crossed Goose Creek and camped for dinner near a ranch had but little grass and poor water traveled eleven miles since dinner crossed Dry Creek passed several ranches and camped tonight in BuckHorn canyon about two miles from the road water and grass good no crickets tonight

July 19 [Kate]

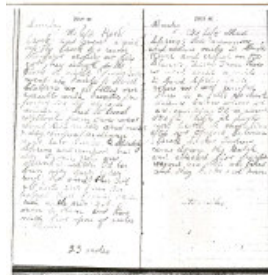
Saturday:

Left Buck Horn Canyon and traveled nine miles to grass and water where we stopped for dinner After dinner traveled sixteen miles to Rock Creek where we camped it was after dark when we camped could find no grass and hardly water the stock are very hungry and nothing to eat This after noon we passed through Rock Creek Station a very homely little place with a store and four or five darling houses. the dust has been about half a foot deep.

25 miles

July 19 [Jennie]

Saturday. We left the canon this morning and traveled nine miles to grass and water after dinner we traveled sixteen miles to Rock Creek since dinner it was dark when we got to camp we eat a peace and went to bed we come through Rock Creek station a town with a store and four or five dwelling houses



July 20 [Kate]

Sunday:

We left Rock Creek and went a mile up the Creek to a ranch before crossing we there got hay enough for the stock to night. From here went six miles to Desert Station we all filled our vessells with water preparing for the sixteen miles of hard travel without. from there went about six miles and made a day camp after dinner went ten miles to Muddy Spring and camped had very good grass and splendid water. It has been very dusty today and the wind blew it all into our (). We passed three () () each with nine yoke of oxen to them and two with five span of mules to them.

23 miles

July 20 [Jennie No entry]

July 21 [Kate]

Monday:

We left Mud Springs this morning and went ten miles to Snake River and crossed on Glenns Ferry. From there we went about a mile Sand Springs Creek where we there camped. There is a falls a short distance below where we are camping. It is about 150 ft high it looks very pretty. A short time after we crossed Salmon Creek twelve Indians came down the Gulch and attacked five freight wagons some shots were fired and they broke and run.

11 miles

July 21 [Jennie]

We left Mud Springs late this morning as our horses had taken french leave.... found them 9 miles from camp crossed Snake River about noon camped on Sand Spring Creek a short distance above the falls I was to see them this eve it is a grand sight the gorge is splendid crossed salmon River a mile above the ferry The Shoshone Indians made a rade on our freight six shots fired no one hurt



July 22 [Kate]

Tuesday:

We left Sand Springs Creek this morning about eight O'clock and traveled twelve miles to Malad River where we stoped for the remainder of the day grass very scarce. The road was very sandy which made it very hard on the stock Malad River is a natural curiosity the greatest I ever seen great it () very rapid and () two falls only short distance from here The banks and bottoms is solid rock. The bank is about two hundred feet high about a mile South of here. The men all are prepared to for the Indians should they make their appearance.

12 miles

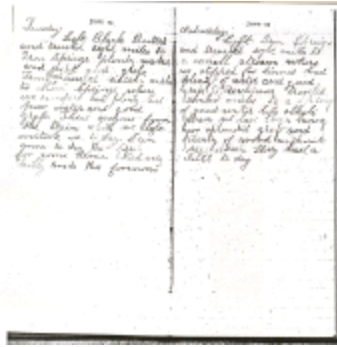
July 22 [Jennie]

Left camp about nine oclock. traveled twelve miles and camped for the rest of the day on Malad River this is a curious stream Kate and I were a curiosity this eve.... the watter falls about fifty feet and runs under a natural rock bridge had quite an Indian scare today plenty grass

July 23 [Kate]

Wednesday: We left Malad and traveled fifteen miles to a small steam and camped. Had good grass but miserable water. In the evening the camp gathered together and sang songs untill () The men are all prepared for the Indians should they make their appearance some of the men seen about thirty Indians
15 miles

July 23 [Jennie No Entry]



July 24 [Kate]

Thursday:

Left camp and traveled twelve miles to a small stream and stopped for dinner on a ranch had splendid () water but () () very poor Crossed a very pretty stream this forenoon This afternoon we traveled ten miles crossed a () and camped on a small stream. Have very good grass but poor water we are in a very pretty place

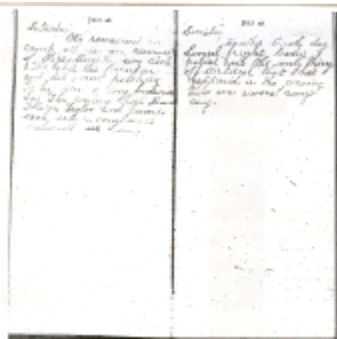
July 24 [Jennie No entry]

July 25 [Kate]

Friday:

Left our camping ground quite early and traveled eighteen miles to where we camped Have good water but had to take the stock a mile from camp to grass. We camped on a very pretty stream two miles West of where we camped last..... but passed some splendid grass.
18 miles

July 25 [Jennie No entry]



July 26 [Kate]

Saturday:

We remained in camp all day in account of Mrs. Smith being sick [pregnant] We baked this forenoon and did some patching It has been a long lonesome day This evening Thieh Moore Fletch Taylor and Jennie each sang a song which entertained us some

July 26 [Jennie]

Saturday.

This was a busy day for us we aired our clothes and baked we girls had the most of the work to do as Mother was otherwise engaged Sarrah Smith gave birth to a fine girl this forenoon I had a chill this afternoon had a severe headache but did not chill much

July 27 [Kate]

Sunday

Another lonely day Several freight trains passed us the only thing of interest that has happened in the evening there was several songs sang.

July 27 [Jennie]

Sunday. This has been another long day I packed all forenoon wrote a letter this afternoon spent the rest of the day with Mrs. Smith some of the boys came around in the evening and we had some music I sang a song with the rest this is a beautifull evening



July 28 [Kate]

Monday

This morning Mr. Lowary and our family left Rattlesnake leaving Mr. () and Mr. Smith untill Mrs. Smith was able to travel We traveled fourteen miles to Tub Springs where we camped found good grass and water two freighters camped here this evening each have ten yoke of oxen to their wagons it has been very hot 14 miles

July 28 [Jennie]

Monday. Late this morning when we started we traveled fourteen miles and camped at Tub Springs had plenty of grass also water I had a chill but it was very light it seems rather lonely this eve as there is only the two families of us

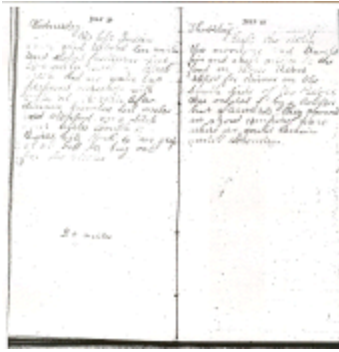
July 29 [Kate]

Tuesday

We left Tub Springs this morning and traveled fourteen miles to Indian Creek where we camped It is a very pretty place We passed through a very hilly country passed two streams and a stage Station We camped for dinner about half mile East of the stage Station Have tolerable good grass but terrible water 14 miles

July 29 [Jennie]

Tuesday. It was late this morning when we left. Tub Springs traveled about five miles and stoped for dinner had fearfull water drank of it but did not think it fit to wash the dishes passed a comfortable looking ranch stoped for the night near a ranch and PO [post office] on Indian Creek have a nice campground this is a beautiful evening



July 30 [Kate]

Wednesday

We left Indian Creek and traveled ten miles and stopped for dinner about five miles West of Black Creek had no water but prepared ourselves with water at () After dinner traveled ten miles and stopped on a ditch four miles South of Boise City there is no grass at all had to buy oats for the stock 20 miles

July 30 [Jennie]

Wednesday. We left camp about eight o'clock traveled ten miles before dinner filled our vesels with water at Blacks ranch [Charles M. Black Ranch] and had a drie camp come eleven this afternoon camped for the night about a mile from Bois R. on a dich this is a very pretty vally

July 31 [Kate]

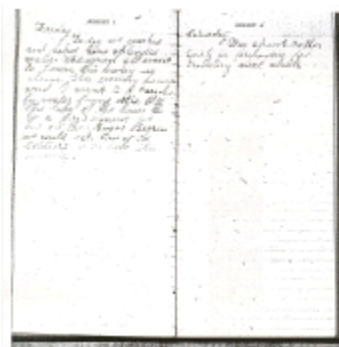
Thursday

Left the ditch this morning and traveled five and a half miles to the ford on Boise River stopped for dinner on the South Side of the River Was ordered of by a soldier but afterwards they showed us a good camping place where we could remain untill Monday.

July 31 [Jennie]

Thursday

We left camp this morning with the intention of crossing the river but as we found good grass we took dinner on the () banks of the Boise R a half mile from the Ft. a generous hearted soldier took us to a good campground there is plenty of grass wood and water



August 1 [Kate]

Friday

Today we washed and baked have splendid water. The men all went to town this leaving us alone. This evening Jennie and I went to a ranch for water found Mrs. () the lady of the house to be a very pleasant () had all the goose berries we could eat. One of the soldiers was here this evening.

August 1 [Jennie]

Friday

I am tired tonight we done a large washing and baking after we put our clothes away quite a good deal of packing Mr Lodon and Joe went to work this morning one of the soldiers spent the evening with me

August 2 [Kate]

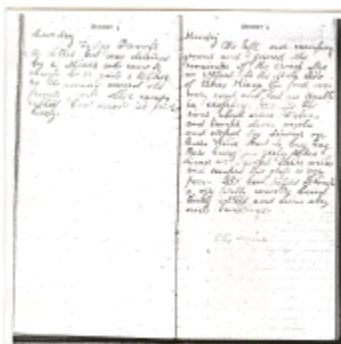
Saturday:

Was spent rather lonely in preparing for traveling next week

August 2 [Jennie]

Saturday

This has been a long lonesome day as there is no one in camp but our own family Papa sold our little wagon I am feeling rather uncomfortable just now we had onion pot pie for dinner which wasnt like



August 3 [Kate]

Sunday

Today I wrote a letter but was detained by a Miner who came to camp he is quite a talker in the evening several old friends from other camps called and made it quite lively

August 3 [Jennie]

Sunday

This has been a long day although we have had a good deal of company where spent the day with us the little soldier boy spent a part of the day and the evening Frank Frost took us by surprise

August 4 [Kate]

Monday

We left our camping ground and joined the remainder of the crowd after we crossed the North side of Boise River. the ford was very good and had no trouble in crossing. We left the river about nine O'clock and traveled eleven miles and stopped for dinner on Boise River had to buy hay there being no grass. After dinner we traveled three miles and camped the grass is very poor. We have passed through a very pretty country being thickly settled and some very nice buildings.

15 miles

August 4 [Jennie]

Monday

This morning we left our old camp ground we crossed Boise River near the Fort got across in safety traveled ten miles took dinner in a very pretty place on the banks of the Boise went five miles after dinner camped in a very pretty place plenty of good water but had no grass..... hay at noon or this evening joined the rest of our crowd east of Boise



August 5 [Kate]

Tuesday

We started about seven O'clock and traveled thirteen miles and stopped on a slew had to buy more grass. We remained there about three hours and then drove twelve miles and camped by a ranch where we got hay for the stock. There was an old bachelor here who tried to have us stay in Idaho but without success.
28 miles

August 5 [Jennie]

Tuesday

Left camp early traveled thirteen miles before dinner took dinner at a bachlers ranch a very pretty place water splendid had to buy hay for the stock come about twelve miles since dinner stoped for the night in front of a house had to buy feed for the stock there was a buck that tried to persuade Papa to stop there

August 6 [Kate]

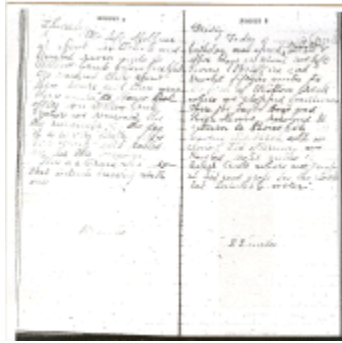
Wednesday

We left our camping place early and traveled ten miles to the ferry on Snake River where we stopped and had dinner and remained untill five O'clock We then crossed the River and traveled eighteen miles to Malheur where we remained untill morning which was only from about three O'clock to six
28 miles

August 6 [Jennie]

Wednesday

On Mathrie Creek till left camp in good time traveled nine miles to the ferry there we stoped for dinner under the shade of some trees will stay here until evening then we will travel eighteen miles Oh how sleepy I was last night I had to sit and endure the dust while the rest slept got to camp about 4 o'clock staid



August 7 [Kate]

Thursday

We left Malheur about six O'clock and traveled seven mile to Willow Creek before breakfast We remained there about three hours and then went three miles to Home Post office on Willow Creek where we remained the remainder of the day it is a very pretty place two young () girls called on us this evening. There is a that intends traveling with us.

10 miles

August 7 [Jennie]

Thursday

We left Malheure about seven o'clock, traveled seven miles to Willow Creek there we stoped and got our breakfast the ladie of the house brought us a picher of milk which was highly apreciated come three miles further and stoped for the rest of the day near a store have plenty of grass freegratis

August 8 [Kate]

Friday

Today is my eighteenth birthday was spent traveling as all other days are spent. We left Home Post office and traveled fifteen miles to the ford of Willow Creek where we stoped for dinner There the Laylan boys and Thieh Moore resolved to return to Boise City leaving Mr. Brah and us alone. This afternoon we traveled eight miles to Baker Creek where we camped and had good grass for the stock but miserable water.

August 8 [Jennie]

Friday

We traveled fifteen miles this forenoon took dinner on Willow Creek not far from a store Laylan boys and Thieh Moore staid in camp they intend returning to Boise City traveled eight miles since dinner camped tonight on Baker Creek water poor grass good



August 9 [Kate]

Saturday

We left camp and traveled up Baker Creek about five miles from there six miles to Rye valley had one very hard steep hill to go down we traveled by a house had plenty Turned After dinner Jennie and I went to the Gold Mines which is worked by chinamen It was quite a curiosity. We traveled two miles crossed a canyon to a spring of very clear water but its mineral water and miserable for washing have splendid bunch grass for the stock.

8 miles

August 9 [Jennie]

Saturday

Grass good tonight traveled up a canon also Baker Creek for about six miles met a small heard of ponies going to Kansas had very bad roads camped at a ranch at the head of Rye Valley cleaned a sage hen in the waggon we were to see the gold mines came two miles since dinner camped tonight in a canon at a spring

August 10 [Kate]

Sunday

We left the Spring and started over the mountain Had a very heavy up grade for 1 ½ miles then a down grade for five miles stopped for dinner by a Sulpher spring After dinner crossed Brunt River [Burnt River] and traveled two miles and camped on Brunt River in a very pretty place have very good grass for the stock

8 miles

August 10 [Jennie]

Sunday

We started early this morning traveled over mountains had very bad roads walked all the way up the mountain camped for dinner at a sulfur spring allmost at the foot of the hill traveled a short distance after dinner and stoped the rest of the day on Burnt River was very warm rained some this evening



August 11 [Kate]

Monday

We left our camping ground and followed Burnt River eleven miles to where we stopped for dinner had splendid grass for the stock after dinner traveled five miles when it began to rain and we had to camp. Camped by a Spring in a very pretty place It quit raining and we had a pretty evening.
16 miles

August 11 [Jennie]

Monday

I was up early this morning started in good time traveled about eleven miles this forenoon took dinner at or near an old Stage Stasion traveled about six miles this afternoon it has been showery today had quite a nice rain this evening camped tonight at a stream in a canon the mountains have been timbered today

August 12 [Kate]

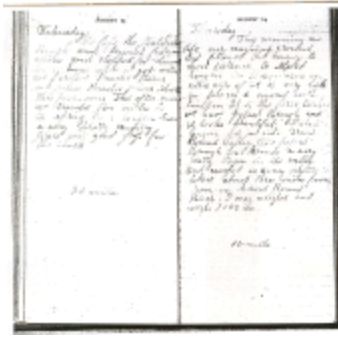
Tuesday

We left the Spring and traveled ten miles to Baker City on Powder River Crossed Powder River and stopped for dinner three miles from town by a ranch has splendid water. After dinner traveled nine miles and camped in a lane by a bachelor ranch had food grass and water Crossed Salmon Creek after dinner.
22 miles

August 12 [Jennie]

Tuesday

Left camp in good time this morning we come through Baker City this forenoon a delapadated place took dinner three miles west near a farmhouse had splendid water come nine miles since dinner camped for the night at a farmhouse in Powder River Valley timber on either side of us tonight



August 13 [Kate]

Wednesday

We left the Bachelor ranch and traveled fifteen miles and stopped for dinner by a house where we got water we crossed Powder River and () Powder river Mill this forenoon. This after noon we traveled five miles to a Spring in a canyon have a very pretty camping place and good grass for the stock
20 miles

August 13 [Jennie]

Wednesday

It was rather late when we left the Bachelors ranch as they had quite a time finding there horses crossed Powder River and passed a large gristmill come fifteen miles this forenoon took dinner at a small mountain stream at an old stage stasion come over the Malad hills camped in Malad canon this evening water grass and wood good.

August 14 [Kate]

Thursday

This morning we left our camping ground and followed the canyon a short distance to Malad canyon the mountains on either side of it is very high in places a covered in timber. It is the first timber we have passed through and it looks beautiful. Malad canyon led us into Grand Round Valley. We passed through La Grande a very pretty town in the valley and camped in a very pretty place about three miles from town on Grand Round River. I was weighed and weigh 104 ½ pounds.
15 miles

August 14 [Jennie]

Thursday

We girls took quite a jaunt before we started traveled down Malad Canon this forenoon I imagined I was at home again come through or round Grand Round Valley come through La Grande and camped a mile west on Grand Round River have a very pretty place to camp Was weighed 113
15 miles



August 15 [Kate]

Friday

This morning we left Grand Round River and traveled six miles over the Foot Hills to Rock Creek The roads were very hilly and rough we went down three hills and is almost straight down and very rocky a part of the country we passed through was timbered it quite old fashioned. We have good grass.
6 miles

August 15 [Jennie]

Friday

When we got up this morning the wind was blowing a perfect gale but it is perfectly calm tonight we left three of our party in the valley we crossed some of the blue mountains this forenoon traveled six miles and stoped the remainder of the day in a canon on Rock Creek

August 16 [Kate]

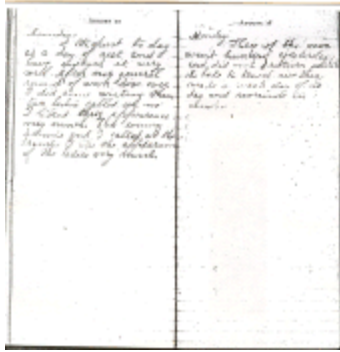
Saturday

We left Rock Creek and traveled about four miles over a rough hilly country to Grand Round River we then had good roads. We stopped for dinner in a very pretty place. Was surrounding by large forest trees. The grass was tall and thick. We followed the river fifteen miles and crossed it fifteen times camped at a ranch at the foot of Blue Mountains have plenty of water but is not much grass
19 miles

August 16 [Jennie]

Saturday

I am siting now by a bright fire among the pines we had bad road this forenoon took dinner on Gran Round R in a beautiful place the cenery has been grand we crossed the river fifteen times today camped tonight at a sand bank lots of company this evening I finished the story I have been reading Anna Warneck



August 17 [Kate]

Sunday

We spent today as a day of rest and have enjoyed it very well. After our general round of work was over I did some writing then two ladies called on us I liked their appearance very much. This evening Jennie and I called on the ranch I like the appearance of the ladies very much.

August 17 [Jennie]

Sunday

This has been a beautiful day we staid in camp did some washing this forenoon we had callers today I was out calling this afternoon the people at the ranch are very pleasant I almost felt like staying here this beets a prairie so bad some of the men went hunting have not returned yet it is now dusk.

August 18 [Kate]

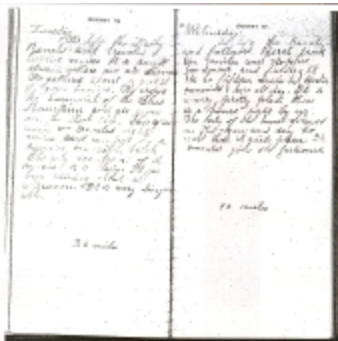
Monday

Three of the men went hunting yesterday and did not return untill too late to travel we then made a wash day of to day and remained in camp.

August 18 [Jennie]

Monday

This has been a rather busy day for me I did nothing much this forenoon as we were expecting the hunters home Kate and I did a big washing since dinner had a splendid place to wash water handy and good are drying our clothes by an out fire the boys have returned brought a fawn with them



August 19 [Kate]

Tuesday

We left the Daily Ranch and traveled twelve miles to a small stream where we ate dinner We gathered about a quart of goose berries. We crossed the summit of the Blue Mountains and are now on the West side. This afternoon we traveled eight miles and camped by a ranch on Birch Creek. The only occupant of the ranch is a lady. It has been raining about all afternoon. It is very disagreeable.

20 miles

August 19 [Jennie]

Tuesday

We left our old campground this morning traveled fourteen miles and took dinner on a small mountain stream gathered some gooseberries come down Birch Canon this afternoon passed several deserted ranches camped at a ranch tonight on Birch Creek rained all afternoon is perfectly clear tonight

August 20 [Kate]

Wednesday

We left the Ranch and followed Birch Creek ten miles and stopped for dinner and finding it to be fifteen miles to water remained here all day. It is a very pretty place there is a house right by us The lady of the house played the organ and sang we could hear it quite plain. It sounded quite old fashioned

10 miles

August 20 [Jennie]

Wednesday

It was raining this morning when we got up but it was perfectly clear by the time we were ready to start traveled nine miles this forenoon but will stay in camp this afternoon on Birch Creek in front of a white house a couple Squaws were in camp had rhubarb pies for dinner we are now still at



August 21 [Kate]

Thursday

We left Birch Creek and passed within half mile of Pilot Rock Traveled about ten miles and made a dry camp for dinner had grass After dinner traveled eight miles down a canyon to Butler Creek camped on a Spring It has been raining about all afternoon is very disagreeable and cold
18 miles

[No diary entries for Jennie until August 25th]

August 22 [Kate]

Friday

We left the Spring near Butler Creek and traveled ten miles to Little Butler Creek where we stopped for dinner. We followed the Creek a short distance then left it and traveled up a canyon and over hills to Willow Creek followed Willow Creek a few miles and camped. Found good grass for the stock only going a short distance from camp.
20 miles



August 23 [Kate]

Saturday

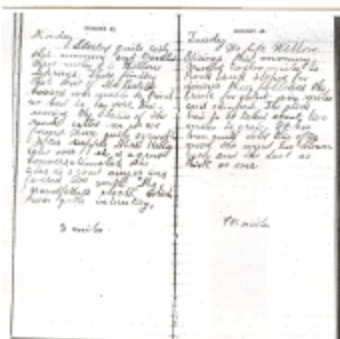
We left our camping ground and traveled about ten miles and stopped for dinner on Willow Creek . We passed through Heppner a very pretty town on Willow Creek The Artist wanting a picture of our traveling outfit put our wagons in position and took a very correct photograph of them. We lost our stove pipe this morning. This afternoon the wind blew very hard so as to prevent our traveling We went about five miles down Willow Creek to where we had to camp. The grass is very poor The dust is dreadful.
15 miles

August 24 [Kate]

Sunday

We left our camping ground and traveled ten miles to where the road leaves Willow Creek we then stopped for dinner We passed quite a number of nice looking farms and houses. Some were preaching in the School House we passed which made it seem as though they were civi-lized. After dinner we left Willow Creek and traveled about seven miles and made a dry camp in order to have grass for the stock. The dust has been very thick today.

17 miles



August 25 [Kate]

Monday

Started quite early this morning and traveled three miles to Willow Springs. There finding one of Mr. Partehs horses was unable to travel we had to lay over. The ladies of the ranch called on us we found them quite agreeable After supper Mrs. Kelley came over she is a great conversationalist she is also a great singer and avored us with 'My grandfather's clock' which was quite interesting.

3 miles

August 25 [Jennie]

Monday

We left Willow Springs in very good time traveled thirteen miles this forenoon took dinner on Rock Creek grass poor came about six miles since dinner and stoped for the night on Rock Creek west of a store the wind is blowing hard and its not at all warm we are in a hollow and by getting behind some bushes we can keep very comfortable [Jennie's diary entry out of sequence with Kate's August 26th entry.]

August 26 [Kate]

Tuesday

We left Willows Spring this morning and traveled twelve miles to Rock Creek stopped for dinner then followed the Creek for about six miles and camped. The stock had to be taked about two miles to grass. It has been quite cold this after noon the wind has blown hard and the dust as thick as ever.

18 miles

[Jennie has no diary entries until August 29th]



August 27 [Kate]

Wednesday

We traveled down Rock Creek two miles to the mouth where it enters Day River. The men at the bridge being rather scary We forded the River and made our own road over the hills. We stopped for dinner about a mile from the River on top of a large hill had splendid grass. After dinner we followed a cattle trail for several more miles to a sheep ranch there we found grass and water and camped for the night
12 miles

August 28 [Kate]

Thursday

We traveled up Grass Valley for about six miles to the head of the valley then about two miles to where we stopped for dinner made a dry camp but had splendid grass. After dinner we traveled eight miles to a canyon where we found water and splendid grass The water in is all mineral It has been very cold today
16 miles



August 29 [Kate]

Friday

We followed up the canyon for four miles to a spring in Grass Valley From there six miles over the prairie and made a dry camp for dinner. After dinner traveled six miles to the head followed it six miles and camped it was quite late when we stopped. The men took the stock two or three miles to grass.
12 miles

August 30 [Jennie]

Friday

It was late when we left camp we had some awful hills to climb passed a store stoped on the prarie for dinner had no water grass splendid camped tonight in the DesChutes Canon a mile from the DesChutes River grass not very good we thought we had lost Bills horse this is rather a pretty place [Jennie's diary entries are off by a day]

August 30 [Kate]

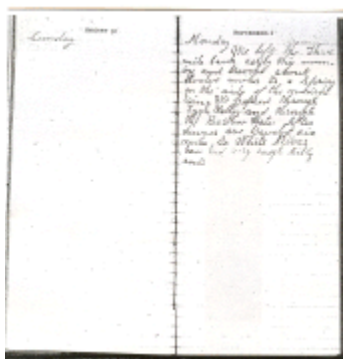
Saturday

We followed the canyon to the Deschutes River where we crossed on a bridge. It is a very rapid River and Rocky. From the river we traveled nine miles to White River where we stopped for dinner we traveled () mile.....

August 29 [Jennie]

Saturday

The boys had quite a time finding the horses this morning which made us late starting we crossed the DesChutes River traveled nine miles and stoped for dinner on White River no grass come six miles farther and camped in the timber near a store on [Jennie's entry off by a day]



August 31 [No entry for Kate]

Sunday

August 31 [Jennie]

Sunday

Late this morning when we got up this has been a long day for me I have been trying to write but I cant do anything but think of the past and compare it with the present and build air castles and dream of the future Kate and I are now sitting under a large pine here waching the people as they pass

September 1 [Kate]

Monday

We left the Three Mile Creek early this morning and traveled about twelve miles to a Spring on the side of the mountain. We passed through Tygh Valley and through the Barlow Gate. After dinner we traveled six miles to White River have had very rough hilly roads

[Kate has no diary entries until September 12th]

September 1 [Jennie]

Monday

We left camp early traveled about twelve miles before dinner took dinner at a spring water splendid () drove on come six miles this afternoon roads fearfull, camp tonight on White River on the Cascades near a spring on the side hill it is cold it was late when we go to camp long after dark when we had supper

September 2 [Jennie]

Tuesday

Awfull cold this morning very late when we left camp this morning only traveled about five miles this forenoon took dinner at a whartle berrie pach we gathered a nice lot had pie for dinner did not come far this afternoon camped tonight on a small stream at

September 3 [Jennie]

Wednesday

Left camp early this morning Kate and I walked most all day We crossed the summit of the mountain this forenoon also Summit prairie camped on a very pretty little stream east of government prairie had lots of huckleberries were within five miles of Mt Hood stoped at an old house tonight water splendid grass good

September 4 [Jennie]

Thursday

We got an early start this morning we come through the toll gate three miles from camp come about five miles farther and took dinner on a small island had good grass come seven mile since dinner come up some big hills today crossed several beautiful streams met severle wagons going east some to stay some to hunt In a beautiful place tonight on Sandy River grass good come through a very pretty vally

[Jennie has no diary entries for September 5th and 6th]

September 7 [Jennie]

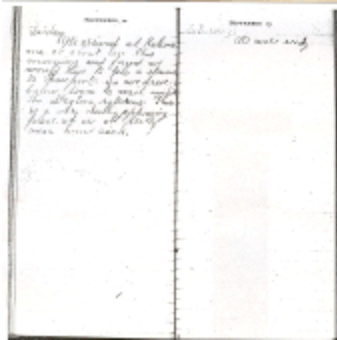
Sunday

We staid in camp til after dinner then started on our journey again we traveled twelve miles to Portland and stoped on the east bank of the Willamet River we seemed to create quite a sensation people would stop and look at us heard of folk being in camp two miles from town so we went to them and camped for the night

September 8 [Jennie's last diary entry of her journey]

Monday

It rained all day I slept all forenoon Pappa decided to go by the way of Vancouver we girls were very much disapointed we had been delighted at the idea of taking a steamer.



September 12 [Kate]

Friday We arrived at Kalama about ten this morning and found we would have to take a steamer to Freeport. So we drove below town to wait until the Dayton returns. This is a very dully appearing place we are all pretty near home sick.

September 13 [Kate's last diary entry of her journey]

Saturday

We were ready