

Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel, 1847–1868

Source of Trail Excerpt:

Workman, Mary E., [Interview], in "Utah Pioneer Biographies," 44 vols., 30:177-79.

Read Trail Excerpt:

10. At what place did you join the company or wagon train with which you came to Utah?

10. Crescent City, Iowa

11. When did it leave for Utah?

11. Summer of 1860.

12. What was the place of your destination in Utah?

Why did you come to Utah?

12. Mill Creek, Utah. to avoid persecution and to help Colonize.

13. When did you arrive there?

13. In Fall of 1860.

14. Who was the leader of your company or train?

14. Willey [William] B. [R.] Corbitt.

15. Method of travel (handcart, ox team, mule team, horseback, etc.)

15. Horses, Oxen and Handcarts.

31. Do you recall seeing any buffalo or hunting any wild game? If so, tell about some incident.

31. Saw many buffalo, but did no hunting.

34. Tell about any incidents connected with the Indians.

34. . . . during their journey from Iowa to Utah, they made camp one evening on the plains, and had just finished supper when one of their company looked up and saw a cloud of dust about 2 miles away coming towards them, and by instinct they knew it was a band of Indians, so they gave orders for all women and children to get into the wagons and pull down the ends of the covers and to cover up in the bedding for fear the Indians would be hostile, and when The Indians arrived they were met by the captain of the company who demanded to know what they wanted, and were informed that they wanted food, and when asked what kind they said they wanted coffee, bacon, flour and sugar, when asked what they had to put these things in they handed the captain a blanket in which he Put a fair amount of provisions they had asked for, which proved a good thing as the company preceding them had objected to giving the Indians any food and in consequence a number had been killed.