

# Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel, 1847–1868

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## Source of Trail Excerpt:

Jones, Albert William, Notes [ca. 1918].

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The Emigrants made hand Carts at Iowa Paul Gourley

Left Iowa Camp July 28<sup>th</sup> ~~20 days lost~~// here

Two companies—one under Edward Martin[;] one under Jesse Haven

~~18 4/7 miles per day to make the 1300 in 70 days~~

Arrived at Florence 22<sup>nd</sup> August

~~average travel 12 miles per day~~

Companies consolidated in one Edward Martin & Daniel Tyler Capts.

Left Florence August 25<sup>th</sup> 1856 for the 1000 miles journey

576 men[,] women and Children

146 Hand Carts  
Wagons  
4 to the Cart—5 of us

Two wagon Companies behind us

Benjamin Hodgett

John A[.] Hunt

Company provisioned for 60 days

100# flour being given to each Cart for transportation

Sep 2 Col Alma [Almon Whiting] Babbit[t]—Thomas Margetts & Child—James Cowdy & wife and others killed—Mrs. Margetts carried away by Indians.

Isaac Brockbanks mother

The March

Bro Evans the fourth death[,] tin cup record[,] Mother on the lead

<above> Passed near the spot where A W Babbitt was killed  
Too many meetings for prayer & preaching  
Moses Cluff and the Buffalo

Danl Tyler and the Mules

The girls and boys courting

The buffalo Chips—the dainty chins

John Watkins[,] Brother Compsan

The Hymn—Come come ye Saints

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> At Larimie. Over Coat  
Flour[,] Bacon[,] Apples & Peaches

The Tennant Cattle driving and guarding

The people getting weary with the work—  
John Jacques [Jaques] night adventure

The Appetites—

The 20<sup>th</sup> October crossing the North Platte

The first snow storm—which reached West to the Wasatch range and the great gloom

Snowed three days

The Songs of Zion

The deaths increasing[,] McBride  
Old Scotch Man  
his toes out of snow

Our Tent—the death of Jackson

callous to death

Dug the grave of a young man while he walked by its side[,] 14 in this Grave[,] Red Butte

Stone and the Wolves—a foot in a shoe brought to Camp—

Juvenile #23 Jan -1-88

John Watkins & the Ox

Oct 28—Rescued:: Joseph A Young  
Daniel W Jones  
Abel Garr

The big blue <Government over> Coat

The scene in Camp at the Rescue

Young girls eating toasted raw hide—as girls do gum  
Bread Making—Bed making  
Tents[,] Cyrus H. Wheelock  
Snow 1½”  
<Fry Pans>: for shovels [-]  
Rescuers[:] David Garr  
George D Grant  
Robt J Burton  
Charles Decker  
W H Kimball  
Reddick N[ewton] Allred

The crossing of the Sweet Water

W[illiam] S Binder hauls my hand Cart through—

The axle broke  
Kimball carried me over—

S. S. went on

I remain & get another Cart and took on our things

The Council at Devils Gate

Cyrus H Wheelock's address

10 men stay at Devils Gate with the goods of Hand Cart—People and of the Wagon Companies

Rested at Martins Ravine 2 or 3 days

The accidental burning of John Jacques [Jaques] Record

one third died

[Edmund] El[1]sworth & [Daniel D.] McArthur 497 Souls—100 Carts 5 Wagons  
Jas D [James G.] Willie <66 died> 500 Souls—120 Carts—6 Wagons  
[Edward] Martin & [Daniel] Tyler, 576 Souls, 146 Cars—7 Wagons

1856 Five hand Cart Cos.

[Edmund] Ellsworth—[Daniel D.] McArthur—[Edward] Bunker—Willie ([Edward] Martin & [Daniel] Tyler)

Timing the People time of death  
S S Jones and Eph Hanks

The feet of the People frozen

*[irrelevant data]*

The life Guardsman [David] Blair buried at Quaken Asp hill

The survival of the fittest  
Martins Lot the toughest of all  
My Vow behind the Log fire

The American Axe:

Nov 2828<sup>th</sup> over the Big Mountain 7000 to 8000 Altitude[,] the Oxen [*illegible*] 8 ft Snow