

near camp & told many different stories. We observed they had more horses than when they went up. 280 were counted in their Party. They passed quietly by and said they were going home. Extremely warm.

22. Started at 7, traveled on at a good pace until 10 met a party of Shian Indians. Camped within two miles of their Village, about noon the Chiefs together with some hundreds of others came to camp. We made them presents of ammunition, tobacco &c. and smoked with them. Started after dinner passed their village which consisted of several hundred lodges.

Friday 22d July. Several Indians accompanied us to camp. Mr. Fitch Patrick judged they were in the village of Crows, Shians, & Sues between 4 & 5000. Many of our Company traded horses with them. Camped near sun set on Sweet Water, traveled 15 m.

23 Started at 7½ o'clock, bad road. Crossed the Sweet Water a number of times, some very narrow passes between the mountains. Camped on S. W. at noon, traveled 7 miles a small party of Indians came to camp, about 100 more Indians came to camp at 2 o'clock. They were a war party of Sues & Shians who had been to fight the Snakes. They returned as usual in several parties another small party came up near night. A few came to camp to smoke.

Sunday 24. Started early left the creek & traveled over a hill of sand without a particle of grass ground covered with wild sage. Saw mountains with snowy sides far to the N. W. struck Sweet Water about noon stoped for dinner 2½ hours crossed the creek several times afternoon. Camped on the creek good wood and grass traveled 15 miles.

25 Started 6½ o'clock rose a long hill came on the creek & camped at 11 for dinner drove two hours afternoon camped on the creek much the best grass we have seen since we left the Fort good spring water & plenty of wood traveled 12 miles. Wild geese for several days have been frequently seen & fish are caught from Sweet Water creek.

Tuesday 26, July. The nights are astonishingly cold & the days are very warm. Last night I lay under a thick Blanket & Buffalo Robe with my clothes on. Started early traveled over a long rocky hill camped at noon, got already to start after dinner and a wagon broke down stay here tonight, traveled 10 miles had a severe cold rain.

27. Started early stoped a short time for dinner. Camped near sun set on Sweet Water, traveled 16 miles.

28. Started 7 o'clock left Sweet Water crossed the dividing ridge. Camped at 10 o'clock on a little stream running westward, traveled 6 miles. Left the cart here, one wagon left. Snowy mountains constantly in sight.

Friday 29. Started 7 o'clock traveled over a sandy barren country destitute of game & every thing but wild sage, high mountains north of us apparently 20 or 30 miles covered with snow. Camped after noon on Little Sandy Creek which empties in Green River a very pretty stream but much warmer than I expected traveled 14 miles.