

River at 10½ o'clock. Started at 1 o'clock verry sultry day. Cattle verry near giving out. Camped at sundown, traviled 18 miles.

28. Started late drove to the Forts by noon, traviled 10 miles. Found 2 Forts with several men at each whose business it is to trade with the Indians. Capt. H. came up, 5 o'clock.

29. Preparing carts & disposing of our cattle in order to expedite our journey.

30. Verry buisy preparing to start tomorrow. July 1. Difficulty between Doct. White and Capt. Fallen. Fallen refused to go with us. Remained here all day. 2d joined the other company under Capt. Hastings. Started at 9 o'clock met a company from the mountains near the Fort. Camped at five, good wood and water poor grass, traviled 12 miles through a hilly and barren country.

July 3. Sunday Entered what is called the Black Hills. Traviled 15 miles over bad road without seeing water. Mr. Fitch Patrick employed as guide came to camp.

4th. Waggon to repair. Wrote a few lines to my Parents. Started at noon had a verry rough road. Came to water 6½ o'clock, traviled 11 miles. Cart broke down 2 miles from camp.

5. Repaired the cart. Started at noon found good water at three o'clock, had some heavy hills to rise. Buffalo very scarce. Camped early good wood, water and grass, traviled 9 miles.

6. Started at six drove on at a good pace until noon found a first rate camping place. Concluded to remain here today as there was no good chance ahead, traviled 12 miles.

July 7. Started early traveled over a rough mountainous & barren country found no good camping place until late afternoon traviled 16 miles, found a fine band of Buffalo cows.

8. Started at 8 o'clock had a verry hilly road stopped for dinner at 12½ o'clock on creek started at 4 camped on the Platte, good wood and water but short grass, traviled 15 miles.

9. Started at 7 o'clock stopped at 9½ on Deer Creek. Second trial of Mr. Moss for not standing guard. Jury could not agree. Started at 2 camped at 7, traviled 15 miles. Saw several bands of fine Buffalo cows our hunter killed one I think decidedly the best meat I ever eat.

10. Sunday Started at 7 verry heavy west wind yesterday & today.

July 10. Sunday, Crossed over the Platte & camped traviled 11 miles. 11. Started at 8, left the Platte & Black Hills traviled 12 miles over hilly roads & camped in sight of the Red Buttes good water and grass but no wood. Cool wind.

12. Started in good season saw an abundance of Buffalo crossed some verry Rocky Hills said to be the commencement of the Mountains. Stopped for dinner 2 hours. Camped in a little vailey surrounded with bushes grass good & first rate water and wood, traviled 16 miles.

13. Verry cold, water in a pail froze ice like thick window glass. Started early raized a long hill detained by wagons breaking down 1 hour.