

Jacob Hamblin Autobiography

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Full Text:

I Started for the vally of the great Salt Lake[.] I had nine in family[.] the Second of June we war [were] organedise [organized] with the Saints that ware the[n] redy to to cros the plaines by Elder Orsen Hide [Orson Hyde.] this company consisted of one hundred wagons with from three to nine pursones [persons] to a wagon[.] I c[r]osed the Missourie [Missouri] River with my family the 8th of June[.]

10th <Stood gard>[.] we ware visited by the Chiefs of the Oto [Ottawa] tribe of Indians[.] with thare interpeter they demanded ten cents a wagon f[o]r the privilage of pasing through thare teritory[.]

11th travailed ten miles[.] campt and finished organiseing the company[.]

12th< went about 13 or 14 miles[.] wood and water plenty[.]

13th travailed 17 miles[.] butiful preitie[prairie] Country

14th 18 miles[.] crosed Salt Creek[.] Campd in the Pawnee teritory[.] 15 trav traval some twenty miles[.] wood and water Scars [scarce.] Stood gard[.]

15th travaild ten miles[.] Brothr John Shipley d[i]ed with the colery [colera] and willes [Willis] Johnson and some two or three others[.] this was in truly a mournfull Scene to See women mourning for thare Husbands and Childrin for thare Fathers[.] but we ware obliege [obliged] to leav them on the plaines burying them as desent [decent] as we could[.]

16th travald Some eight or ten mile[.] Campd to rest our teames[.]

17th travild eightten miles[.] no no wood[.] level Cuntry[.] poor water[.]

18th fourteen miles[.] Br thomas kerk [Kirk] died of Colery between elevn and twelve o and twelve o clock atnight[.] rain[.]

19th travaild Sixteen miles[.] Sevrel atacted [attacked] with the Colery[.]

1920th 15 miles[.] the Company was devided in to four divisions[.] Capt Evrits [Elisha Averett] and martha Meacham was violant attacked with the colery and ware held [healed] by the blessing of good god[.]

21 19 miles[.] pased throu old Purntown[.] no wood[.]

22 traveled 15 miles. Stood guard.

23 traveled Eight miles laid by. Widow Ioron mared [married] to my father [Isaiah Hamblin] by Capt [Isaac] Hill.

24th Eight miles. Abel [Morgan] Aarjent [Sargent] and Son [Thomas Sargent] died of Colery. 2 Childrin died also. Sevral taken Sick tain.

25th 9 miles

Capt Johnson cold [called] a meting. it was agreed that Bro hunt Should chose two from the Company to offer Prayr to god for the wellfaire of the Saints.

25th 9 miles. mud and rain.

26th 15 miles. mud and rain. I was sick my Self. pain in my side.

27th my Wife violantly attcted [attacked] with the Colery about three oclock in the moring. I prayd for hur [her] and anointed hur in the name of the Lord. Coled [Called] on Brs. [George] Pectal and [Isaac] Hill <<to administer.>> She was relieved immediatly. met the mail from the Salt Lake vally. Capt Johnson Wife died of colery. Daniel Hunts W Wife died of Colery. travaild fourteen miles through mud and water. campt within th[r]ee miles of Ft Chiles.

28th travaild 9 miles past Ft Chiles. saw Lucinda the Mother of my Chidrin. She was the Same old Six pence [pence] as She said. Br Fora Fords Child died.

29th 7 miles. I was attacted with the Colery. it it was rebuked under the hands of my Father & Br [George] Pictel [Pectol].

30th 9 miles. I found my Self under the attacted with a burning feaver when the Company S[t]opt. I was baptised by B[r]other Johnson. the feaver was rebuked. we (bairly) had aneething [anything]. Childrin war Baptisd. Duane Hamblin was Baptised into the Church. My oldest Son. by El[d]er Daniel Hunt and confirmed by Elisha Evrits [Averett].

July 1t Capt Hills Wife [Eliza] died. one of Capt Johnsons family died. travaild 20 miles.

2t 20 mile. I was Still Sick with the feaver. treavild 21 miles.

3d 17 the miles. wagon run over Duane. when I looked out and saw him the blood was runing out of his mouth. at first I gave him up for lost. my Father with two others administerd to him him. he was im immediatly heeled.

4th 18 miles[.]

5th 12 miles[.] helth increasing[.]

April 10

April 10th 1851

o[w]ing to my Sickness on the journey and many other incon[v]eniences I hav not
writen any untill now[.] from the 5th of July untill now nothing of importance too[k]
plase [place] Save my <Sa>fe arival in too the Citty of the Great Salt Lake and location
of my Selfe and family in Toela [Tooele] Settlement[.] we arived in the Citty the 6th of
Sept[.]

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