



March 1<sup>st</sup> 1839. The detachment  
traveled 12 miles to Wilsons - the  
whole country over which we passed  
a complete desert. Saw some fine  
gangs of deer. The sketch<sup>t</sup> camp  
at River Creek. Camped out with  
Major Leon to Mr Bates on Little  
Piney five miles from Wilsons -  
a poor bottom country except on  
the river - narrow rich bottom, &  
richer more country - Little Piney  
a branch of the Grosvenor - A  
warm pleasant day - appearance  
of winds commenced blowing  
about midnight - a very sudden  
change in the weather - quite cold  
at day light. 2<sup>nd</sup> March snow storm  
from the North - Mrs Thompson  
and to Camps, her husband

Johnston Thompson died at 11  
The sketch<sup>t</sup> camp 12 miles below  
Bates on Little Piney - The coldest  
day we have traveled since day  
3<sup>rd</sup> March very cold - Detachment  
did not move - Lewis Ross  
returned. March 4<sup>th</sup> Clear &  
cold - Bates in Fort Clark Co.  
Waynesville the County seat.  
In Harrison 2 miles below Bates  
a narrow narrow - will not let any  
snow connected with the  
emigration stay on the river  
6<sup>th</sup> March traveled to Harrison  
on Big Piney, very cold - distance  
was 10 miles. 7<sup>th</sup> March traveled  
12 miles to Waynesville on Little  
Piney a branch of the Grosvenor  
Clear & pleasant day

Travelled at 6<sup>th</sup> 2 miles a gentle  
man - a pretty nice good families.  
March 6<sup>th</sup> The detachment made  
a late start, the morning was  
windy from the south, look out for  
rain - traveled 10 miles to  
Waynesville - at 11<sup>th</sup> through  
a barren & sterile country, the  
day continued pleasant - a  
detachment in the night, the  
March 7<sup>th</sup> a fine morning,  
an early start, reached near  
-ment at Beavers on the day.  
Felt against 10 o'clock (distance  
10 miles) still a barren country.  
Beavers a Meane house -  
March 8<sup>th</sup> traveled to Big Piney  
10 miles (same kind of country)  
Big Piney a fine view of  
Falkland on our way.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Traveled 11 miles to  
a creek 6 miles south of  
Parker. Park 7 miles from  
went on to Burnett's camp, with  
6000 miles toward the camp  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The detachment  
came up to Burnett's camp in  
the morning. Fine pleasant day.  
Detachment proceeded. Burnett's farm  
a fine one. C. Thomas has bought  
a preemption 21 miles north  
West of Burnett's. March  
11<sup>th</sup> Fine day. Detachment off  
early. Traveled 15 miles to  
Mearns. 12<sup>th</sup> March Detachment  
started before day, but had  
12 miles to Mearns. Fine  
day. Fine day. Fine day.

March 13<sup>th</sup> Cold morning  
went on to Spring field  
Detachment from Burnett's  
camp. Fine day. Detachment  
went on to Spring field in  
a rich country. Many Indians  
got drunk. March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Fine morning. Clear & warm  
went on to Mearns. Fine day  
a clear & fine day. Traveled to  
Dyer (Bell Tavern 12 miles)  
15<sup>th</sup> March Clear and fine  
morning. Traveled 7 miles to  
Allen, through a desert. Got  
a horse dinner. Didn't  
like the place & went  
22 miles west of Allen. Past  
1 mile NW of Allen said  
to a good horse. A Wagon

was on a little Indian horse  
to go to camp. Fine day. Detachment  
camp, the 12<sup>th</sup> time. I left camp  
Illinois. 16<sup>th</sup> March Traveled 12  
miles to Lockport in Barry County  
at Flat Creek a branch of White  
River. Lockport a good place & hunters  
did not sleep much. The girls and  
boys talked & laughed all night.  
A fine pleasant day. Sunday  
17<sup>th</sup> March Traveled up Flat  
Creek 15 miles to McMeatons.  
Got dinner at Mearns 3 miles  
N E of McMeatons. Fine day  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March Clear warm  
traveled through Washburn  
and to Pratt 18 miles. Crossed the  
line of St. Lawrence & Missouri  
March 19<sup>th</sup> at day of creek 7 miles  
North of Pratt.

...night, hail, rain, wind &  
...Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.  
...all day, did not travel.  
...Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Cloudy & cool. Traveled  
...to the Hollow, eat dinner  
...at Smiley's & camp on 5 miles to  
...in company with Ben  
... & his daughter a  
...Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Cloudy  
...passed through Fry. Built  
...the detachment at  
...Cunningham 3 miles from town.  
...did not get a letter at town -  
...disappointed. Stayed at  
...Washington Camp. - Fertile land  
...around the beautiful settlement.  
...a good Court house - Bank house  
...and then good building  
...dinner at the Brick

From Cunningham, we traveled  
to get them away on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of  
March 16 miles, and on Saturday  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> we arrived at Woodall  
in the Cherokee Nation West  
3 miles from the boundary line  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Most of the Sunday  
turned over to the Government  
settled my business and on  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> left for John  
Ropehead's place - traveled  
down Warren fork of Illinois  
and over to the main River  
and took lodging at Mr  
Rice's Inn Brown then  
28<sup>th</sup> Left after breakfast, saw 6 M.  
before we got to camp at Coody's  
for dinner, 18 miles - got dinner  
& went down to Fort Belvidere  
miles

returned from Fort Belvidere to Mr  
Coody's & stay all night - saw  
Betty Cheek there - 27<sup>th</sup> Arrived  
up to Coody's - tried to get  
my business settled did not  
accomplish my object until  
Sunday 10 o'clock, when Mr  
(Brother Sage), J. Smith &  
Black Beard) started for home  
and traveled to Smith's 18  
miles - April 1<sup>st</sup> left Smith's  
after breakfast, 10 1/2 miles - 12 miles  
to Dan Bottom, 8 miles to Vine  
- and - Stopped at Wilson's saw  
J. Taylor & Patterson, got some  
good liquor, camp on dawn  
Left camp to Stone's 16 miles  
and Sugarland - passed servant at  
natural mill dawn. 10 1/2

Mission to the ferry at  
Memphis, crossed the river  
on a Steam ferry boat  
paid \$1.00 for ferry age  
Stopped in Memphis paid  
\$1.00 for horse shoeing \$3.25  
for Umbrella 50¢ for whip  
37¢ for shaving soap and  
\$1.42 1/2 for a brush left about  
11 o'clock & came 19 miles to  
Mrs Fowles in a good house  
paid \$2.50. Left after breakfast  
passed through Oakland, stopped  
at Lawrenceville paid 37¢ for  
dinner \$1.00 for shaving soap  
behind came to mid d. & long  
40 miles. paid \$2.25. 25¢ for  
Liquor, passed through Bolivar  
& came to Purdy 37 miles

Stayed all night. paid \$2.50 left  
after breakfast 13<sup>th</sup> apt. came  
10 miles to Mr Darys  
staid until next morning  
left after breakfast. 3  
miles to Savorinah, bought  
a saddle 2.00 for George  
paid \$5.00 for it. 50¢ for  
ferry age came to  
30 miles staid at  
Jax Cash paid \$2.00  
Left 17 after breakfast. 28  
miles to Lawrenceville  
5 miles east of Lawrenceville  
at Mr George J Fox & son  
a dirty Dutchman. paid  
\$2.50 left after breakfast  
13 miles to Pulaski got 1<sup>th</sup> lotaces  
@ 75¢ - Came on to

Mrs Childers 20 miles  
the best house I have stopped  
at paid \$1.50 left 19<sup>th</sup> after  
after breakfast traveled 43  
miles to Winchester staid  
at Dr Lewis a mean  
house paid \$2.25 bought  
a Spring Sancer at \$5.00  
Left after breakfast.

at Thomas Paid 1.50. 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
traveled 18 miles to Vaul Run on the  
Arkansas met with Mr. Tugger, his  
wife & daughter, took dinner  
with the ladies at Mr. Pace's  
Vaul B. a new place, filled  
up with "Black Legs" - promised  
to be a place of business - left at  
2 o'clock and came to Mrs. Harde's  
15 miles, a good tavern, the only  
one I have met with since  
Mr. Ramsey - Paid at Vaul B. - \$1.00  
at Griffins in PM for George & horse  
\$1.00 My bill at Coody's \$2.50  
From Vaul Run we traveled through an  
level & poor country except the  
Creek bottoms on Henry Dixon  
Paid at Mrs. Harde's \$1.75 left  
3<sup>rd</sup> April after breakfast, crossed

high little Mulberries, white  
oak & horse head cedars -  
poor country except on the  
creek traveled 35 miles to  
Pace's on horse head, a good  
place, good eating & liquor  
Rained hard in the night  
Paid \$1.50 for board stop left  
after breakfast, 4<sup>th</sup> April 10 miles  
to Clarksville on Spadric, a new  
place, surrounded by tolerable  
upland country, 8 miles to  
Maddens mill on Pine, a  
Pine barren 15 miles to Hlinno  
Dixon to Mr. Williamson - here  
I heard of Pleasant Jarnagin &  
Dr. Taylor - Paid \$1.75 left  
after breakfast - Buff  
clouds passed over here

most all day - Point Run  
5 miles above Lewisburg - rich  
land, extensive bottoms - rich  
looking country - came to  
Dr. N. Menafies 2 miles  
below Lewisburg on the  
River a pleasant and  
intelligent gentleman -  
Paid 25¢ toll at Point Run  
The boat did not stop - saw  
Mr. Cook stop - Left 6<sup>th</sup> April  
after breakfast, the doctor  
came with us eight miles  
passed through a rich and  
marshy bottom - 8 miles down  
the river to Mr. Hatters on  
the Ca doon paid 25¢ for  
passage over the Ca doon. Came  
to Hatters on Palamy

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traveled 35 miles - Wilsons a good  
 horse but dear paid \$2.75 for  
 full load + hallop - left after  
 breakfast 7th apt - Came to  
 Little Rock 18 miles for dinner  
 paid at Humphreys \$1.25 -  
 Came to Casons 14 miles -  
 5th apt paid at Casons \$2.75  
 18 miles to Harri in the  
 Prairie - \$4.00 at H<sup>16</sup> for am  
 old Van Hook - 15 miles to  
 Mrs Black & to Col  
 Black more when we  
 travel & to paid \$3.00 - not  
 a good horse - started east  
 9th apt. gave a mash \$2  
 dollars and 9 myself and to  
 pilot us to White River  
 market more than

we expected - Rock River  
 bridge dangerous - come  
 near swimming at two  
 places - had some diffi-  
 -culty in making of the  
 Ferry man he and we had  
 to shoot several rounds  
 with our Pistols got  
 over safe, paid \$1.00 a  
 piece, got some liquor  
 at Pyberry and came  
 on merrily, to Padrocks  
 20 miles from White  
 river a tolerable house - paid  
 \$2.75 left after breakfast 10th  
 of Apr. warm morning rain  
 & thunder about 11 o'clock -  
 passed the river holes about  
 10 miles from Padrocks

the road very bad, and much  
 of it covered with ice after -  
 Came to Springs the market  
 paid \$2.50. Left Springs after  
 breakfast 11th of 3 miles  
 to the Francis River a mile  
 to Black Fish Lake - hired  
 a pilot to take us through  
 the swamp to the lake  
 Fisher & myself 2 and horse  
 \$3.00 - the swamp was thin  
 I imagined - paid \$5.00 at  
 the lake for ferry -  
 never forgot my m. hook  
 12 miles to Mrs  
 Thompson - stand all  
 night paid \$2.75. left 12th  
 after breakfast - 4 miles  
 to Mrs. H. & from  
 + 5 from