

DIARY OF ARZA ERASTUS HINCKLEY

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This Diary was filed by Vida Adams and Blondel C. Porter.
(The other pages are missing from the files of the L.D.S.
Church Historians records.)

We left Pueblo in May in root to Salt Lake City. Arrived there 4 days after the Pioneers, at which place we ware discharged penales {penny-less} and without provisions only for a few days. I molded the 2nd 400 adobes in that city. About the 1st of Sept. started back to Winter Quarters on the Missouri River 1013 miles. On Strawberry Creek the Sous Indians stole 50 head of our horses from us and 10 more on the Labanta. Here it was that I would have committed an act that would have been the cause of the loos of thousands of lives of our people. The facts are these -- After the Indians had got away with the 10 head they came to camp. Through two mountain eares traveling with us as interpiters made an agreement if the Indians turn over our horses to us at Larima. I knew nothing of this affair as I was on gard before the meeting and came in afterwards when one of my messmates told me that my hors was tied out ther in the brush. So I took the (p.10) old yorger we had & loded it with ball and 13 buckshot and started acrost the correl. Met Apostle Liman who inquired of me where I was going. I told him that my hors was out there in the brush & I was going after him. He said I had better let him alon, had he not, br. young, when he, Pres. B. sed to me, young man you put that gun up and let that horse alone, when I answered you are bos. But it was rathar hard to have a horse in camp & walk of 600 miles befor me. If I had not met them I should have went for the hors and if any one have interfeared they would have started a war that would have lasted for years. I have looked at that matter with a shud(d)er.

I forgot to say that I got 2 quarts of corn of my aunt Shearward at Paciffick Springs and I bought 2 lbs of flour at Larima which was my outfit (p.11) of bread stuff from Salt Lake City to Mis. River with a few meals that I got of the Imigrants. So I ate to [too] many roos [rose] buds for which I have suffered with constipation from that day to this. I am very bad off today and if I overcome this and other troubles it will be by devine ade.

We landed in Winter Quarters about the 10 of Nov. I stayed there about 10 days and left there for Estell Mill whare I found my Br. Ira - 200 miles thereabout. I stayed untill the spring of 1850. Came back to Salt Lake City with a freight train, Wm. Horner Capt. In the spring of 1851 March 1st started to drive team for church. Next fall quit. Went back agane next summer. Stayed there & from there in D.H. Wells untill '68 during which time I went out & met the first handcart company 400 miles & traveled in with them. Started out againe to meet the last handcarts 2 weeks later as Pres. B. Youngs carage (driver). (p.12) Went out as far as big Canon Creek whare on the following He took very sick and as soon as he was able to ride returned home. 2 weeks later I started agane to meet the last Co. of Carts in Co. whith Dan Johnson, each with 4 mule loads of provisions & medisons for the sick. When at Bridger there came a blisard which detained us a few days. The first night out from there one of the mules died in D.J. team. Next day we met 2 companies on there way home that had

been out to near Pacific Springs & could not hear anything of the h carts. But after my making some propositions they went on to camp one way & wated there untill they herd of the carts then went after them. Dan & I went on to Green River where a team overtook us when they took D.J. load and he went back to Bridger as his was large mules of Pres. Youngs and was not used to being out doors of nights. We met the handcart folks at Ice Springs on (p.13) Sweet Water River. From there in to Salt Lake City Eph.Hanks one of my Battalion chums spent much of our time while in camp in administering to the sick. Ephriam was a man of grate faith.

The following spring 1857 I went to Salmon River in Pres. Youngs visit to the colinie there. After returning went over on Salt Lake Island where Pres. H. C. Kimball called Bryant Stringham out to take a walk. Told us of many things that transpired in the early days of the church and predicted the grate future of us to [two] boys, which was that we should go into the selestial kingdom and dwell there as we ware, this to be as we ware, living men. B.S. has gon to rest 20 years, or more. I am here & would like to get well & help to the work that is for the Saints to do.

(p. 14) I traveled from first to last with Pres. Young in his visit-ing and organizing diferant settlements of the Saints in the vallies as a Minut Man & boddy gard near 5,000 miles. I had charge of the gard at his office one night in a week for ten years, was in police of the city for 7 years, a cavallaman in the Minit Men for 17 years. In War of '63 met a troupe Coner Comman at the mouth of Parley's canion, who pounced upon me & as they suposed had don me up. One of them remarked that they ware a brave set to jump onto 1 man & beat him to death. I did not die, but from which I have suffered for 1/3 of a century.

In '61 I distributed the telegraph poles of the telegraph line acorst the continent from Dep [Deep] Creek back to Lookout Mountain. In '62 bilt the Black Rock House in connection with D.H. Wells and Briant Stringham. I superintendant it. In the Spring of 1863, Pres. D.H. Wells went on his first mission to England. I continued (p.15) to superintend his business and continued untill the fall of '68.

In '66 I went with him as St. master sarg an comisary sargant down South in the Black Hawk War. This summer did not superintend his bus at home. July late started out to meet Chipman train that had had some of their cattle stolen by the Indians, as Capt. of a mule train, but before starting had orders to go back to reap train as they ware late and would be caught by the Indians and cold weather. I went back to Larima ford and took a part of Lowery loading. The Indians followed up to Plat bridge, then turned over to the government herd & stole there animals, not leving a saddle pona.

After my return resumed the Supt. off D. H. Wells business until winter of 67-68 when I was appointed Probate Judge of Summit Co. by the Utah Ledgislature to fill 2 years of the unserved term of (p.16) Sam Snider. Reappointed to same for 4 years. Found the County in debt over \$2,000, five toal gates on the highway, had no publick works or buildings, there paper was worthless and their courts treated as nominal. I vacated the

office with the county out of debt & there was money to the Co. about \$2,000, the toalgates taken of [f] by our expending near \$1000(?) our publicworks worth \$10,000, our court respected, our paper money worth the face of any money in the land, our tax roals say that our whole assessment shows only \$24,000, our running expenses have been mostly by lisences & fines. The first year of this term the R(ail) R(oad) was brought through the manager gave the Cr. to us of maintaining the bes order of any district on the road. We collected the first taxes of the Rail Road on the root or at the least in Utah, whilst the lawyers & courts....

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