

The Rocky Mountains

Dear Journal

Today we are going through the treacherous land of the Rocky Mountains. Many people have died on this part of the trail by falling or getting sick. I'm glad we got here in the spring because it's impossible to go through in the winter. Man there is a lot of snow and it's almost summer! We are passing the tallest peak in the entire range. I'm afraid this is the last journal entry I'm going to make.

Your Fellow Traveler,

Michael Hankins

Soda Springs

Dear Diary,

Today we stopped at Soda Springs. It's known for its hot water springs and a good place to rest. Ma says we'll be there soon, but that's not the first time. It has been a long trip, but is nice to know that we are in Idaho, a state very close to Oregon. "Our wonderful new home" as Papa calls it. Finally, we get to rest and wash our clothes. We eat a dinner and we listen to tales Papa told us. In the morning we got up and I had an unusual spark of energy. We are closer to Oregon, our future home

- Anne