Pioneer Identities

Selected names complied from: Women’s Diaries of the Westward Journey by Lillian Schlissel

This book is a terrific source of general information on life on the trail, as well as excerpts from diaries and other writings of women of the period. You may wish to consult this source to find out more about this real identity. This book also cites the original publications of these writings and other diaries.

**Ackley, Mary E.**
10 years old travels with family
mother dies of cholera en route

**Adams, Cecelia Emily McMillen**
married to doctor
travels with family and twin sister
who is married to husband’s brother

**Agatz, Cora Wilson**
made
girl 7, boy 14

**Allen, Lucinda Cox Brown Spencer**
age 17, 3 children travels with twin sister
who married husband’s brother
husband dies on trail, remarries two more times after arriving and has a total of 8 children

**Ashley, Algeline Jackson**
age 22
Crossing was a wedding journey

**Bailey, Mary Stuart**
married to a doctor
one child died before journey

**Bailou, Mary**
made with two children
10 & 15

**Bell, Catherine**
made, baby born in October while on the journey

**Belshaw, Maria Parsons**
made, travels with family, sister-in law gives birth, infant dies

**Behrins, Harriet F.**
made one child

**Bennett, Lucy J. Hall**
age 13 at crossing, travels with family

**Bogart, Nancy Hembree Snow**
age 8 at crossing, travels with family,
father and uncle killed by Indians

**Brown, Clara**
slave sold to a man moving west
Buck, Mrs W.W.  
moved

Butler, America Rolins  
moved, husband dies in California

Carpenter, Helen  
moved, bride of 4 months

Cazneau, Jane  
Crossing was a wedding journey

Clappe, Louise Knapp Smith  
moved

Clarke, Helen  
unmarried, travels with brother

Collins, Catherine Weaver  
moved with two children

Colt, Miriam Davis  
moved with two children

Cooke, Lucy Rutledge  
moved one small child, travels with family

Dalton, Lucinda  
age 10, travels with family

Deady, Lucy Henderson  
age 11, she is one of 4 children and a newborn infant born on the trail, sister died of Laudanum overdose

Duniway, Abigail Scot  
age 17, unmarried one of 9 children, mother dies of cholera on trail

Dunlap, Catherine Cruikshank  
moved

Findley, Caroline  
moved, child born in march after arrival, husband dies during crossing

Fish, Mary  
moved

Foster, Roxana Cheney  
moved, has one daughter 1 and son 5, one child born in July on the trail, husband dies during crossing

Frost, Mary  
age 8, unmarried travelled with parents, father and uncle killed in Indian attack

French, Barsina Rogers  
age 13, unmarried, one of 5 children

Frink, Margaret  
moved, two children ages 10 & 12, son dies on trail

Frizzell, Lodisa  
moved with 4 children, travels with family

Fulkerth, Abby  
moved with 2 children

Geer, Elizabeth Dixon Smith  
moved, has 7 children, husband dies in winter during crossing

Goltra, Elizabeth Julia Ellison  
age 22, married with 4 children

Hanna, Ester  
began journey within one hour of wedding

Haun, Catherine  
crossing was wedding journey, parents traveled with children, children hurt in buffalo stampede

Heimick, Sarah  
moved, age 21

Hines, Celinda  
travels with large family

Hixon, Adrietta Applegate  
age nine unmarried one of 9 children, her mother gives birth on trail
Hunt, Nancy Sumwalt Cotton  
age 23, married, husband dies on trail, 
travels with extended family, aunt/uncle, their 11 children

Jones, Mary  
marrried, with child, born in January after arrival

Kellogg, Jane  
Crossing was a wedding journey, 
travels with parents, 2 sisters and 2 brothers

Kelsey, Nancy  
marrried, one child age 1

Ketcham Rebecca  
age 18 unmarried

Knight, Amelia Stewart  
marrried her 8th child born on trail  
son falls out of wagon, daughter lost

Logan-Flood, Cloye Burnet  
child slave travels with white family

Mason, Biddy  
adult slave travels from Mississippi to California

Megquier, Mary Jane  
marrried to doctor

Millington, Ada  
age 13 travels with family, 
youngest child dies en route  
travels with family, uncle and aunt, 7 children

Minto, Martha Ann Morrison  
age 13 travels with family

Norton, Maria Elliott  
marrried on arrival

Ohmertz, Millie  
marrried

Parrish, Susan Thompson Lewis  
age 17, unmarried her mother gives birth on the trail

Pengra, Charlotte Emily Steams  
marrried, one child age 3

Pleasants, Mary Smith  
Born slave in Georgia  
marrried to free black in Boston

Porter, Lavina Honeyman  
age 20, married, with two children, infant and age 5, 
infant dies on trail

Powers, Mary Rockwood  
marrried with 3 children, 
child falls under children

Pringle, Catherine Sager  
age 12-13 unmarried one of 7 children, 
travels with parents, mother pregnant, Catherine falls under wagon, father and mother dies on the trail

Rahm, Louisa  
unmarried, travels with family

Richardson, Caroline  
Crossing a wedding journey

Rudd, Lydia Allen  
marrried, travels with family, father & husband dies en route, gun accident, drowning on trail

Sanford, Mollie Dorsey  
crossing was a wedding journey, 
parents travelled with 8 children

Sharp, Comelia  
marrried, had children
Smith, Ellen
married, 9 children
ages infant to 15,
one child crippled, eldest
daughter dies, husband dies of heart
attack on trail

Stewart, Mrs. (first name
unknown)
moved, with 6 children
travels with twin sister, husband dies on trail

Stewart, Agnes
age 21, unmarried, travels
with family

Stewart, Helen Mamie,
17 or 18 unmarried,
travels with family

Stone, Elizabeth Hickock
Robbins
married, with more than 5
children

Tabor, Mrs. (unknown
first name)
travels with husband and 1
infant

Todd, Mary Ellen
age 10-15, unmarried,
travels with family

Tourtilott, Jane A. Gould
married two children ages
8 & 10,
husband dies first winter in
Oregon

Tuiler, Miriam A.
Thompson
age 18, married,
husband killed by Indians
en route

Ward, Harriet
married, with 3 children
travels with family

Wamer, Mary Elizabeth
age 15, unmarried, travels
with parents,
one of 4 children

Washburn, Catherine
Amanda Stansbury
married, infant born on
trail

Waters, Lydia Milner
married, travelled with people from
same county

Welch, Nancy
married, with two children

Whitman, Narcissa
married, with one child

Williams, Velina Steams
married, with 4 children

Wilson, Luzena Stanley
married, with 3 children

Wilson, Susan
adult slave,
moved with 3 children

Woodson, Rebecca Nut-
ting
age 14, unmarried,
travels with family

Wood, Elizabeth
married