

Levi Savage, Jr. Journal – Additional Information

MORMON BATTALION

Levi Savage, Jr. enlisted in the U.S. Army's Mormon Battalion in 1846 when he was 27 years old

"We arrived at Council Bluffs, Missouri River in July 1846. Here we met Colonel Allen, a United States officer, offering to enlist 500 men from the Mormon immigrants in the United States Army against Mexico. Notwithstanding our government allowed us, the Mormons, to be mobbed from our homes; our leaders, Brigham Young and the council advised the enlistment, or at least approved to it, and the battalion of 500 was raised. I, Levi Savage, was one of the ones to enlist for one year.

"We left our friends in their wagons in a wild Indian country. Our enlistment dates from the 16th day of July 1846. We marched on foot 200 miles down the river Missouri to Fort Leavenworth; thence to Santa Jose 1100 miles, then to San Diego some 1400 miles, thence 300 miles to Los Angeles, lower California. Our year enlistment was expired and here we were discharged and started for home (What later was called Utah)."

MISSION TO SIAM (actually India and Burma) 1852-1856

Levi Savage, Jr. completed a four year LDS mission.

"At the October conference in 1852 (Salt Lake City, Utah) I was called with Elders Ludington, Bly Dewey and Chauncy West on a gospel mission to Siam."

1852

"We sailed from San Francisco to Calcutta. From Calcutta Elam Ludington and I, Levi Savage, sailed to Rangoon, Burma hoping to cross the country from there to Siam. But, on our arrival in Rangoon we learned the country from there to Siam was a jungle infested with ferocious animals and renegades, which made it unsafe to cross in small companies, so I went to Maulmain, Burma. I stopped with an English man by the name of George Jefferson. I ate at his family table and had a bed and room to myself for a whole year, and he did not charge me a cent. . ."

WILLIE HANDCART COMPANY TO UTAH, 1856

" August 12, 1856, Tuesday, Camp of the Saints, Florence, Nebraska Territory

Today we commenced preparing for our journey and ascertaining who wishes to stop. Others are faltering and I myself am not in favor of, but much opposed, to taking women and children through when they are destitute of clothing, when we all know that we are bound to be caught in the snow and severe cold weather long before we reach the valley."

"August 13, 1856, Camp of the Saints, Florence, Nebraska Territory

I then related to the Saints the hardships that we should have to endure. I said that we were liable to have to wade in snow up to our knees and shovel at night, lay ourselves in a thin blanket and lie on the frozen ground without a bed.

by S S City Oct 6, 1852
North America
Oct the 6th
The annual Conference convened for the purpose of doing business and also for the instruction of the Saints. At this Conference, one hundred Elders were appointed, to take Missions to different parts of the world to preach the Gospel. I was one that was appointed to take a Mission to Lima Perou

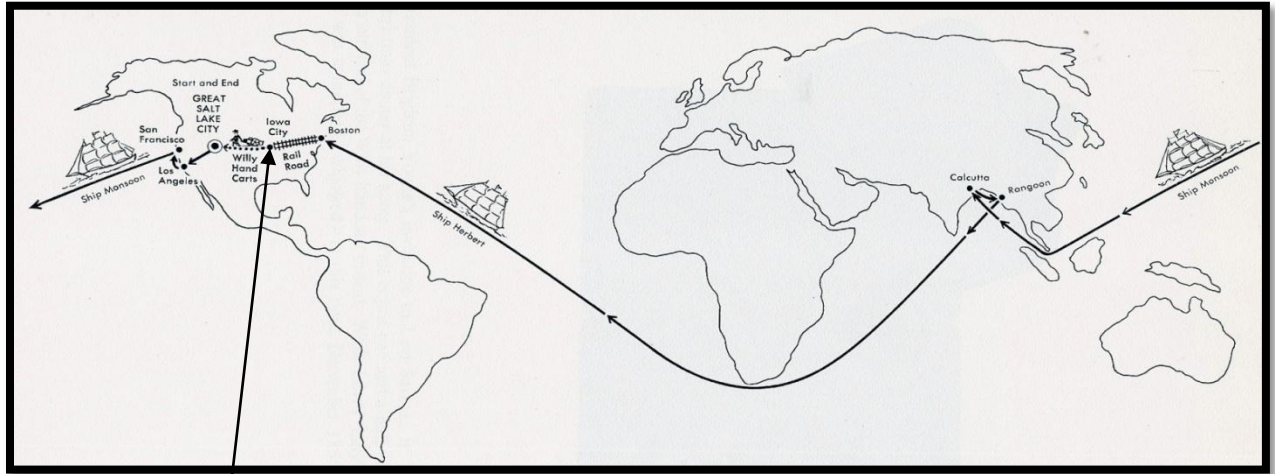
Thursday November the 8th
I received a letter from my son Levi W. Holbrook Arizona. He says his first wife Margaretta has ^{been found} ~~planted~~ a debt in court for unlawful cohabitation, and adultery. He appeared in court in Prescott Arizona, and was ~~convicted~~ through annulled, (innocent) through defective papers; and if they do any thing more, they have to start over at the next court, a year hence. Levi says if the case continues long it will ruin him financially. I craved about home to day, all day. The weather is fine.
Monday the 12th Sunday the 11th
I attended Ward Meeting in Logansville Hall. David Applebury was the main speaker.
Monday the 12th Brother Thomas and and don't stoped with us over here night we had a pleasant social and interesting chat.

Samples of the Handwriting of Levi Savage, Jr.

On the left is the first page of the Levi Savage, Jr. Journal, dated October 6, 1852.

The reproduction on the right is one of the last pages he wrote. It is dated November 8, 1900.

Levi Savage, Jr. Round the World LDS Mission 1852-1856



After a four year LDS mission to Siam, on his way home, he met the Willie Handcart Company and traveled with them from Iowa City to Salt Lake City in 1856