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List of 12 x 14 inch prints (Items 276-411 in Boxes 3-5)

Note: Listed alphabetically.

Box 3: 12 x 14 inch prints (Items 276-344)

276. American Falls of the Snake River, Idaho. View of the American Falls dam and immediately below it.

277. Ash Hollow, Nebraska. A view looking south, showing emigrant trails going down (west) into Ash Hollow over top of Windlass Hill (in center background).

Bear River and Bear River Valley, California:

278. Emigrants let their wagons down with ropes in their descent from Emigrant Gap into Bear River Valley.

279. At this point the emigrants came to the Bear River after their steep descent from the mountainous area at Emigrant Gap, California. A view looking west, in the direction the emigrants were traveling.

280. Benicia Cemetery, Benicia, California. Tombstone to the memory of Susan Cooper.

Bidwell's Bar, California:

281. Suspension bridge in background, erected in 1855, was still there in 1958, when this photograph was taken. (See great similarity with the pencil drawing made by J. Lamson in April 1857 and reproduced in Jeanne Van Nostrand and Edith M. Coulter, *California Pictorial*, 1948, p. 131.)

282. Bidwell's Bar, Middle Fork of Feather River, near Oroville. Gold discovered here by John Bidwell in July 1848. (8 x 12 color print mounted in folder.)

283. Big Bar of the Mokelumne River, California. Gold discovered here in the fall of 1848.

284-285. Black Rock Desert. Views taken from point north of present town of Sulphur, Nevada.

286. Carquinez Straits, California. A view from the ferry at Benicia. Gold seekers from San Francisco who traveled to the mines by land crossed the Carquinez Straits at this place by ferry, run by Robert Semple in 1848 and 1849.

Carson Canyon and Carson Pass, California; Carson River and Carson Sink, Nevada:

287. Abrupt and rocky walls of the Carson Canyon, through which flows the West Fork of the Carson River. View of steep walls on north side of canyon, west of Woodfords, California. Emigrants traveled this route in 1849.

288. West Fork of the Carson River in the Carson Canyon, California. View looking up (west). Emigrants traveled along the West Fork of the Carson River through this canyon, crossing and recrossing the river's rocky bed.

289. Carson Pass. A view looking west, with Red Lake in foreground. Emigrants to California in 1849 traveled to the left of the lake and then up a steep grade over the top of Carson Pass. John C. Frémont passed over or near Carson Pass in his trip of 1844 and 1845.

290. Carson River. North of Fallon, Nevada. A view looking west. Some miles east of this point (to the rear of the photographer) the emigrants to California came to the Carson River after crossing the Carson Sink.

291. Carson River, west of the present Dayton, Nevada, with the Sierra Nevada (California) in the background. A view to the west, as the emigrants traveled and saw it.

292. Carson Sink, Nevada. Photograph taken near Highway 1A, between U. S. 40 and Fallon, Nevada.

Chimney Rock, Nebraska:

293. Chimney Rock, south of present Bayard, Nebraska. (8 x 10 color print mounted in folder.)

294. A view looking south. Chimney Rock is in Morrill County, Nebraska, approximately 1 ½ miles due south of the North Platte River.

City of Rocks, (near Almo, Cassia County, Idaho):

295. Overall view, north of entrance from the east. View looking east.

296. Overall view of part, and view of its eastern entrance.

297. One rock, close up.

298. One rock. (8 X 10 color print mounted in folder.)

299. Three rocks, close up.

300. Courthouse Rock. Courthouse Rock is located in Morrill County, Nebraska, approximately 6 miles due south of the North Platte River.

Devil's Gate, Wyoming:

301. A view looking east, west of the Gate. (6 miles west of Independence Rock.)

302. In the "Gate," with Sweetwater River flowing through it, in foreground. 5 miles west of Independence Rock. (8 x 10 color print mounted in folder.)

Fort Hall, Idaho:

303. Snake River, several hundred feet north of Fort Hall. A view looking east.

304. Snake River several hundred feet north of Fort Hall. A view looking west.

305. View of terrain looking southeast from Fort Hall. This terrain was marshy in many spots, as all emigrants testified, and it is in the same condition today (1958).

Fort Kearny, Nebraska:

306. Site of the fort.

307. Platte River at Fort Kearny. A view looking east.

Fort Laramie, Wyoming:

308. Overall view looking west.

309. Laramie River at Fort Laramie. Guard house, built in 1866, on left.

Gold Discovery Site (January 24, 1848):

310. South Fork of the American River, Coloma, California. The marker indicates the exact site of Sutter's and Marshall's sawmill. Exact location of the discovery of gold by James W. Marshall was in the tailrace of the sawmill about 190 feet west of the west end of the sawmill. Since this is a photograph looking west, the gold discovery site is about 190 feet beyond (west of) the marker.

311. Marker marked "Sutter Mill." Marker is 18 feet high, 22 feet long, and 9 feet wide. Erected in 1924 under supervision of Mr. Phil B. Bekeart. Some repairs made later.

312. South Fork of the American River. (8 x 10 color print in folder.)

313. Gold Hill, California.

Goodyear's Bar, California:

314. North Fork of the Yuba River, about 2 miles west of Downieville. A view looking west. Gold found here in 1849.

315. A view looking east from Goodyear's Bar. (7 x 11 black and white print.)

Gravelly Ford of the Humboldt River:

316. Located about 6 miles east of Beowawe, Nevada.

317. Grave marker for Lucinda Duncan. Overlooking Gravelly Ford of the Humboldt, west of Wall Defile (Carlin Canyon), Nevada. 318. Great Meadow of the Humboldt, west of the present Lovelock, Nevada. A view looking north, with the Trinity Range in the distance.

319. Hock Farm, Sutter's farm (ranch), on west side of Feather River, California. Burned down on June 21, 1865.

Hot Springs, Nevada:

320. Brady's Hot Springs, on U. S. 40, Truckee Route

321. Desert west of Hot Springs. View looking south. This route was traversed by emigrants following the Truckee River route. There was no water between Hot Springs and the Truckee River, a distance of about 20 miles.

Humboldt River and Humboldt Sink, Nevada:

322. Humboldt River at present Winnemucca, Nevada

323. Humboldt River near present Elko, Nevada, west of its junction with the North Fork, but east of its junction with the South Fork.

324. North Fork of the Humboldt a short distance from its confluence with the main Humboldt. Ruby Range in background.

325. View of the Humboldt looking southwest, from a point south of the present Lovelock, Nevada. A short distance to the southwest, the Humboldt River enters and disappears into the Humboldt Sink.

326. Humboldt Sink.

Independence Rock, Wyoming:

327. South end, with Sweetwater River in foreground, looking west. (The rock is about 50 miles southwest of Casper, Wyoming.) Emigrants passed along Sweetwater at south end of rock.

(8 x 10 color print in folder.)

328. A view toward the west, showing the south end (left) of the rock around which the emigrants passed on their way to California.

329. Jackson Creek, at Jackson, California. Placer gold discovered here in 1848 and 1849. Later development of quartz mining proved Jackson to be over the Mother Lode itself. The Argonaut Mine here is one of the deepest in the world, and up to 1930 had produced more than \$17,000,000 worth of gold.

330. Jail Rock, Morrill County, Nebraska, about 6 miles due south of the North Platte River. Located next to Courthouse Rock. (A view looking South.)

331-332. Jefferson City, Missouri: capitol building, with the Missouri River in the foreground (#331 an 8 x 10 close-up view.)

333. Kansas River at ferry crossing immediately north of Pottawatomi Baptist Mission, a few miles west of Topeka, Kansas.

334. Laramie Peak (elevation 10,274 feet). Base of Laramie Peak, from which photograph was taken, is about 42 miles northwest of Wheatland, Wyoming. Base is not far from Hubbard's Mountain Cupboard. Emigrants noticed this peak to the northwest, a short distance beyond Fort Laramie and for many miles thereafter.

Lassen Cut-Off and Lassen's Ranch:

335. A view of the Humboldt River, looking southwest. Photograph taken at a wooden bridge crossing the Humboldt River, four miles north of U.S. 40, just west of Imlay, Nevada. The Humboldt River (in the photograph) will in a few miles flow into Rye Patch Reservoir. This region of the reservoir formerly (about 1849) was called Lassen Meadows, where emigrants cut grass to provide their cattle with food before starting out on the Lassen Cut-Off. The Lassen Cut-Off left the Humboldt Trail from the region of the present Rye Parch Reservoir.

336. Deer Creek, California, about 9 miles east of the site of Lassen's Ranch. Photographed to the east.

337. Sacramento River at mouth of Deer Creek. Deer Creek flows into the Sacramento from right background. This point is about one mile from site of Lassen's Ranch on Deer Creek. (A view looking northeast, to mouth of Deer Creek.)

338. Mouth of Deer Creek, about a mile west of the site of Lassen's Ranch. Deer Creek here flows into the Sacramento River.

Little Goose Creek, Nevada:

339. A view looking northeast. Emigrants to California traveled along this creek and Big Goose Creek, between the City of Rocks (present Idaho) and Hot Springs Creek (Thousand Springs

Creek) in the present Nevada. Near this point the emigrants left Little Goose Creek and traveled southwest toward Hot Springs Creek. The region between these two creeks was dry and dusty.

340-341. A view looking northwest, to a point near its source.

342. Long Bar, California, on North Fork of Feather River. Northeast of Oroville, southwest of Bidwell's Bar. (In 1958 owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.)

Mariposa, California:

343. Mariposa Mine ("Kit Carson Mine"). Here, in 1849, on the Mariposa Grant of John C. Frémont, gold quartz was discovered—probably the first gold quartz found in California. A view from the top of the mountain, looking down on part of the remains of the old mine. This mine is private property and was inactive in August 1958, when photograph was taken. "No Trespass" signs at entrance to mine property.

344. Typical mountainous area north of Mariposa (on Highway 49). A view looking north from Bear Valley to Bagby on the Merced River (seen at the bottom of canyon).

Box 4: 12 x 14 inch prints (Items 345-396)

345-346. Home of John Marsh [Contra Costa County, California]

347. Martinez, California, City Cemetery. Gravestone of Capt. Joseph R. Walker, 1798-1876.

Missouri River:

348-349. Photographs of river at Herman and Washington, Missouri.

350-351. Mouth of Missouri River looking west, with Mississippi River in foreground. At this point emigrant steamboats entered the Missouri River in 1849 for points in Western Missouri, Western Iowa, and for points in what are now the eastern parts of Kansas and Nebraska. (#351 is 8 x 10 black and white print.)

352-353. Mokelumne River, California, immediately west of Big Bar, which is to the rear of photographer. Gold discovered here in fall of 1849.

Mount Ophir, California:

354. Five miles south of Mariposa. Gold discovered here in 1849 or 1850.

355. Ruins of Mount Ophir Mint. Built in 1850 by John L. Moffat. Here he coined, in February 1851, fifty-dollar hexagonal gold coins from local gold, in accordance with an act of Congress, September 30, 1850, and repealed on July 3, 1852. This was the only act of Congress authorizing private coinage in California and making it legal tender.

356. Ruins of Trabucco store.

357. Placerita Canyon historical marker on the site of the gold discovery here on March 9, 1842. (Near Newhall, California.) Marker reads: Francisco Lopez here discovered the first gold in California March 9, 1842. This plate placed March 9, 1930, by the Ramona Parlor No. 109, N. S. G. W. / La Mesa Club / Kiwanis Club of Newhall-Saugus.

358. Platte River, Nebraska. About 25 miles west of Fort Kearny. A view looking west. (Photograph taken from bridge over Platte River south of the present Overton, Nebraska.)

Presidio of San Francisco, California:

359. View of San Francisco Bay from the Presidio. U. S. troops were stationed here in 1848 and 1849. Some deserted from here for the gold mines.

360. Office of Commandant (Spanish and Mexican) at Presidio.

361-362. Saint Louis, Missouri, river front. Here many emigrants embarked for points on Missouri River in Western Missouri, Western Iowa, and for points in eastern parts of what now are the states of Kansas and Nebraska. View looking west, with Mississippi River in foreground. (View from Peabody Coal Co.)

Sheep Rock, Idaho:

363. Sheep Rock, with Bear River where it turns around rock (left) to the south. Emigrant Trail turned right at this point and proceeded northwest to Fort Hall.

364. Inside volcano near Sheep Rock, where emigrants turned to the right to Fort Hall or to the left to follow Myers or Hudspeth's Cut-Off. (This point is near present Alexander, Idaho.)

365. Sonoma Range, Nevada. To the left of the Emigrant Trail proceeding west. Photograph taken about 11 miles east of Winnemucca, Nevada. J. G. Bruff (1849) drew sketch of this range similar to photograph.)

366-367. South Fork of the American River. A few miles east of Sutter's and Marshall's sawmill. Coloma, California.

368-369. South Fork of the Yuba River. West of the present Soda Springs, California. (#368: view looking west, #369: view looking east.)

South Pass, Wyoming:

370. A view looking east from the summit.

371. A view from the summit, west toward Pacific Springs, about 2 miles west from the point where

photograph was taken.

372. Marker at summit (view looking north). "Old Oregon Trail 1843-57."

373. Marker at summit (view looking north). "Marcissa Prentiss Whitman. Eliza Hart Spalding. First white women to cross this pass July 4, 1836." (Note: photograph taken July 4, 1958.)

374. South Platte River, Nebraska. (At present Ogalalla, Nebraska. View looking West.)

375-376. Stanislaus River, California. Where gold was discovered in 1848 or 1849.

377. On Sublette Cut-Off. Green River, at site of Mormon Ferry. View looking east.

378-379. Sullivan's Creek, California. East of Sonora. Gold discovered here in 1849.

380. Sutter's Fort, Sacramento, California. Main entrance, reconstructed in part. Construction of original fort was begun in 1839.

381. Table Mountain, California. Photograph taken between Chinese Camp and Wood's Creek Crossing. Photograph shows Table Mountain river of lava at top of mountain. Gold in quartz was found here in 1849, or shortly thereafter.

Truckee Pass and Truckee River:

382. Truckee Pass (Donner Pass), California. Looking west, with Truckee Lake (Donner Lake) in foreground.

383. Site of Graves cabin. View looking west toward the Truckee Pass (Donner Pass). Memorial tablet: "Donner Party 1846-1847. On this spot stood the Graves Cabin. This tablet was placed by the Historic Landmarks Committee of the Native Sons of the Golden West. 1919."

384. Bronze tablet on rock which was at the north end of the Murphy Cabin, Donner Party, 1846-1847. (Names on tablet of 42 who perished and 48 who survived.)

385. Truckee River, Nevada (at the present Wadsworth, Nevada). The gold seekers who traveled the Truckee Route to California first saw the Truckee at this point.

386. First view of Sierra Nevada Mountains by emigrants traveling to California over the Truckee River Route. A view looking west from a point on U. S. Highway 40, about 14 miles east of the present Reno, Nevada. Sierra Nevada in the distance and the Truckee River in the foreground beyond U. S. 40.

387. Truckee River, California. A view to the west as it descends out of the Sierra Nevada. The emigrants followed the Truckee River west into California. This view was the one familiar to emigrants as they climbed up into the heart of the Sierra along the Truckee. Today the river, the highway (U. S. 40), and the railroad converge going up into the Sierra Nevada.

388. Tuolumne River at Jacksonville, California, below junction with Woods Creek. Point photographed near Hawkin's Bar.

Wall Defile (Carlin Canyon), Nevada:

389. A view looking west, with Humboldt River meandering westward through Defile. Called "Wall Defile" by T. H. Jefferson in 1846 and also by J. G. Bruff in 1849.

390. Rocky side of Wall Defile. On right of trail going west.

391. Webber Creek. Southeast of Coloma, California.

Wells, Nevada:

392. Overall view of wells on Gobel Ranch at present Wells, Nevada. These wells were the sources of the Humboldt River. View looking north from Gobel Ranch.

393. Humboldt Wells, near Wells, Nevada. One of the sources of the Humboldt River. A view of one of the wells, looking north.

394. Wind River Mountains, Wyoming. Looking north from point a few miles east of the South Pass. (Western side of Wind River Mountains.)

395. Woods Creek Crossing, south of Jamestown, California.

396. Yankee Hill, California, from its base. Gold was found at its base by Thomas J. Hill in May 1849. Hill was a member of Company A, New York Volunteers. The gold found here appears to have been quartz gold.

Box 5: 12 x 14 inch prints (Items 397-411)

Antrim illustrations: Tampico to Mazatlan

Photographs of watercolor paintings and black and white drawings in Antrim, Journals, 1849, of Scenes in Journey of Antrim Across Mexico (Tampico to Mazatlan) in 1849, on way to gold mines of California. Originals in Division of Manuscripts, Library of Congress. (Negatives on file at Huntington.)

From watercolor paintings:

- 397. Main plaza of Tampico, looking north.
- 398. Part of the main plaza of San Louis Potosi.
- 399. Main plaza of Guadalaxhara.
- 400. The harbour and part of the city of Mazatlan, looking southwest.

From black and white drawings:

401. Camp, guards &c., on the north bank of Paneuco River, looking west by southwest. [At Tampico, Mexico.]

402. Entering the city proper of San Louis Potosi. Looking South.

Aerial views of Union County, New Mexico

- 403. Union County.
- 404. McNee's Crossing.
- 405-406. Round Mound, Santa Fe Trail.
- 407. East of Round Mound. Scale 2"=1 mile.
- 408. East of Round Mound. Enlarged to 8"=1 mile.

U. S. G. S. Topographic Maps

- 409. California Colfax Sheet, edition of June 1892.
- 410. Colfax Quadrangle, edition of 1938; reprinted 1941.
- 411. Placerville Sheet, edition of July 1893; reprinted 1931.