

Soper
Family

Stories

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John Soper and Harriet Barker.

State of California }
County of Siskiyou }
Township of Yreka City }

This is to certify that I have this day, by virtue of the power in me vested by the Laws of this State and in accordance with the request of John Soper and Harriet Barker joined said John Soper and Harriet Barker in the Bonds of marriage, declaring them henceforth to be lawful man & wife under said Laws, there existing no legal objection. And I further certify said marriage to have taken place in the presence of Pembroke Murray, James S. Whitsett, James Barker, and Nancy Gilmore witnesses of lawful age, said marriage is duly recorded in Book No. 1, fol 14th & 2nd of my record of marriages

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord: One thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

H. S. Ferris Esq
County Recorder

James Strawbridge
Justice of the Peace.

Siskiyou Co. Cal.

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at 8 o'clock P.M. H. S. Ferris Recorder of the County
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FROM THE PLAINS

Mr A. Soule, partner of Thomas Sterling, of Little Shasta, arrived in town yesterday, having crossed the plains in a company of nine men and four women; the company brought over five wagons and fourteen horses. Mr Soule traveled a part of of the time on the O Plains in company with Hildreth's Train, of five wagons and thirty-five horses, bound for Red Bluff. He also traveled some days in company with a train from Nebraska, composed of thirty men and a number of women, bound for Marysville and Red Bluff. While coming through the Goose Creek Canyon, Mr Soule says, his party were attacked by the Shoshone Indians; one white man was wounded. The train returned the fire, and wounding several Indians, when they retreated. He says he heard nothing of the reported massacre at Goose Lake, and thinks there is no truth in the report, as he was the only train on the route. They came by the Honey Lake Route, and he says no trains are coming by the way of Goose Lake.

Very little stock was lost on the plains this season, and the health of the immigration was excellent. Grass was good along the route from Omaha to Fort Larimie, but from the latter point to Green River, feed was scarce, and the party was compelled to go by the way of Salt Lake, in order to procure provisions for themselves as they had fed most of their flour to their animals.

From Green River to Shasta Valley the feed was good.

The Immigration of this year is large, and is said to be greater than of any one season in several years past.

Mr Soule reports great enthusiasm in favor of the Union, among the people of the West, and says volunteers are pouring in by the thousand. He came in town in a spring wagon, to which was fastened several American flags which he carried across the plains. He kept them flying and would permit no one to take them down.

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