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Letter to Brothers and Sisters from Isaac Smith

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Edward didn’t get up till near the 25th when he then started for the ferry five miles across the bottom. It took us till night, nearly every wagon missed down before we got through. We had to double teams to get through the mud. Many we all got through alright except for John, he got so dark that they had to camp on the bottom we expected to camp the morning early but while waiting they was a large drove of cattle came up and made us think we had to wait for them. To camp it will take till about noon. The boat that is ferrying is a large freight river boat called the Patrick Henry. It changed hands a tavern, the river line is about a mile and a half as a mile and a half as well as east as west, and we got up as we will get to day.

We got across about noon safe we are going right on. We have no wagons in company to move from Michigan and three teams. Faris and one team.

I forgot to tell you that Edwards children had the Measles. They are not bad.

P.S.
Long shot, I broke an axletree out of my sm.
all wagon but did not get it mended till I
get to Rainville. Most of our teams has
stood the trip very well one of the males that I
got from Lewis is lame I think it had the seeing
something wild the male that I got from Noffard
I can’t find out what it is I think the pull is on much
too good your little male stood it fine nat-
if I stay W. Kiley Rainville. Leader I that are in
The neighborhood have instilled of starting soon. There
is a great crowd of young men here, but they say
not half as many as there was last spring. They
did at first think I had not heard of my chance
as small and — more could have got all of our
at first at Naries were as well as in Silovance.
The boat that stops bringing provisions up
from St. Louis was at fifty two below
no news last night and boat total lost consequently
was told to buy me not put that need laik’s find
for November 30, for a hundred
for 8 or 9 pounds for sugar.3 I don’t think for
claim party. Would like to tell you goodbye
but a part sunny and overcast through last
days not the wind sufficient to say that
the smoke from the mills is the pleasantest and the
smoke this is good and cloudy and nasty cler
that I ever saw in this part of the state.
This wind is a fine country. It is very dry and
will wait I saw some situations I liked better
than any in old Missouri. The balance is very
broken all most no timber some good land in the
size of the bottom here the river is very low
and flat. The back water is nearly all over
those. The Mississippi is unusually high.
Rainville is situated about two miles from the
river in the hundreds of high bluffs of the river
and about the 25 of November. They gambol
get drunk never and show a fellow the closest
kind. There is about ten dry good stores and
grocery and saloon and unmentionable lake shore.
Drinking. Blacksmith, dragoon maker’s silver store.
Plenty but enough of this.
I have found out that there is a great deal to do on the
road to origin so much that I am not done to think
much about friends and kind folks by last column.
I do think it makes me feel very sorry for
the distance and dangers between us may cut
of which I so much desired last line and patience will bring sound the time
that we can see each other again.
I wrote with brother B. Rogers for
all if try it get the pay if may
If you do not try to sell it again
self, I want you to send me the Missouri
Democrat send it to Independence. I do
not forget to write no more at present. I remain
your affectionate brother until last Isaac Smith.
April 27th 1853
Winter quarters, Iowa

Dear brother & sisters,

I write you a few lins to let you know that we are all well at presaant in hops these few lines will reach you all in the injoyment of the same blessing we are ten mils above Kainsville waiting for Edward Ground to come up with us we started from thare yestarday (26) to go to the fery to cross and Ed broke one wheel of his wagon all to peses the calculation is to cross to morrow (the 28) we have had about two weeks of verry wet cool wether, roads is verry bad and streams high we expect to have a very difficult time to travel for some time, the spring heare is verry backward no grass of anny conseqence not with standing all this they have bin crossing the river with ox teams over a week I think thare teams will be ablige to suffer we have in our wagons eight or ten days feed I think by that time thare will be some grass we was three weeks geting to Kainsville we lay by two days and lost about thre on the acount of high water we met with no axident more thn that Ed broke one tong out of his wagon your father broke one king bolt Ira turned over and some things a little I broke an axeltree out of my small wagon but did not get it mendid till I got to Kainsville the most of our teams has stood the trip verry well one of the mules that I got from Lewis is lame I think it has the swiney something ailds the mare that I got from Norcross I cant find out what it is I dont think she will do me much good your little mule stands it firs rate P Haley W Haley Roundtree Leaper & Abel are in the neighborhood an talk of starting soon thare is a gret crowd of Emigrouts heare but thay say not half as many as thare was last spring thay all apper healthy I have not heard of any Cholra or small pox we cold have got all of our out fit at Kainsville as cheap as in Monmout the boat that was bringing our provisions up from St Louis sunk about fifty mils below, no lives lost freight and boat total loss consequently we had to buy our out fit that we lacked I paid for flower $3.00 for crackers $7 per hundred for coffee 10 cts per pound for shugar refined 7cts bacon 10 cts I wold like to tell you a good tale about Ioway and our travels through but have not the time suffise it to say that the first hundred mils is the flatist and the mudest and the most frog ponds and nasty slews that I ever
saw or herd of the most of the next hund is fine country it is verry dry and well watered  I saw some situations I liked better than any in old Warren  the balance is very broken all most no timber some good land on the riges the botems here on the river is verry low and flat the back watter is nearly all over them  the Misourie is unusually high

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I have found out that thare is a gret deal to do on the road to origon so much that I have not time to think much about friends and kins folks but when I do think it makes me feel very serious, for the distance and dangers between us may cut of that which I so much desire but I hope time and patience will bring round the time that we can see each othe again  we left a carpet with Butler & Rogers for sale if thay sell it get the pay if thay do not try to sell it your self  I want you to send me the Monmouth Democrat send it to Independence O.T.

dont forget to write no more at presant

I reman your affectionate brother until deat,

Isaac Smith