

The Journey West: The Mormon Pioneer Journals of Horace K. Whitney with Insights by Helen Mar Kimball Whitney

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The Journey West: The Mormon Pioneer Journals of Horace K. Whitney with Insights by Helen Mar Kimball Whitney, edited by Richard E. Bennett. Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University; Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 2018. xlv, 442 pp. Maps, illustrations (many in color), notes, glossary, index. \$34.99 hardcover.

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In early February 1846 Horace Kimball Whitney and Helen Mar Kimball, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, were married in Nauvoo, Illinois. The next day, the young couple joined the first group of their coreligionists to cross the Mississippi River into Iowa Territory on their journey toward the Great Basin. Over the next several years, the Whitneys and many of their Mormon counterparts traversed Iowa, encamped for a time just west of the Missouri River in Nebraska Territory, and made their way to the Salt Lake Valley. Once there, the Latter-day Saints went about establishing a settlement. Some, including Horace, returned to Nebraska to assist those who remained. *The Journey West*, a documentary transcription of six of Horace's journals, chronicles one man's experiences on the Mormon Trail and in the Salt Lake Valley from February 15, 1846, to October 30, 1847. Interspersed throughout are selections from Helen's reminiscences that add understanding to the entries of her husband.

The Journey West joins a long list of published nineteenth-century overland trail accounts, Mormon and otherwise. An important contribution of the volume is in its male and female perspectives as well as its contemporary and reflective outlooks. While Helen's recollections lack the immediacy of her husband's record, her words complement those of Horace by offering a retrospective viewpoint. Readers interested in the history of Iowa and the Midwest will be attracted to the Whitneys' descriptions of the Mormons' trek through Iowa and their time spent in and traveling across Nebraska.

Sixteenth President-in-Waiting: Abraham Lincoln and the Springfield Dispatches of Henry Villard, 1860–1861, edited by Michael Burlingame. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2018. ix, 407 pp. Appendix, notes, index. \$45.50 hardcover.

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