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A. H. Thompson diaries

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Summary

Creator: Thompson, A. H. (Almon Harris), 1839-1906

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Abstract: The diaries document the expedition down the Green and Colorado rivers and through the adjacent country. Diary entries have to do mostly with the topographical surveys, with frequent mention of inhabitants including Uinta, Navajo, Pai Ute, Moqui (Hopi) and Shewits Indians, and Mormon settlers.

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Creator History

Almon Harris Thompson (1837-1906) was the chief assistant to John Wesley Powell on the second Colorado River expedition begun in 1871.

Scope and Content Note

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1872 August 13). Exploration of the Uinkaret plateau, Hurrican ledge, Virgin mountains, etc. and the region of the Dirty Devil to Kanab, thence to the mouth of the Paria.||||Volume 3 (1872 August 14 - September 7). Voyage down the Colorade River from the mouth of the Paria River through the Grand Canyon to the mouth of Kanab Canyon.||||Volume 4 (1872 September 8 - 1873 January 24). Journey up the Kanab Canyon from the mouth to Kanab; exploration of Kaibab plateau, Mt. Trumbull, Mt. Logan, Mt. Dellenbaugh, etc.||||Volume 5 (1873 February 1 - 1874 April 27). Journey through various sections in the vicinity of Kanab, thence to Salt Lake City, Aurora, Illinois, and Washington, D.C.

Key Terms

Geographic Names

Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico) -- Description and travel
United States -- Discovery and exploration

Subjects

Indians of North America

Names

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Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902