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Elisha Stevens

California

Martin Murphy Sr.

as he knew the trail, at least to South Pass but

Dr. John Townsend

presumably to Fort Hall.

The Plains Across / John D. Unruh Jr. U. Ill. Press  
Urbana Chicago London

By 1845 the felt need for pilots was beginning to diminish.

p110 - The famous 1843 emigration, by far the largest to that date,

contracted with experienced fur trader John Gantt to

P156 - It was quite natural, for example, for overlanders to shift

guide them to Fort Hall for \$1 per person. Since Gantt's knowledge

route into motion from Indians, especially during the

of the country ended there, Dr. Marcus Whitman was also given at

early 1840s and in the initial gold rush period. When the Stevens-

least \$80 to guide the group beyond Fort Hall. Moses "Black" Harris"

Murphy party blazed a trail beyond the Humboldt Sink with

was hired as guide by Nathaniel Ford's Oregon-bound party in

their wagons in 1844, they were following the exact directions

1844, one of the largest of the year; Andrew Sublette was

of a Paiute Indian chief who told them of the route and went

apparently similarly employed by the Cornelius Gilliam

ahead with the leaders to show the way. Named in the Indian's honor,

party; and Caleb Greenwood was employed to pilot the

The Truckee River became one of the most frequently traveled overland trails into

Stevens-Murphy party of that year as far toward

California and still serves as a modern transportation route.