

1853

Amount of provision Jn. L. Kline furnished for twenty five persons to subsist on from Oseola Mo. to Oregon City O. Territory - April 1853.

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| 2123 = bacon | 7 | 8 gal. vinegar | 2.00/25 |
| 190 = venison | 7 | 1 1/2 Bu. Pickles | 1.50/1.00 |
| 86 * lard | 7 | 5 bottles pepper sauce | 1.25/25 |
| 3876 = flour | 2 3/4 | 6 boxes mustard | 75/12 |
| 161 = coffee | 12 | Rice | |
| 247 = brown sugar | 8 | 18 Bu. dried fruit | 36/2 |
| 20 = crushed " | 12 1/2 | 5 Bu. corn meal | 1.75/35 |
| tea | | 1 1/2 gal honey | 75/50 |
| 11 = star candles | 33 | 100 = soap | 7.00/7 |
| 1 1/2 = Spice | 38/25 | 3 = Tartaric acid | 3.00/1 |
| pepper | | salt | |
| 5 = soda | 75/15 | 4 BBr. crackers | 22.00/5.50 |
| 5 = gum arabic | 3.50/70 | | |

We were six months on the road with Ox teams - and come in the head of the Willamette valley down the McKinzy fork and with all the provision we had to live on beef alone. No salt no nothing but beef. Two or three weeks except a little flour for the feeble and children.

J. L. Kline

This agreement made in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three between John L. Kline of the first part and M. F. White Jn. B. Cox, J. D. McFarland, Samuel Phillips, Wiley Phillips, D. W. Keith.

Witnesseth that the said John L. Kline in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the second part hereinafter contained doth covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part to furnish them with provisions at Oseola Missouri that will be considered sufficient to subsist on to Oregon. Cooking vessels, tent cloths, wagons and teams to haul the same, and also to have the sick taken care of, the sick to pay their own Doctor bills and the said party of the second part in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the first part doth covenant and agree to and with the said John L. Kline that they will accompany him to Oregon City or near there in the territory of Oregon and we hereby bind ourselves to obey on the entire route from Oseola Missouri to Oregon City all his rules regulations and orders made or promulgated by him on starting or

on the route in regard to traveling camping cooking starting and stopping driving and herding stock belonging to him or connected with his train, standing guard, driving teams, crossing rivers, or other water courses, taking care of the sick and every other order or rule he may think necessary to facilitate him and his train on the route to Oregon City in the territory of Oregon.

And it is further agreed between the partners hereto that they will all start as early this spring from Oseola as the grass will admit of and that if the party of the first part shall fail to perform this agreement on his part he will pay to each one of the party of the second part two hundred dollars and if either one of the party of the second part shall fail to perform this agreement on their part each one so failing will forfeit and pay four cows except those having no cows and they will forfeit and pay two hundred dollars to the said Kline as liquidated fixed and settled damages. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals. The day and year as herein written. April 5th 1853.

Signed and sealed in presence of Jn. L. Kline, C. F. White, John B. Cox, J. D. McFarland, Samuel Philips, Wiley Philips, D. W. Keith, L. L. Barnes, C. C. Cosling.

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From part of a bible lost on the plains.

John L. Kline

May 4 - 1832

Jn. L. Kline was born the 24th of November 1814 in Rutledge E. Tenn.

Serena J. Holt was born 17th of January 1822 on the head of Sweet Water Creek McMinn Co. E. Tenn.

Jn. L. Kline was married to Serena J. Holt the 7th of February 1839 on the head of Sweet Water Creek McMinn Co. E. Tenn.

Our infant son was born the 17th of September 1839 in Rutledge E. Tenn. and died at the same place and time.

Louisa Frances was born the 21st of August 1840 on the head of Sweet Water Creek.

Sarah Virginia was born the 16th of February - 1842 on the head of Sweet Water Creek.

Melissa Jane was born the 6th of August 1843 on the head of Sweet Water Creek.

Oseola Mo. April 30th 1853

Rec'd of John L. Kline one hundred and fifteen dollars which we are to pay to W. H. Palmer for 4 pr. Tomb Stones delivered at Oseola the first boat.

Corbin O. Barnes