



“ Crowds of Emigrants got to the Rock, to spend Independence Day, and the loud reports of fire arms throughout the day, testifies that this is the birth Day of American Freedom; & that although here in the wilds of the Rocky Mountains, a thousand miles from our home we are yet *American Citizens* a part of a great family who have inherited Freedom from our Ancestors. *We do not forget this day* but every heart beats high with patriotic pride as it welcomes this Glorious Anniversary. ”

— Winfield Scott Ebey, July 4, 1854

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