

Captain Gardner/Snow's company of emigrating Saints (the second
 fifty of Wm. Snow's hundred) left the Missouri river for G. S.
 Valley. From a letter written Aug. 28, 1850, at the upper Platte
 Ferry, signed by Joseph Young and Gardner Snow and addressed to
 the First Presidency in the Valley, and forwarded to the valley by
 a special messenger (David Lewis) we call the following: "We
 are the second fifty of Captain Snow's hundred; Gardner Snow is
 captain; Joseph Young, president; Winslow Parr, counsellor; Lucius
 N. Scovil and Geo. W. Parish, marshalls; Aaron M. York, John Gar-
 ter and Thomas Rich, captains of tens, and Samuel Pollock, clerk
 of the fifty. By council of our brethren from the Valley, we,
 by mutual consent, have divided our company for the convenience
 of traveling. Brother Truman Leonard and Harmond Parsons are
 the captains of ^{the} tens that are not with us; they are in our ad-
 vance and we cannot give an account of their situation. We were
 met by Brothers Stratton and Hanks at the branch of the La Bonte
 on Tuesday, Aug. 20th. They read to us a document from the Presi-
 dency and Council in the Valley. We were truly thankful to hear
 from you and have concluded to send a messenger forthwith (Brother
 David Lewis) in advance of Brothers Stratton and Hanks to repre-
 sent to you our situation as early as possible. When we left
 the Missouri river as a camp, we were short of teams and had no
 extra ones. We have 42 wagons in our company, besides those with
 Brothers Leonard and Pearson. About 20 head of our cattle are
 crippled, and if any more should give out, we shall be under the
 necessity of leaving some of our substance by the way-side. But
 we feel that we need all we have, as we are among the poorest of
 our people, yet rich in faith. If you could send to our assist-
 ance, as soon as possible, from 12 to 15 yokes of oxen and 2 wa-
 gons, you will confer on us a lasting favor that we will duly ap-
 preciate. With such help we may extricate ourselves, our wives
 and our little ones from these mountains."

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