



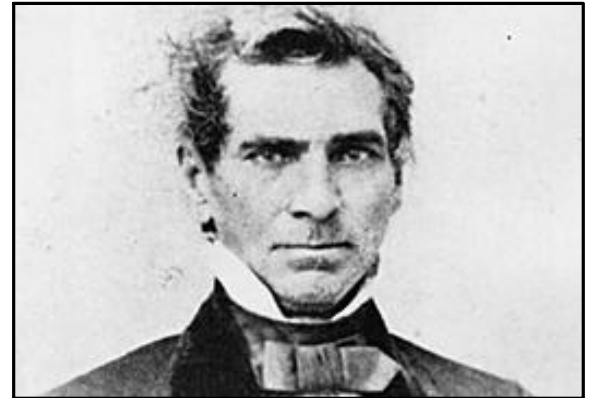
BLACK ROCK DESERT
HIGH ROCK CANYON
EMIGRANT TRAILS



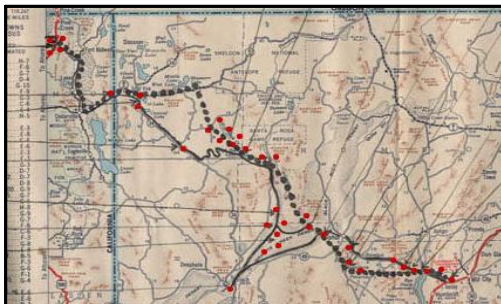
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Profile: Lindsay Applegate

- Lindsay Applegate was born in 1808.
- He was a carpenter by trade, and he built the first Ferry in Polk County in 1844.
- He owned the Toll Road out in the Siskiyou along the trail, and sold it to Dollarhide in the 1860's.
- He was also an Indian agent in Klamath Falls.
- In 1843, Lindsay, along with his two brothers
- and their families, decided to move to Oregon using the Oregon Trail.
- Lindsay and his brothers were among the first emigrants to cross the Oregon Trail in 1843.
- During the emigration to Oregon, while on the Columbia River, the Applegate's raft overturned killing Lindsay's son Warren along with his brother's son.
- By the spring of 1846, Lindsay, along with his brothers, had settled in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, planted crops and built cabins, but they were determined to find a safer route for emigration.
- Lindsay, along with 14 other men, left Oregon on June 20, 1846 on their journey south.
- They traveled down the Willamette Valley through what is now Corvallis and Eugene.
- Being short on supplies, Lindsay's brother, Jesse, was chosen to lead the party continuing onto Fort Hall, Idaho to get supplies and inform emigrants about the new trail. The others proceeded up the Humboldt to where Winnemucca is now and set up a rendezvous and rested the stock.



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- On August 9, 1846 a group of as many as 100 wagons set out from Fort Hall to cross the new trail. In September, the first of the wagons left the Humboldt River and headed across the Black Rock Desert, a treacherous section of the trail.
- In 1853 alone over 3,500 men, women, and children took this route.

Map of the Applegate-Lassen trail
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