

Kit Carson by Kit Carson (1860)

He was born 24Dec1809 in Madison County, KY & died 23May1868 in CO. His dad died when he was 9. They lived in a fort (to protect against the Indians).

'26 = He left for the Rockies. Later he traveled across the desert to CA & met French trappers in San Joaquin Valley. He returned to Santa Fe with 2000 pounds of furs.

'31 = he went to the Rockies & Platte River & returned to Taos to sell them.

'33 = he was hired to track down an Indian that stole some animals. He had to kill him.

Supplies cost \$1 per pint of flour, \$2 per pint of coffee, sugar or gun powder & \$20 blankets.

'35 = shot a French bully, went to Yellowstone & found buffalo.

'39 = they saw 1500 Blackhawk warriors so they built a fort & were saved.

'42 = He was hired for \$1 per day to hunt for Bent Fort & then took Fremont up the Platte River to the Rockies.

'43 = returned to Taos & married Josepha Jaramillo. Then he returned to help Fremont explore the Oregon Trail & Columbia River. They headed south to see if the Great Basin drained to the Pacific. They had to cross the Sierras in 6' of snow to get to Fort Sutter.

'45 = He went with Fremont up the Arkansas River to Salt Lake & crossed the Sierras at Carson Pass that was named after him. They helped American settlers in Northern California who were having problems with Indians, then went to Klamath, OR. War broke out in CA with Mexico & they returned. Fremont & the settlers took control of Sonoma. The navy took control of Monterey & sent Fremont with 150 men to take San Diego.

'46 Kit was ordered back to Washington DC to be a dispatch messenger, but army general Kearny made Kit escort him to CA. Kearny's mistakes cost the lives of many.

'47 Stockton & Kearny's 600 men marched on the Mexican army of 700 in Los Angeles. He finally made it to Washington & was sent back to CA, being attacked by both Comanche & Apache.

'49 = settled in Rayado, NM.

'50 = he sold 40 mules & horses for goods at Fort Laramie.

'51 = he was hired to go to St. Louis for goods & narrowly escaped the Cheyenne.

'52 = he trapped the Laramie River

'53 he bought 6500 sheep & sold them in CA for \$5 profit each.

'54-55 = were the Indian wars

Indians always seem to harass him & he took it as either sport or his duty to kill them.