From 1843 to 1869 the largest voluntary migration in history took place on the route we call the Oregon Trail. Most travelers began their journeys from cities along the Missouri River. On a good day of travel a wagon train was able to move up to 20 miles. The Trail followed the Platte River, and crossed the continental divide at South Pass. Arriving at Oregon City and the end of the Oregon Trail did not mean that their journey was over—rather it was just beginning!