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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Clear, plain and simple By William J. Higgins, III Although a somewhat mundane journal, Stansbury nevertheless accomplished the tedious task of surveying the entire Great Salt Lake and surrounding area, along with proposing new routes for future wagons and the railroad to California, Oregon and Utah in the years 1849-1850. While his account is not exactly edge of your seat reading material, it does depict life along the trail accurately. If one has an interest in geology and geography, this journal may be even more engaging as he meticulously describes these subjects throughout his report. The journal describes many important historical first-hand experiences of the times such as the meeting of numerous returning emigrants, the cholera epidemic, abandoned wagons, dead oxen and a plethora of belongings simply dumped along the way, the many graves along the trail and overall activity along the Emigrant Trail. His report and conscience on Brigham Young and the Mormons is praiseworthy and commendable as he received much needed assistance from them while pursuing his surveying responsibilities. Overall a worthy journal with many pages of beautiful drawings. Maps would have been very helpful.

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