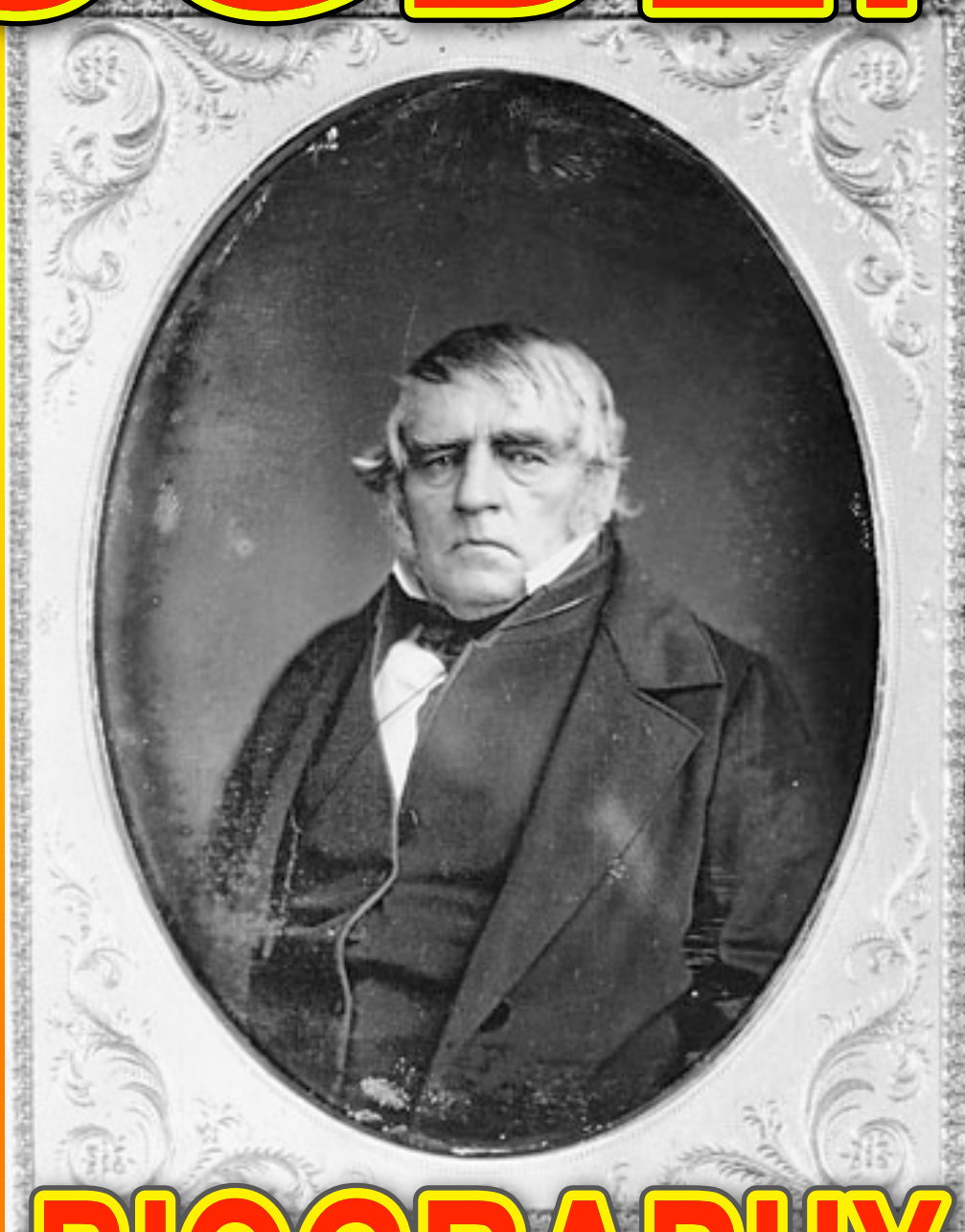


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BIOGRAPHY

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Ogden explored a wide area, and made good profits for the company. He spent much time in Utah, and saw the Ogden River (named for him) and Great Salt Lake. He also explored Nevada, Oregon, and the eastern Sierra Nevada. He then moved farther north to what is now Washington. There he rescued pioneers from the expedition led by Marcus Whitman who had survived a deadly attack by Native Americans in 1847.

Ogden also worked even farther north, in areas of Canada and Alaska, where he ran trading outposts. He died in Oregon in 1854.

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Try this for other words, too. 

Finding key words

Next, we need to find the key words that tell us what the story is about...

Read the story and underline the key words. Write the most important of these key words in a list like the one below. Write next to it a word that means a similar thing (a synonym). You don't have to use all the spaces, but you should not use more.

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Example: unfamiliar	unknown

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4 When did Ogden rescue pioneers?

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When you read a description it often gives you ideas about how the event might be described differently.

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