

Robert Campbell

A Narrative of Colonel Robert Campell's Experiences in the Rocky Mountain Fur Trade includes stories told by Robert Campbell about events that occurred between 1825-1835. Robert Campell was a Scottish Immigrant who was based in St Louis. [Changed for easier reading using ChatGPT.] Original found at http://mtmen.org/mtman/html/camp_nar.html

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Smith took one of his men and went up the river to look for a place to cross. While he was gone, the rest of his group was attacked by a band of Indians. All but one of the twelve men were killed. The attackers took all the horses, furs, baggage, and everything else the company owned.

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The Blackfeet were always at war with us because we were trading with Indians that they were at war with. They were at war with the Snakes, the Crows, the Flatheads and the neighboring tribes. They had fierce contests, and great care was taken to avoid them when on their marauding expeditions.

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Smith took one of his men and proceeded up the river to find a fording place. While absent, his party in camp were attacked by Indians, and all but one of the twelve massacred. The Indians took all the mules, furs and baggage, and everything the company had.