The Bear River Massacre Source Summary Chart

Here are the sources for this inquiry at a glance!

Bold: if you only have time for students to analyze a few sources, we recommend starting with the bolded ones below. See our ideas for teaching page for more ways to pare the lesson down.

Name	Source Type	Key Points
Document 1: Hans Jasperson's Account	Secondary Source excerpt from magazine article in the *Salt Lake Tribune*	Article contains part of an account from a Mormon Pioneer's autobiography during that time that claims the casualty number could be higher than they thought
Document 2: Henry Woonsook's Account	Secondary Source Interview with Henry Wonsoock	Woonsoock tells about the events of the massacre he learned from his grandparents who survived the event recalling the attackers being white men wearing Indian clothing
Document 3: Patrick Conner's Account	Primary Source report written by Colonel Patrick Conner	Military document describing the event and detailed military battle tactics
Document 4: William Drannan's Account	Primary Source section of memoir written by William Drannan	Recounts the massacre as well as a conversation he had with the captain the night prior predicting a violent fight
Document 5: Casualties from the Battle	Secondary Source section of a book called *The Shoshoni Frontier and the Bear River Massacre*	Lists the casualties and causes of death for the victims of the massacre
Document 6: Sgt. William Beach's Account	Primary Source account of the events by Sgt. William Beach	A detailed account of the violent nature of the massacre
Document 7: James Martineau's Map	Primary Source map drawn by James Martineau	A map depicting the layout of the river and the battle
Document 8: James Martineau's Account	Secondary Source account from James Martineau	Short description he wrote on the back of the above map

Document 9: Darren Parry's Written Account	Secondary Source section of the book *The Bear River Massacre: A Shoshone History*	A account of events by a descendant of the Shoshone people who were there, specifically Chief Sagwitch and his experiences as an Indian leader during the event
Document 10: Darren Parry's Oral Account	Secondary Source oral account from Darren Parry	A spoken account of events by a descendant of the Shoshone people who were present