



Explorer **John C. Fremont** did more than make maps. He also kept a journal.

Here is what **John C. Fremont** wrote on **May 3, 1884**, right here in **Las Vegas!**

“After a day’s journey of 18 miles, in a northeasterly direction, we encamped in the midst of another very large basin, at a camping ground called Las Vegas ... Two narrow streams of clear water, four or five feet deep, gush suddenly with a quick current, from two singularly large springs ... The taste of the water is good, but rather too warm to be agreeable; the temperature being 71 in the one and 73 in the other. They, however, afford a delightful bathing place.”

Imagine **YOU** are traveling with John C. Fremont. Is the desert hot?
Are you tired? Do you like the desert journey?
What is it like to find the springs, and what else do you see?



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Read:

“Springs in the Desert: A Kid’s History of Las Vegas”
by Johnathan Peters

