



## JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

### HEART/HART GROVE CAMPGROUND

**Hiram O. Miller**

**1846 May 14 & 15**

“Camped at “Heart Grove” Jackson County near the Indian line twenty miles from Independence on the Big blue.”

\*\*\*\*\*Today Heart/Hart Grove Campground site would be in the vicinity of 97<sup>th</sup> and Hickman Mills Road in Kansas City, Missouri. Some diarists spelled the name “Hart”, and some used the spelling “Heart”. Hiram Miller was a member of the Donner-Reed Party. Trail historian Ross Marshall points out that Miller’s estimate of travel from Independence was an overestimate, but Marshall indicates that Miller was correct when saying that Heart/Hart Grove Creek empties into the Big Blue River, actually a couple miles to the north. **Source:** Marshall, Ross, unsigned. “3-Trails Crossing Memorial Highway Dedication,” *Trails Head Tidings* 5(1): (January 2007), 3-4, quote on p. 4.