



William Lombardo as

RODDY WHITE

Definitely the Wagon Master

Howdy y'all. Name's Roddy White. I am 38 years old and I am a farmer. My dreams are to succeed in what my father and mother started here in Independence, Missouri. They planted crops and had a very successful farm. I hope that in Oregon I can plant crops, too. Honestly, I didn't think I would ever be making this journey. But, ever since my mother died from asthma and my dad from cholera, I knew I would have to make the trip. It is too difficult to live here by myself.

I work very hard and am proud to take on the job of the wagon master for our wagon train. This fella George seems to think he is the wagon master. But I won't give up until I earn that spot as wagon master. I'm keeping my hopes up that we don't lose any oxen and we don't run into any Indians.



Charlie Buckles as

GEORGE HAMILTON

Definitely the Wagon Master

Well, hello there. My name is George Hamilton and I live in Independence, Missouri. I'm 36 and I'm a townsman, you see. I'm going to Oregon because things in Independence are difficult and I want to go there for a better life with my wagon train members.

While I'm in the wagon train, I don't really want to talk about this but my parents left me and my older brother Benjamin (and we don't know why), nicknamed Flerb, who is a cuckoo bird. He goes crazy on and on and on-- he can't even get on his own horse. Well, actually he can get on his horse but each time he gets on the horse, he falls off. Sometimes I'll even call him "Clumsy Cowboy." He also has a friend named Prichard, who's also a clumsy cowboy. Roddy is a part of our wagon train too. But, he thinks that he is the wagon train master (he isn't!) and we always get very mad at each other. There is also a girl named Sammie and her friend Sofia. It's going to be a long 2,170 miles to Oregon. Hope you join the trail with us. It's going to be fun!



Edward Stewart as

BROCK JOHNSON

Blacksmith and Adventurer

My name is Brock Johnson and I was born in 1829 in Jefferson City. I want to go to Oregon for an easier life and to fulfill my dream of opening a General Store. Right now I am a blacksmith, but it is hard and dangerous work and I want to do something different. My apprentice's name is Jas. He wants to become a blacksmith just like me. Jas is joining me on the trip to Oregon. My friend, Steven, is coming with me to Oregon, too. He's a farmer and looking for a better life, too. I've heard Oregon has a lot of fertile land and opportunity. I've also heard that it's a dangerous journey, but I am ready for this trip. As long as my wagon train members and I don't end up like the Donner Party, we will survive.



Alexa Greenstein as

SAMMIE

Teenage Good Samaritan

Howdy y'all my name is Sammie. Oh boy, my job being a doctor is the hardest living thing you've ever done. Y'all I love my best friend she is like a sister to me. It was the happiest day of MY LIFE when we picked her up on the side of the road. I knew she needed help, so I said to father, "Father you got to help her, she's the right one, you got to help her she's on her own, and helpless." I was so happy so we picked the little darling up on the side of the road and put her in our wagon train. If it wasn't for her I would be so lonely.

Now she's a bit older than me. She's now 18, and I'm 16, and believe it or not we get along quite well. I'm going to Oregon and hope I don't die. I want to go for the gold rush. I want to be successful y'all. Sometimes I just sit up at night thinking about how lucky we would be if we made it to Oregon. As you know one of my best friends is like my sister, her name is Sophia and we are so close you can't even split us apart if you try. We're like chains.



Taylor Rosoff as

SOPHIA WATERS

Runaway

I'm Sophia Waters. It all started one month ago... I ran away from my parents' wagon train because they wanted me to be someone I wasn't. They wanted me to be a gold miner, but I didn't want to because my grandfather died in a mine. I kept telling them mining is dangerous but they never listen. I feel as though they don't care about me. My parents never fed me but they had me prepare food for them. The only thing I brought from the wagon train when I ran away was my sewing kit. I love to sew.

One month after I ran away, this nice wagon train picked me up. That's when I met Sammie and the rest of my new wagon. Me and Sammie are extremely close. I'm 18 and she's 16. She's the best friend I always dreamed about. George, her dad, is very strict. He always tells me to put down my needle and help with chores, but no one can stop me from sewing. He can make the rules for everyone else but not me. I'm excited to continue this journey with my new family and open a dress shop in Oregon.



Sadie Ravitch as

ANTHONY FIGS

Proud Father and Wagon Master

Howdy y'all my name is Anthony Figs and I'm 35. My two daughters were the best thing that ever happened to me. My daughters always help me with my jobs. I am a banker and doctor. I hope to pick Steven, Jas, Brock, and my daughters for Oregon. Jas is an excellent apprentice, Steven is a great farmer and lastly Brock is a blacksmith.

Just last night I told my girls that were going to Oregon. I said, "Pack your bags. We leave in a week." We depart from Independence. I guess that is not that far because we live in Jefferson City. I was chosen as the wagon master because I put the wagon train together. And I'm smart. I wish I could travel with my wife but she passed away a couple of years ago. I think Oregon will be a good fit because there is a lot of cheap land there. Jas can work for me there. I have many ideas for work in Oregon and Emma will be able to help Steven with the farm if we buy a farm. Mary Kate will go to school. I hope going to Oregon was a good choice.



Jessie Gates as

MARY KATE FIGS

Adventurous Youngest Child

I'm Mary Kate Figs. I'm eleven years old. I got a older sis Emma and my daddy Anthony. Mama died when I was little. I miss having one. My sister says I'm very much like her. A couple years after my mama left us, our neighbor's son Jas came to live with us. He's helpful around the house. Me and my sister never expected my dad to want to move. Our thoughts were wrong though.

When my daddy heard about Oregon he kept the thought to himself for a good long while. About a year later he told us to pack our bags. We'd be leaving for Oregon soon. He said our town was getting crowded and it's always been his dream to own fertile farming land. I'm excited for Oregon but also not. I'm gonna miss my cozy little home and all of the memories of my childhood in it. I can't wait because I always love a new opportunity. I'm also a little nervous. I've heard about the rivers, the mountains, the thunderstorms and the Indians. Anyway, I hear that a couple other people will be joining us. Jas too. Every night I pray that we survive the trail.



Dilan Mendiratta as

PRICHARD THOMAS

Solo Traveler Who Found His Train

Prichard Thomas is my name. I am 31 years old. I don't know what happened to my parents because they died just before I was born. All I know is that my parents are dead and I've always had to take care of myself. I am from Iowa. Recently, I found my way to Independence, Missouri where I found five people: Flerb, George, Roddy, Sammie and Sophia, and they asked me if I wanted to go to Oregon with them. They told me all about the west and how good it could be for me. I'm excited to go, but the most boring part about heading to Oregon is walking 2000 miles. I ain't lookin' forward to walking 2000 miles, but if it will get me to Oregon, I'll do it. I'm traveling west because I want to have a better life. Another reason is I want to go with my new best friend, Flerb. He is the best pal I ever had. Me and Flerb love to joke around with people. He's funny just like me. We like the same stuff. I am excited to head west.



Jack Sandi as

JAS SAGE

Hunter and Blacksmith Apprentice

Howdy. My name is Jas Sage. I am 20, I am a hunter and blacksmith apprentice of this wagon train. That's how I come to be with Brock Johnson my blacksmith teacher and Steven Stone the farmer. I want to go to Oregon because I want to get a new job. All my life I had wanted to be a blacksmith. So now Brock is teaching me how to be a blacksmith in Oregon and on the trail. My Ma and Pa have always wanted me to go beyond and now's my chance. So far it's been going mighty fine. Also I love my two farm dogs, Jack and Joe. I'm so happy that they are coming. Then there are my two sons, both ten. Their names are Jake and Jed.

One day this man named Anthony walked up to me and said, "We need some help around the house. Are you willing to help? You will get paid." Excited, I said, "Sure! When do I start?" "Tomorrow," said Anthony. Then after working for one year, I'm twenty and I'm stronger. Then I see that Anthony is packing a wagon. I asked, "Going to Oregon?" "Yes siree. Would you like to come?" I looked at my parents and they nodded. "Yes please." I rushed to get the boys and the dogs, quickly packed up and we were ready to roll.



Reese Narcisenfeld as

DIAMOND BLUE

A Slightly Frantic Yet Beautiful Lady

My name is Diamond Blue. I am 40 years old, can you believe it? I am the one who looks young and pretty in my wagon train. I am bringing with me my china that my mother gave me when I married my first husband of all-- dear old Harold. I loved him dearly. My wagon train members don't know that I am bringing my china so I have to be quiet about it. I am really scared to go to Oregon. What if my dress gets dirty and what if my china breaks? And what if all our food gets lost in a river? This is going to be a scary trip ahead.

Me and my wagon train members are going to Oregon because I got a job being a banker that makes a good amount of money. And we also are going for my children to get a good education at school. Now that I have two kids it's going to be a full house. I hope I still stay friends with Haxo and Simon when we get to Oregon.

P.S. - Don't forget to not tell that I am bringing my china along.



Maddie Fulmer as

HAILEY BLUE

Not a Walker, But Excited for Adventure



My name is Hailey Rose, well not any more. I am Hailey Blue now because my parents died in a fire while I was in school. I loved them very much. My mother taught me how to sew and my father took me hiking in the Poconos Mountains in Pennsylvania. My new mother, Diamond, adopted me. She was my mother's brother's wife, but not anymore. Diamond is very nice and sweet. I'm glad that she is taking care of me. She has a daughter named Lily. I was born on May 1, 1839. My little sister, Lily, shares the same birthday. She loves playing with me. Lily is only eight years old and didn't want to come on this trip. I look forward to getting to Oregon, but walking 2000 miles is going to be dreadful. I hate to walk long distances. But, other than that, I am ready for this long five month trip with my wagon train. Simon is our wagon master, Haxo is Simon's friend and Kindle is a woman traveling with us. She is nice and brave. I hope I can keep up my courage on this adventure.



Tameem Alassar as

STEVEN STONE

Future Farmer



My name is Steven Stone. I am 26 years old and I live in Jefferson City. Reading, farming, and telling scary stories are things that I like to do. I am determined to go to Oregon because I want my crops to grow more successfully. I work on my farm everyday, but with the weather it is impossible to yield enough food to make a living. The hateful droughts and storms ruin everything I try to plant. Also, I need more farmland to grow a variety of crops. Be careful Oregon, when I come, I am going to take all your land and plant on it. Although I am scared of the journey ahead, I am positive about it. No matter what, I will try my best to go and fulfill my dreams out west.



Tre Royall as

BILLY BOBBY BELL

Teenage Hunter



Gabby Samit as

LILY BLUE

A Not-So-Excited Traveler

My name is Billy Bobby Bell, but some people call me Triple B. I am a 16 year old hunter. Virginia is my birthplace, but I decided to go to Oregon. My father died when me and my brother were young and my mother died two years ago. Before she died, she said, "Go to Oregon and use your gift for hunting." Her dream was for me to open a butcher shop because I love to hunt. I do not like to be bothered when I'm hunting, especially by my brother. His name is George Bell. I'm traveling to Oregon for better hunting grounds.

My name is Lily Blue. I'm 8 years old and was born on May 1, 1842. My father and mother are not together anymore and I don't think I will be seeing him anytime soon because my mother and I are headed out west. My mother dragged me along the Oregon Trail and on the way sort of adopted a girl named Hailey. Her parents died in a fire and she is now my new sister. I did not want to go to Oregon at all because I liked where we were in Rosendale and I had lots of friends. I'm most sad to leave my best friend, Julia, but mother wanted to go because she had bad times in Independence, Missouri since she had been married so many times. She thinks Oregon will be better than Independence to find her next husband. Everyone in my wagon train knows I'm not a big fan of coming on this journey. Our wagon members are Simon, our wagon master, Kindle, a woman traveling by herself, and Haxo, a guy who thinks we're going to California. I like all my wagon mates pretty well. Watch out, Oregon, because here I come!



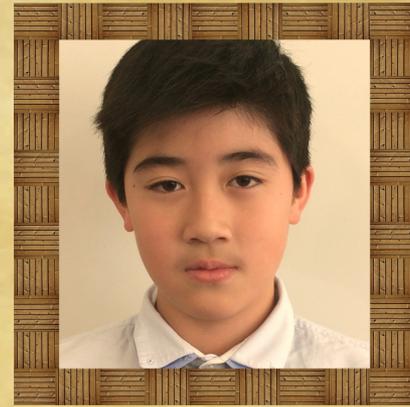
Faris Al-Hinai as

SIMON EZRA

A Not-So-Adventurous Adventurer

Howdy y'all the name's Simon Ezra, and when I get to Oregon I want to continue my love of banking. I am not excited for the trip because it will be hard and tiring but it's worth it. I can be a professional banker in Oregon. My mother was too old to go on this trip. My father is already dead but my mother said she can't do it. I know this will be the last time I see her. But it is what it is. Anyway, Oregon is gonna be a big achievement and although I don't want to go I feel like I have to.

Everybody on my wagon train think this trip is going to be fun! I can't believe they all want to go this trip! I am disgusted. Everyone in my wagon train is way too optimistic. I used to have a dog and when it died I didn't cry, but my neighbor who thinks we're friends did. Can you imagine *that* guy in your wagon train? And also this lady named Diamond is coming with us. She's crazy- she is not only bringing her kids, she also adopted one. And this other lady named Kindle, I like to call her bookworm because all she ever does read read READ. My job as wagon master is to lead my wagon train to Oregon even though I don't want to.



Eric Zhou as

BOBBY BILLY

10-Year-Old Who Hopes to Save the World

My name is Bobby Billy, I am ten years old and I live in Missouri. My mom and dad owned a general store, but they died unexpectedly of cholera when I was seven. When I grow up, I am going to own a general store just like my parents and cure every disease in the world, including cholera.

My closest relatives, my aunt and uncle, moved to Oregon right before my parents passed away. Savannah Bostic, my mother's friend, adopted me. Two years later, my aunt and uncle sent me a letter that they successfully made it to Oregon so I am going out west to live with them. Savannah has always dreamed of leaving Missouri because President Polk said it is our manifest destiny to settle the west. My aunt and uncle also wrote about what it is like in Oregon and that inspired Savannah, Alexandria and me to want to go even more. For the past year we've been planning our trip to Oregon. The sad thing is, once we get to Oregon, I will be living with my aunt and uncle, not Savannah and her sister. I hope they are like Savannah and Alexandria.



Sepanta Ahanj-Elias as

LUCAS MILLS

An Indian Healer in Disguise

Greetings folks, my name is Lucas Mills. I am an Indian healer. I was in Independence when a wagon train wanted me for my healing skills. But I didn't tell them I was an Indian because then they wouldn't need me. Also, they didn't notice that I was an Indian because I had powder on my face. The first thing I said was, "Where are you guys going?" and they said Oregon. But I wanted to go to Montana. But I accepted, for 2 reasons: I could just cross the border after we reached Oregon and also, it wasn't like a mid-aged Indian was going to find another wagon train. But I am not related to any one in this or any other wagon train.

Let me tell you a secret. I am going to Montana because there is gold and I want to make a fortune. The second reason is that I have to get as far away from my Indian tribe. If they see me again, I am going to be killed in the worst way. **BY HANGING!** The reason I was banished from my tribe is because I accidentally started a fire. Luckily, someone put it out.



Alexis Ewing as

KINDLE

An Independent, Intelligent Pioneer

My name is Kindle. I am nineteen years old and I live in Independence, Missouri. When I was in high school my mom and dad went on a ship and never came back. Since my parents had their own company, I was able to inherit their fortune. A diamond locket was the first thing I bought, just like mom. While I was at the bank I had seen a whole wagon train and they asked if I wanted to come with them. They said I could have better opportunity in Oregon.

Diamond, Simon, Hailey, Haxo, and Lily are in my wagon. Diamond is one sight to see! She is as bossy as a raccoon. Lily is as sweet as a puppy. Hailey is Diamond's adopted daughter and she is the sister of Lily. Simon is the grumpy old wagon master that doesn't like anyone. Haxo is the crazy person that thinks we're going to California.



Linus Mekhaya as

HAXORUS SHARP

California Gold Seeker

Ya'll I'm Haxorus Sharp, people call me Haxo/Hax. I'm a huge optimist and always cheerful and friendly. Simon, my best friend, is a huge pessimist about it. I'm four years younger than Simon, he's 22. Everybody in my wagon train thinks that we're going Oregon and they keep telling me that we're going to Oregon but I know that they're wrong and that we're going to California. My dad died in a hole when he was mining, there was an earthquake. My mom died from cholera. I wanted to be a miner like my father so I want to go to California.

Diamond Rose has two children. Lily is her biological daughter and she adopted Hailey at Independence Missouri. Kindle is a rich girl but is very nice indeed. Simon is my best friend but he's so sour, he thinks everything is bad, and makes everyone feel less excited!! I simply HATE when he does this! Lily is a total sass, she always talks about going back to Independence, Missouri. Lily always blames things on Hailey, she can be a mischief-causer. Hailey is shy and is Lily's sister but is much nicer. Hope you like my story and like what I had to say. Haxorus Sharp: The funnier guy in the wagon train.



Ethan Robinson as

GEORGE LEE BELL

Scaredy-Cat

Hi y'all, my name is George Lee Bell and I'm a bad hunter. Technically I'm not a full time hunter, so it's ok. I was supposed to be a hunter but half the animals I'm trying to hunt are too scary. You ever come face to face to a squirrel on a tree? Last time I screamed so hard half my lungs exploded. Squirrels are the worst. I'm lucky for having two other hunters in my wagon train because I really don't like hunting. I feel like the animals you kill come back as spirits and haunt you forever, so I'm really scared of hunting.

I don't much like the idea of going to Oregon. I think that it's way too dangerous and the rivers and mountains will threaten our food and water supply, and we can't run outta that. It's not like I had much choice though, my mom ran away or got kidnapped or something but as far as we know, she's still alive. My daddy was a gold miner and before he died in the mine he wanted us to go west for gold. My brother Billy and I are hunters til we get to Oregon! When we get to Oregon we will become gold miners! Bye!



Zoe Anderson as

ALEXANDRIA PEGGY BOSTIC

Lover of Overalls and Exploring

Howdy! My name is Alexandria Peggy Bostic, but you can call me Alex or Pegs. My favorite things to wear are wool socks, red flannel, overall pants, and a sash. I was born on October 15th, 1839 and I am 21 years old. I'm a Scout and I love to go exploring! Being outside with all of the animals is very fun for me! Me and my big sister, Savannah, are going to Oregon for a better life. She is 30 years old and she is the wagon master. Savannah adopted a boy named Bobby after his parents passed away. I am Bobby's unofficial aunt. He is 10 years old and he's going with us on the long trip so he can live with his aunt and uncle. My dad passed away when I was 9 so I know what it feels like to lose someone. I've had to work on the farm every darn day of my life! But I can pull out carrots faster than a bison on wheels! I can't wait to leave. Let's go to Oregon. YEEEEEE-HAAAAA!!

OREGON, HERE WE COME!

A Musical Celebration of the Oregon Trail

Scene 1.....INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Scene 2.....CAULKING THE WAGON

Scene 3.....NOT ENOUGH FARE FOR THE FERRY

Scene 4.....MOTHER NATURE STRIKES BACK

Scene 5.....GUESS WHO'S NOT COMING TO DINNER?

Scene 6.....C'MON LIGHT MY FIRE!

Scene 7.....MOUNTAIN MAYHEM

Scene 8.....PARING DOWN

Scene 9.....FINALLY IN OREGON

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Serena Bostic as

SAVANNAH

Wagon Master

Hey y'all! It's Savannah, the mighty wagon master of this here wagon train. I am a blacksmith at day and now I have taken up the job of a wagon master. It's hard but fun, I got to take charge of some funny, clumsy, and debatin' folks. I wouldn't want it any other way. I like to be a blacksmith because it is a lone wolf job and I usually like to work on my own, but now I've joined forces with other wagons to make it to Oregon. Me and my sister Alex are going to Oregon together. I like to play, take care of people, and be a leader. I don't like repeating myself and being annoyed, also I hate being woken while I'm sleeping.

I have decided to go to Oregon because my mother wanted me to have a better life. I feel sad to leave mother but it's for the best. My father died when I was 13. I sure miss him but I am going to Oregon to make him proud as a better blacksmith and also get paid more for my handy work. Well gotta go, headed for the mighty trail.

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