

Fillmore symbol interpretation

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The Fillmore, Utah inscription is apparently written in a Ute variant of the Plains pictographic script. The following reading is based on Dakota pictographs, which are similar. This script is explained in the Bureau of Ethnology reports, and your example probably dates from the early years of the Mormon settlements.



- Line 1: Bear-skull writes
- Line 2: "I have been to meet the Christians. Two days at the Great Spirit's Tabernacle in The valley
- Line 3: "I rested. There a wise man spoke with me. I departed from him. A tomahawk I received. I rested at their encampment and then departed.
- Line 4: I have been ill. The medicine-man charged me a blanket."

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