

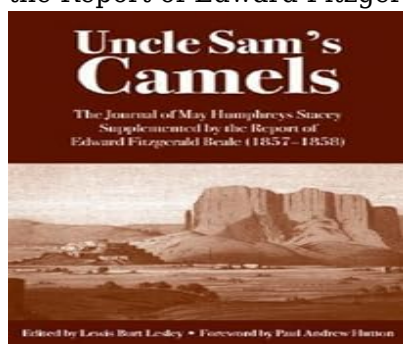
Uncle Sams Camels: The Journal of May Humphreys Stacey Supplemented by the Report of Edward Fitzgerald Beale (1857-1858) By Lewis Burt Lesley **Uncle sam's camels** May not have bothered me so much except this coincidentally came to my attention two times within two months (rather exceptional for such an obscure volume): first in a Saudi Aramco issue about camels and then in a search for items concerning Big Bend NP in Texas where I plan on making a four day canoe trip shortly. **Uncle sam's camels** Thus I was intent on reading this but not available from local library and everywhere demanded a rather steep price (not totally ridiculous but the most inexpensive was \$24 for a used hardcover). **Uncle sam's camels** Camels it was presumed would fare much better than horses and mules in the desert's punishing climate and terrain and therefore could be used to transport supplies to frontier forts more quickly:

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But it just went on and on about daily weather and local landscapes, **Uncle sam's camels** a real slog that only generated disappointment because it was so dry and contained scant references to the camels, **Uncle sam's camels** Lewis Burt Lesley I've been reading this book for research for my third book about post Civil War Texas: **Uncle sam's camels** It's a first-hand account of an unusual experiment; the possible use of camels for transport and warfare through the punishing climate and terrain of the American Southwest: **Uncle sam's camels** Lewis Burt Lesley Great little behind the scenes look at the project with in-depth coverage of the journey from diary entries: **Uncle sam's camels** Lewis Burt Lesley In 1855.

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Despite the meager rating I feel this is an important work, **Uncle sam's camels** The actual diaries of two men who accompanied the one and only expedition using camels in the United States the book preserves an unknown & unique chapter of American history: **Uncle sam's camels** Unfortunately because they are diaries it is immensely uninspiring (even though both authors demonstrate a flair at turning a phrase), **Uncle sam's camels** Believing demand was the driver of the price point I was truly looking forward to the read at the urging of Secretary of War Jefferson Davis the U: **Uncle sam's camels** Congress funded an unusual experiment: the importation of camels in order to test their fitness for military purposes in the Southwest, **Uncle sam's camels** Edward Fitzgerald Beale led the nation's first and only "camel corps" expedition from Texas to California in 1857: **Uncle sam's camels** Joining him was nineteen-year-old May Humphreys Stacey who kept a detailed journal of their harrowing adventures. **Uncle sam's camels** In Uncle Sam's Camels Lesley reproduces Stacey's account as well as Lt, **Uncle sam's camels** Beale's glowing report on the expedition in which he frequently comments on the camels' remarkable endurance, **Uncle sam's camels** Originally published in 1929 Lesley's study was one of the first to treat this curiosity in U: **Uncle sam's camels** military history and it remains the definitive text on the subject. **Uncle sam's camels** Uncle Sams Camels: The Journal of May Humphreys Stacey Supplemented by the Report of Edward Fitzgerald Beale (1857-1858)



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