

DOWNLOAD PDF MY SIXTY YEARS ON THE PLAINS, TRAPPING, TRADING, AND INDIAN FIGHTING

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"My Sixty Years on the Plains," by William Thomas Hamilton, beautifully evokes a world much different than our own. Just think, a book about trapping (now highly regulated), trading (even more highly regulated), and Indian fighting (by 'Indian' they mean Native Americans, young folks) and this activity truly is not allowed at all except under.

Hamilton was a mountain man, trapper, trader, lawman, and Indian fighter. Originally published in 1881, the work gives a view of frontier life during the last half of the nineteenth century from the outdoorsman perspective. A nice addition for the library of any history buff of the American West. Mar 15, Ryan Bybee rated it it was amazing What a lifestyle! I was enthralled by the small details of daily trapper life that would occasionally be discussed in this account. Those men were absolutely incredible. And I now really want to own a buckskin suit! I have actually found myself viewing some of my own hardships and difficulties through a different lens after reading this. They were hardworking and resourceful in a way I wish to be. Their diet seemed to consist almost entirely of meat or other animal byproducts like spinal fat uh yeah, I said spinal fat. Little else was discussed, though occasional berries were eaten when they could be found. Am I eating enough red meat?? Now that the western United States, and quite probably the entire US, is divided up and fenced in, a large part under private ownership, I wonder if you even could live a nomadic lifestyle today the way those trappers did? And I was surprised by the many accounts of American Indian fights and slaughters, callously discussed in a business-like way, as if it were all in a day's work. And truly, thus it must have been. The frontier life was hard and unforgiving, and even a more civilized life in the midwest was still a far cry from our lives today. Death could meet you at any time, disfiguring injuries were commonplace, heck, you even had no Tylenol. Westward expansion was fraught with perils, and it was sad to view the cool savagery that both natives and frontiersmen showed each other during clashes. Not so this one. On one side it becomes visible how beautiful the free life as a mountaineer was - even though it was a hard one. On the other hand, the book shows how the palefaces spread throughout the west. Time and again they clashed with local Native Peoples. The sense of entitlement was pretty shocking although not surprising, and the "trappers" were of course perfect men. Still, the adventures were interesting and it seems to take a neutral enough approach to the various native populations. I liked the narrator of the audio book. This book was very well written and went into appropriate detail on many aspects of frontier life as the "west was won" and became more settled. I highly recommend this to anyone interested in this time period of history. Sep 06, Roger Yacobucci rated it it was amazing I have read many of these types of books and was sort of tired of them so this one was in my library for a long time. Anyway I finally decided to read it and it was so enjoyable, exciting, and factual. Wish I could have been there to see the scenery and game. As far as the Indians it's hard to look back and not regret how the white man affected their lives and culture. I will read it again one day soon and would recommend it to all.. A great read written by a great man. I will read it again one day soon such is its interest.

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Chapter 3 : My Sixty Years on the Plains: Trapping, Trading, and Indian Fighting by William Thomas Hamilton

Sixty years on the Plains An account of the Indian relationship between white men and the people who had settled on the Plains. As more and more settlers came looking for land hostilities erupted and the Indian wars began.