

# John C. Fremont

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John C. Fremont was a mapmaker  
A U.S. Government mapmaker  
Employed by the Topographical Corps  
The most precise of mapmakers  
He made good use of other trackers'  
Trails and routes that they had used before...

He was later sent by the Government  
To study the West's employment of  
The people, climate and geography...  
Knowing that he'd have to study native tribes  
He knew he'd need a guide  
He'd ask Kit Carson to accompany ..

Yes, he asked his friend Kit Carson  
To set aside his farming  
To join his westward trek and take a chance.....  
He and Kit were such a partnership  
Kit sold his farm and loaded his gear up  
And joined without a backward glance..

As they march along through history  
The mapmaker and his guide we  
Revere "The Pathmaker" and Kit his favorite guide.....  
Just remember that the trails they marked  
Are where sometimes your car is parked.....  
The paths they marked are where today's cars ride!!!!!!