

# ***The 1858 California Diary of Stickney Robinson***

*Courtesy of Roena D. Wilson*

*Queen Victoria's Message By Telegraph Acrost the Atlantic Ocean August 16th 1858*

*When the sky falls We shall catch Larks*

Stickney Robinson's Book Written in the Mountains of California

Commencing Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1858

I have been walked over, rough shod by mosquitoes, bed bugs, lice and fleas in this Western World.

The African Baptist Church in Augusta, GA owns its minister, the Congregation having bought him of his former master, notwithstanding this fact, the Congregation (slaves themselves) contribute a good sum yearly to the support of their pastor.

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

Bear Creek, Mariposa Co., California.

Friday ground froze ½ an inch. Very pleasant, sun the same as the mid of Sept. at home in the Granite State, no clouds to be seen.

Commenced building me a Cabin on Bear Creek.

2

Saturday, weather same as yesterday, warm and clear, worked on my cabin.

3

Sunday, frosty morning but pleasant and clear sky through the day, spend the day in reading and writing.

4

Monday, very warm and clear but frosty morning, worked on my cabin.

5

Tuesday, mild but cloudy, looks like rain, worked &c.

Thought - Arouse my soul and with the year began a song of praise to God.

January 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wednesday, mild, looked like rain, commenced building a chimney of \_\_.

7

Thursday, mild but cloudy, worked on chimney.

8

Friday, warm sun and cloudless sky but frosty night, worked &c.

9

Saturday, ground froze one inch, pleasant sun but cool air through the day. Went to Mariposa, about six miles.

10

Sunday, cool air, but pleasant, some cloudy, spent the day in reading and writing.

11

Monday very mild, some clouds. Worked on chimney; a sprinkling of rain in the evening. Thought – Perseverance and sweet oil will help a man through the wilderness of life.

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1858

Tuesday, foggy morning, cold \_\_ air in the afternoon, finished chimney.

13

Wednesday, commenced snowing before morning and snowed until noon, then cleared off mild, fell about 8 inches. Done some washing and fix some tools for making ox yokes.

14

Thursday, cold frosty morning \_\_ white with frost after being out short time, should think the thermometer might indicate to within ten degrees of zero which would make the difference between heat and cold nearly as great here as in New Hampshire. Went to Mariposa after provisions.

15

Friday, frosty morning but pleasant sun and cool air. Got out some timber for ox yokes.

January 16<sup>th</sup> 1858

Saturday, frosty morning, hazy sky, looked like a storm. Stars shined bright in the evening. Got out some timber for ox yokes and ground my axe for chopping mill logs.

17

Sunday, clear and warm, snow mostly gone on south cants (?). Spent the day in reading and writing.

18

Monday, frosty morning and sky clear and pleasant through the day. Mr. Staniels and myself commenced chopping logs for Clark and Lamon's mill. Cut down 10 trees.

19

Tuesday morning, not so frosty, a little cloudy towards night. Cut down eight trees.

January 20<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wednesday, cloudy, looked like rain. Wind commenced blowing towards night pretty hard. Staniels to the post office after letters, self blocking out some ox yokes.

21

Thursday, wind blowed hard last night and rained some and showery during the day with thunder and heavy wind. Cut three trees.

22

Friday, showery through the day with high wind. Cut six trees and made one ox yoke.

23

Saturday, commenced snowing last night and this morning. We had eight inches of snow, cool air, sky overcast through the day, snow gone a little. Cut twelve trees.

24

Sunday, frosty morning, pleasant sun, snow melted freely. Spent the forenoon reading and writing, afternoon went to Aqua Frio eight miles.

January 25<sup>th</sup> 1858

Monday, cold morning but warm sunny day, snow melted freely, looked like rain towards night. Worked on a floom (flume) for Giltner is Aqua Frio.

26

Tuesday, frosty morning, warm sun, snow most gone. Worked at mining in Aqua Frio.

27

Wednesday, frosty morning but pleasant day, some sights of rain. Worked at mining.

28

Thursday, frosty morning but warm when the sun was up, sky a little hazy at night. Worked at mining.

29

Friday, frosty morning, warm and pleasant through came up foggy, very sudden sun half an hour high (?) at night. Worked at mining.

January 30<sup>th</sup> 1858

Saturday, foggy morning, cleared off about eight o'clock, warm sun but a little cloudy; foggy again in the evening; the b=robins and blue birds are singing by day and frogs by night.

31

Sunday, morning cool, warm sun, clear sky and delightfully pleasant through the day. Walked from Aqua Frio to Bear Creek through Mariposa, put one hundred dollars in the Express to send home.

February 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

Monday, cool morning, a little frost. The day pleasant, looked like a storm at night. Chopping logs.

2

Tuesday, frosty morning, day pleasant, sky a little hazy. Fell three trees.

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February 17<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wednesday, forenoon rainy and windy, afternoon mild but no rain. Worked on yokes.

18

Thursday, somewhat cloudy, looked like rain. Commenced building log road from our cabin to Clarks and Lamon's mill.

19

Friday, mild morning, not much frost, some cloudy. Worked on log road.

20

Saturday, rainy morning, cleared off about ten o'clock. Self fixing our cut saw, Staniels digging cellar under our cabin. Got a letter from home.

21

Sunday, warm and pleasant, spent the day reading and writing.

22

Monday, pleasant sun but cool air. Sick, alone in my cabin in the mountain wilderness of California. (find I think of home)

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1858

Tuesday, pleasant but cool, continued dreary and dull, passed the day.

24

Wednesday, heavy dew, clear sky and warm sun. Continued sick, the hours long.

25

Thursday, warm, clear sky and delightfully pleasant. Continued sick, but better.

26

Friday, very pleasant and warm. Worked ½ day on the log road but felt feeble.

27

Saturday, warm, pleasant clear sky. Worked on road ¾ day, on the gain you see.

28

Sunday, warm sun, clear sky, wild geese flew in large numbers. Spent the day reading and writing.

Thought – Many virtues are like stars, they shine only when it is dark. What is stronger than love.

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1858

Tuesday, cold air and cloudy. Worked on road.

17

Wednesday, cold morning like first of November in New Hampshire. Squally day.

(worked) on road.

18

Thursday, cold wind and cloudy. Worked on road.

19

Friday, cold air and cloudy – all day on road.

20

Saturday, cool morning but pleasant sun with scattering clouds. Worked &c.

21

Sunday, pleasant sun but cool breeze. Spent the day in reading and writing.

22

Monday, pleasant sun and cool air, worked &c.

23

Tuesday, cool with scattering clouds, worked &c.

24

Wednesday, cloudy, looked like a storm. Worked &c.

Thought - Happiness and misery are opposites, we can have which we choose.

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1859 (1858?)

Thursday, a shower early in the morning, then commenced snowing and continued until noon, then cleared off warm. Snow all went off. Worked \_\_\_.

26

Friday, cloudy, commenced raining at nine o'clock in the evening and rained all night.

Went to Bear Valley to see some cattle.

27

Saturday, rained from morning until four o'clock. Stayed at Bear Valley all day.

28

Sunday, pleasant, went home today, that is to Bear Creek, all the home I have here.

29

Monday, rained moderately most of the day. Worked \_\_\_.

30

Tuesday, pleasant, went to McNeil's, Clark, Mill and worked for Dustin Clark ½ day.

31

Wednesday, a pleasant day, worked for Clark.

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

Thursday, rain in the afternoon. Worked &c.

2

Friday, mild weather, cloudy, worked &c.

3

Saturday, cloudy, looked like rain, worked &c.

4

Sunday, pleasant but cool. Went to Bear Creek and back.

5

Monday, cold, raw air, worked for Dustin.

6

Tuesday, cool air, shower in the afternoon. Worked &c.

7

Wednesday, cloudy, commenced raining about five o'clock in the afternoon. Came down McNeil's mill and worked on log road.

8

Thursday, a cold storm of rain and snow the forenoon, afternoon squally, went back to McNeil's mill.

9

Friday, cold, ground froze ½ inch. Worked for Dustin.

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1858

Saturday, a cold chilly day, worked for Dustin.

11

Sunday, cool air but pleasant sun. Went from McNeil's mill to Bear Creek and back.

12

Monday, pleasant sun but cool air, worked &c.

13

Tuesday, pleasant but cool, worked for Dustin.

14

Wednesday, pleasant but cool. Worked &c.

15

Thursday, continues cool, worked &c.

16

Friday, cool and cloudy, looked like rain. Worked &c.

17

Saturday, warm sun. clear sky, finished work for Dustin Clark.

18

Sunday, pleasant, went from McNeil's to Bear Creek. Received a letter from home. Thought – Gold coins twenty dollars and sixty seven cts to the os Religion Christianity coins more.

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1858

Monday, pleasant, worked for Clark and Lamon on a floom (flume).

20

Tuesday, warm and pleasant, worked &c.

21

Wednesday, warm sun, hazy in the afternoon, finished floom today.

22

Thursday, warm sun, clear sky, making rack to haul shingles on.

23

Friday, warm and clear. Worked repairing Clark and Lamon's mill.

24

Saturday, very warm and clear, worked on mill.

25

Sunday, warm and clear, spent the day reading and writing.

26

Monday, warm and clear. Sawing logs in the woods.

27

Tuesday, warm sun and scattering clouds, sawing logs with Chamberlain.

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wednesday, cold and squally, went to Mariposa.

29

Thursday, cool and cloudy, sawing logs.

30

Friday, warm sun and scattering clouds. Sawing logs.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

Saturday, pleasant sun and some clouds, sawing logs.

2

Sunday, warm sun and clear sky, took my bible and hymn book and went into the woods alone to watch our oxen all day, saw some Indians.

3

Monday, warm and pleasant, set up tar kill.

4

Tuesday, warm and pleasant, worked on bridge for Clark and Lamon.

5

Wednesday, still pleasant, worked on bridge.

6

Thursday, warm, still on bridge.

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May 27<sup>th</sup> 1858

Thursday, cool air, few clouds, cutting logs.

28

Friday, cool air and clear sky, worked on coal pit and log road.

29

Saturday, warm and clear, cutting logs.

30



Sunday, pleasant and clear, spent the day in reading and writing.

31

Monday, warm and clear, cutting logs.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

Tuesday, warm and clear, cutting logs.

2

Wednesday, warm and clear, cutting logs.

3

Thursday, very warm and clear, worked &c.

4

Mariposa destroyed by fire.

Friday, warm with clear sky, worked &c.

5

Saturday, very warm, no clouds, worked &c.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

Sunday, hot, spent the day reading and writing.

7

Monday, warm and clear, cutting logs.

8

Tuesday, warm, some cloudy. Worked &c.

9

Wednesday, warm and clear with a good breeze. Cutting logs half day and went to McNeil's mill to see Wheelock.

10

Thursday, warm and clear, cutting logs.

11

Friday, warm, looked like rain, worked &c.

12

Saturday, looked like rain, worked &c.

13

Sunday, warm but cloudy, spent the day reading and writing.

14

Monday, looked like rain, worked &c.  
Thought – A good Soldier is always at his post.

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1858

Tuesday, looked like rain, cutting logs half and running planning machine for Clark half.

16

Wednesday, warm some clouds, drawing coal.

17

Thursday, warm sun and cool breeze with scattering clouds, cutting logs.

18

Friday, a mild shower in the forenoon, still cutting logs.

19

Saturday, a sprinkling of rain in the morning, doing different jobs.

20

Sunday, warm with clear sky, spent the day in reading and writing.

21

Monday, warm and clear, making an axe.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1858

Tuesday, clear sky, cool air, cutting logs.

23

Wednesday, warm and clear, cutting logs.

24

Thursday, warm sun cool air and clear, w(orking) &c.

25

Friday, warm and clear. Worked for Clark half day repairing matching machine, afternoon went to Cathey Valley 16 miles.

26

Saturday, came from Cathey Valley in the morning – afternoon cutting logs.

27

Sunday, warm and clear. Clark and Lamon's mill burned this morning.

28

Monday, warm and clear, went to Mariposa.

29

Tuesday, not doing much in the forenoon, hauling fence posts out of the woods.

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wednesday, warm, some cloudy, hauling our fence posts.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

Thursday, warm and clear, to Mariposa.

2

Friday, hot, went to Mariposa on business such as I never done before and hope never to be under the necessity of doing again – to secure a debt of \$450.00 by law.

3

Saturday, hot and dry, went to Mariposa.

4

Sunday, hot and clear. Eight New Hampshire boys took supper with me.

5

Monday, hot and clear, packing fence posts across a gulch.

6

Tuesday, hot and clear, went to Mariposa in the morning, afternoon to McNeil's mill to see Wheelock.

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wednesday, hot and clear, came home in the morning, doing small jobs.

8

Thursday, hot and dry, not doing much for want of a job, very dull times. Thrown out of a job by the burning of the mill, can find no work, but not discouraged, although times rather blue.

9

Friday, hot clear and dry, not doing much.

10

Saturday, to Mariposa in the forenoon, afternoon hunting cattle in the mountains.

11

Sunday, hot day and clear. Spent the day reading and writing.

12

Monday hot and dry, went to Mariposa.

13

Tuesday, hot, clear and dry, prepared to visit the Big trees and Yosemite Valley.

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wednesday, hot and dry. Rode twenty miles on a mule and camped for the night under the heart of a green growing tree, it being burned out clear through in three places level with the ground, and measuring across the center, one way, 33. ft. 9 in.; the other was 31 ft. 3 in. It stands on three legs as I term it, one entrance is 11 ft. 4 in., one 14 ft. 4 in., the other 10 ft 10 in. I think there is ground surface enough burned out within the circumference of this tree for twenty oxen to stand up on at the same time, each ox girthing seven feet. This tree is 261 feet high.

The other tree that is turned up on the roots and burned out having the walls standing like the side walls to a house without a roof, thirty seven feet from the roots and from that point the shell is whole sixty seven feet – a man on horse back can enter and ride in twenty five feet, then a second, then a third and all three can ride abreast forty two feet and ride out where it is broken off and burned away 104 feet from the roots. The middleman by reaching up in his saddle can just reach the shell over head, which is eleven feet across at the point of riding out. A piece of this tree that the fire had not destroyed, two hundred feet from the roots, measured five feet in diameter.

15 July 15<sup>th</sup> 1858

Thursday, hot, clear and dry in the morning. Cooked and ate breakfast under the first named tree, then took the circumference of 28 trees, two feet above the ground. One small down tree is seven feet 3 inches in diameter, 136 feet from the root where it is broken off. Left the big tree grove about nine o'clock and started for the famous Yosemite Valley, a distance of 25 miles over a very rough country, mostly covered with a heavy growth of pine cedar and fir without a habitation for man. Arrived in the Valley at dark, spreading blankets in a dead tree with my saddle for a pillow and slept soundly.

16 July 16<sup>th</sup> 1858

Friday, hot and clear. Spent the day in the valley, one branch of the Merced River runs from east to west through the valley. The valley is from three fourths of a mile to one and a fourth wide with high granite walls on either side. The highest point is said to be 4892 feet high, the first high water fall is near the entrance on west end of the Valley, it is a small side stream coming in from the south, 1100 feet high, and is called the Bridal Vail fall.

The next great fall and the highest one is about three miles up the valley that is also a side stream coming in from the north called the Yosemite fall, and is 2522 feet high.

The next is the Vernal fall on the river at the east end of the Valley, and is said to be 700 feet high called the Vernal fall.

Another fall on the river about half a mile above the Vernal fall, said to be 900 feet high and called the Nevada fall.

The Yosemite Valley is one of the great curiosities of the world, it shows the handy work of God. I was filled with Awe and wonder and admiration at the different scenery it

presents. Those high granite walls a awful grandiose rise pointing through trackless \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Skies.

After interesting myself all day with the various scenery of the valley and kindling a fire at sundown, made a cup of tea and partook of some bread and bacon, spread my blankets and \_\_ myself between, and slept soundly for the night on the banks of the Merced River.

17

Saturday, hot day and clear after making a cup of tea and partaking some bread and bacon, started for home, rode 25 miles and camped for the night at a log hut occupied by Galand Clark of New Hampshire. The only habitation for man between McNeil's mill and the Yosemite Valley, a distance of forty miles through the heaviest growth of timber I ever saw.

18

Sunday, hot dry and clear. Arrived at home on Bear Creek this afternoon, will satisfied with my journey.

19

Monday, hot, dry and clear, washing and \_\_\_\_.

20

Tuesday, got up the team and went to McNeil's mill after lumber.

21

Wednesday, hot and dry, went to Mariposa on business.

22

Thursday, hot, repairing wagon wheel.

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August 9<sup>th</sup> 1858

Monday, hot and dry, digging well in Mariposa.

10

Tuesday, hot, worked on well.

11

Wednesday, hot and dry. At Mariposa doing nothing for want of a job.

12

Thursday, hot and dry, went to Cathey Valley \_\_ forenoon, afternoon digging post holes for Daniel Woods.

13

Friday, looked like rain, worked &c.

14

Saturday, hot and dry. Digging post holes, went to Camp meeting in the evening.

15

Sunday, went to Mount Gaines, worked on Quartz Mill.

16

Monday, hot and dry, commenced work for Raymond and Waterman repairing Quartz mill.

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1858

Tuesday, hot and dry, worked on mill.

18

Wednesday, hot, clear and dry, worked &c.

19

Thursday, hot, dry and clear, worked &c.

20

Friday, hot and dry, worked &c.

{note in margin 'lost my pay' }

21

Saturday, hot, clear and dry, worked &c.

22

Sunday, hot, clear and dry. Spent the day in reading and writing.

23

Monday, hot and dry, worked on mill.

24

Tuesday, hot and dry, worked &c.

25

Wednesday, hot, cloudy, looked like rain. Worked ½ day and went to Bear Valley after letters.

26

Thursday, hot and dry, worked on mill.

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September 15<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wednesday, hot and dry, worked & c.

16

Thursday, hot and dry, worked &c.

17

Friday, hot and dry, worked on mill.

18

Saturday, hot and dry, went to Mariposa after letters, got two from home. Comet discovered tonight in (UM)

19

Sunday, hot and dry. Went from Mariposa to Bear Creek and back. Frank Kerns shot in Mariposa.

20

Monday, hot and dry. Went from Mariposa to Mount Gaines, 15 miles.

21

Tuesday, hot and dry, worked on mill.

22

Wednesday, hot and dry, worked &c.

23

Thursday, hot and dry, worked &c.

September 24<sup>th</sup> 1858

Friday, hot and dry, worked on mill.

25

Saturday, a little cooler, worked &c.

26

Sunday, warm and dry, spent the day in reading and writing.

27

Monday, warm and dry, worked &c.

28

Tuesday, hot and dry, worked on mill.

29

Wednesday, hot and dry, worked &c.

30

Thursday hot and dry, worked & c. Comet looked beautiful.

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

Friday, cloudy, looked like rain, continued to work on mill.

2

Saturday, warm, looked like rain, sprinkled a little in the evening.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1858

Sunday, cool and cloudy, spent the day in reading and writing.

4

Monday, cool and cloudy, worked on mill.

5

Tuesday, cool, worked on mill  $\frac{3}{4}$  day and went to Quartz Burg and took a job to build a house 40 feet by 16, two stories high for Major Hardwick for \$650.00, he to fund all material.

6

Wednesday, cooler, worked on mill.

7

Thursday, continued cool, worked &c.

8

Friday, cool, worked on mill.

9

Saturday, warm, no rain yet, worked &c.

10

Sunday, warm, spent the day in reading and writing.

11

Monday, warm, worked on mill.

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1858

Tuesday, hot, worked on mill.

13

Wednesday, hot and dry, worked &c.

14



Thursday, warm but cloudy, worked &c.

15

Friday, cool, cloudy, rained a little in the afternoon. I walked from Mt. Gaines to McNeil's mill 30 miles to see Wheelock.

16

Saturday, frosty morning, the first for the season, cold wind. Came back to Mount Gaines, was tired, was gone two days, walked 60 miles and spent ten cents only.

17

Sunday, cool. Went from Mount Gaines to Quartz Burg 4 miles.

18

Monday, cool but pleasant. Commenced work on my house job for Hardwick.

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1858

Tuesday, cool, worked on job.

20

Wednesday, cool, still on job.

21

Thursday clouded up and rained in the afternoon and all night with high wind. Still at work on job.

22

Friday, cool and cloudy, worked on job.

23

Saturday, cool and cloudy, rained a little in the night, worked &c.

24

Sunday, cool, spent the day in reading and writing.

25

Monday, warm and cloudy, worked &c.

26

Tuesday, warm, worked on job.

27

Wednesday, warm, worked on job. Comet disappeared.

October 28<sup>th</sup> 1858

Thursday, went to Mount Gaines and worked for Raymond and Waterman.

29

Friday, worked for Raymond & Waterman, finished work for them and took \$94.50 in promises at about \$1.00 per promise.

30

Saturday, warm, worked on job as before for Hardwick.

31

Sunday, pleasant, spent the day in reading and writing.

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1858

Monday, warm, still worked on job.

2

Tuesday, warm, worked &c.

3

Wednesday, warm, worked &c.

4

Thursday, warm, worked &c.

November 26<sup>th</sup> 1858

Friday, snowed and rained in the forenoon, was summoned on a jury today.

27

Saturday, warm, still at Mariposa, detained as witness.

28

Sunday went to Horinitos.

29

Monday, warm, at Mariposa as witness.

30

Tuesday, warm, discharged as witness.

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

Wednesday, warm, went to Bear Valley.

2

Thursday, commenced work for Col. Fremont.

3

Friday, worked &c, rained a little.

4

Saturday, worked for Fremont.

December 5, 1858

Sunday, went to the post office.

6

Monday, frosty morning, clouded up and rained a little. Worked for Fremont building cabins.

7

Tuesday, cool. Worked half day and went to Mariposa after my team.

8

Wednesday, warm, returned from Mariposa.

9

Thursday, warm, worked for Fremont.

10

Friday, warm and cloudy, worked &c.

11

Saturday, rainy, worked for Fremont.

12

Sunday, cloudy but mild, spent the day reading and writing.

13

Monday, cool and cloudy, worked &c.

December 14<sup>th</sup> 1858

Tuesday, cool, worked for Fremont.

15

Wednesday, worked &c.

16

Thursday, cool and cloudy, worked &c.

17

Friday, worked  $\frac{1}{4}$  and went to Quartz Burg to collect some money.

18

Saturday, cool, went to Mariposa to move my cabin.

19

Sunday, at Mariposa, cool.

20

Monday, cool but pleasant, took down my cabin.

21

Tuesday, returned to the Merced river and worked for Fremont half day.

22

Wednesday, cool. Worked &c.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1858

Thursday, cool but pleasant, worked &c.

24

Friday, rain in the forenoon, cleared off warm and pleasant.

25

Saturday, frosty morning but pleasant through the day. Mr. Staniels arrived at the top of the hill on the road that leads to the Merced River where Col. Fremont's large quartz mills are, with eight oxen and wagon loaded with my cabin, about fifteen feet of lumber. I went up the hill to help him down. We cut an oak tree of about eighteen inches and chained it whole to the hind ox, then took off four oxen and chained to the top of the tree to hold back, then chained both hind wheels so they would not roll, and then started down the hill which is about one and a half miles long and reached the river in safety, and after unloading I had to hire four oxen more making twelve in all to haul the empty wagon up the hill and hard work at that. Arrived at the top of the hill about 7 o'clock in the evening, drove the oxen that I hired down the hill, crossed the river at a fording in the dark, unyoked the oxen and went to bed without dinner or supper.

26

Sunday, looked like rain, spent the day in reading and writing.

27

Monday, rained until three o'clock in the afternoon, then cleared off mild.

28

Tuesday, pleasant, worked putting up my cabin.

29

Wednesday, frosty morning, but warm sun through the day, worked on my cabin.

December 30<sup>th</sup> 1858

Thursday, pleasant, worked on my cabin.

31

Friday, the last day of the year and a pleasant one, built a chimney to my cabin.

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

Saturday, a pleasant day, worked for Col. Fremont on a dam acrossed the Merced River at Ridley's Ferry.

2

Sunday, looked like rain, went to the post office at Bear Valley, three miles.

3

Monday, mild, worked for Fremont.

4

Tuesday, pleasant, worked &c.

5

Wednesday, cool, worked &c.

6

Thursday, frosty morning, worked &c.

Thought – the old years gone, the news arrived & I thank God I am yet alive.

January 24<sup>th</sup> 1859

Monday, the day pleasant, worked &c.

25

Tuesday, warm and pleasant, worked &c.

26

Wednesday, pleasant, worked &c.

27

Thursday, rained a little, worked &c.

28

Friday, mild, looked like rain, worked &c.

29

Saturday, pleasant day, worked &c.

30

Sunday, pleasant, went to post office.

31

Monday, cloudy morning, commenced to rain about one o'clock and rained three hours.  
Worked for Fremont.

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1859

Tuesday, warm and pleasant. Raised a Quartz mill on the Merced River for Col. Fremont.

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1859

Wednesday, frosty morning, but \_\_\_ \_\_\_ through the day, worked on mill.

3

Thursday, very pleasant, worked &c.

4

Friday, mild and warm, worked &c.

5

Saturday, pleasant, worked &c.

6

Sunday, pleasant, spent the day in reading and writing.

7

Monday, cloudy but mild, worked &c.

8

Tuesday, commenced to rain at nine o'clock and was showery all day, worked on mill.

9

Wednesday, rained last night and most of the day today, worked &c.

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1859

Friday, warm and clear, worked &c.

16

Saturday, pleasant but cool, worked &c.

17

Sunday, very warm, spent the day in reading and writing.

18

Monday, warm, some cloudy, worked &c.

19

Tuesday, warm and clear, worked &c.

20

Wednesday, a little cooler, worked &c.

21

Thursday, still cooler, worked &c.

22

Friday, still holds cool, worked &c.

23

Saturday, cool with showers, worked &c.

24

Sunday, cool and showery, spent the day in reading and writing.

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1859

Monday, cool and cloudy, worked &c.

26

Tuesday, warm but cloudy, worked &c.

27

Wednesday, a little cooler, worked &c.

28

Thursday, warm, still at work on mill.

This evening at nine o'clock I was called from my bed by a neighbor saying his brother was dying. I immediately went to his cabin but his Soul had gone to the spirit World before I arrived, he was a young man of moral character, had been sick several weeks. He was from Pennsylvania, his name was Solomon Shoup.

29

Friday, warm but cloudy, worked &c.

This evening at six o'clock I went to the funeral of Mr. Shoup, he was buried on an elevated spot a few rods from the Merced River, he lied there alone away from friends, there to rest until the Resurrection morn, then he shall come forth to receive his reward according to the deeds done in the body.

His funeral was attended by forty-eight laborers in their work dress, no female, no ceremony. By the request of his Brother I read a chapter in the Bible at the grave and made a very few remarks.

30

Saturday, warm and pleasant, worked &c.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

Sunday, cool and cloudy, spent the day pretty much alone in my cabin. Thought of home, and how I should like to hear a good sermon.

Two years ago today I crossed the isthmus of Panama.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1859

Monday, rained all day, worked &c.

3

Tuesday, pleasant, very much like the first of May in New Hampshire. Cool nights, still at work on mill.

4

Wednesday, pleasant, worked &c.

5

Thursday, pleasant, worked &c.

6

Friday, pleasant, worked &c.

7

Saturday, pleasant, worked &c.

8

Sunday, pleasant but cool. Spent the day in reading and writing. Today I wrote a letter to the Boston Cultivator.

9

Monday, pleasant but cool. Worked &c.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1859

Tuesday, frosty morning but pleasant sun. The water first let into Col. Fremont's floom at his Quartz Mill on the Merced River, worked &c.

11

Wednesday, pleasant but cool, worked &c.

12

Thursday, warm and pleasant, worked &c.

13

Friday, cool, looked like rain, worked &c.

14

Saturday, pleasant. Col. Fremont's new Quartz Mill first started, himself and family present. Finished work for him today.

15



Sunday, hot, went to Clark's Mill.

16

Monday, hot and clear. Commenced work for David Clark on his saw mill on Bear Creek in Mariposa Co.

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1859

Tuesday, hot and dry, worked &c.

18

Wednesday, hot, worked &c.

19

Thursday, hot and clear, worked &c.

20

Friday, hot, worked on mill.

21

Saturday, hot, worked on mill.

22

Sunday, hot, spent the day in reading and writing.

23

Monday, hot, worked on mill.

24

Tuesday, hot, worked on mill.

25

Wednesday, hot, worked on mill.

26

Thursday, hot, worked on mill.

27

Friday, hot, worked on mill.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1859

Saturday, hot, went to Bear Valley.

29

Sunday, hot, returned from Bear Valley.

30

Monday, hot, worked on mill.

31

Tuesday, hot, worked on mill.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

Wednesday, hot, worked on mill

2

Thursday, hot, worked on mill.

3

Friday, hot, worked on mill.

4

Saturday, hot, worked on mill.

5

Sunday, hot, spent the day reading and writing.

6

Monday, hot and dry, worked &c.

7

Tuesday, hot and dry, worked &c.

June 8<sup>th</sup> 1859

Wednesday, hot and dry, worked &c.

9

Thursday, hot, worked on mill.

10

Friday, hot, worked &c.

11

Saturday, hot and dry, worked &c.

12

Sunday, hot, spent the day reading and writing.

13

Monday, hot, went to Bear Valley to collect money of Col. Fremont.

14

Tuesday, very hot, walked from Bear Valley to Chapin's farm on the Merced River to get a job, and from there down the river eight miles, making about 25 miles travel. Feet blistered.

Thought – I have traveled through the stream alone, through dust and heat with Blistered neck and feet after gold.

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1859

Wednesday, very hot, mercury at 118 degrees in the shade. Walked back to Bear Valley & had about three miles to go across a plain in the middle of the day without shade or water and I had some doubts about ever reaching the opposite side. I was about three hours in crossing. My feet was blistered badly and I did not dare to walk fast if I could on account of the heat. I met a chinaman who had some puddle water in a bucket. I drank about a quart, thanked him and went on my way Re\_\_\_\_\_.

Thought – I found the gold, and cried God has ever been my guide and is always by my side to save my soul.

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1859

Thursday, still very hot, went to Bear Valley back to Clark's mill.

17

Friday, continued hot, did not do much, tired with feet blistered.

18

Saturday, not so hot, worked for Clark.

19

Sunday, hot, spent the day in reading and writing and meditating.

20

Monday, hot, worked for Clark.

21

Tuesday, still hot, worked for Clark.

22

Wednesday continues hot and dry, no clouds for sever days. Worked.

23

Thursday, hot, dry and clear, worked &c.

24

Friday, not quite so hot, went to Bear Valley on business.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1859

Saturday, warm, went from Bear Valley to Cathey Valley 15 miles on business. Put up at a public house about fourteen feet square, all in one room with fireplace and three beds in

it. One bed occupied by an old man by the name of Lewis, the second bed by a young woman and twin babies, and the third by myself.

26

Sunday, warm and clear, went from Cathey Valley back to Clark's Mill.

27

Monday, hot, went from Clark's Mill to Bear Valley and took my chest of tools from Bear Valley to Hornitos and stayed all night, twenty five miles travel today.

28

Tuesday, warm, went from Hornitos to Chapin's farm on the Merced River.

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1859

Wednesday, hot, commenced work for S.A. Chapin, worked all day.

30

Thursday, hot, dry and clear, worked \_\_\_ and was idle for the want of \_\_\_.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

Friday, hot and clear, idle still.

2

Saturday, still hot, clear and dry. The earth nearly blisters ones feet through his shoes. Idle for want \_\_\_ .

3

Sunday, hot, looked like rain, spent the day reading and writing.

4

Monday, hot, looked like rain spent the day in reading and writing.

Thought of home with all its pleasing associations.

Thought – Ambition climbs the craggy \_\_\_ while Fancy flies from flower to \_\_\_ and imagination builds Castles in their \_\_\_.

August 9, 1859

Tuesday, hot and clear, worked &c.

10

Wednesday, hot and clear, worked &c.

11

Thursday, hot and clear, worked &c.

12

Friday, hot and clear, worked &c.

13

Saturday, hot, scattering clouds, worked &c.

14

Sunday, hot, but good air. Spent the day in reading and writing.

15

Monday, hot and clear, worked &c.

16

Tuesday, hot and clear, worked &c.

17

Wednesday, continues hot, worked &c.

18

Thursday, a little cooler, worked &c.

19

Friday, continues hot and dry, worked &c.

August 10<sup>th</sup> 1859

Saturday, very hot and clear, worked &c.

21

Sunday, still hotter, spent the day in reading and writing.

22

Monday, hot, clear and dry, worked &c.

23

Tuesday, hot and clear, worked &c.

24

Wednesday, hot and clear, worked &c.

25

Thursday, a little cooler, commenced raising Chapin's Quartz Mill on the Merced River, helped raise.

26

Friday, a good breeze. Continued to raise the mill, worked &c.

27

Saturday, good weather to work, some few clouds today. Worked &c. Left off using tobacco after using it more than thirty years.

August 28<sup>th</sup> 1859

Sunday, hot and clear, spent the day in reading and writing.

29

Monday, hot and clear, worked &c.

30

Tuesday, hot and clear, worked &c.

31

Wednesday, hot and clear, worked on mill.

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1859

Thursday, hot and dry, commenced to keep the degrees of heat and cold always taken at 12 o'clock at noon in the shade. Continued to work on mill.

2

Friday, mercury at 90, scattering clouds, work &c.

3

Saturday, mercury at 94, worked &c.

4

Sunday, a little cloudy, mercury at 86, spent the day in reading and writing.

September 5<sup>th</sup> 1859

Monday, mercury at 89, clear, worked &c.

6

Tuesday, mercury at 86, worked &c.

7

Wednesday, mercury 76, clear, worked &c.

8

Thursday, mercury at 83, clear, worked &c.

9

Friday, mercury at 88, clear sky, worked &c.

10

Saturday, mercury at 93, clear, worked &c.

11

Sunday, mercury 89, went to the post office, some clouds.

12

Monday, mercury at 87. cloudy, looked like rain, still at work on mill.

13

Tuesday, mercury at 84, cloudy, warm. River very low, worked &c.

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1859

Saturday, mercury at 58 at sunrise, 92 at noon, 96 three o'clock and 87 at sunset, clear sky, worked &c.

2

Sunday, mercury 97, cloudy, spent the day in reading and writing.

3

Monday, mercury at 96 at noon, clear sky, worked on mill.

4

Tuesday, mercury at 89, worked &c.

5

Wednesday, mercury at 81, worked &c.

6

Thursday, mercury at 78, worked &c.

7

Friday, mercury at 84, worked &c.

8

Saturday, mercury at 86, worked &c.

9

Sunday, mercury at 86, spent the day in reading and writing. Cloudy.

October 10<sup>th</sup> 1859

Monday, mercury at 80, clear, worked &c.

11

Tuesday, mercury at 77, worked &c.

12

Wednesday, mercury at 80, worked &c.

13

Thursday, mercury at 82, worked &c.

14

Friday, mercury at 88, worked &c.

15

Saturday, mercury at 82, worked &c.

16

Sunday, mercury at 74, went to the post office at Hornitos.

17

Monday, mercury at 76, worked &c.

18

Tuesday, mercury at 78, worked &c.

19

Wednesday, mercury at 84, went to Bear Valley to collect some money from Col. Fremont for Labor.

November 5<sup>th</sup> 1859

Saturday, mercury at 66, looked like rain, worked &c.

6

Sunday, mercury at 64, commenced raining last night and rained pretty much all day today. Spent the day in reading and writing.

7

Monday, mercury at 60, worked &c.

8

Tuesday, mercury at 60, worked &c.

9

Wednesday, mercury at commenced raining at four o'clock and rained most of the night, Worked &c.

10

Thursday, mercury at 65, wet, uncomfortable. Worked &c.

11

Friday, mercury at 63, rained most of the night and this forenoon, water rose fifteen feet in Chapin's Mill pond and first time ran over the dam after it was finished. Worked on mill.



12

Saturday, mercury at 65, worked &c.

13

Sunday, mercury at 65, spent the day partly writing and reading and took a walk onto a high hill. The face of nature looks changed since the rain, she already has commenced spreading her green carpet.

14

Monday, mercury at 70, worked &c.

15

Tuesday, mercury at 67, worked &c.

16

Wednesday, mercury at 62, worked &c.

17

Thursday, mercury at 65, worked &c.

18

Friday, mercury at 65, worked &c.

November 19<sup>th</sup> 1859

Saturday, mercury at 62, worked &c.

20

Sunday, mercury at 62. Spent the day in reading and writing.

21

Monday, mercury at 60. A man shot on Philips Flat left a wife and two children. Worked &c.

22

Tuesday, mercury at 58, rained last night and showery today. Worked &c.

23

Wednesday, mercury at 58, showery through the day, worked &c.

24

Thursday, mercury at 56, rained last night and this forenoon. Thanksgiving today. Worked &c.

25

Friday, mercury at 50, cold rain storm all day. Worked &c.

November 26<sup>th</sup> 1859

Saturday, mercury at 54, rained all night and all day today. Worked &c.

27

Sunday, mercury at 53, showery all the afternoon. Spent the day in reading and writing.

28

Monday, mercury at 55, rained all day, worked &c.

29

Tuesday, mercury at 53, cloudy, worked &c.

30

Wednesday, mercury at 54, rained all day, traveling bad, worked &c.

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

Thursday, mercury at 53, went to Bear Valley to collect some money of Col. Fremont and returned as far as Quartz Burg.

December 20<sup>th</sup> 1859

Tuesday, mercury at 48, stamps(?) first started in Chapin's Quartz Mill. Worked &c.

21

Wednesday, mercury at 49, worked &c.

22

Thursday, mercury at 53, worked on mill.

23

Friday, mercury at 51, cloudy, worked &c.

24

Saturday, mercury at 53, showery, worked &c.

25

Sunday, mercury at 55, spent the day reading and writing, Pretty much alone, had roast turkey and plumb pudding and other fixings for dinner.

26

Monday, mercury at 54, rained some through the day and evening. Worked &c.

27

Tuesday, mercury at 54, pleasant sun. Worked &c.

28

Wednesday, mercury at 52, worked &c.

December 29, 1859

Thursday, mercury at 54, worked on mill.

30

Friday, mercury at 53, worked on mill.

31

Saturday, mercury at 56, worked &c. The last of 1859, have I spent my time to the best advantage.

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

Sunday. Mercury at 58. Spent the day in reading and writing. Thought of home.

2

Monday, mercury at 60, worked &c.

3

Tuesday, mercury at 58, worked &c.

4

Wednesday, mercury at 60, worked &c.

5

Thursday, mild but cloudy. Went to Mariposa and stayed with George Young all night.

January 6<sup>th</sup> 1860

Friday, looked like rain. Went from Mariposa to Clark's mill to see Wheelock.

7

Saturday, continued cloudy, rained, some \_\_ showers, went back to Mariposa.

8

Sunday, went by stage from Mariposa to Quartz Burg through a cold storm of rain and snow making very bad traveling. Walked from Quartz Burg to Chapin's Mill, six miles, had to ford one stream, pulled off shoes and stockings and waded through – t'was cold.

9

Monday, mercury at 54, worked for Chapin running his Quartz Mill.

10

Tuesday, mercury at 53, worked &c.

11

Wednesday, mercury at 52, frosty morning. Worked &c.

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1860

Thursday, mercury at 55, frosty, worked &c.

13

Friday, mercury at 59, worked &c.

14

Saturday, mercury at 58, worked &c.

15

Sunday, mercury at 56, spent the day in reading and writing.

16

Monday, mercury at 56, worked &c. I have put down in figures on right side of each page how many hours I have worked each.

17

Tuesday, mercury at 58, clear and pleasant, worked 11 ½

18

Wednesday, mercury at 60, worked \_

19

Thursday, mercury at 49, foggy, chilly, worked 12 ¾

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April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1860

Monday, mercury at 76, worked 24 hours.

24

Tuesday, mercury at 80. Everything in nature looks beautiful, the face of the country is one vast bed of flowers of every hue and form, but not much fragrance, clear sky.

Worked 13 hours.

25

Wednesday, mercury at 83, clear sky, worked 12.

26

Thursday, mercury at 88, clear sky, worked 12.

27

Friday, mercury at 90. clear sky, worked 12 h

28

Saturday, mercury at 76, worked 12.

29

Sunday, mercury at 84. Went to God's Universal Church, it was on top of a high hill in the shade of an oak tree and on a bed of flowers where I listened to the reading of one of Dr. Beechers sermons and enjoyed it well.

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1860

Monday, mercury at 86, worked \_

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

Tuesday, mercury at 84. Three years ago today I crossed the Isthmus of Panama and first beheld the pacific ocean, left the steamer George Law for Aspinwall in the morning and crossed the isthmus and mem\_\_ on board the John L. Stephens at Panama in the evening of May 1<sup>st</sup> 1857. Worked 12 hrs.

2

Wednesday, mercury at 68, worked 12

3

Thursday, mercury at 58, rainy, worked \_\_\_.

4

Friday, mercury at 43 at sunrise, \_\_\_ at noon, cloudy, rain in the afternoon.

5

Saturday, mercury at 62, cloudy, worked \_\_\_.

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1860

Sunday, mercury at 62, spent the day reading and writing and resting.

7

Monday, mercury at 70, worked 24\_

8

Tuesday, mercury at 75, clear sky and beautiful. Worked 12 hours.

9

Wednesday, mercury at 82, clear sky, worked 12.

10

Thursday, mercury at 77, clear sky, worked 12.

11

Friday, mercury at 60, cloudy morning, rain in the afternoon, worked 12 h.

12

Saturday, mercury at 60, clear, worked 12.

13

Sunday, mercury at 40 at sunrise, 70 at noon and 68 at sunset, spent the day pretty much in solitude, sleeping, writing and reading. Clear sky, thought of God, Heaven, Home.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1860

Monday, mercury at 77, worked 24

15

Tuesday, mercury at 78, three years ago today I landed in San Francisco. This day received a letter from home, family all well, thank God.

16

Wednesday, mercury at 80, worked \_\_\_.

17

Thursday, mercury at 80, worked \_\_\_.

18

Friday, mercury at 70, cloudy, worked \_\_\_.

19

Saturday, mercury at 90, worked 12 hours

20

Sunday, mercury at 78, spent the day reading and writing.

21

Monday, mercury at 70, worked 23

22

Tuesday, mercury at 70, worked 12 \_\_. Cloudy, looked like rain.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1860

Wednesday, mercury at 68, worked 12.

24

Thursday, mercury at 72, cloudy, worked 12 hours.

25

Friday, mercury at 70, worked 12 hours.

26

Saturday, mercury at 75, went to Post office. 12

27

Sunday, mercury at 76, cloudy, looked like a storm, did sprinkle a little in the morning. Spent the day mostly on the ? like to have said bed.

28

Monday, mercury at 78. Worked 12 hours. Today walked out thrice or four miles alone onto a high hill and there stood and gazed on the landscape spread out before me and thought that I was better paid for my days work than I should have been to worked in the mill for three dollars.

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1860

Tuesday, mercury at 76, worked 12 \_\_\_

30

Wednesday, mercury at 78, clear, worked.

31

Thursday, mercury at 78, cloudy, worked.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

Friday, mercury at 74, cloudy, worked.

2

Saturday, mercury at 74, cloudy, worked.

3

Sunday, mercury at 80, cloudy, spent the day reading a book called the Prince of the house of David.

4

Monday, mercury at 70, worked 12.

5

Tuesday, mercury at 78, worked 12 hours.

6

Wednesday, mercury at 86, worked 12 hours.

7

Thursday, mercury at 80, worked 12.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1860

Thursday, mercury at 80, worked 18 h

29

Friday, mercury at 78, worked 18 hours.

30

Saturday, mercury at 76, worked 18 h.

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1860

Sunday, mercury at 80, spent the day in reading and writing.

2

Monday, mercury at 80, worked 18 hours.

3

Tuesday, mercury at 84, worked 18 h

4

Worked all 4 nigh 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and ½ the day.

Wednesday, mercury at 86, worked 18

5

Thursday, mercury at 84, worked 18 h.

6

Friday, mercury at 96, clear, worked 12 h.

7

Saturday, mercury at 96, worked 12. Worked all nights the third and fourth and half the day on the fourth. Running a Quartz mill for \$7.50, slept the other half(?), that is the way the poor \_\_ spends his independent Day in the mountains of California.

July 1860

8

Sunday, mercury at 98, spent the day in reading, writing and resting.

9

Monday, mercury at 84, worked \_\_.

10

Tuesday, mercury at 86, cloudy, looked like rain. Worked \_\_.

11

Wednesday, commenced to rain about twelve o'clock at night and rained \_\_ showers until noon today. Mercury at \_\_, worked 12 \_.

July 12<sup>th</sup> 1860

Thursday, mercury at 80, worked 12.



13

Friday, mercury at 88, clear, worked 12.

14

Saturday, mercury at 86, worked \_.

15

Sunday, mercury at 92, spent the day reading and writing.

16

Monday, mercury at 96, worked 15.

17

Tuesday, mercury at 98, worked 12.

18

Wednesday, mercury at 96, worked 12 h.

19

Thursday, mercury at 90, clear, w. 12.

(side note) still at work nights

20

Friday, mercury at 58 at sunrise, 96 at noon and 98 at five o'clock, worked 12 hours.

July 21, 1860

Saturday, clear, mercury at \_\_. This day closes another week of our Pilgrimage, worked 12 \_\_.

22

Sunday, mercury at 96. Spent the day in reading and writing. Three sermons from Henryman.

23

Monday, mercury at 90, worked \_\_.

24

Tuesday, mercury at 100, clear, worked.

25

Wednesday, mercury at 100, clear, worked. Made a magic box when I \_\_ to have been asleep, finished it today.

26

Thursday, mercury at 98, worked.

27

Friday, mercury at 104, worked 12.

28

Saturday, mercury at 106, worked \_\_\_.

July 29<sup>th</sup> 1860

Sunday, mercury at 108. Spend the day in reading and writing.

30

Monday, mercury at 110, worked 12 hours.

31

Tuesday, mercury at 105, worked 12 hours.

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

Wednesday mercury at 98, worked 12.

2

Thursday, mercury at 102, worked 12.

3

Friday, mercury at 102, worked 12 hours.

4

Saturday, mercury at 100, worked 12.

5

Sunday, mercury at 98, spent the day in reading and writing.

Thought – Lonely and low spirited, alone in my room of dirt and dust, but nothing to complain of but wicked self.

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1860

Monday, mercury at 108, went to Hornitos and back in the forenoon, worked 12 hours.

7

Tuesday, mercury at 108, worked.

8

Wednesday, mercury at 106, worked 12 h.

9

Thursday, mercury at 106, worked 12.

10

Friday, mercury at 104, worked 12.

11

Saturday, mercury at 104, worked \_\_\_.

12

Sunday, mercury at 94, spent the day reading and writing , buying and eating peaches.

13

Monday, mercury at 94, worked 12 and made an ox yoke extra for three dollars, making six dollars for my days work.

August 31<sup>st</sup> 1860

Friday, mercury at 88, worked 12 hours.

September 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

Saturday, mercury at 85, worked 12. The summer is past, the autumn is present and the winter is approaching, time what a vapor.

2

Sunday, mercury at 80, spent the day reading and writing in my room alone.

3

Monday, mercury at 84, went to Hornitos 6 miles and back in the fore, worked 12 hours.

4

Tuesday, mercury at 88, worked 12.

5

Wednesday, mercury at 84, worked 12 h.

6

Thursday, mercury at 84, worked 12 h. Bright northern lights of red color.

Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> 1860

Mercury at 86, worked 12 hours.

8

Saturday, mercury at 90, worked \_\_\_.

9

Sunday, mercury at 95. Spent day alone in my room and enjoyed myself as well as could be expected six thousand miles from home.

10

Monday, mercury at 92, worked.

11

Tuesday, mercury at 85, worked.

12

Wednesday, mercury at 80, worked \_\_\_ hours in the mill and six for myself making a chest.

13

Thursday, mercury at 78, worked, finished my chest.

14

Friday, mercury at 85, worked \_\_\_.

September 15<sup>th</sup> 1860

Saturday, mercury at 100 at three o'clock, worked 12 hours.

16

Sunday, mercury at 98, went to Hornitos and stayed all night.

17

Monday, mercury at 102, took stage at Hornitos early in the morning for Mariposa, arrived there at one o'clock then walked to Clark's sawmill to see Wheelock and Charles, and found them well.

18

Tuesday, mercury at 100, stayed with the boys all day.

19

Wednesday, mercury at 100, returned back to Flint and Peabody's Quart mill.

September 20<sup>th</sup> 1860

Thursday, mercury at 93, worked on repairs in the \_\_\_, no rock to crush nights.

21

Friday, mercury at 92, worked on repairs.

22

Saturday, mercury at 90, worked on repairs.

23

Sunday, mercury at 93, spent the day in reading and writing.

24

Monday, mercury at 97, worked on repairs 12 hours and ran the mill 12 hours, worked 24.

25

Tuesday, mercury at 88, worked \_\_\_.

26

Wednesday, mercury at 84, worked \_\_\_.

27

Thursday, mercury at 78, cloudy, like rain, worked 12 hours.

October 12, 1860

Friday, mercury at 90, worked 12 hours. Two stores burned in Hornitos.

13

Saturday, mercury at 92, worked 12.

14

Sunday, mercury at 96, spent the day reading and writing.

15

Monday, mercury at 93, worked 18 hours. Flint and Peabody's Quartz Mill took fire today on the roof, but water being handy and plenty of men present, the fire was extinguished, although at first it seemed that the mill must be destroyed, it burned out about half of my room and a part of my clothes.

16

Tuesday, mercury at 93, worked 21 hours.

17

Wednesday, mercury at 80, worked 12.

October 18<sup>th</sup> 1860

Thursday, mercury at 74, worked \_\_\_.

19

Friday, mercury at 58, cloudy and drizzling rain. Worked 12 hours.

20

Saturday, mercury at 62, cloudy, rained a little Worked 12 hours and made an ox yoke.

24

21

Sunday, mercury at 66, spent the day in reading and writing.

22

Monday, mercury at 68, worked 18.

23

Tuesday, mercury at 68, worked \_\_\_.

24

Wednesday, mercury at 64, worked \_\_\_.

25

Thursday, mercury at 60, worked 12 hours.

26

Friday, mercury at 66, worked 12 hours.

December 9<sup>th</sup> 1860

Sunday, spent the day pretty much in reading the Joy. Pleasant, mercury at 54. Felt lonely, have got no letters from home for the two last mails.

10

Monday, mercury at 56, cloudy, looked like rain. Worked on repairs half day and run the mill all night. Today received a letter from home, family all well, which cheerful intelligence gladdened my heart.

11

Tuesday, mercury at 60, worked 12.

12

Wednesday, mercury at 60, worked 12 hours.

13

Thursday, mercury at 60, finished an ox yoke and run the mill. 12 hours.

December 14<sup>th</sup> 1860

Friday, mercury at 60, cloudy, looked like rain. Worked 12 hours.

15

Saturday, mercury at 58, commenced to rain at half past five in the morning and rained gently through the day and night. Run the mill all night.

16

Sunday, mercury at 60, continued a drizzling rain through the day, spent the day in my room reading and writing and sleeping. Rainy night.

17

Monday, mercury at 60, worked all night and finished an ox yoke.

18

Tuesday, mercury at 62, cloudy, run the mill all night. 12.

December 30<sup>th</sup> 1860

Sunday, mercury at 50, went to Hornitos and back.

31

Monday, mercury at 59, at work repairing the mill at work days.

I have run Flint Peabody's \_\_\_ Quartz Mill 200 nights and worked for them 140 days, been absent 7 days sine the first of June 1860 and have not worked Sundays. Wages \$1026.00.

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

Tuesday, mercury at 60, at work on repairs.

I thank God for health and prosperity through the past year and still look to him for blessings in time to come, in time to come.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1861

Wednesday, mercury at 58, at work on repairs.

3

Thursday, mercury at 56, worked.

4

Friday, mercury at 56, worked.

5

Saturday, mercury at 58, worked on repairs. Rained gently most of last night and half of today.

6

Sunday, mercury at 59, last night at rainy night and today cloudy, Spent the day reading and writing. Frogs singing tonight.

7

Monday, mercury at 59, worked on repairs. Rained most of last night, freshet stage did not go in from Stockton.

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*The sons of toil from the Granite State*

*Oft \_\_\_ to foreign lands,*

*Some look to fortune, some to fate,*

*And some for golden sands.*

*Thus oft we meet in foreign climes*

*Those of our native birth*

*And love to char of good old times*

*Around the granite hearth.  
We love to speak of those again  
Which we have left far back  
On Cheshire county's pleasant plains  
And dells of Merrimac.  
We trust not fortune, fickle maid  
To give us worldly gain,  
On God alone our hopes are stayed  
We shall not seek in vain.  
Friend Robinson, let's ask of him  
And he will not withhold,  
The riches of eternal joys,  
Beyond this land of gold.  
And should again our homes on each  
Be gladdened by our voice  
Let's meet around one common \_\_\_?  
And with our wives rejoice.  
But should we never meet below  
There is a place above,  
Where all may to the saviour go  
Who feel that God is love.  
There may we meet when earth \_\_\_  
Shall be our home or stay  
And join with those who've gone \_\_\_  
In realms of endless day.*

*Regie Woodcock of Swanzey  
Cheshire Co., New Hampshire  
To Stickney Robinson of Epsom, Merrimac Co., New Hampshire.  
Flint & Peabody's Quartz Mill at Hoit & Johnsons Flat, Mariposa County, Calif.  
December 20<sup>th</sup> 1859*

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1861

Tuesday, mercury at 56, beautiful pleasant day, at work on repairs.

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I had green tomatoes from the vines for dinner.

Wednesday, mercury at 56, worked &c.

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Thursday, mercury at 56, worked &c.

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Friday, mercury 57, still on repairs.

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Saturday, mercury at 54, on repairs.

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Sunday, mercury at 50, spent the day in reading and writing.

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Monday, mercury at 52, still on repairs. Ice made last night and 6<sup>th</sup> of an inch thick.

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Tuesday, mercury at 48, worked on repairs. Rainy morning.

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Wednesday, mercury at 54, still on repairs.

January 17<sup>th</sup> 1861

Thursday, mercury at 52, work \_\_\_.

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Friday, mercury at 48, worked \_\_\_.

*Variety of work which I have performed in California*

Mining, Millwright, wheelwright, carpenter, coopering, chopping, mowing, raking, pitching, mason work, thrashing, driving team, blacksmithing, running sash saw, circle saw, planing machine, matching machine, cabinet work, pattern making, stone work, Ostler Boat Building, burning coal, burning tar, splitting fence posts, painting, surveying, stitching, running Quartz Mill, shoe making, cooking, washing and mending.

Ups and Downs in California

I have offered to work for my Board.

I have been boarded for nothing.

Have worked for nothing and boarded myself.

Worked by the day, by the hour,

Taken jobs, have paid two dollars per day for board.

Have boarded myself for three dollars per week.

Have eaten beans twenty one times per week.

Have lived on fresh Salmon.

Have been overseer and Common \_\_\_.

Been in the Court room as witness & have worked for five dollars per day.

Have worked for one dollar per hour.

I have asked the privilege to sleep in a barn.

Have slept with nothing under me but the Earth and nothing over me but the heavens.

Have offered others of two hundred dollars per ton for Barley to sleep on.

Have slept in the ha\_\_ of a green standing tree that is thirty feet nine inches through, and not often on .....

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