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D-022 2:6: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. & George Pierce Jr. Diary, 1888

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Transcriber's Notes:

[This is a combination of Pierce, Sr.'s diary through September 16, 1888, and Pierce, Jr.'s diary, starting 17 September.]

Note: A manuscript page found in the diary for 1887, and now inserted in the leaves of this present volume, has entries for January 1 through January 11 of 1888. There probably was a second sheet, now misplaced, including entries for January 12th through February 14th 1888. All the pages in the present diary from January 1 through 14 February are blank. The first entry for 1888 registered in this volume is for 15 February 1888. [Keep an eye out for the missing separate page among the papers in the Pierce manuscript boxes in storage.]

Note also: Pierce has used a blank 1884 diary book for this 1888 diary. Only on February 24 did he start to write in the correct day of the week.

The True Beginning of the George Pierce, Jr. Diary: 17 September 1888.

From 17 September on to the end of the year this diary is written in the hand of George Jr. This is at the time of the move of his parents into Davisville. The last three-and-a-half months of this diary volume for 1888 should count as George Jr.'s diary.

On August 15th of this year George Jr. married Susan Gilmore, the daughter of Nathan Gilmore the discoverer and founder of Glen Alpine Springs.

Mr. Pierce, Sr. began again keeping a diary on January 1, 1889.

This was a big year of change for the Pierce family. George Jr. married Susie Gilmore on the 15th of August at Glen Alpine up above Fallen Leaf Lake near Tahoe. On

Tuesday 18 September Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, the elders, moved from the ranch to Davisville into the Marden house, leaving the ranch to George Jr. and his new wife. Actually, they had begun the process of moving on the 12th of September, according to the elder Pierce's entry on that day in the diary.

On 19 April Pierce recalls his trip across the plains with Mrs. Pierce starting thirty-six years ago, 1852. Says they were "tired and dusty after being on the plains for nearly four months. Had no very bad luck."

On 20 April he recalls leaving Homer, N. Y. fifty-three years ago this day getting ultimately to Yanky Settlement near Joliet, then to Wisconsin arriving in Pike Creek the 8th of July 1835, in his 21st year.

On 4 July Pierce writes: "Fifty three years ago today I hoed corn in Illinoise near Jollyet."

On 8 July he notes: "Fifty three years ago to day I arrived at Pike Creek near Kenosha."

Sun 1 Jan 1888

Light Sprinkle all day the Sun has not been in Sight to day. George went to Sacramento to have his finger doctored. That he took cold on Friday night while attending the ball at Davisville

Mon 2 Jan 1888

Rainy all day. the Sun has not been Sight to day. George come home this afternoon

Tues 3 Jan 1888

Heavy Shower last night. clear and fine until about the middle of the afternoon when it clouded up and looks like Snow. George and the men repaired the pump at the windmill this afternoon

Wed 4 Jan 1888

Showery and cloudy all day a little Snow in the forenoon. The Sun Shone Several Times during the day

Thurs 5 Jan 1888

Cloudy and Showery all day with a little Snow in the forenoon. not as much as yesterday it did not cover the ground

George went to Davisville to get the male [mail] &c

Fri 6 Jan 1888

Strong north west wind and verry cold

Mended bran bags this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mrs Greenes this afternoon and carr[i]ed her a Turkey to change [?]

Sat 7 Jan 1888

North wind all day and verry cold the ground has been frose all day behind the buildings and in the Shade. Cleaned barley for Seede. Put up Some bacon to smoke

Sun 8 Jan 1888

Strong north wind and verry cold ice nearly 1/2 inch thick this morning

I have a head ake to day

Mon 9 Jan 1888

Strong north wind most of the day and cold more moderate this evening

Cleaned Barly for Seed this forenoon

Started the plows this afternoon on the Barly ground

Tues 10 Jan 1888

Fine day Scarse any wind Shun Shone all day. hard frost for several nights the ground has been fosen for several days where the Sun did not hit it. the longest cold spell that I remember Seeing in the State

Broke on[e] of the plows this morning and had to send to Sacramento for an other

Wed 11 Jan 1888

Clear and fine harde frost this [?] Did not go to work untill noon the ground was frose so hard that it did not work well

I have had a grumbling head acke all day and Some pain in my [right?] Side

Entries missing for 11 January 1888 through 14 February 1888

Fri 15 Feb 1888 [First entry registered directly in this volume of the diary.]

Clear and fine all day

Went to Sacramento got Eygpson corn to Sow for the Calvs &c next fall

got Some arden[?] Seeds

Got this Diary

I have not been to the City Since fair time

Got 12 Peach trees and four Plum trees

The Pet rone hieffer had a rone calf this morning

Thurs 16 Feb 1888

Clear and warm all day

George went to Davisville and got the freight that I got in the City yesterday

Run three plows on the Somerfallow

Set out the trees that I got yesterday and worked in the gardin

Fri 17 Feb 1888

Foggy all of the forenoon clear and fine this afternoon

Made gardin Sowed three kind of pees parsnips Carrots Redish &c

Put one of the colts into the plow team this afternoon it went off verry nicely

South wind and loocks Some like rain

Sat 18 Feb 1888

Strong north wind all day and quite cool

Two of the Cows are missing. I think they are on the Creek bank Somewhere with the calvs.

Plowed Somerfallow with three teams.

Plowed land for beets and corn

Sowed two kinds of turnips in the vinyard at the Windmill

Sun 19 Feb 1888

North wind quite Strong

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

The whiteface cow had a hieffer calf with Several white Spots on it

Mon 20 Feb 1888

Strong north wind all day. Run three gang plows on the Somerfallow

George an[d] Alex cleaned wheat an[d] repaired a[c]ross the creek below the Big tree

Tues 21 Feb 1888

Strong north wind all day. Plowed for Beets and corn. Halled off[f] the wheat that was left after Sowing 10490# at \$1.25 per # \$131.12

George attended party at Mr Hammels this evening

Wed 22 Feb 1888

Strong north wind and quite cold in the morning. warm in the middle of the day

Worked on the lot in the cemetery. Mr Carlan come out and made the lot larger

Thurs 23 Feb 1888

South wind and loocks Some like rain

Worked on lot in the Cemetery

George went to Fresno

Commenced plowing grape vines

Fri 24 Feb 1888

North wind Started up about 9 Oclock this morning So that it run the mill quite lively untill most night

Plowed the young orchard north of the house

Mrs Pierce and Self cleared chicken houses

Sat 25 Feb 1888

Run two gang plows on the Somerfallow

Plowed Orchard and vinyard.

Went to Davisville this afternoon got the male &c. went to the cemetry and got half barrel of cement that Mr Carlan left there when he got through bank on the lot

Sun 26 Feb 1888

Fine day

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville.

Mon 27 Feb 1888

Cleared the lot at the windmill and commenced plowing it for Egysion Corn for the calves.

Run two plows on the Somerfallow

Plowed vinyard

Strong South west wind this afternoon and quite cold

George come home this afternoon from Fresno

Tues 28 Feb 1888

Sold George Hoag a Cow and calf for \$40-- George drove it down to day.

Finished plowing grape vinse the Second time.

Commenced plowing the little lot at the windmill

Strong South wind

Wed 29 Feb 1888

Strong north wind all day. Halled a car load of hay to Davisville to Send to Sand Francisco for market

Sent the N..I. L. Inshurence Company \$152.20

Went to Davisville and got the girl that come out from Sacramento to help Mrs Pierce

Thurs 1 Mar 1888

Strong South wind all day

Commenced shplken about 9 oclock this forenoon and rained harde most of the afternoon.

Planted Potatoes this forenoon.

George went to Davisville this afternoon

It is a cold Storm

Fri 2 Mar 1888

Strong South wind all day

Several Showers during the day.

George cut the ham for his mother to pack

Three of the men cut wood this afternoon

Heavy Shour about 5 Oclock this afternoon

Sat 3 Mar 1888

North wind moderate all day

Several Showers this forenoon. Clear most of the afternoon

George and Charly went to Davisville this afternoon

Sun 4 Mar 1888

Commenced raining in the night and rained quite hard untill about two Oclock this afternoon

Mon 5 Mar 1888

Several Showers durind[g] the forenoon

Went to Davisville afternoon

Tues 6 Mar 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mrs Greenes to hear how She was getting along. She went to Sacramento to have an Operation performed. She had a cansor tumor in her brest had it taken out and is dooing nicely.

We went to Davisville

Wed 7 Mar 1888

Cloudy all day and loocked like rain verry much a little Sprinckle just at night

George and the men made grade down to the creek.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

Stayed with Ann over night. Strong South wind

Thurs 8 Mar 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self come home to day.

Strong South wind and quit[e] cold.

Mr & Mrs Stiner called to day

Got 400# of Alfalfa Seed of Mr Dopkins at 8 cts \$32

The men worked on the fence near the north gate on the road

Fri 9 Mar 1888

George went to Davisville this forenoon with a colt for Mr [?] to brake to drive.

He went this afternoon with load of Barley for Mr Creamer to grind.

Started the plows this afternoon. the ground is none two(sic) dry.

Commenced building a correll to feed the calvs in

North wind moderate all day

Sat 10 Mar 1888 [From here on for long sequences the days of the week are written in pencil as a heading for the diary. These names of the days seem to have been written by the younger George, the son.

George Sent Carload of hay to Sacramento

fine day.

Made calf correll at the cow Barn to Suckle the calf[s] in

Sun 11 Mar 1888

Mr Wiley of Sacramento made us a call to day. he seamed to enjoy it verry much

Mon 12 Mar 1888

Finished plowing Somerfallow the first time

George went to Davisville with hay to J. C. Calhoun with hay to J. C Calhoun

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mrs Greene a call this afternoon. She seems to be getting along . She had a canser taken out of her Brest

Strong South wind and loocks like rain.

Tues 13 Mar 1888

Quite a Shower of rain early this morning

George and Charly worked on gang plow this forenoon. plowed in the back windmill field this afternoon.

I Went to Davisville this forenoon.

Strong South wind and loocks like rain

Mrs Pierce is quite Sick with a cold

[Wed 14 Mar and Thurs 15 Mar 1888 pages blank. The entries for them are on the pages for 16 and 17 March.]

Wed 14 Mar 1888 [Appears on page for Fri Mar 16.

Note in margin: "Error This meant for Wednesday"]

Strong north wind all day

plowed for alfalfa in the north field. Plowed for Stock Beets in the field east of the windmill.

George and Self went to Davisville this forenoon to loock for more help. The men let the hieffer out of the horse correll and I cant find her to night

Thurs 15 Mar 1888: [Appears on page for Sat 17 Mar]

Strong north wind most of the day

George commens Sowing Alfalfa in the north field this evening. finished plowing land for Stocl Beets

Tramp commenced Spading the front yard

George went to Eldorado to See his intended Fatherinlaw. Planted Stock

Beets in the windmill field

Fri 16 Mar 1888: [Appears on page for Sun 18 Mar]

North wind moderate most of the day

George Sowed Alfalfa in the north field

Sowed Stock Beets in the field east of the windmill

Mrs Pierce is quite Sick yet

Strong north wind all day

Mrs Pierce is Some better

[Apparently there are no entries for Saturday 17 and Sunday 18]

Mon 19 Mar 1888

Strong north wind all day considerable than yesterday

Planted the balance of the Stock Beets west of the house

Run three gang plows on the Somerfallow

George come home from Mud Springs reports every thing all right. he thinks they have fine [country] for mountain Ranc[h]ing

Tues 20 Mar 1888

North wind untill about the middle of the afternoon then turned to the South

Mr & Mrs Dopkin and George come to day to make us a visit

Took a car load of hay to Davisville to Sent to Sacramento

Wed 21 Mar 1888

South wind all day

Mr Dopkins and famely went home to day

Sold him four hieffers at a\$35-- dollars each \$140--

George put a wild colt into the gang plow teem this afternoon

Left with L & D. \$100--

Thurs 22 Mar 1888

South wind moderate and loocks like rain

George went to Davisville this forenoon and got the horses Shod. and brought home one of his colts that Mr Conrad had to brake to drive

Killed a hog this afternoon. Dug up old Grape vines

Fri 23 Mar 1888

Went to Woodland to mill

went and toock dinner with Ann.

South wind quite Strong and cold, and loocks like rain

Sat 24 Mar 1888

George went to Fresno to See his best gall

South wind all day and quite warm.

Attended Lodge for the first time in eight months

Cold north wind come up after dark

Sun 25 Mar 1888

Cold north wind all day

Mon 26 Mar 1888

Cold north wind all day. Planted Beets. Rute Bages, and pees in the gardin

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got George on his return from Fresno

Sold Ligget & Drummond 22# Butter at 18 cts

The White face Cow had a aned hieffer calf with white in its face about like herself

Tues 27 Mar 1888

Strong north wind and cold

George Sent an other car load of hay to Sacramento

Finished plowing Somerfallow

Mr Dopkins has come after his calvs that I Sold him last week

Wed 28 Mar 1888

George went to Woodland to help Mr Dopkins drive his calvs

Ogdin was here with his horse

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Strong South wind

Thurs 29 Mar 1888

Strong South west wind and quite cold

Hoed out the gardin

Planted corn

George went to Davisville this forenoon and got his colts Shod

Cut old grape vines

Had new Potatoes for dinner

Fri 30 Mar 1888

Went to Davisville with a calf to Martin got \$8.00 for it

Strong South east wind. commenced raining about noon and rained moderat[e] most of the afternoon and is raining quite harde this evening

Commenced working on the tank house flour [floor]

The lightest Rone cow [bred]

Sat 31 Mar 1888

Rained moderate most of the night and a little early this morning

George and Charly worked on gang plow

I have been quite Sick of Several days

Sun 1 1Apr 1888

Mrs Greene Caty[?] and Ella made us a call to day

Mon 2 Apr 1888

George and Charly went to Davisville with the last of the hay this forenoon.

Auttered [altered?] two Calvs and marked 88 lambs 37 of them Bucks this afternoon

Soaked the Egy[p]son corn. Planted two diffrent kinds of corn and Beenes in the gardin

Tues 3 Apr 1888

Commenced Sowing Egypson corn this morning

South wind quite Strong. planted Sweet corn and beens in the gardin this forenoon

Mrs Hanshaw and Self went to Davisville this afternoon.

Several light Sprinckles of rain this afternoon

Wed 4 Apr 1888

A. J. Ogdin died last night about ten Oclock

I went over there this morning to See when he was to be burr[i]ed and where

Went to Davisville to make arengments to berry him he is to be berred (sic) in
Woodland

Mrs Greene Katy and Ella made us a visit to day

Finished Sowing Egypon corn

Clear and fine all day

Thurs 5 Apr 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self attended Mr Ogdens funeral at Plainfield he was berr[i]ed in
Woodland

We Staied with Ann

Fine day and quite warm

Fri 6 Apr 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self come home to day

quite warm

Stoped (sic) at Mrs Greenes and Stayed an hour or two

Finished harrowing the Somerfallow and commenced ploweing the Second time

Sat 7 Apr 1888

Went to Davisville with one of the mares to Mullers. Attended Lodge at Davisville this evening

Sun 8 Apr 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 9 Apr 1888

North wind quite Strong went to Davisville to get the mair that I left at Mullers Saturday and got the horses Shod

George went to Woodland to attend the Republican County central committy. I am not verry well. pain in my side

Tues 10 Apr 1888

North wind moderate

George painned the tank house

Went to Davisville and got the horses Shod behind. quite warm

Run three plows crosing(sic) the Somerfallow

Plowed in the Old vinyard where the Old vines was dug up

Wed 11 Apr 1888

Mrs Pierce went to San Francisco this morning

Mrs Carlane [?] come out and finished the wall around the lot in the cemetry

Got another man and cleared up around the lot and leveled it down and fixed it up nicely

it is all done but the monument. I hope to get that Sometime

Thurs 12 Apr 1888

George painted the tank house yesterday and to day

Commenced cultivating the vinyard

I am not a bit well

Exspect Mrs Pierce home this evening

North wind moderate yesterday and to day and quite warm

Fri 13 Apr 1888

North wind moderate and quite warm

George Painted tank house

Went to Davisville this afternoon with one of the mairs. got the male [mail] &c

Sat 14 Apr 1888

North wind moderate and hot

George and Alex layed the flore in the mild room in the tank house

Attended Lodge at Davisville

Sun 15 Apr 1888

Not as warm as yesterday

Mon 16 April 1888

North wind and quite cool

Mrs Pierce and Self clean all of the chickenhouses Mrs Hanshaw the coock was take with a chill this forenoon, and has been quite Sick all day

Planted Some Big corn in the garden

Tues 17 Apr 1888

South west wind and cooler

Went to Davisville with a mair and got a horse shod

Mrs Hanshaw has been quite Sick all day

Mr & Mrs Hampton made us a viset this afternoon.

I am not feeling a bit well have had a pain in my Side for the last three or four weeks

Wed 18 Apr 1888

South west wind moderate all day

George went to Sacramento to get a woman to cook

Cultivated the Beets and potatoes

Mrs Pierce is quite Sick.

I am no better am feeling quite poorly

Thurs 19 Apr 1888

Thirty Six years ago to day Mrs Pierce and Self Started for California across the plains. arived in plaserville th fourth of August. tired and dusty after being on the plains nearly four months Had no verry bad luck

Finished Cultivating corn Beets and Orchard

South wind quite Strong

Fri 20 Apr 1888

Fifty three years ago to day I left Homer Courtland Co N. York to go west.

Arived in Chicag[o] on the Seventeenth day of May 1835

Went to Yanky Settlnent near Joliet. Left there fourth day of July for Pike creek Wisconsin arived there the 8th day of July 1835 in my 21st year

George painted the porch and Steps &c. Hoed potatoes

I am not verry well.

Mrs Pierce is most Sick The coock is better

Sat 21 Apr 1888

North wind quite Strong

The cock left this afternoon

George went to Woodland

Hoed potatoes

Sun 22 Apr 1888

North west wind

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 23 Apr 1888

North wind

George went to Davisville and got man to Bore well and [repair] the windmill.

Commenced borring well this afternoon

Comenced varnishing the house and furniture

Tues 24 Apr 1888

North west wind and cloudy. quite a hevy Shower betwene 12 & 1 Oclock this afternoon

Finished varnishing this forenoon

George went to Sacramento this forenoon

George come home this evening. Mr Gillmore his intended Fatherinlaw come with him. he got a Chinaman to coock

Wed 25 Apr 1888

North wind quite Strong and cold

Finished boring the well this morning and commenced on the windmill frame. Went to Davisville and got Some extras for the windmill

George and Mr Gilmore went to Winters this afternoon

Sat 26 Apr 1888

The Chinaman left this morning.

Went to Sacramento and got man and his wife the woman to coock and the man to work on the ranch

George and Charly went to Dixon to Picnic

Finished putting up the wind mill and pump

Sun 26 Apr 1888

North wind moderate all day. it is hurting wheat badly

Mrs Pierce and Self went to the Winters and got a big plow to plow down the banks of the Slough in the Somerfallow

George and Elex [?] worked on pump and well at the new windmill

Finished plowing Somerfallow

Sat 27 Apr 1888

Strong North wind all of the forenoon and part of the afternoon

South wind the rest of the day and this evening

Went to Davisville with well augers &c

George white washed the fence north of the front yard.

The men worked plowing down the banks of the Sloughs

Sun 28 Apr 1888

Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisville

Made Mrs Greene a call this afternoon

I am not verry well

Mon 30 Apr 1888

South wind

Commenced cutting hay it is quite light

We washed this forenoon

Mrs Pierce had a terable time with her right arm and Shoulder this afternoon

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 1 May 1888

Commenced raking bay. George went to Davisville

I have been Sick all day have not ben out to meny of the chores

Mrs [Pierce] arm is Some better tho it is quite lame yet

Wed 2 May 1888

Strong west wind and loocks verry much like rain this afternoon and evening

George Painted the blines [?] I Spaded around the tomattoes.

Three men worked in the hay field

Thurs 3 May 1888

Commenced raining early this morning and rained quite harde for a Short time

George went to Davisville with coop of chickens. put down pipe and hydrent the west Side of the house and buckets. and worked on tank house flore

Fri 4 May 1888

Strong north wind all of the afternoon. more moderate this afternoon. Opened the bunches of hay

I am quite Sick

Sat 5 May 1888

Cut and raked hay.

George and Alex put down the tank house flore. South wind all day

I am no better. went to Davisville to See the Doktor

The new Machiene has com

Sun 6 May 1888

I am no better

Mon 7 May 1888

George got the Machiene home to day an he and Chrly are putting it together this afternoon

I am no better

Tues 8 May 1888

Finished raking hay this forenoon

Commenced halling hay this afternoon and putting into the cow barn

South wind

George went to Woodland to mill and to Mr Dopkins \$290--

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville

I got more medison

Wed 9 May 1888

Halled hay into the come barne all day

South wind and loocks Some like rain.

George went to Davisville this forenoon

I am not better

Thurs 10 May 1888

Halled hay

South wind moderate

I am no better

Fri 11 May 1888

George and Self went to Davisville this forenoon

I am n better am quite Sick

North wind moderate

Halled hay into the barn

Sat 12 May 1888

George went to Davisville to meet the Miss Gilmore[s] but thay did not come on the noon train. he went this afternoon and met them and Mr Wily from Sacramento

North wind moderate halled hay into the horse barn

Sun 13 May 1888

South wind and quite cool. I had the worst time last night of any Since I have been Sick

Mon 14 May 1888

South wind halled hay into the horse barn

George and the girls Stayed at home untill just at night thay went to Davisville with Mr Wily to the cars.

Thay seem to be having a good time

Mrs Greene and Ella made us a call

Tues 15 May 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento to See Dr Gardner. he gave me Som medison that makes me more easy

George and the Girls went to Woodland and to See Ann

I am feeling more easy

Wed 16 May 1888

George and the girls made Mrs Greene a call this afternoon

Thurs 17 May 1888

George and the Girls toock Lunch with Mrs Curry. the girls went home this afternoon

George went as far as Sacramento with them

South wind and quite cool. We had a verry good visit with them and thay Seemed to enjoy it ever so much

Fri 18 May 1888

South wind and cool splendid wether for the wheat

Halled hay into the horse barn

George come home this afternoon

He left the Girls all right Saw them aboard of the cars for home

Sat 19 May 1888

George went to Davisville and Shiped the Male[?] [mail?] to the Graingers

South wind and cool

I am feeling more easy

Sun 20 May 1888

South wind

Mon 21 May 1888

George worked on the windmill in the hay lot.

Halled hay

South wind and cool

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento to get more medison

Tues 22 May 1888

George worked on the Wind mill and[?]

Wed 23 May 1888

Finished halling hay have the Barns full and put 11 loads into the Sheep barn

George put up the trough to watter the calvs in

Turned three young Bulls into the windmill field

Thurs 24 May 1888

Worked on ditch and moved the fence back in the lane so as to get through with the havister.

Cool South wind yet fine for wheat

George went to Davisville

Fri 25 May 1888

George put in a new gate into the field north of the Barn So as to go throug[h] with the harvester

I am Some better

South wind and cool and loocks like rain

Sat 26 May 1888

Worked on ditch and the harvester

Wattered tomattoes and corn Beets and Rutbagas

North wind moderate the forepart of the day

South the latter part of the day. fine for wheat

Sun 27 May 1888

South wind all day

Mr & Mrs Martin Fred Wileger , N. Miner Mrs Greene and Ella made us calls to day

We had a nice visit with them

Mon 28 May 1888

Worked on ditch and harvester. South wind and quite cool

Mrs Pierce has don the washing alone to day

looks like rain

Tues 29 May 1888

Cool South wind

Worked on the ditch and harvester.

Mr Dopkins Ann and George come to day to make us a visit

I am gaining moderately

Wed 30 May 1888

Cold South wind and cloudy. quite a Shower about ten oclock this forenoon. So that it went their coats through while thay were Starting the harvester. it went off nicely evry thing Seem to [be] all right and think it will doo good work

Mr Dopkins and famely went home this afternoon

Thurs 31 May 1888

South west wind and quite cool

Worked in the gardin

Fri 1 June 1888

South west wind and cool

fine wether for grain

Sat 2 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to call on Mrs McMellen. she was not at home. Went to the Schoolhouse and attended School meeting

George was elected trustee

This is the first time I have been out Since I have been sick

Sun 3 June 1888

Severl light Sprinckles during the day. Cold and chilly.

Creamer [?] and Rose made us a call to day. and paid me two weeks Benefits \$6.00

Mon 4 June 1888

Alex Worked in the garden most of the day hoing weeds and Shellen pees

Mr McMellen Mrs Russel and Miss Drifus called See George about School matters

Tues 5 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce called on Mrs Martin.

George and the men worked on the farnry flore

Mrs Pierce and Self called on Mrs Greene but She was not at home

Wed 6 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville to Se[e] the Doctor. I am Some better, but quite weak

Thurs 7 June 1888

Went to Sacramento and Saw the Docktor he gave me more medison. Thinks I am getting along finely and I think so to.

Fri 8 June 1888

George Started the new Harvister this afternoon. it does not work verry well

Mr Best come to day from San Leandrow to regulate it

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church festivle at Davisville and Stayed at Mr Hamptons all night

I was quite sick in the night

Sat 9 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self came home this forenoon

Mr Best got the Havister runing in good Shape this afternoon

I am not feeling as well to day

Sun 10 June and Mon 11 June 1888 [No entries.]

Tues 12 June 1888

South wind and quite damp

Wed 13 June 1888

Strong South west wind and looks like rain most of the day it must of rained in the Mountains this afternoon

Thurs 14 June 1888

Quite a Shower last night.

No worke [?] to day

Fri 15 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to See Mrs Greene but She was not at home. had gon to Sacramento

The men[?] Started up this afternoon

Sat 16 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon and to the cemetry Mrs Martin went with us

Sun 17 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 18 June 1888

Strong South wind cold damp and cloudy all day.

George commenced coming [?] the mens lines [?] into the field

Bad harvist wether. I am not feeling as well to day

Left Mr Millers Barly and comenced on our owne. his to[o] green

Tues 19 June 1888

Strong South west wind cold and damp. loocked like rain. think it did rain in the Mountains near by

Wed 20 June 1888

North wind quite Strong most of the day. We have some fears of a harde wind, quite warm

Finished cutting Barly about noon and commenced on Mr Millers again

Thurs 21 June 1888

North wind most of the day. South wind just at night. Cut Barly to Mr Miller. George went to Davisville and got 1000 Sacks at 8 1/2 cts 1/4 cent more than last week

Wattered trees near the Windmill

[In George Junior's hand:] Had 1008 sks barley on about 80 acres.

Fri 22 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mrs Greene a visit this afternoon

Finished Mr Millers Barly this afternoon.

Commenced cutting Wheat on the Knowl

South wind

Sat 23 June 1888

South wind

cut what on the Knowl South of the Windmill

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

The Machiene is dooing good work

Sun 24 June 1888

Mrs Pierce and Charly attended church at Davisville

Mon 25 June 1888

Scarce any wind this forenoon. Strong South west wind this afternoon.

Wattered Plum trees in the garden and Beets and Rutebages in the garden

Tues 26 June 1888

Strong South wind this afternoon. Wattered Apple and Apricots at the windmill

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got the male [mail] &c

Finished cutting wheat on the Knowl and commenced in the east field and went once round the whole field

Wed 27 June 1888

Strong South west wind this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and to Anns.

Settled with the Clark estate. my claim was \$67.25 I recieved \$13.55 as my prentta
[?]

Freeman offered \$1.25 for a Sample of wheat that we are cutting

Thurs 28 June 1888

South west wind quite Strong

I am not feel as well to day

Ann and Mr Dopkins come this afternoon to See the harvester run. it is doing verry nicely

Fri 29 June 1888

North wind quite Strong most of the day South this evening

Ann and Mr Dopkins went home this afternoon

Mrs Pierce, Ann, George Hopkins and Self went to Davisville this forenoon. 513 Sacks to day

Sat 30 June 1888

Strong north wind most of the day

Cleaned the old grannrys this forenoon

Wattered trees and Beets and rutebagas in the gardin

Cut and thrashed 538 Sacks to day

Sun 1 July 1888

Strong north wind most of the day

Mrs Pierce and Charly went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce attended church

Mon 2 July 1888

Strong north wind all day. Cut and thrashed 519 Sacks of wheat. very warm day and night

Tues 3 July 1888

Strong north wind this forenoon. South west this afternoon

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got the male [mail]

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mrs Greenes She was not at home

Cut and thrashed 513 Sacks of wheat

Wed 4 July 1888

Scarce any wind this forenoon

Strong south wind this afternoon

George and Self repaired the old grainry for chickenfeed

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mrs Greenes this afternoon

The wheat was not as good to day 460 Sacks

Fifty three years ago to day I hoed corn in Illinoice near Jollyet

Thurs 5 July 1888

South wind quite Strong.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and to Mr Dopkins

Fri 6 July 1888

South wind all day

Went to Davisville and got the Buggy repaired and Mage Shod

Mr Diggs of Woodland was hear to See the harvester work.

Wheat Seems to be going up some

Sat 7 July 1888

Strong South wind all day

Wattered the corn Beets and Rutebages this forenoon

George and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Wheat has droped a little in price

Sun 8 July 1888

South wind all day

Mrs Greene, Ella and Eva made us a call this evening

Fifty three years ago to day I arrived at Pike Creek near Kenosha

Mon 9 July 1888

Let watter on the Beets, Corn, and Rutebagas and repaired the Garden gate.

Strong South wind most of the day

Tues 10 July 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento

I got a Suit of close to ware to Georges wedden

Mrs Piers got her a nice dress for the Same Occasion. South wind

I am quite tired

Wed 11 July 1888

South west wind verry Strong all day

George went to Woodland and to Davisville to Sell wheat

Sold 2000 Sacks at \$1.25 to Ligget

Wattered Tomattoes

Thurs 12 July 1888

South wind all day.

Dug potatoes and wattered the Tomatoes

Commenced Halling wheat to Ligget at \$1.25 for 2000

Fri 13 July 1888

North wind in the forenoon South in the afternoon

Plowed around wheat pile in the east field. Dug potatoes and watered the Tomatoes and corn

George went to Davisville

Halled wheat

Sat 14 July 1888

Strong north wind all day.

Watered the Peach and Prune trees South of the mens house

Raked Straw from the wheat piles in the eat fields

George went to Davisville

Halled wheat

Sun 15 July 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 16 July 1888

North wind maderate most of the day

South this evening and verry warm 109 in the Shade

George went to Glen Alpine to make arengements for the wedding

Mrs Baird and Mr Covel was hear to See the Harvester

Tues 17 July 1888

South wind and cloudy most of the day

A few drops of rain about elevn Oclock this forenoon

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento this morning to have her dress fitted

Sold Ligget & D 866# of potatoes

Tues 18 July 1888

Went to Davisville this forenoon to See about Selling wheat can get a littl over \$1.25

Got 2 tier Set on Kylers wagon yesterday and to day Charly broke on[e] of his wheels all to pieces. I am having the two hind wheals with new Spokes and felles [?]

Got half a chest of Blackberries of Hexts [?]

Wed 19 July 1888

Went to Davisville this forenoon. Sent the Graingers two boxes of eggs. warm day
100

Fri 20 July 1888 [Thursday skipped. Is his calendar off?]

Went to Davisville this morning Sent Mrs French box of provisions [?] and Susie Box
of fruite.

Sold the ballance of the wheat at \$1.28 to L & D.

North wind this forenoon moderate and hot South this afternoon and some cooler

Sat 21 July 1888

Clowd[y] most of the forenoon quite a Sprinkle this morning

South wind all day

Charly went to San Francisco this afternoon

Finished halling the first 2000 Sacks Sold and commenced halling the Second lot

Sun 22 July 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self Stayed at home all day

Mon 23 July 1888

South wind most of the day and quite Strong this evening.

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mrs Greene a call

Tues 24 July 1888

South wind all day

made Sled to hall Beets to the calvs this forenoon

Went to Davisville to meet George. he has been to Glen Alpine to See his best gall [gal]
[Note: Susan Gilmore was one of the two daughters of Nathan Gilmore, the discoverer
and founder of Glen Alpine Springs, who had come across the plains from Indiana
during the Rush of 1849.]

Wed 25 July 1888

South wind quite Strong all day. went to Davisville this forenoon got tow tier set of
the Express wagon

George went to Dixon and paid for his new harvester \$1650--

Thurs 26 July 1888

North wind this forenoon. South this afternoon

Wattered the Beets and Rutebagas.

Andy Martin called this forenoon to See about Selling his house and lots in Davisville and to get a Scraper.

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento to day

Fri 27 July 1888

North wind moderate in the forenoon

South wind quite Strong this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland to day.

worked in the gardin to day

Halled wheat with four wagons

Sat 28 July 1888

North wind and quite [?] this forenoon

South wind this afternoon

Sun 29 July 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 30 July 1888

Scarce any wind this forenoon

Strong South west wind this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville.

She went to get Mrs to make her Ulster

Tues 31 July 1888

Paid Tom Brown \$1.05 1/2 for "Cyclone" mill. [This line in George Junior's hand]

Strong South wind this afternoon

George went to the Oak Shade and got Plums and Peaches.

Turned the Stock into the Stable field and the calvs into the windmill field

Mrs Pierce can[n]ed plums and peeches

George repaired fence across the creek this afternoon

Wed 1 Aug 1888 [George Jr. wrote in the day of the week at the top of almost all of the pages from here to the end of the diary.]

Marked 12 sow pigs and 21 boars Have 14 large hogs 2 more small ones 49 all told.
[These passages are written in George Pierce Junior's hand.]

[Now in George Sr.'s hand] Strong South wind this afternoon

Mrs Pierce is most Sick

George killed a calf this afternoon for veal

Thurs 2 Aug 1888

South west wind all day

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and to Mr Dopkins

Fri 3 Aug 1888

Light wind from the south and quite warm

George and Self repaired the cable walk at the front doore

Mrs Pierce and George can[n]ed peaches this forenoon

The wheat is waying [weighing?] heverer [heavier?] yesterday and to day about 143

Sat 4 Aug 1888

Warm day

George wint to Woodland to See about getting Some wood

found some at \$25.00 per cord that he thinks is good

Sun 5 Aug 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville.

Warm day

Mon 6 Aug 1888

North wind quite Stong in the forenoon and hot.

Mrs Pierce and Self washed in the forenoon and went to Davisville this afternoon. Oh how hot and dusty. George worked on wagon shed

Tues 7 Aug 1888

An other hot day

Finished halling wheat Sold 5240 Sacks 600 Sacks in the grainry and for Seed

George went to Davisville Settled with Hampton and Collens

Wed 8 Aug 1888

South wind and Some cooler.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Plaserville to get Licents

Charly went to[o]

Charly Cails [?] and got Six cords of wood

Thurs 9 Aug 1888

South wind and quite cool.

Onloded [unloaded] the wood

worked on the road with Larues Scraper and then toock it home

Charly went to Davisville to meet George he come home this evening from Plaserville

Went to Hexes to See about getting Some Straw. Glides man commenced Boarding

Fri 10 Aug 1888

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon

George and Charly went after an other load of wood and got new Harrows at Woodland.

Mrs Pierce Sent 28# of butter to Woodland thay paid her 32 1/2 cts

Sat 11 Aug 1888

South wind quite Strong this afternoon.

Went to Davisville with George he went to Sacramento to get invitation Cards.

Commenced halling Straw.

Sun 12 Aug 1888 [No entry]

Mon 13 Aug 1888

Mr Dopkin and Ann Mrs Pierce and George and Self Started for Glen Alpine and Stayed over night at Truckee

got to Glen Alpine about three oclock in the afternoon Tuesday

Tues 14 Aug 1888 [No entry.]

Wed 15 Aug 1888

George was marr[i]ed at Glen Alpine to day to Susie M. Gilmore

George and Susie left for San Frasco [sic] to day

Thurs 16 Aug 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self and Mr Dopkin and Ann left Glen Alpine to day for home. Stayed at Truckee over night

Hevy thunder Storme while we were crosing lake Tahoe

Fri 17 Aug 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self Mr Dopkins and Ann went to Don[n]er lake and Saw the place where the Doner party perrished

toock a ride around the lake on a steam boat and started for home at eleven Oclock
this evening

Sat 18 Aug 1888

Got home about noon to day. dust and tired

found [every]thing all right and was Glad to get home

Sun 19 Aug 1888 [No entry]

Mon 20 Aug 1888

Halled Barly into the grainry. We had a big washing. Went to Davisville this afternoon

Went to See Mr Mardin about getting his house

Tues 21 Aug through Fri 7 Sept 1888 [No entries. The elder Pierces were no doubt
busy preparing for the big move on the 17th and 18th of September into town. George
and Susie were on their honeymoon.]

Sat 8 Sept 1888

George and Susie come home to day after their wedding ture [tour]. I think thay were
glad to Get home

The wether has been verry warm for the last three weeks

Sun 9 Sept-Mon 10 Sept 1888 [No entries]

Tues 11 Sept 1888

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento. gut one bedroom Set

Wed 12 Sept 1888

Commenced Shearing Sheep

Commenced moving to Davisville

Thurs 13 Sept 1888

Quite a Shower last night. with Some thunder and lightning

George and Susie went to the State fair

Fri 14 Sept 1888

Hevy Thunder and lightning last night and hard wind and rain

Rained most of the forenoon

Eva Gilmore come to make us a viset

Sat 15 Sept 1888

Miss Murphy and Miss Zineon[?] come to make us a Short visit

Sun 16 Sept 1888

The visitors all went home to day

End of Pierce, Sr.'s Entries.

Beginning of Pierce, Jr.'s Entries.

Mon 17 Sept 1888

[N. B. From here on all of the diary for 1888, save for part of a page in the Memoranda at the end, is in the hand of George Jr. It should really count here as his diary for the last three and a half months of 1888.]

Got up team to move to Davis. [Does not call it Davisville here.] Began loading but did not get away with goods.

Went to town with spring wagon.

Tues 18 Sept 1888

Moved today into the Marden House in Davisville

George and hired man helped move.

Had lunch at new home. Got bed room set up and some things straightened out.

Wed 19 Sept 1888

Quite warm again

Took two boxes of grapes to Davis.

Began putting wood into woodhouse.

Made easel for pictures in parlor. Began straightening things out.

Thurs 20 Sept 1888

Susie and self (G) went to Sacramento. Got some curtains and other things for house.

Mother went to Sac. and got some furniture

Sharpened some harrow teeth this morning.

Fri 21 Sept 1888

Father came up with Jesse Michenonor and took three boxes grapes to town

Helped arrange things in the house.

Charley Gibson came back from his Fresno trip.

Sat 22 Sept 1888

Charly and I sharpened harrow teeth and put harrows together in forenoon.

In afternoon went to Davis to attend the Republican Primaries. Myself, Muir [?] Schneirsen and Plant were chosen delegates to the County Convention

Charly drove cow down to Father

Sun 23 Sept 1888

Cool and somewhat cloudy.

Mr Clark went away this morning.

Mon 24 Sept 1888

Attended Republican County Convention in Woodland. Was chosen Secretary & chairman of committees on Platform and Resolutions.

Sent Gibson with team for [straw?] -- 4 tons @ \$18.

Got Guin[?] and sowers[?] wool sacks, harrow teeth & breast straps. Father took grapes to town.

Tues 25 Sept 1888

Sacked wool.

Started 8 mule team harrowing summer fallow.

Mother and Father came up this morning.

Mrs Greene Ella & Charley came and spend the afternoon.

Wed 26 Sept 1888

Took grapes to town. Helped Mother arrange furniture & hang pictures.

Saw Drake about new harness.

Very warm today

Thurs 26 Sept 1888

Mother and Susie went to Sacramento trading.

Went on 11.10 train expecting to return on 3.13 -- but did not get out until 7.15

Worked on Fathers place fixed stove pipes, doors and pump.

Bought new driving harness of Drake \$38.00

Got home at 10 p. m.

Fri 28 Sept 1888

Weather fine

Father and Mother came up this morning

Father took grapes to town. Mother helped Susie about butter making, cooking &c --

Sat 29 Sept 1888

Went to town. Took 20 pounds of butter to L & D got 32 1/2 \$6.50

First ranch product save grapes sold since new home was set up --

Helped Mother about putting up furniture pictures &c. She got one new bedroom set today

Mrs. Greene & Mrs Byers came in

Got new lines collars for my harness--

Charley went to lodge --

Sun 30 Sept 1888

Susie and I went to church at Davis --

Mr Cameron [?] a new man preached--

Took lunch at Mothers [Worthers?]

Mon 1 Oct 1888

Took three boxes grapes to town.

My choreman Robt Peck a Conecticut Yankee left me this morning. I have no choreman now--

Met Mrs Blanchard of Placerville at Davis at 11.15 am. train. She is visiting Susie.

Our young mule and two horse colts, strays, are in field--

Tues 2 Oct 1888

Mother & Father came today and took dinner with us.

A junk dealer was here today -- got inn [?] & sacks \$1.45

Mr. Schmiser came today -- got one sack almost \$5.25

Sent one case eggs to Grangers.

Mrs Blanchard, Susie and I went to Mrs Greene's this evening. Mrs. G. was not at home. Ella & Eva were at home--

Wrote to Mrs. Henshaw at Paso Robles --

Wed 3 Oct 1888

The sheep herder (Glides) went away for a few days --

Father came up and took 3 boxes grapes to town. Took also a pig -- one of old Betty's

Thurs 4 Oct 1888

Took Mrs Blanchard and Susie out riding. Went down the creek through the fields and over to Mr. Currey's -- drove through Mr. C's vineyard.

The county has just finished graveling the road between Guile and Hext. The road from Plainfield to Mrs. Greenes has just been gaveled also --

Fri 5 Oct 1888

Picked two boxes grapes this morning -- churned

Took Mrs. Blanchard to 3:40 p. m. train. Susie went & called on Mother.

Got choreman sent out by Heuston[?] Hope he is better than the last one -- He cant be worse --

Sat 6 Oct 1888

Father and George Dopking came up this morning.

Took lath[?], 5 bunches, for chicken year; got brace &c--

Aunt Ann is visiting Mother.

Sun 7 Oct 1888

Susie and I went to church. Mr. White preached-- very good.

Took lunch with parents --

This evening Mr & Mrs J. E. LaRue called and spent the evening-- The night was quite dark.

Weather now is very fine --

Mon 8 Oct 1888

Picked and took 3 boxes grapes to town.

Began fixing wagon for see sower.

Charly finished first harrowing in large center field 360 acres and went into field north of house where we sowed Egyptian corn.

Tues 9 Oct 1888

Put seeder on wagon.

Churned, put up pears &c --

Father came for sewing machine windows pears &c

Wed 10 Oct 1888

Began sowing grain in field north of house --

Took Tommy the Jap to Davis to have hair cut --

Brought cart home from shop --

Father took grapes to town --

Thurs 11 Oct 1888

Sowed in morning Went with Susie to Woodland to trade and hear Pundeta Ramafi lecture.

Stayed at Aunt Ann's

Fri 12 Oct 1888

Stayed at Aunt Ann's

Started home at 9.45 am. Stopped at Woodland and got Groceries &c. Got home at about noon.

Sowed wheat with Gibson in field north of house --

Father took grapes to Davis --

Sat 13 Oct 1888

Very strong north wind

Churned and worked at odd jobs --

Went to Davis at 3.45 p.m. train to meet Eva, but she did not come.

Got steak for breakfast.

Fixed fence on LaRue's line and north of field windmill where calves broke out

Sun 14 Oct 1888

Moderate north wind.

No church today

Charley drove "Maje" single the cart to town and took Father out riding --

Mon 15 Oct 1888

Fine day --

Sowed summerfallow 135 acres of north end of center field.

Father came up for grapes --

Tues 16 Oct 1888

Went to Davis to help Father. Susie went with me. They had a ladies meeting at Mother's to arrange for a dinner on election day for the benefit of the Presbyterian church.

Put new floor in part of kitchen. fixed faucet in kitchen and fixed wind mill -- one wing was loose--

Quite chilly coming home --

Wed 17 Oct 1888

Picked grapes for town.

Mr. Miller came for Randall harrow --

Father and Mother came -- staid nearly all day--

Put up some 55 lbs of grape preserves --

Susie is quite unwell today -- confined to bed some of the time --

Thurs 18 Oct 1888

Stong north wind.

Susie has been some better today.

Our Japanese cook left quite unceremoniously this afternoon.

Took him to 3.45 p.m. train. Have no help in house now--

Drew \$50.00 of L & D.

Fri 19 Oct 1888

Fine day. Worked about house in forenoon. Sowed wheat in afternoon. 8 rounds.

Mr Dopking, Aunt Ann and George came over

Eva Gilmore came to spend Saturday with us. Mrs Greene brought her up until they overtook Mr. Dopking and he brought here the rest of the way--

Sat 20 Oct 1888

Mr Miller came for seed wheat-- got 32 Sacks wt 4515 @ \$1.50 \$67.72

Aunt Ann and Mr. Dopking went to Davis this afternoon to spend the night with Father & Mother.

The north wind blew a gale all day.

One wing to old Halliday mill blew out --

Killed chicken for dinner --

Sun 21 Oct 1888

Strong north wind

Eva went home -- drove to Davis with Charley in cart --

Mon 22 Oct 1888

Strong north wind

Father came today for grapes

Mr. Miller came today for rest of seed wheat. Paid me \$70.00 on account.

Tues 23 Oct 1888

Fine day

Sowed 70 acres grain this forenoon -- Am now through crossing slough sowing south.

Fixed house roof and other things in afternoon

Strong south wind tonight. Cloudy --

Wed 24 Oct 1888

Helped about house in forenoon. Washed skimmed mopped worked butter &c--

A chinese peddler from Wm Montgomery's came -- bought 30c worth veg --

Susie and I went to town this afternoon. Got some groceries etc. Took butter to L. & D.

Met Mrs. A. A. Prouty & son wh have come to live with Father & Mother.

Thurs 25 Oct 1888

Painted kitchen floor

Choreman cleaned up about calf corral pig pen &c--

Fri 26 Oct 1888

North wind this forenoon.

Churned, worked over butter &c--

Father and Jonny Prouty came up for a load of creek wood

Sowed in afternoon. Finished the 320 acre piece down to road through field --

Jim split wood and piled it in woodhouse.

Sat 27 Oct 1888

Went to Woodland -- took 5 sks wheat 700# to mill. got 406 # flour.

Purchased Crackers cakes fruit jars and other things. Lunched at the Burns.

Politics now furnish the chief topic of conversation.

Sun 28 Oct 1888

No church today.

Mrs M. J. Smith the dressmaker was buried at Davis today.

Mon 29 Oct 1888

Bluestoned 28 sacks wheat to finish sowing the summerfallow

Father and Jonny came up for another load of creek wood.

Susie and I called at Mr. Millers. They have a little six year old grandson who is very sick with throat trouble. They had two physicians today, Dr.s Bates & Briggs.

This is Susies birthday. She is thirty years old today and is as kind tender and loving as any wife ever was. That she may live to see many birthdays each happier than its precessors is her husbands most fervent prayer.

Tues 30 Oct 1888

Sowed grain in morning. Sowed with small Cahoon the strip along side the road over knoll.

Fixed fence

Went to town with Susie in afternoon.

They were having another womans meeting at Mother's, so we did not stop.

Called on Mrs J. E. LaRue on our return --

Wed 31 Oct 1888

[Put part of entry on next page and calls attention to error in a note on this page.]

Susie and I went to Sacramento on the 11.15 am. train to attend the Republican speaking and parade.

They were both fine. Stopped at the Golden Eagle.

Sue saw many friends from El Dorado.

The Becker bros called upon us at rather a late hour.

Finished sowing summerfallow -- about 450 acres --

Thurs 1 Nov 1888

Did shopping until 3.15 train -- went to Davis. Stayed all night at Fathers

Attended part of the Democratic speaking of county candidates at Davis ---

Fri 2 Nov 1888

Went home in morning.

Went with Susie and Charley to Davis to Republican speaking --

Found Mrs Hanshaw at Father's -- brought her out. Got home at 12 oclock.

Charley sowed barley on the alfalfa ground where we have a poor stand in north windmill field

Sat 3 Nov 1888

Father & Johnny Prouty came up this morning with large wagon -- brought Mrs Hanshaw' trunk -- took spring wagon carried Hour [?] coffee pot &c

Sowed barley in little lot about barn for feed --

Charley went to lodge -- took box of grapes for Mrs. Hanshaw.

Sun 4 Nov 1888

North wind quite strong.

Stayed at home today

Drove young heifers into corral tonight to try them.

Mon 5 Nov 1888

Finished harrowing in lot next barn.

Had Charley drive a heifer down to Father and bring back the one he had.

Got up hogs to fatten. have eight head --

Charley went to Woodland to Democratic rally

North wind strong

Father and Johnny come up -- got chickens &

Chas. L. Philliber was shot and killed on his way home last night by unknown parties
--

Tues 6 Nov 1888

Presidential election day.

Susie and I went to town. Took pies cakes butter cream milk & bisquit for the election dinner to be given by the Presbyterian ladies. The dinner was postponed on account of the murder.

Took lunch & tea at Father's -- drove home in evening --

Mrs Hanshaw washed

Wed 7 Nov 1888

Very strong north wind.

Made about 80 lbs grape preserves --

Charley came up today with Johnny Prouty.

Settled [?]

Thurs 8 Nov 1888

Susie is cleaning house. Made for her box shelves for kitchen and wash stand for our room.

Fri 9 Nov 1888

Cleaned up mens house -- got wings from windmill in north field

Susie and I went to town in afternoon

Took 10# butter to L & D. got 30c

Went up creek on south side to call on the Currey's but they were not at home.

Got in heifer from north field

Sat 10 Nov 1888

Fixed fans to north wind mill and put them in

Susie and self went out riding on ranch this evening went to lower barn down Miller's fence and up creek.

Had choreman sweep front yard.

Sun 11 Nov 1888

Nice day

Susie sick today

Mon 12 Nov 1888

Took mules down to lower barn.

Fixed fence along Hext's line

Hauled wood and rubbish from slough in front of house and pump yard in horse corral --

Tues 13 Nov 1888

Went to Currey's with man and wagon to get to barrows that had strayed over there. They are good hogs and I need them very much as I am short of pork hogs this season.

Wed 14 Nov 1888

Worked on wagon shed doors in forenoon.

Father, Mother, Mrs Prouty and Johnny came up for a visit.

Had some dirt hauled to barn to fix stalls with

Thurs 15 Nov 1888

[Wrote this on the opposite page for Friday, and had note: "See opp."]

Began raining last night. Rained most of the day. [Has word "Error" above this line.]

Put stock in and around sheep barn.

Worked this forenoon on wagon shed doors.

[Add note: "In next page", referring to the text for Friday.]

Fri 15 Nov 1888

Rained very hard much of the night.

Took fence out of the creek

Rained considerable during the day.

Sat 16 Nov 1888

Rained in showers in forenoon and steady in afternoon and evening.

Went to lower field to look after stock.

Choreman went to Sacramento for tools &c.

Shot goose on knoll.

Sun 17 Nov 1888

Cloudy -- Susie and I went to town for mail.

Mon 18 Nov 1888

Cloudy most of the day.

Mrs Hanshaw washed.

Fixed up about sheep barn. Found two shoats were killed where straw stack on creek fell over.

Sent Barney & Flora to lower barn

Fixed halters [?] [This is so faint it cannot be read with certainty] & made clea[??]
(work on this in special light)

Tues 19 Nov 1888

Churned.

Rained in showers until noon.

Went to town -- took Gladys. Got oil for harness, snaps, leather line, meat &c.

Took dinner at Father's

Brought man home who wants to work -- he is to work for his board until I commence plowing--

Wed 20 Nov 1888

Cloudy.

Washed and oiled harness.

Hauled wool from sheep barn to wagon hours so that we can have more room in case of rain.

Put covers over citrus trees in front yard.

Sent Jack and Blinkey to lower barn

Susie and I took walk to creek and then to vinyard. Put strings on some vines I wish to graft from.

Thurs 21 Nov 1888

Began raining some time last night. Rained most of the forenoon.

Washed and oiled harness and blacksmithed

Wind got into the north and blew quite strong in evening

Fri 22 Nov 1888

Strong north wind most of the day.

Worked on harness.

Went to town for Eva Gilmore who came for a visit.

Saw Melvin about pigs for Elias Gallup.

Armstrong and Hyatt have sold their land west of town, 690 acres, for \$110 an acre to Mr. Sparks of Oakland.

Sat 23 Nov 1888

Tinkered about shop.

Helped Susie put comforter on frame.

Sun 24 Nov 1888

Susie and I took Eva to 11.10 train.

Went to Father's and took lunch

Went to Mrs Greene's to invite her family to Thanksgiving dinner. She insisted on our staying to dinner and we did not get away until about 7.30. It was very dark.

Mon 25 Nov 1888

Finished oiling harness.

Fixed harrow

Got plows and did some repairing on them

Fixed doors to wagon shed.

Got up teams that I've had at lower barn. Hope to get to plowing soon.

Rainfall about 6 inches.

Very dark and foggy this morning. North wind came up and sun shone brightly.

Tues 26 Nov 1888

Fixed plows ready to start

Started our plow at noon with John Deere as driver. Plows very well -- a trifle wet.

Went to town and hired another man, Marin -- to drive team.

North wind blew hard all day.

Killed chickens for Thanksgiving--

Wed 27 Nov 1888

Started the second team to plowing this morning

Killed chicken and Turkey for Thanksgiving.

Went to town and got man Charles to start another team.

Started a third team this afternoon-- have now two 3 gangs and one 2 gang

Burned a little stubble ion north field.

Thurs 28 Nov 1888

Very foggy and disagreeable Thanksgiving day.

Susie gave to her friends her first dinner in our new home. It was a fine affair and was much enjoyed.

Father, Mother, Aunt Ann, Mr. Dopking, George, Aunt Adaline, John Prouty, Mrs. Greene, Ella, Charley and Eva Bennett dined with us.

Tom Hext called. He has sold his wheat -- two crops @ 1.50

Agent for wrought iron range called today.

Three teams plowed north of house.

Aunt Ann & Mr. D. stayed over night.

Fri 30 Nov 1888

Folks went home at about 10 a.m.

Foggy -- north wind.

One man, John Deer sick today.

Put cattle & horses down in lower field. Have had them at sheep barn since rain.

The cows ran off today up creek and around by Mr. Russell's then down the public road. Jim let them in the field at the corner.

Sat 1 Dec 1888

Very foggy -- almost a rain.

Father and Johnny came up today -- brought up four sacks spuds and took bedstead, bedding, fruit &c back

Broke small casting on our plow and had to send to Sacramento for extra

Plowed and sowed little piece near chicken houses & blacksmith shop.

Sun 2 Dec 1888

Susie and I went to church to hear the new minister who is there on trial -- Mrs. Nevius (?) [George's question mark here.]

He was married last Wednesday in San Francisco to Mrs Gaingerfield a widow lady. They stopped at Mrs. Greene's.

Susie and I were invited to dine at Mrs G's and spent a pleasant afternoon. Arrived home at about 7.30 p.m.

Got casting for plow & salts for sick man

Mon 3 Dec 1888

Dark and damp.

Fixed plow in forenoon.

Plowed and sowed to barley the strip between road and fence east of barn.

Mr Covell brought a man, an emigrant who wants work -- set to driving Johns team this afternoon

Got out harros.

Jim set fire to stubble in east field and burned some.

Martin broke bolt through plow tongue and bent beam.

Tues 4 Dec 1888

Very foggy in forenoon -- better in afternoon.

Finished plowing field north of shop.

Sowed nearly all of it. Started two harrows. "Bick" got on one of her kicking freaks.

Went one round on the creek piece that I am going to plow for barley --

Jim got up sheep and took off mud from their feet -- burned a little stubble.

Wed 5 Dec 1888

Foggy in forenoon--

Bluestoned 5 sks wheat & worked on plow -- straightened the beam.

Finished sowing wheat in field north of shop. Last wheat sowing for the year.

Went to town in afternoon -- got coal oil vegetables & groceries --

Took Gladys and Tom Hext rode up with me--

Thurs 6 Dec 1888

Very foggy.

Finished harrowing first time and began crossing --

Worked on plows --

Had pear trees spaded around.

Fri 7 Dec 1888

Foggy and cold.

Got sheep out of lower field.

Went to town in afternoon -- took John Deer the sick man to see the doctor. Got syrup, beans, fish, pads, piping &c.

Sat 8 Dec 1888

Damp and foggy in forenoon

Began raining about 3 oclock.

Had not quite finished crossharrowing my wheat.

Had sheep in barn -- took mud off their feet.

Began shed for men to wash in

John Wright went to Covell's to stay over night.

Sun 9 Dec 1888

Rained most all night

Discharged Charles -- an incompetent driver.

Martin drew \$10.00 and went to Davis in rain -- did not come back.

Got cows & horses into lower barn and fed them straw.

Rained at intervals most of the day --

Mon 10 Dec 1888

Rainy and misty throughout the day --

Susie celebrated my 38th birthday by inviting the Hext Bros over to a fine dinner she had prepared as a surprise

Tom H. came alone.

Tom gave me a little dog -- brought him home today.

John Wright went hunting today and got four ducks --

Got out material for bannister to stairs.

Tues 11 Dec 1888

Foggy.

Worked on corral about lower barn fixing gap for stock to get water fro slough.
Borrowed Tom's post hole digger

Susie, Mrs Hanshaw and Gladys went to town -- drove Ned and Jim

Put up railing about stairway.

Wed 12 Dec 1888

Went to Woodland with Susie. Got wall paper, comforter, plow tongue, shares,
Christmas presents &c

Got home about 6.30 p.m.

Father was here for chickens today

Thurs 13 Dec 1888

Rained considerable last night.

Tinkered about place and began working on room at head of stairs. Finished railing
about stairway.

Fri 14 Dec 1888

Cloudy -- sprinkled some toward evening.

Worked at lathing the small room at head of stairs in forenoon.

Susie and I went to Davis in afternoon -- took two rolls of butter to L & D. 55c per roll.

One lamb came today -- the first that has come this season.

Sat 15 Dec 1888

Rained considerable last night and most of the day.

Lathed and papered room

John Muller came today for service for his horses. Paid him \$20.00

It did not rain very hard at any time today but rained most of the time.

Sun 16 Dec 1888

Sprinkled at times throughout the day.

Susie and I took stroll along creek -- found a few mushrooms.

Mon 17 Dec 1888

Went to lower stock barn with boys to move fence across the slough.

In afternoon put another coat of paper on sewing room.

Have another lamb -- two now --

Tues 18 Dec 1888

Started the boys to work -- Have one pruning on one grubbing up grape vines.

Went to lower barn with Jim to put in division fence between horses and cattle.

Fixed fence to keep sheep from going up the creek.

Put on ceiling paper on room.

Wed 19 Dec 1888

Fine day.

Papered room in forenoon-- went to town with Susie in afternoon. S. went to get dresses fitted at Mrs. Richardson's.

Boys worked in vinyard.

Thurs 20 Dec 1888

Cloudy most of the day -- just after dinner it sprinkled a little.

John Deer went to town for tobacco.

Finished papering -- fixed plow -- put some shakes on roof of boy's shed.

Fri 21 Dec 1888

Cloudy -- put rest of shakes on boy's shed.

Roan cow had calf -- got her up from lower barn.

Took Hext's post hole digger home -- fixed road out north.

Father & Johnnie came this afternoon -- brought chickencoop and took kindling wood -- box of scraps of clothing etc and some salt pork -- took also some grape cuttings for himself and some for Mrs Prouty's friend in Red Bluff.

Sent by Father for pipe for men's hydrant

Jim , the choreman went to Sacramento.

Sat 22 Dec 1888

Rained considerable during the night and north wind blew quite strong.

Fitted oil cloth to floor in sewing room -- made tin to put over stove pipe in same room.

Had chores to do today. John Wright went to Covells to stay over night.

Susie cleaned house and cooked for Xmas.

Sun 23 Dec 1888

Alternatively clear and cloudy.

Tom Hext called today and left word that my yearlings out north had broken into his field -- went out and fixed fence. Susie went with me -- drove out in cart.

Mon 24 Dec 1888

Killed two turkeys -- one for parent & one for selves.

Killed sheep --

Went to town with Susie --got Father's team met[?] Celie, Eva Mrs Gilmore Miss gray and Mr Gatts little boy

Tues 25 Dec 1888

Cold and cloudy.

John Deer finished pruning vineyard

Had Christmas dinner with folks.

All had remembrances of some kind.

Wed 26 Dec 1888

Last night had very heavy wind and rain storm -- heaviest of season.

Rained most of the day.

John Deer left today -- he had been here about six weeks and had worked eight days.

Thurs 27 Dec 1888

Sun was very bright this morning -- later alternately bright and cloudy.

All went strolling on the creek.

The girls rearranged the decoration in the parlor.

Fri 28 Dec 1888

Celia & Eva went to San Francisco on 8.20 a.m. train.

Miss Gray & Roy went to Sacramento on 11.10 a.m. train. She staid at Father's until train time. Took them all in in spring wagon -- left here at about 7. a.m.

"Twas clear & bright early -- later the fog was very thick -- in afternoon sun was very bright.

Got pipe & fittings for men's wash house -- and sink from Father's Put down pipe

Have a sick cow -- gave he dose of castor oil.

Drew \$80 of L & D.

Sat 29 Dec 1888

Quite cold.

Mr. Gilmore took Father's team and drove to 11 o'clock on his way home.

Put in pipe and hydrant to men's house.

Am not feeling well at all today -- have a very bad cold.

Old white faced cow had a calf -- Red whitefaced heifer.

John chopped wood.

Sun 30 Dec 1888

Nice day -- rather cool.

Mrs. Hanshaw & Gladys went to town in cart -- got mail, plug for pipes, and brought Uncle Elijah out to make us a visit.

Have 15 or 20 lambs now.

Mon 31 Dec 1888

Hard frost last night

Helped wash in the forenoon.

Got things ready to butcher.

Had Jim gather up brush in small vineyard.

John went to Covell's to attend a watch meeting.

First Page of Memoranda:

[List of some of the calves born on the ranch this year.]

February

[In George Sr.'s hand]

15 The darkest rone heiffer had a rone Bull calf

19 Pet hieffer had a rone Bull calf mostly white on its back

22 The lightest rone hieffer had a white hieffer calf

27 The Old rone Cow had a red Bull calf little Starr in its face and some white on the right flank and belly

29 The little red hieffer had a red Bull calf some white on its rump

[In George Jr.'s hand]

Dec. 21 Large roan cow had a roan bull calf.

Dec 29 Large red white faced old cow with large teat had red heifer calf.

Second page of Memoranda:

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Sold Joe Miller:

4515 # wheat \$ 1 1/2 \$67.72

J Miller paid on acct 70.00

Notes at end of second page of Memoranda:

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An eventful year to me. Married Susie M. Gilmore at Glen Alpine on Aug 15. Went to Santa Barbara on wedding tour.

Father moved to Davis where he purchased the Marden property.