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**D-022 1:35: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1879**

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[Tucked into the pages of this volume of the diaries is an undated separate page in George Sr.'s hand.]

"As we go rapidly forward into another year of California agriculture it [is] proper to pause for a moment for a review of the Season just closed.

It has proved a Season of alternate favor and disfavor to the agriculturist.

Losses few and profits Small. On the average, the year was one of general comfort and plenty without profusion (sic).

The mistakes that have been made in farm practice will serve as lesson for the future dearly bought perhaps but valuable if duly applied. The damage to wheat during the year has been a vast one. Injured in many places by excess of water, torn up in many places by overflow and wash from hill sides, and attacked by the scourge of rust"

On blank front endpaper: George W Pierce  
Davisville  
Yolo Co  
California

Wed 1 Jan 1879

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North wind moderate all day

Went to Davisville Carried Mrs Mardin thirty nine # Rainsons 8cts \$3.12

Settled with Mr Hoag he owes me \$13.52 besides the Boxes that he had first

Thurs 2 Jan 1879

North wind this morning lots of gees[e] around this morning the Boys went out and got two

Looks like rain

Commenced Sowing wheat this afternoon Southeast of the tree

I am not feeling very well

Fri 3 Jan 1879

North wind most of the day. South this evening and quite cloudy

Albert Woods & Henry French went to the mountains to See the country

Finished Sowing wheat on the land South east of the tree

drue off the wine and put it in the cellar

Sat 4 Jan 1879

North wind and looks very much like rain all of the forenoon

Clear and fine in the afternoon

Mrs Pierce and self went to Davisville and stayed all night at Mr Hamptons.

Attended Lodge

All went back to Woodland to School

The Boys Killed four geese

Sun 5 Jan 1879

North wind attended church at Davisville

South wind this evening

Mr T. A. Gallop of Hungry hollow is hear this evening

Mon 6 Jan 1879

Heavyt fog most of the forenoon

Killed seven hogs

Wind shifted several times during the day north most of the time

Mr Pierce, George and Mr Gallop went to Davisville to attend a temperance meeting

Tues 7 Jan 1879

North wind commenced blowing about seven Oclock last night and has blowed a gale all day and verry cold

Cut the Hogs down and toock them into the smoke house

Mr Gallop went home this morning

Packed a box of fruit 7c to send to sister Elizebeth in Iowa

Wed 8 Jan 1879

The wind went down last night

have had a fine day

Cut and salted the pork

The wind got in the South about noon and is there yet and blowing quite strong and loocks like rain

Mr Croco made us a short call to day

Thurs 9 Jan 1879

The wind shifted to the north

Sometime in the night a verry light sprinkle in the night

North wind all day quite Strong and cold

Cleaned Sows [?] and made Sausage

Henry French made a bargain to teach school in the Montgomry District

Fri 10 Jan 1879

North wind untill about noon South the rest of the day quite strong and Chilly Cloudy this evening

Made a Scraper to throw dirt up to the fence

Work on the fence this afternoon

Sat 11 Jan 1879

Strong South wind

Commenced raining about eleven Oclock this forenoon and rained moderate most of the [day?]

Went to Davisville with box of fruit &c to send Elisebeth but thay charged so much I brought it back

Sun 12 Jan 1879

Cloudy all day

Wind north

Mon 13 Jan 1879

South wind -- clear and fine untill most night then clouded up and loocks verry much like rain verry dark this evening

Tues 14 Jan 1879

Quite a shower the latter part of the night

Strong North wind all day and quite cool

Finished throwing durt up to the fence this forenoon

Commenced gitting wood out of the creek that Curry cut

Wed 15 Jan 1879

South wind all day

harde frost this morning loocks some like rain

Sent Allison three Doz Chickens

Got 9 loads of wood out of the Creek

Commenced plowing a twenty acre peese in the last field

Thurs 16 Jan 1879

Strong North wind

Mrs Pierce and Self wento to Woodland Stayed over night with Ann

Fri 17 Jan 1879

The wind Shifted tothe South sometime in the night and loocks verry much like rain.

We hurried(sic) home it cleared up before we got home and the wind got into the north, and remained there during the day

Mrs Pierce made Mrs Soule a call this afternoon

Sat 18 Jan 1879

Sowed twenty acres of wheat in the east field

Norht wind all day heavy fog all of the forenoon

Attended Lodg this evening at Davisville and Stayed all night at Mr Hamptons

Sun 19 Jan 1879

North wind moderate

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 20 Jan 1879

Finished harrowing the twenty acre peace of wheat in the east field

Commence plowing the old vinyard and old peace of Alfalfa naorth of the orchard

got the Stock out of the north field

Ann and Mrs Davidson come this afternoon

All hands attended temperance meeting at Davisville this evening. George read a paper

Tues 21 Jan 1879

Plowed north of the Orchard and vinyard. Scarcely no wind at all.

Loocks a little like rain

Ann and Mrs Davidson went home this afternoon

Sent Allison 2 1/2 Doz Chickens

Wed 22 Jan 1879

Cloudy all day

A verry light Sprinkle about 4 oclock this afternoon

It is Sprinkling moderate at Bed time wind South east and verry dark

Loocks as tho we would have a plenty of rain this time. Mr & Mrs Russil  
Katy Greene & Katy Hutchinson made us a visit to day

Thurs 23 Jan 1879

It has rained all day and is still raining. The best rain of the season

the ground is quite soft

Rubed the hams and hung up the bacon

Fri 24 Jan 1879

Not much rain to day but it rained most of the might. Toock the fence out of the creek.

Cleaned Barly for Seed

Verry cloudy all day and loocks verry much like rain this evening

Sat 25 Jan 1879

Clouday most of the day. a verry little rain

The men plowed norht of the vinyard

The ground is verry Soft

Sun 26 Jan 1879

Cloudy most of the day

Mon 27 Jan 1879

Finished plowing north of the vinyard

George and Henry commenced pruning the vinyard

North wind in the forenoon South this afternoon and loocks like rain

Tues 28 Jan 1879

Rained the latter part of the night and early this morning

N orth wind. Moved the ballance of the old shed out of the field and plowed up the correll

Plenty of Snow on the cost range Mountains and quite cold

Wed 29 Jan 1879

North wind quite Strong and cold

Plowed Orchard and lot in the new vinyard

George and henry went to Davisville with plow to be repaired and had Jake Shod. The wind is all gon(sic) down this evening

Thurs 30 Jan 1879

Heavy frost this morning and the ground frose quite harde

Heavy fog all of the forenoon. Commenced Sowing Barly about ten O'clock

A Man come to day to Sell Odfellows Chart. Sowed the Dimond wheat

Fri 31 Jan 1879

North wind in the middle of the day quite Strong

Scarcely any wind morning or evening

Finish Sowing Barly this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and George have gon[e] to Woodland at atten[d] a party at Mr Dopkins

Sat 1 Feb 1879

North wind quite Strong and cold

Mrs Pierce and George come home this evening

Finished harrowing the Barly

Sun 2 Feb 1879

North wind moderate

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 3 Feb 1879

Commenced plowing the Sumerfallow on the Knowl with two plows eight horses to plow

George hunted Gees off the sumerfallow wheat in the forenoon and put up Scair crows on the wheat this afternoon

Plowed around the fence in the field near the Barn to keep the Pigs out of Alfalfa

Mrs Pierce George and Henry have gon[e] to Davisville to attend Temperance meeting Henry is to read a paper before the good templers

Tues 4 Feb 1879

Strong Nroth and cold

Plowed and hunted Gees off the wheat



The most blustering day of the Season

Wed 5 Feb 1879

The wind went down sometime in the night

North wind moderate all day

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got a Gang plow from the shop and run one wheel off on the road and had to leave it

Mrs Pierce went with me

Wille Hampton come home with us to hung Gees

Lewis[?] teem run away today

Thurs 6 Feb 1879

Cloudy most of the day

North wind moderate loocks Some like rain wind Southwest this evening

Went to Woodland to doo Some work on the house

Fri 7 Feb 1879

Worked on the House at Woodland untill most night and then come home

Strong South west wind and quite cold

Sat 8 Feb 1879

South east wind quite Strong and cold, cloudy all of the forenoon, commenced sprinkling a little about noon and sprinkled moderte untill about 4 Oclock and it Started in to rain quite harde and kep it up untill bedtime.

The tubs under the lane trough would fill in a fiew minits

Toock the Hams out of the Salt and hung them up

Planted four rows of Potatoes

Sun 9 Feb 1879

It rained most of the night and nearly all day

the creek is half full this eveining Stars are in sight this evening

Mon 10 Feb 1879

South west wind and cloudy all day

Henry French commenced School to day. George went to take him to the School

Commenced raining at Sundown and is raining quite harde at bed time

pretty good for a dry year

Tues 11 Feb 1879

Cloudy all of the forenoon

Commenced raining about two Oclock this afternoon and has rained harde most of the time and is Still raining at bedtime

Moved the Horses to the lower Barn and feeding them Barly Straw

Jerry Haly went to Sacramento this morning

Put gate in the fence near the lane[?] towardses the lower Barn

Wed 12 Feb 1879

Rained most of the night and this morning

Clowd[y] most of the day cleared up a little just at night and the Sun came out and it loocks as tho it would clear up -- We have had a Splendid rain and evry thing loocks well

Thurs 13 Feb 1879

No rain to day

Went to Davisville to see about selling Barly

dull Sale

Fri 14 Feb 1879

Rained a little last night

Went to Davisville to Sell Barly. No chance to Sell have Sent a Sample to Sacramento

Sat 15 Feb 1879

A light sprinckle most of the day

Planted seven roes of potatoes in the gardin

Pruned the trees in the gardin

Work on the chicken yard fence that the wind blew over

Sun 16 Feb 1879

North wind all day

Mrs Pierce and Self went to church at Davisville. the rodes are verry bad

Henry went with us and went to hs School he is to commence tomorrow

The wind Shifted to Southeast and clouded up and is raining moderate this evening

Mon 17 Feb 1879

Rained moderate all night and late this morni[n]g. Cloudy all day

Worked on chicken yard fence. George has gon[e] to Davisville to attend some party

I am not fee[l]ing verry well to day am in hopes I will feel better tomorrow

verry dark this evening

Tues 18 Feb 1879

The Sun Shone bright and warm all day

Finished the chicken yard in the forenoon and killed and picked twenty five turkyes this afternoon

George has gon[e] to Woodland on a jury

Wed 19 Feb 1879

Sent off to the Turkyes this morni[n]g

Got four bales of barbe wier and on Sack of Potatoes

Worked on chicken house

Thurs 20 Feb 1879

Fine growing day and has been for the last four days grain is dooing Splendid

Work on the chicin house

looks like rain to night

Fri 21 Feb 1879

Finished the chicken house this forenoon

Went to Mr Greenes this afternoon with a Gobler. Mrs Pierce went to Davisville with Mrs Greene Kat and Florance McKune

Sat 22 Feb 1879

Fine growing day and has been all of the week

Went to Mr Russels with a Goblar

Planted Potatoes thsi afternoon

Sun 23 1879

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 24 Feb 1879

Repaired the gardin fence this forenoon

Plowed orchard and corn ground in the new orchard lot

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Ketched chickens and put them in the new chicken house this evening

Tues 25 Feb 1879

Fine gro[w]ing day the grain is dooin Splendedly

Went to Davisville to See about Selling Barly

Wed 26 Feb 1879

Worked in the vinyard

am verry tired

Fine day

Thurs 27 Feb 1879

Fine day loocks Some like rain thsi evening

Mr Martin Mrs Martin Mrs Hampton and Mrs Fileber made us a visit to day. We had a fine time

Fri 28 Feb 1879

Strong North wind and cold.

Started the plows in the middle field

Picked up peases of old fence in the middle field

Sold Adam Stiner a Cow at \$45 --

George went to Davisville to plow points Sharpened

Sat 1 Mar1879

Went to Davisville to see about Shiping the [?] to Willows Calosa Co

Went to Woodland to see about what could be done in the matter of the Farmers Insurance Co that has Busted

Sun 2 Mar 1879 [No entry]

Mon 3 Mar 1879

Drove a Cow ot Mr Plat and a Steer to Mr Mardin he is to have the hide and tallow for Butchering

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Tues 4 Mar 1879

Commence raining early this morning moderate and rained moderate most of the day and is raining quite harde this evening

Went to Davisville and got 275# Beef

Let Hext have 138#

Wed 5 Mar 1879

Rained all last night and nearly all day quite harde

The Creek is the highest that it has been for Several years and Stayed up the longest that I ever Knew it

The watter run into the field west of the house and drownded out lots of gop[h]ers

Thurs 6 Mar 1879

Several light Showers during the day

Moved the horses to the lower Barn. Moved the Montaray Pine out of the gardin and Set it in the door year. Put wier on the fence and the Levy

Drained watter off of the wheat

Fri 7 Mar 1879

Rained most of the day

Levi went to Davisville

Sat 8 Mar 1879

Rained most of the day

Put fence back in the slough on Hext line

Fix Turkey nest

Something is the matter with Mrs Pierces Hens ten or twelve have died to day

Sun 9 Mar 1879  
Mot much rain to day

Mon 10 Mar 1879  
Clowdy most of the day

Put barb wier on the fence on the levy

Put out Grape cutins whare thay died out last year in the new vinyard cut wood &c

Tues 11 Mar 1879  
Fine day, North wind this afternoon moderate

Commenced setting trees on the Knowl

Mr Stines come for his Cow this forenoon is to pay \$45 --

George commenced pruning the orchard this afternoon

Found two Turkyes nest this evening

Wed 12 Mar 1879  
North wind moderate

Finished setting trees on the Knowl

Went to Davisville got a new man

Settled with Rossa Kelly gave my note for \$244.80

The roads are verry bad

Commenced putting wier on the fence through the Big field

Thurs 13 Mar 1879  
Finished putting wier on the fence

George Went to Davisville and got wier for fence

Commenced Spading the door yard

Fri 14 Mar 1879

Put two gates in the fence through the Big field

Worked in the dooar(sic) yard

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this evening

Mrs Hampton is verry sick with a carbuncle

Sat 15 Mar 1879

Warm day evry thing is growing finely

Planted Some Potatoes the little red cow had a calf tod day

I am not feeling verry well to day worked in the dooryard

Sun 16 Mar 1879

Attended Church at Davisville

Mon 17 Mar 1879

Worked on the dooar(sic) yard

Commenced grinding Barly for horse field

I have been quite unwell all day

Tues 18 Mar 1879

Worked in the gardin in the morning a while

It began to rain about ten Oclock this forenoon and rained moderate most of the time untill about four Oclock this afternoon

Ground Barly untill noon

Cleaned wheat this afternoon

I am a good deal better to day

Wed 19 Mar 1879

Finished cleaning wheat



Cloudy all day with Several light Showers

Not quite as well as yesterday have not been out much

Thurs 20 Mar 1879

Ground Barly. Plowed among the Shade trees in the lane

Set out Rose bushes

Put gravel on the walk

The Sun has shoen most of the day

Loocks like rain this evening. Wind South East

Fri 21 Mar 1879

Clowday all day and a little rain just at night it loocks as tho we are to have a ruff night

Finished grinding Barly and ground Some Corn and wheat for chicken feed

Planted cuds [?] [ceeds? seeds?] along the land for Shade trees

Planted Pees and Beets Cotton seed and Oacher

Sat 22 Mar 1879

Rained most of the night and a little this morning

Went to Davisville to get the mail &c

Built yard for the Calves. Worked in the garding this afternoon

Sun 23 Mar 1879

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 24 Mar 1879

Went to Woodland to Fenc[e] lot and repair the house

Stayed all of the week

Was taken quite Sick about the middle of the week

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Come home Saturday am some better

Tues 25 Mar through Sat 29 Mar 1879 [No entries]

Sun 30 Mar 1879

At home all day

Am not well

Mon 31 Mar 1879

Run two gang plows

Commenced plowing for corn -- It began to rain about ten O'clock this forenoon but it has not rained enough to Stop work. George cut and Mrs Pierce packed the ham and Shoulders

Tues 1 April 1879

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland to attend the June[?] Esther Concert

Rossa & Katy Kelly made us a visit to day. Plowed in the new Orchard

Wed 2 April 1879

Mrs Pierce and George come home this evening

Work on the Corn ground

Thurs 3 April 1879

Went to Davisville and got an other man

Started the third plow

Put Seven Turkys Sitting this evening

Thunder & Lightning this evening quite Sharp

Fri 4 April 1879

Went to Davisville to get Beef. Mrs Pierce went with me

A little rain last night. Planted Corn &c

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A light Shower late this afternoon

Sat 5 April 1879

Run three gang plows

Plowed a little in the garden

Set out the Tomatoes

Finished planting corn &c

Put two more Turkeys Setting to day

I am not feeling very well to day

Sun 6 April 1879 [No entry]

Mon 7 April 1879

Worked all the forenoon with a Sick cow. the calf Started to come rong

Made a bargain with Jack Adamson to ranch 84 head of Beef cattle for himn a 4cts a head per day

Tues 8 April 1879

Jack turned 84 head of cattle into the field this afternoon

Went to Davisville got lumber for gates for It at Woodland

Mrs Hampton, Ross and Mr Plat come home with me. Sold Mr Plat a cow for \$50.00

Wed 9 April 1879

Went to Woodland and left George there to doo some painting on the House. Miners man & teem Commenced work

Thurs 10 April 1879

Went to Davisville and got Plow points Sharpened

Run four gang plows the ground is getting quite harde

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A light Sprinkle of rain this morning

Wind South west most of the day

Fri 11 April 1879

Jack Adamson put in 24 head more cattle this morning

Strong North wind all day. Paid \$9 -- for Rurel Press to February 1880

Went to Davis with plow points

Sat 12 April 1879

Repaired Gate and fence this forenoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon with plow points

George come home from Woodland.

strong South wind

Run four plows the ground is in Splendid order for plowing

Sun 13 April 1879

A verry light Sprinkle all day

Mrs Pierce drove to church alone to day a thing that She never did before

Mon 14 April 1879

A light Sprinkle this morning kept the teems back half an hour

Sam Taler went to Davisville yesterday and did not get home untill after breakfast

Went to Davisville and got gang plow Smiths Patent. Collins is making a Harrow for the Sumerfallow

Tues 15 April 1879

Clear and fine all day

North wind moderate

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the ground is in fine order for plowing

Jack Addamson come this afternoon with his teem to Harrow sumerfallow

Wed 16 April 1879

Went to Sacramento to get Some help for Mrs Pierce

Commence Shearing Sheep. Mr Plat got his Cow this morning and is to pay \$50 -- for her  
got an extry wheal for the gang plow

Thurs 17 April 1879

Went to Davisville and got a other man to help milk &c

Fri 18 April 1879

Set Cabage plants this morning Cloudy most of the day commenced to rain a little about five  
Oclock this afternoon and thunder and lightning about sundown and is raining quite harde at  
eight Oclock

Pulled mustard out of the wheat this afternoon

Sat 19 April 1879

Clouday all day a little rain just at night

Commenced plowing east of the Knowl it is verry hard broke three plows this afternoon

Went to Davisville to get gang plow heal

Killed a mutton this evening

Sun 20 April 1879

Attended Church at Davisville

Harde Shower last night that lasted half an hour

Clear all day North wind moderate

Judy and Big colt had mules last night

Mon 21 April 1879

Strong North wind all day

Went to Davisville and got a woman to help Mrs Pierce

George mended wheat barrow and gang plow

Tues 22 April 1879

The North wind went down this afternoon it has blown quite strong for nearly two days

Went to Davisville to get Stick for tung to gang plow

Run three plows and on Harrow

George worked on gang plow and painted the gates to take to Woodland

Put turkey Setting on the Iland

Wed 23 April 1879

North wind most of the day -- run three gang plows and on harro

George went to Woodland to finish painting the house and hange the gates

Thurs 24 April 1879

The Assessor was aroun to day

Run three Gang plows and one Harrow

Worked in the vinyard hoing weeds from around the vines

I let the tank run dry this morning

Fri 25 April 1879

Went to Davisville to get plow Points Sharpened

Halled 36 Sacks of wheat to Davisville

Halled 50 Posts from Davisville

Sat 26 April 1879

Halled 40 Sacks of wheat to Davisville and 50 Posts home

George attended Picnic at Knights Landing

Sun 27 April 1879

Attended Church at Davisville

Mon 28 April 1879

Worked on gang plow

Halled 45 Sacks of wheat to Davisville

Run three gang plows with 8 horses on each plow

Jud & Big colt [?]

Tues 29 April 1879

Attend church at Davisville this afternoon and evening

Run three gang plows the ground is verry harde and dry

Wed 30 April 1879

Attend church at Davisville this afternoon and evening

A little cloudy this evening and loocks Some like rain. I think we will have a little Soon

Made fence acrost the Creek

Thurs 1 May 1879

Attended Temperance Picnic at Davisville had a big crowd there must have been Several thousand People on the groung

Run three gang plows the ground is verry dry and harde

Come verry near having a Sad axident at the apcnic by being run of[f] a bri[d]g[e]

Albert Woods come to night

Fri 2 May 1879

Went to Davisville to get points Sharpened

got Saw filled(sic) &c

Run three gang plows the land is verry dry and harde

Made a fence a crost the creek

Sat 3 May 1879

Strong North wind most of the day it went down this afternoon

Put the Hogs in the back field that was runing around the Barn

Albert Woods went back to Woodland to day

Wattered the Tomattoes to day

Hoed Cabage &c

George made hitching post in front of the House

Sun 4 May 1879

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 5 May 1879

Went to Davisville to get plwo points Sharpened and to get lumber for Prinz to take to Woodland to put on hous[e] lot

Worked on privy this afternoon

Tues 6 May 1879

Went to Davisville with Coop of Chickens 27

got more lumber for privy

A little rain about noon Strong South wind and verry cold

Plowed out and hoed corn

Finished plowing Sumer fallow



Wed 7 May 1879

Harde frost this morning and cold North wind

I am not feeling well to day

Attend Election at Davisville and voted to reject the new Constitution

Plow on the Knowl

Thurs 8 May 1879

Cool day for time of year

Worked on privy

George went to Davisville and got more lumber for privy

Hoed Corn. Run two plows on the Knowl

Jack Adamson took the ballance of his cattlre 72 head this evening

Fri 9 May 1879

Went to Davisville with Mrs Pierce

Worked on the privy to thake(sic) to Woodland

A little rain about 12 Oclock to day

Coold day for the season

Sat 10 May 1879

George and henry Neely went to Woodland with the privy

I am not well to day

Went to Davisville with plow Points

Cold day for the Season of the year

Sun 11 May 1879

Attended C[h]urch at Davisville

I am not feeling verry well to day have a bad cold

Mon 12 May 1879

Went to Davisville this morning with two mairs

Commenced cutting Alfalfa

We find lots of turkys and killed Some with the mowing Machiene

I am quite unwell

Jane & Fanny [breeding, no doubt]

Tues 13 May 1879

Finished cutting Alfalfa

Commence cutting wheat hay. Mrs Pierce and m[y]self went out to sell tickets for the big Sing  
(Hutchinson famely) Commenced haling manure

Wed 14 May 1879

Went to Davisville

Paid Miner \$80.08 on act of plowing

Paid Mrs Hubbard \$200 -- as intrest on land

Finished raking Alfalfa

Thurs 15 May 1879

Went to Davisville and got Sickle to Mowing m[a]cjhienne mended

Commenced cutting hay North East of the lone tree

North wind quite Strong this morning

Fri 16 May 1879

Finished Cocking Alfalfa hay this forenoon and commenced Cockin wheat hay

Mowed North East of the tree

I am not verry well to day Made road through the Sumerfallow to hal hay out of east field

Young mair Flora had a mule this morning

Sat 17 May 1879

Several harde Showers during the day and is raining harde this evening

Worked in the hay a short time this morning before it began to rain

Sun 18 May 1879

Attended church at Davisville eight joined the Presiterian Church

Mr & Mrs Robbin Mrs Sykes and Katy Greene

Mon 19 May 1879

Attend Consert at Davisville (the Htchinson famely) Halled Manure Spaded around the trees in the Orchard

Went to Davisville and got wagon mended

Pet went to -- [breeding no doubt]

Tues 20 May 1879

Mrs Pierce and Albert Woods went to Sacramento

Mrs Pierce went to doo Some Shoping and Aly went to See the Doctor

Halled manure, run one Gang plow finish Spading around the trees

George and self work on Barn door

Wed 21 May 1879

Worked Spredding hay that got wet

Loocks like rain

Halled two loads of Lumber a[nd] Posts from Davisville

Georg[e] and myself repaired the Barn dooars

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Finished plowing

Alle come home this evening

Strong south west wind and quite cool

Thurs 22 May 1879

Commenced mowing again this morning

Went hunting calvs on the other Side of the creek this forenoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon to meet Mrs Pierce She com from the City

Strong South west wind

Worked the hay

Fri 23 May 1879

Went to Mr Grenes and to Davisville to See about selling wheat

Exspect to get 1.50 for this years crop

Worked at the hay

Sat 24 May 1879

Went to Davisville and got an other man

Put the slides up for puttin hay into the barn

Saw Dresbach about Selling wheat ata \$1.50 per 100#

Flory [breeding]

Sun 25 May 1879

Attended church at Davisville

Big Colt [breeding]

Mon 26 May 1879

Went to Davisville to meet Mrs Murry (the coock

Commenced halling Alfalfa hay

Fixed line fence in the middle field and put wier on top of Posts

Tues 27 May 1879

George and Alle have gon[e] to Woodland and Winters

Halled Alfalfa hay

Strong South wind and quite cold loocks Some like rain

Wed 28 May 1879

Commence raining early this morning moderate and rained most of the time untill about noon

Ally Started for the Modoc Countyr(sic) this afternoon

Finished putting up the slides to hall hay into the Barn

Got \$500 -- of Austin Hester

Thurs 29 May 1879

Halled 11 loads of hay from north east of the lone tree

Loocks Some like rain this evening

Fri 30 May 1879

Halled 12 load of hay

Sat 31 May 1879

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat the talk has all fell through

Halled 12 loads of hay

verry warm the warmest day of the season

Sun 1 June 1879

Attended church at Davisville verry warm day

Mon 2 June 1879

Halled 12 loads of hay

Went to Davisville and bought a new header wagon and paid \$100. cash

Verry warm day

Settled with Miner Paid him \$9.00 ballance for plowing

Tues 3 June 1879

Finished halling hay north east of the tree

have the Barn brim full 59 loads, there was Some old hay left in the Barn

Warm day

Jo Allen made us a call to day, he is poor has lost every thing

Wed 4 June 1879

Commenced halling hay north of the vinyard

Sent Mr Hampton two loads of hay

Went to Mr Russills to loock at his header

Jane and Nell [breeding]

Thurs 5 June 1879

Finished halling hay from north of the vinyard

Went to Davisville and got the new wagon and lumber of header beds

Wento Mr Greenes to See his new header.

Let Olufs have 28# Butter at 21 1/2 cts \$6.02

Fri 6 June 1879

Went to Sacramento to get a Header. George went with me. Mr Brown of Cacheville one of Georges School mates come home with

Finished Halling hay

Sat 7 June 1879

Strong North wind come up about Seven Oclock this morning and went down before night. Mr Brown went home this morning

The Header come this forenoon

George attended caucus at Davisville

Sun 8 June 1879 [No entry]

Mon 9 June 1879

George and Levi went to Davisville and got Header an[d] Derrick

Commenced building fence north of the Orchard and vinyard

Found Hexes Hogs in the wheat and Barly

Sam Litle is making header beds

George and Henry have gon[e] to Davisville to attend Murfy meeting

Stron South wind, cold and cloudy

Tues 10 June 1879

Commenced raining early this morning and cloudy and sprinly(sic) most of the day

Altered the Birxshier and marked the pigs

Put wier on fence

Dug Post holes

Made header Box

Wed 11 June 1879

Went to Davisville with Mrs Pierce She got a dress cut

Strong Norht wind most of the day. it went down before night. it has been a bad day

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Jane and Dol

Thurs 12 June 1879

Strong North wind most of the day it went down a little before night

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville

Worked on header beds and fence

Got load of Lumber for fence

Fri 13 June 1879

North wind most of the day and quite warm

Work on the fence and header bed. Made dubletrees to work on the header

Mr Dopkins and Sister

Ann made us a visit

Sat 14 June 1879

Got wagon tire Set

Finished header beds

Hoed weeds out of the Orchard and doore yard

Did chores in general preparitory for harvist

Attended Lodg[e] at Davisville

Sun 15 June 1879

Attended church at Davisville. Mrs Pierce is not feeling verry well

She did not attend church

Mon 16 June 1879

Strong Norht wind come up in the night and has blowed quite hard most of the day

Went to Davisville and got a man and James Hardigan

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Started the new header it did not work well, but think we have it fixed so that it will go all right in the morning

Tues 17 June 1879

Strong North wind most of the day

Got the Header Started this forenoon in the Barly, think it will work well in good grain

the Barly is badly lodged

Wed 18 June 1879

North wind quite Strong most of the day

George went to Sacramento to get extras

Thurs 19 June 1879

Strong North wind most of the day

Commenced cutting wheat we find it some rusted and a little Shrunken

Went to Davisville and got man to Start the Derrick and a man to drive the header wagon

Mrs Pierce and self went to Mr Greenes just before night and made them a short call

Fri 20 June 1879

Strong North wind and very warm. Started the Derrick

I am most Sick

Sat 21 June 1879

Went to Davisville and got another man to load header wagon Henry French gave out

South wind and quite cool

Sun 22 June 1879

Strong North wind most of the day

I am quite unwell we did not attend church today

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Mrs Pierce and George went this evening

Mon 23 June 1879

The North wind is Stronger than usual to day

run the Header with greate dificulty it is Shilling wheat bad

Mrs Pierce George and Henry French have gon[e] to Davisville to attend Murphy meeting

I am Some better to day

Tues 24 June 1879

North wind most of the day

Broke the Header and had to go to the Shop this forenoon and it is broke again the evening in the Same place it has got to go to the Shop in the morning

George has gon to Sacramento to get Som extres

Mrs Pierce has gon to the temperence lecture at Davisville

Henry French has gon to Woodland to attend the teacher examenation

Wed 25 June 1879

The Header has run well to day. I am going to take off th4e chains and put on belts think it will run better

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Davisville

North wind most of the day

Thurs 26 June 1879

George Went to Davisville with the header and had the new pulles put on and it goes first rate he thinks he can keep four wagons runing

I had a bad night not as well to day

Fri 27 June 1879

The Header goes verry nicely.

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Levi let the Drrick fall over and broke it

We have mended it so that goes all right

Went to Larues and got an other header wagon thru [?] cant keep it going

We had a gread deal of trouble trying to use chanes on the Header

Sat 28 June 1879

Attended funeral at Davisville Fred Roose child

Got wagon repaired

Sun 29 June 1879

Mrs Pierce George and Henry French attended church at Davisville

Sout wind quite strong and cool

Mon 30 June 1879

South wind cool and fine day for work

The Header and evrything works well

I am quite unwell to day

Tues 1 July 1879

Went to Davisville twice to day after men

Finished heading the middle field this afternoon and commence in the east lot again this afternoon

Wed 2 July 1879

South wind and a fine day for work

Header and evry thing works well

Mrs Hampton and Mrs Drummon made us a long visit to day, Mrs Ainsworth and Katy Greene  
Made a call this afternoon

Thurs 3 July 1879

Went to Mr Greenes and got header wagon

Went to Davisville this afternoon to See about a getting pump made

Fri 4 July 1879

Forty four years ago to day I left Jolliet then Cook Co Illinois to go to Pike River now Kenosha City Wisconsin

North wind quite Strong most of the forenoon

Mrs Pierce and George attend the fourth at Woodland

George reads the declaration of Independence

My health is about the Same quite poorly hope to be better Soon

Sat 5 July 1879

Finished cutting wheat East of the Slough, and got Started on the Iland

A little north wind this forenoon

Toock the pump to the correll And put it in the well at the house

Sun 6 July 1879 [No entry]

Monday 7 July 1879

Strong South wind

Mr Houston and George Fisk of Woodland was hear to See about inshurnence

Went to Davisville with the old pump

I am in hopes that I am some better

Tues 8 July 1879

Went to Davisville and got pump

Mrs Pierce and Henry French went with me

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Fenced the wheat Stacks in the field north of the vinyard

Forty four years ago to day I arrived in Kinosha

Went from Jolliet Ills. afoot

Wed 9 July 1879

North wind moderate all day

Finished morning the Ledge[?] Barly

Went to Davisville and got two ment to work in the Barly

Mr Greene called to day

Thurs 10 July 1879

Stacked the Barly that was cut with the Mowing Machiene

Mr Beemer the Assesor was here to day

Sent coop of Chickens to San Francisco

One of the Bunks in the mens house caut fier and burn about ahlf up before it was discoverd

Fri 11 July 1879

Strong South wind all day and quite cool

Commenced cutting Club wheat on the creek

Finished the fence along the vinyard and turned the Hogs into the Stuble

Sat 12 July 1879

South wind and clouday most of the day

Cut wheat on the Creek

Mrs Murry went to the City this afternoon

Made a Turkey Coop to day to Send Turkyes to market

Sun 13 July 1879

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At home all day

am not well

Mon 14 July 1879

One of the men forgot to come home last night

I had to go to Davisville and get an other man this morning

Changed pump at the house this afternoon

Tues 15 July 1879

Finished Harvist this afternoon the grain is verry light I a m fearful Some of it will not pay for cutting and thrashing

Rossa and Katy Kelly and Wille Hampton and Miss Drummon Mrs Filiber and a young lady from Woodland called this afternoon

Mrs Pierce & self Went to Davisville this evening

Sent coop of Turkyes to Allison 12

Wed 16 July 1879

Went to Davisville and got 3000 Sacks

Halled straw from Larues to Start Thrashing

Toock Mr Greenes wagon home. George has gon[e] to Woodland with the Band to play for the Kerry meeting

Thurs 17 July 1879

All gon[e] to Davisville to attend Circus

Cleaned out the watter trofs and the tanks

Fri 18 July 1879

South wind and a fine day for work

fixed roade to the creek so as to hall watter for thrashing

Went to Woodland Mrs Pierce went with me

Stayed over night with Ann. Made Steps for the house

Commenced cutting the Second crop of Alfalfa

Sat 19 July 1879

Come home this after noon and found every thing all right

South wind and A fine day for work

Sun 20 July 1879

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville and went to Mr Greenes and took lunch

Mon 21 July 1879

Finished cutting Second crop of Alfalfa and commenced raking Straw from around the Stacks

Mrs Pierce George and Henry French have gone to Davisville to attend Murfy meeting

Tues 22 July 1879

Went to George Swindles to See Guthres Machine and find out when he would do our thrashing. he has put off another week or ten days

Went up north west to See Williams he can come about the Same time

Wed 23 July 1879

George went to Davisville with wagon to get rack and Brake made. fenced the Barly Stacks

Commenced Hauling Alfalfa hay Second crop to the lower Barn

Thurs 24 July 1879

Hauled the last of the Alfalfa hay and commenced cutting corn. Went to see about thrashing Machine

Got \$100-- of Mr Bullard

Fri 25 July 1879

Went to Mr Bernetts to See Mr Guthre about thrashing. finished cutting Corn and Commenced Husking

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Davisville this evening

Levi left and went to Work for Larue

Sat 26 July 1879

Fixed pumps in the field so as to get watter for thrashing

I am not verry well to day

Sun 27 July 1879

George went to Davisville and Stayed most of the day.

Mrs Pierce and Henry went to church this evening

Mon 28 July 1879

Finished fixen the pumps this morning

Went to see Mr Guthre about thrashing

Tues 29 July 1879

The thrashing Machiene come this evening twelve head of horses and eighteen men

Repaired the [pump?] at the house husked corn cut weeds in the vinyard

Wed 30 July 1879

Thrashed the Barly [-] Sacks and commenced on the wheat it is badly strunken. Halled most of the Barly

Thurs 31 July 1879

Thrashed wheat north of the orchard

Finished halling Barly and commenced halling wheat into the grainry

Fri 1 Aug 1879

Strong North wind and verry hot

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Finished thrashing w[h]eat north of the Orchard at noon. Commenced on the creek in the east field Club wheat and verry poor

Sat 2 Aug 1879

Fixed wagons for halling wheat

Thrashed Club wheat on the creek it is verry light

Sun 3 Aug 1879

Attended church at Davisville the first for a long time

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to church this evening

Mon 4 Aug 1879

Thrashed 249 Sacks this afternoon

Commenced halling wheat it is verry light

159 Sacks 18720 # one hundred and Seventeen to the Sack

Tues 5 Aug 1879

Thrashed wheat had good run

Halled 190 Sacks of wheat to Davisville

Wed 6 Aug 1879

Thrashed winter Sowed wheat today that is a good deal better. Warm day the wind in the north moderate

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Woodland to a ploittical meeting

Thurs 7 Aug 1879

Finished thrashing winter Sowed it is verry fine for this year 420 Sacks to on[?] Setting besides 50 Sacks of Chicken feed and about 25 Sacks of horse feed

Fri 8 Aug 1879

Finished thrashing the crop is verry light and the most of it of poor quality about three thousand Sacks of wheat and about five hundred Sacks of Barly

Sat 9 Aug 1879

Fixed for taking the Hedder down to the other Barn

Went to Davisville in the after noon to See about wheat

Attended Lodg[e] at Davisville for the first time for a long time

A polittical meeting at Davisville this evening

Sun 10 Aug 1879

Attended church at Davisville this evening and Stayed at Mr Hamptons all night Mrs Pierce went with me

Mon 11 Aug 1879

Went to Sacramento to see about money on the land. Verry warm day

Tues 12 Aug 1879

Went to Mr Greenes this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Dixon and to Davisville this afternoon to See about getting money on thre land to pay the Sacramento Savings Bank

Wed 13 Aug 1879

Went to San Francisco Stayed at Mr Keelens[?]

Thurs 14 Aug 1879

Come home to day

Met George & Ally at Davisville

Booth & Perkins Speek at Dixon to night

Fri 15 Aug 1879

Booth & Perkins Speek at Woodland to night

George and Ally have gon over to hear them. warm day

Sat 16 Aug 1879

Verry warm day

Attended Lodge at Davisville

The new Constitution candidates Spoke this evening to a moderate size audiance in Davisville

Sun 17 Aug 1879

Attended church at Davisville

Turned the cows in the east field on Stuble

Mrs Pierce is quite sick has a feeever every other day

Mon 18 Aug 1879

Finished halling wheat this forenoon

Commenced Grinding Barley this afternoon

Went to Sacramento on business at the Bank

Attended Merfy meeting at Davisville this evening

Strong South wind and quite cool

Tues 19 Aug 1879

Ground Barly all day

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got an Ague Pad for Mrs Pierce

Worked on Gang plow this afternoon

South wind and quite cool

Wed 20 Aug 1879

Got wheat Inshured and Sent to San Francisco for money on it

Mrs Hall and Mariam Hall come to day. Mrs Hall is going to Stay a fiew days and make a visit

Went to Davisville Katy Kelly come home with me

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George has gon to Davisville to political Speeking

Commenced plowing the Sumerfallow to kill the napa thisle

Thurs 21 Aug 1879

George has gon to Mill at Woodland

Plowed Sumerfallow

a little rain this afternoon

Sent Miners wagon home

Halled chicken feed from the thrashing flores

Fri 22 Aug 1879

Went to Davisville and [ ] money on Wheat \$2430 --

George came home with the grist and has gon to Sacrameto to a Polittical meeting Goth and Perkins are to S[p]eak

Sat 23 Aug 1879

Went to Sacramento paid \$1400 -- intrest on the land

am to pay \$800 -- more the 23rd of October

Paid Hampton for Lumber \$50.00

" Collens 140.00

" for Sacks 270.00

" Olofs 126.50

Drue \$2480-- on wheat

Sun 24 Aug 1879 [No entry]

Mon 25 Aug 1879

Went to Woodland

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| Paid Geo D Fisk     |         |
| for inshurance      | \$77.90 |
| Paid Mr Hall        | 3.00    |
| Mrs Pierce paid her | 17.00   |

Tues 26 Aug 1879  
George went to Mill at Woodland

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat that is on the track

Rossa and Katy Kelly come home with me to make us a visit

Wed 27 Aug 1879  
Went to Davisville and toock Rossa & Kay home. Paid John Collins Twenty Dollars more making \$160-- in all

Left with E. W. Brown for Mr Guthre \$160--

Thurs 28 Aug 1879  
Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland about matters at the Bank

Come through Davisville home

We found Ann and Dopkins hear on a visit

Fri 29 Aug 1879  
Still plowing Sumerfallow to kill the weeds

Ann and Dopkins went home this afternoon

Attended a polittical meeting at Davisville

Sat 30 Aug 1879  
Went to Davisville got points Sharpened and got lumber for Harrow

George attended Candidates Ball at Davisville

Mr Croco is heare on a visit

Sun 31 Aug 1879  
Attended church at Plainfield

Mon 1 Sept 1879  
Plowed Somerfallow

got up the calves and turned them in the Stuble field. George worked on the Harrows

Tues 2 Sept 1879  
Went to Davisville got points Sharpened 4 \$1.60

Sold 10 # Butter at .30 cts

Wed 3 Sept 1879  
Finished plowind Somerfallow

Attended Election at Davisville there was for regular tickets Republicans, Democrats, Working Men & the New Constitution Party

Thurs 4 Sept 1879  
Went to Davisville and got Jane Shod

Commenced Halling Straw

Fri 5 Sept 1879  
Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento with wool 322# at ten cents per lib \$32.20

three Sheep Skins at .50cts each \$1.50

27 Doz Eggs at 40 cts per D0z \$10.80 \$44.40 in all

The Election news come in Slowly the Republicans are elected on the State Ticket and mostly on the County ticket

Perkins is elected Govener

Sat 6 Sept 1879  
At home all day

Stacked Barly Straw

Am feeling old after our ride yesterday

Sun 7 Sept 1879

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 8 Sept 1879

Went to Mr Greenes and got tomattoes for catchup

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat and getting some Lumbeer to dry fruit and grapes on

Tues 9 Sept 1879

Strong North wind this forenoon

Went to Dixon to See about Selling wheat

Stacked Straw in the Hog lot

Wed 10 Sept 1879

Strong North wind all day it blowed off most of the Pairs

Went to Davisville and got lumber to dry the pairs on. all hands worked caning and drying Pairs

Sold Mr Hampton 990# Chicken feed at one cent per #

Thurs 11 Sept 1879

Attended State fair in Sacramento. not much of a fair after all

Come home this evening

Mike Rope Set his close on fier from his pipe and burnt himself quite badly

Fri 12 Sept 1879

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Greenes to See Mike he is badly burnt. Went to Davisville this afternoon to get wind[mill?] repaired and get Sample of wheat to take to Woodland

Sat 13 Sept 1879

Went to Mr Greenes to See Mike Rope he is bad off

Sun 14 Sept 1879 [Entry has a cross through it]

Stacked Straw in the Hog lot

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Greens to see Mike he is no better

Mon 15 Sept 1879

Stacked Straw in the Hoglot

Went to Mr Greenes to See Mike

Tues 16 Sept 1879

Went to Davisville to see about Selling some light wheat that on the track.

Went to Mr Greenes to See Mike he seems to be Some better but I doo not consider him out of dange[r]

Wed 17 Sept 1879

George and Albert Woods Started for the Mountains on a hunt

Went to Davisville to ge an ague Pad for Austin Hoester [Holster?]

Thurs 18 Sept 1879

Mr. Croco and a man from Santa Barbure Staid here to night It has been verry wam for the last week

the wind had got in the South this evening hope it will [be] cooler soon

Finished gethiring Almons

Fri 19 Sept 1879

Strong South wind all day. cool and fine

Commence picking grapes for raisins



Sat 20 Sept 1879

The Boys come home from the mountains this evening without any game

Went to Davisville with 22 # Butter to Olofs at 25 cts per # \$5.50

Sun 21 Sept 1879

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 22 Sept 1879

Went to Sacramento to see Mrs Hubbard about land matters

Tues 23 Sept 1879

Made chicken coop to Send chickens to San Francisco in

The Boys commenced grading the road

Strong South wind and quite cool

Wed 24 Sept 1879

Worked on the Road

South wind all day

Fixed another table for making raisins

Ketched Chickens to Send to San Francisco

Thurs 25 Sept 1879

Went to Davisville with coop of Chickens 2 1/2 Doz and 30 Doz Eggs

The Boys have finished road

Mrs Greene was hear this forenoon

Mrs Pierce with home with her

Fri 26 Sept 1879

Worked on the harrows

George and the Boys attend the party at Tameny Grove

The Electric light was on exhibition

Sat 27 Sept 1879

Finished the harrows

Went to Davisville and go Some Coffee

Sun 28 Sept 1879

Mrs Pierce and Self attended camp meeting at Dixon

Mon 29 Sept 1879

Thirty three years ago to day I was married to Eunice French one the Best Woman that ever lived

The Boys halled gravil into the Barn yard

Tues 30 Sept 1879

Went to Woodland to See wheat could get no offer. Strong South wind and quite cool this evening

Wed 1 Oct 1879

Strong North wind

Albert Woods left to day

Went to Davisville to See Mr Hardigan he is verry Sick

Got up the young Mules and weaned them

Thurs 2 Oct 1879

Went to Davisville with Grapes to Haag

George put window lights in the mens house

Fri 3 Oct 1879

Cased the window in the mens house

George halled manure out of the Cow correll

have one teem harrowing on the Sumerfallow

Mr Edwards of Suisun was hear to bie Hogs he offered 2 1/2 cts on foot  
Delivered at Davisville

Sat 4 Oct 1879

Finished the windows in the mens house

George went to Davisville with 28# Butter to Olofs at 25cts \$7.00

Sun 5 Oct 1879

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 6 Oct 1879

First rain fior the Season

Commenced about 2 Oclock this afternoon to sprinkle it has not rained enough to lay the dust

George went to Woodland to See about Selling grapes we are to get \$15 per ton

Tues 7 Oct 1879

Went to Davisville to cover up the wheat

Picked Grapes for market

Harrowed Somerfallow

Mr Miner come after grapes

Wed 8 Oct 1879

Pick Grapes all day

Strong North wind most of the day

Mr Ludington folks come of[?] the grapes

Thurs 9 Oct 1879

Picked grapes

Went to Davisville to see Dreasbach about wheat. Mrs Pierce is quite unwell

Fri 10 Oct 1879

George went to Woodland with the grapes 3625# 3/4 cts per # \$27.18 in ninety days

Fixed for cleaning wheat for Seed

Mrs Pierce is Some better to day. I am not feeling well to day

Sat 11 Oct 1879

Commenced cleaning and Bluestoneing wheat for Seed

Strong South wind commenced raining just at night and is raining quite harde at eight Oclock

Sun 12 Oct 1879 [No entry]

Mon 13 Oct 1879

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento with the wagon

Toock in three Sheep pelts and Sold them at 25 cts each

.75

Twenty # Butter 30.cts

6.00

21 Doz eggs 35

7.35

14.10

Got two Sacks of O[n]ions and one Sack of Spuds and lots of Chicen fixin

Tues 14 Oct 1879

Went to Davisville and got two men to help put Hay into the Barn

fine day for work

Ann and George come about noon to make us a visit

Wed 15 Oct 1879

Finished putting hay into the Barn

Mrs Pierce and Ann made Mrs Hampton a visit this afternoon.

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Out of Bread

Thurs 16 Oct 1879

Commenced Sowing Sumerfallow

Mrs Pierce and Ann made Mrs Wier a visit to day. Plenty of Bread

Fri 17 Oct 1879

Sowed Sumerfallow

Plowed around the fence so as to burn Stubble

Mrs Pierce and Ann made Mrs Kinsman a visit to day

I was quite Sick last night

Sat 18 Oct 1879

Ann went home this afternoon

Repaired the Sowing machiene this forenoon attend Lodge this evening

Paid John Collens \$162 -- 322 - in all

Sun 19 Oct 1879

Stayed with Mr Kinsman last night

attended church to day

Mon 20 Oct 1879

Burnt Stubble in the last field

Sow wheat and run two harrows

Tues 21 Oct 1879

Finished Sowing the north 160 of wheat

North wind moderate for Several days

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Moved 38 tons of wheat off the track into the wairhouse

Got \$125 - of Olufs

Wed 22 Oct 1879

Went to Sacramento to attend the General Grant reception. Mrs. Pierce and George went allso

Thurs 23 Oct 1879

Attended the Sam Battle and Baracue at the Stock ground in Sacramento

Come home this afternoon

Fri 24 Oct 1879

Cleand wheat for Seed this forenoon went to Davisville this afternoon drue \$760 -- on Wheat

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Paid Olufs.         | \$125. |
| Moneyham            | 45.86  |
| Haly                | 100.00 |
| Guthre              | 120.00 |
| Puters & Co         | 10.00  |
| Williams            | 35.00  |
| Harness Shop        | 11.87  |
| New England Insh Co | 51.35  |
| John Collens        | 80.00  |

Mrs Pierce is Fifty eight years old to day

North wind moderate all day

Sat 25 Oct 1879

Strong North wind all day and is blowing harde this evening

Finished harrowing the north 160 acres of Somerfallow

Cleaned and bluestoned wheat for Seed

Went to Davisville this afternoon. Paid Mrs Hubbard \$220--

Sun 26 Oct 1879

Strong North wind

stayed at home all day

Mon 27 Oct 1879

Commenced Sowing again

Some north wind. George has Sowed all day

Cleaned wheat for Seed

George reads a paper this evening in the Murp[h]y meeting.

His Mother went with him.

Tues 28 Oct 1879

Burnt Stubble North of the house

George Sowed wheat

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Church at Davisville

George did not go to Church last night but attended the drunkun Band and let his mother Sit on the Steps at the church an hour after church was out waiting for him

Wed 29 Oct 1879

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got Lumber for harrows

Worked on harrows this afternoon

I am not feeling verry well to day

Wheat is dull to day and has been all week

Mrs Pierce tooock a Sevear cold last night Sitting on the Steps at the Church waiting for George at the Band

Thurs 30 Oct 1879

Strong South wind this evening and quite cool

Repaired Harrow in the forenoon

Went to Davisville this evening and got more Lumber for harrow

Mrs Pierce attended church this evening

Fri 31 Oct 1879

Worked on the harrow this forenoon. Hevy fog this morning

Mr Croco and Mr Ballow made us a visit this afternoon

George and Jim have gon to the Band

Mrs Pierce has the rheumates in hre right Shoulder quite bad and a harde cold and is well nigh used up

Sat 1 Nov 1879

I did the work in the house Mrs Pierce Shoulder is so bad She is not able to doo any thing

Mr Edwards was here to loock at the Hogs

I think he will give 3 cts

Commence Sowing wheat on the creek

Sun 2 Nov 1879

Attended church at Davisville today an[d?] evening

Mon 3 Nov 1879

Burnt Stuble North of the House

Sowed wheat on the creek

Mrs Pierce Shoulder is Some better to day but She is a good deal out of [eumer, meaning humor?] yet

Tues 4 Nov 1879

Fi[x] for going to the City



Went to Davisville this afternoon to See about wheat

Wed 5 Nov 1879

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento with 50# Butter at

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 30 cts cash | \$15.00 |
|-------------|---------|

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| 15 Doz Eggs at 40 cts | 6.00 |
|-----------------------|------|

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| and two Sheep Skins 25cts each | .50 |
|--------------------------------|-----|

Bought Six Sacks of Potataoa and Beets Carrots &c

Thurs 6 Nov 1879

Fixed Stall in the Barn for the young Mules. George went to Davisville and got Lumber and &c[?] for Hog rack

Fri 7 Nov 1879

Strong North wind all day. Made rack to carry Hogs to market

The wind blue so harde that the Boys did not harrow

Sat 8 Nov 1879

Finished harrowing Sumerfallow on the creek

Gether and Sorted hogs for market

Some rain last night and early this morning

The Strong north we had yesterday is South to day

Sun 9 Nov 1879 [No entry]

Mon 10 Nov 1879

Went to Sacramento to make Some arrangement with Mrs Hubbard about interest money

The first frost of the Season and verry hevvy and the coldest day that has ever been known in November in the State.

Tues 11 Nov 1879

Deacon Saunders and a man from Sacramento that is pedling harrows Stayed hear last night

a little rain last night and early this mroning and Strong South wind. tooock the fence out of the Creek

The wind has halled to the north this evening

Wed 12 Nov 1879

Went to Woodland to See about house rent &c. Sold the hogs to Mr Bullard at 3 cts per 100#

The Frenchman let the teem run away this [?] and got his Back up and left

George Butchered a pig

Several ight Showers during the forenoon

Wind South all day

Thurs 13 Nov 1879

Went to Davisville and help to drive the Hogs

Loock verry much like rain all day

I have a verry lame Back

Fri 14 Nov 1879

Drove the hogs to Davisville

69 head weighing 11150

at three cents \_\_\_\_\_3

\$334.50

A little rain last [?] and loocked verry much like a hevvy rain most of the fornoon. Strong South wind

Mr & Mrs Greene made us a call this afternoon

Sat 15 Nov 1879

Went to Woodland to get the [pay?] for the Hogs that I Sold yesterday \$334.50

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Brought two men to plow wages \$252 per month

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Paid Puget Sound Lumber Co. | \$91.12 |
| Freeman                     | 16.00   |

Sun 16 Nov 1879

Strong North [wind] and verry cold

Mon 17 Nov 1879

I am 65 years old to day and am about as good as to health as men in general at my age

Sowed a little land that was left on the bank of the Slough in the Sumerfallow

The North wind went down in the night

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Got Harness of Mr Hoffman  | \$30.00 |
| two extry collers          | 6.00    |
| One Set of Six horse lines | 4.00    |

Tues 18 Nov 1879

Started two plows in the North field. plow Some dry durt.

Worked on plow most of the day

Loocks Some like rain Soon

Harde frost and Some ice

Wed 19 Nov 1879

Started the third plow

Fine day. George went to Davisville this afternoon to get points Sharpen ed

Harde frost the hydrents frose up verry cold morning

Thurs 20 Nov 1879

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento in the Wagon. Paid the Bank one months intrest  
\$166.66

Got a Suit of close paid \$11.50

Sold nine Doz Eggs at 35 cts \$3.15

32# Butter .27 1/2 8.80

Cold morning the hydrents all froze up

Mrs Hall from Woodland come to make us a visit

Fri 21 Nov 1879

Not quite as cold this morning

Drove in 22 yong pigs this forenoon. Went to Davisville this afternoon to get points Sharpened

Bought of Hoffman 6# harness

Leather at 35 cts \$2.10

6 hame Straps 1.00

Paid Guthre for thrashing \$40.00

Sat 22 Nov 1879

Run three plows in the North field

George mended Harness. picked Grapes the last of the Season

Turned Cows into the vinyard

Sun 23 Nov 1879

Attended Chuch at Davisville

Mon 24 Nov 1879

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got points Sharpened

Cold frosty morning. South wind moderate and loocks Some like rain

George has gon to the Murfy meeting at Davisville

Tues 25 Nov 1879

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Went to Davisville to get points Sharpened

Run three gang plows

Mr & Mrs Greene called to day and made us a visit

Wed 26 Nov 1879

Strong North wind the worst of the Season has been blowing all day and is blowing hard as ever at bed time

Finished plowing on the Knowl in the north field

The ground is getting quite dry

Killed a Turkey for thanks Givin

Thurs 27 Nov 1879

The north wind is all gon

Thanksgivin day had Gobler for diner

Mrs Hall went home this afternoon. made us a good visit.

Attended an extry cession of the Lodg at Davisville Grand Master Case and Grand Secretary Lyon made us a visit

Commence Sowing wheat in the north field

Fri 28 Nov 1879

Cleaned and Bluestoned wh[e]at for Seed

Finished Sowing wheat in the north field and have it harrowed once over.

George has taken Irish Jim and gon to the Band this evening

Loocks like rain this evening

Sat 29 Nov 1879

Commence raining early this morning and has rained moderate all day

Made Gate to put in the fence on the levy under the big tree

Sun 30 Nov 1879

Rained moderate most of the night and all day

the top of the ground is full of watter. none in the Sloughs

Mon 1 Dec 1879

Cloudy all day with a few light Sprinkles of rain. Plowed down the Ditch and the railroad in the Hog lot.

George went to Davisville to get plow points

Fix for Killing the Hogs

Tues 2 Dec 1879

Killed Seven hogs

Commence plowing in the Hog lot Looocked verry much like rain most of the day and it is raining quite harde this evening

Wed 3 Dec 1879

Rained all the fore part of the night

Plowed in the Hog lot

Went to Davisville and got Oyster Shells. Let Olufs have 12# Butter at 30 cts

Let Mr Hampton have a Hog 134# dressed at 4 1/2 cts

\$6.03

Thurs 4 Dec 1879

George Cut the Pork and Sausage meet. Plowed and Spred manure in the Hog lot

It loocks verry mutch like rain this evening and has all day

Fri 5 Dec 1879

A verry little rain early this morning

Made Sausage Packed hams and Shoulders and Salted the Pork

The men did not wark any to day for fear of rain

*Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary from UC Davis Archives and Special Collections*

Sat 6 Dec 1879

Spred Manure in the Hog lot

Cleaned wheat for Seed.

Got the colts and young mules out of the Hog lot

Cleaned Souse [?]

Heavy fog this morning clear and fine this evening

Plowed in the Hog lot

Sun 7 Dec 1879

Cloudy most of the day

Strong South wind

Clouded up just before night verry darke and loocked like we would [have] a verry heavy Storm Sprinkled a little about Sundown

Mon 8 Dec 1879

Rained the fore part of last night quite harde with a Strong south wind

Fine and clear this morning and continued So all day, but I think we will have more rain soon

Ground Barly for horse feed

Tues 9 Dec 1879

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

Rented all of the lot in Woodland except 1/2 an acre where the house Stands forf \$20 -- in advance

Hevy Frost this morning

Loocked verry much like rain all of the afternoon

got home just at dark

Wed 10 Dec 1879

Light sprinkle most of the night and a little rain this morning

Finished Grinding Barly to day and Ground Some Corn

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville to See Mrs Hampton She is quite Sick

Thurs 11 Dec 1879

Run three plows the land is a little wet on top but Plows verry well

Went to Mr Lillards and got 8 sacks of Sonora wheat for seed

Hevy fog this mroning cloudy and cold all day

North wind this evening and quite chilly

George put gate in the fence on the levy under the Big tree on the lower Ranch

Fri 12 Dec 1879

Fogy this morning with North wind. the Sun Shone [and?] the fog went the rest of the day.

James got two loads of wheat from Mr Lillards for Seed 18 Sacks

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat

Sat 13 Dec 1879

Fine day the land plows verry nicely. Got 10 Sacks of wheat from Mr Lillards

Mr Croco made us a call to day.

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat

Sun 14 Dec 1879

Fine day Attended church at Davisville

Mon 15 Dec 1879

Heavy fog all the forenoon clear and fine this afternoon

Went to Dixon to See about Selling wheat

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Was offered \$1.70 for the most of it and \$1.50 for the ballance concluded not to take it at present

Tues 16 Dec 1879

Heavy fog most of the day. Went to Woodland Mrs Pierce went with me to sell wheat the market is Slack to day. Was not offered as much as I was at Dixon yesterday

Went to Mr Dopkins and tooock Lunch

I am not feeling verry well this evening

Wed 17 Dec 1879

Heavy fog all day and quite cool

Went to Davisville this afternoon to see about Selling wheat

I was quite Sick last night am better today

Thurs 18 Dec 1879

Cloudy and foggy all day, but not as bad as yesterday. finish Halling wheat from Mr. Lillards 28 Sacks 64 Sacks in all

Strong South east wind this evening and loocks Some like rain

Fri 19 Dec 1879

Commenced raining at an earlyhour this morning and rained Stedy all day and most of the day quite harde

Sat 20 Dec 1879

Several light Showers during the day

Went to Davisville and got \$500. more on wheat

Paid Mrs Hubbard \$410

" Jerry Haly \$87.60

Sun 21 Dec 1879 [No entry]

Mon 22 Dec 1879  
Clear most of the day

went to Dixon and Sold the wheat. 121 Tons at \$1.70 and 38 Tons at \$1.50. and drew \$350 -- on it

The Boys clean wheat for Seed, and plowed along the fence on the east line

Tues 23 Dec 1879  
Strong North wind all day and I think the coldest day that was ever know in the State

the ground is froze so that it will hold up a horse and has been freezing in the Shade all day

George went to Davisville to help fix a Christmas tree

Sent the Sacramento Savings Bank 333.35 two months interest

Wed 24 Dec 1879  
Strong North wind and very cold

Went to Davisville

let Olufs have 12# Butter at 30 cts

got three large Sacks of Potatoes

Paid James Hastigan five dollars

Thurs 25 Dec 1879  
Ice froze in the tank over two inches thick during the cold Spell.

Started to Sow but the ground is froze So hard that we had to give it up

Marked 14 Pigs and turned them and all of the Hogs into the East field

We had a fine turkey for dinner

George has gone to Mr Greenes to dinner

Fri 26 Dec 1879

Cold this morning the ground is froze harder than ever. Cleaned wheat for See[d]. Killed a pig. took the trough into the East field and Started the pump

Sat 27 Dec 1879

Froze quite harde last night

Cleaned wheat this forenoon

Sowed wheat this afternoon in the Hog lot

looks very much like rain all day

Sun 28 Dec 1879 [No entry]

Mon 29 Dec 1879

The pipe at the windmill froze and bursted during the cold wether. took it to Davisville and got it repaired

Finished Sowing wheat in the Hog lot

Tues 30 Dec 1879

Finished Harrowing in the hog lot

Went to Woodland

Put pipe in that froze and bursted at the Windmill

Wed 31 Dec 1879

[At the top of this page is the date "Sept 20th" Mr. Pierce probably made the mistake of taking this for a memoranda page. In any case there is the following deleted entry: "O. B. Olufs Dr to [?]

[ At the end of this volume of the diary in the "Memoranda" and "Cash Account" sections are some of the ranch accounts, listing mostly payments, but a few receipts. On two of the pages Pierce adds records for January of 1880.]

To 20# Butter at 25 cts \$5.00" ]

Went to Dixon and Settled up for the wheat \$1127.39

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Paid Bullard & Pearce | \$483.00 |
| " James T Lillard     | 65.00    |

Finished plowing for wheat and commenced on the Barly ground

Memoranda [p.1]

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Sept 2, 1879 J. C. Colins | Cr     |
| Sharp 4 points 40 cts     | \$1.60 |

Memoranda [p.2]

|                             |    |             |      |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------|------|
| B. H. Hoag                  | Dr | Oct 2, 1879 |      |
| To [?] 183# Grapes at 2 cts |    |             | 3.66 |

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|------------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| 1879 Olufs | Dec 24. | 12 # Butter | 30.          | 3.60   |            |
| 1880 "     | Jan 3   | 10          | "            | 3.00   | [Receipts] |
| "          | "       | " 5         | 10           | " 3.00 |            |
| "          | "       | "           | " 4 Doz Eggs | " 1.20 |            |

Memoranda [p.3] [Blank]

Cash Account. January [p.1]

|            |                  |        |
|------------|------------------|--------|
| 24 October | Paid Mrs Hubbard | 220.00 |
|------------|------------------|--------|

Cash Account. February [p.2]

Davis, Work, McNamee, & Hilton

Recievers (sic) of Continental Life Inshurance Co 120 Broad way New York City

Cash Account. March [p.3]

|            |       |          |
|------------|-------|----------|
| 23 October | Olufs | \$125.00 |
|------------|-------|----------|

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|----------------------------|--------|
| " Moneham                  | 45.89  |
| " Jerry Haly               | 100.00 |
| " Guthre \$320-- in all    | 120.00 |
| " Puters & Co              | 10.00  |
| " Williams & Co            | 35.00  |
| " Harnis Shop              | 11.87  |
| " New Inland Inshurance Co | 51.35  |
| " John Collens             | 80.00  |
| 25 Paid Mrs Hubbard        | 220.00 |
| 23 Sacramento Savings Bank | 166.66 |

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Nov 15 Paid Puget Sound |       |
| Lumber Co.              | 91.12 |

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| "                             |        |
| " F. S. Freeman & Co          | 16.00  |
| Dec 20 Paid Mrs Hubbard       | 410.00 |
| " " " Jerry Haly in full      | 87.60  |
| Jan 3 1880 " Mrs Hubbard the  |        |
| balan[ce] of intrest for 1878 | 108.00 |

Cash Account. April [p.4] [Blank]

Cash Account. May [p.5] [Blank]

Cash Account. June [p.6]

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Cr. George Hoffman           |       |
| Nov 17 one harness           | 30.00 |
| " " 2 extry collers          | 6.00  |
| " " one pair Six horse lines | 4.00  |
| " 21 6# harness lether 35cts | 2.10  |
| " " 6 hame Straps            | 1.00  |

Cash Account. July [p.7] [blank]

Cash Account. August [p.8]

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| D 23 Drue on Wheat       | 2480   |
| 23 John Collens          | 140    |
| " Hampton                | 50     |
| " Bullard & Co for Sacks | 270    |
| " Olufs                  | 126.50 |

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|----|-------------------------|------|
| "  | Sacramento Savings Bank | 1400 |
| 27 | John Collens            | 20   |
| "  | Guthre                  | 160  |

Cash Account. September [p.9] [blank]

Cash Account. October [p.10]

|   | Received                       | Paid   |
|---|--------------------------------|--------|
| [No month given, but probably Dec 1879] |                                |        |
| 18                                      | John Collens                   | 162.00 |
| 21                                      | Olafs                          | 125    |
| 24                                      | Drue on Wheat                  | 760.00 |
| 24                                      | Olufs                          | 125.00 |
| "                                       | Moneyham                       | 45. 86 |
| "                                       | Haly                           | 100    |
| "                                       | Guthre                         | 120    |
| "                                       | Puters & Co                    | 10     |
| "                                       | Williams & Co                  | 35     |
| "                                       | Hoffman Harnis Shop            | 11.87  |
| "                                       | New England Life Inshurance Co | 80     |
| 25                                      | Mrs. Hubbard                   | 220    |

Cash Account. November [p.11]

|    |         |       |
|----|---------|-------|
| 21 | Guthrie | 40.00 |
|----|---------|-------|

Cash Account. December [p.12]

|    |                   |      |
|----|-------------------|------|
| 31 | Ballance on Wheat | 1127 |
|----|-------------------|------|

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|----|------------------|-----|
| 31 | James T Lillard  | 65  |
| "  | Bullard & Pearce | 488 |