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D-022 1:36: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1880-1881

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[Note: An inserted separate sheet has entries for Jan 1 through Jan 7th.

There are entries on the first blank pages and at bottoms of two more pages for the first 10 days of 1881.

N. B. At the end of this diary is one item in the Memoranda and Cash Accounts for several months of 1880.]

[Separate sheet]

Thurs 1 Jan 1880

Run three plows on the Barly ground. Sent Mrs Barber two Turkyes, heavy fog most of the day

Fri 2 Jan 1880

A little rain early this morning and loocked like rain al[l] day. run three plows on the Barly ground. Fixed the watter trough in the east field

Sat 3 Jan 1880

Sent Eleas Gallop three Plymoth Rock Chickens

George went to Dixon to get money of Curry [on? ton?] Butter \$108.28

Went to Sacramento

Paid Mrs Mow \$100

" " Hubbard \$108

Sun 4 Jan 1880 [No entry]

Mon 5 Jan 1880

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George went to Woodland to pay the taxes \$478.33

Went to Davisville and got Chicken coop &c Clean out the ditch [in] the east field

Tues 6 Jan 1880

Went to Davisville and got Oyster Shells for chickens

made ditch along the road to drain water off the wheat

Wed 7 Jan 1880

Hauled wood off the creek Mrs Pierce and George went too(sic) Mr Greenes and to Davisville.
Cleaned tomatoe vines &c out of the garden

[End of separate sheet]

[Entry also in its correct place in diary for this day] Heavy fog all day

Hauled wood of the creek

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville

Looks very much like rain

Thurs 8 Jan 1880

Several light Showers to day but not enough to Stop work. Finished haling wood of(sic) [out] of the creek

Went to See Mr Soul he has a very bad hand

Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr McMahons to See about getting a gopher

Fri 9 Jan 1880

Commenced raining at an early hour this morning and has rained all day and Some of the time quite hard. all hands Stayed in side to day

Sat 10 Jan 1880

Cleared off in the night after a hard shower and has been clear all day

Cut wood filled [filled] Saws &c.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Souls this afternoon he is some better

Sun 11 Jan 1880 [No entry]

Mon 12 Jan 1880

Cut wood at the house

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

Mrs Hall has just returned from Verginie City where She has been to attend the funeral of Mrs Cardwell: her daughter

North wind and quite cool

Tues 13 Jan 1880

Stayed at Mr Dopkinis(sic) last night. got home about noon to day north wind and quite cool

Commenced Soweing Sonor[a] wheat this afternoon

went around by the Brig[bridge] and got Some cattle that crossed the Creek

Wed 14 Jan 1880

North wind moderate all day

Sowed Sonora wheat

Loocks Some like rain

Thurs 15 Jan 1880

Fine day. finished Sowing wheat for this Season

North wind moderate

Loocks some like rain this evening

Fri 16 Jan 1880

George halled two loads of wheat to Davisville 488# harrowed wheat with two teams

Cold frosty mornings for a long time

Sat 17 Jan 1880

George and Henry cleaned Barly for seed

Started the pump in the east field to get watter for Stock

Wind in the north moderately for the last Several days

Sun 18 Jan 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended church

Mon 19 Jan 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended Murfy meeting in Davisville

George red an essay. Commenced Barly this morning. Finished harrowing wheat

Found two young calvs in the field this morning

Tues 20 Jan 1880

Finished Sowing Barly this forenoon

Mr Greene made us a call this afternoon

North wind quite Strong part of the afternoon

Wed 21 Jan 1880

Finished harrowing Barly

George toock load of wheat to Davisville 4235#

Plowed in the windmill field this afternoon

North wind moderate most of the day

Thurs 22 Jan 1880

Cleaned and halled load of wheat 4675#

Sowed a little piece of Barly in the windmill field for the Pigs

Plowed in the Orchard this afternoon

Looks like rain this evening

Fri 23 Jan 1880

Mrs Hall and Marian come to day to make us a visit

North wind and quite Strong part of the day

Sowed a little patch of Barly in the orchard

Sowed Diman Wheat

George has gon[e] to Woodland with Mr Greenes folks

Sat 24 Jan 1880

Halled manure into the garding

Marked 18 pigs and turned into the east field

Attended Lodg[e] at Davisville

Sold Olufs 10# Butter at 30 cts 3.00

" " 6 doz Eggs at 25 cts 1.51

Sun 25 Jan 1880 [No entry]

Mon 26 Jan 1880

Began to rain at an early hour this morning and rained for a few minets and then commenced to Snow and Snowed quite hard most of the forenoon

Wind north and quite cool

Tues 27 Jan 1880

Cold South west wind and cloudy

Went to Davisville this forenoon

Commenced to rain about two O'clock this afternoon and rained a few minets and them
commence to Snow and it come down good for about an hour

Got quite wet dooing the chores

George and Frank Commenced pruning grape vines

Let Olufs have 8# Butter \$2.00

Wed 28 Jan 1880
Strong north wind

Did no work to day

George went to Davisville and got a pig that Elias Gallop Sent up fro Tulare County

Thurs 29 Jan 1880
North wind and quite cold

Frank pruned vines

Austin commenced plowing betwene(sic) the road and fence to Sow Oats for hay

Mrs Hall went home to day

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville with Mrs Hall. Sold Mr Robson a Cow for \$45--

Fri 30 Jan 1880
Pruned vines. plowed between the road and fence for hay

Sold Mr Duke a Cow \$35--

Sold Mr Gafford a Cow \$45--

George Delivered the Cow to day to Robson Gafford and Duke

Sat 31 Jan 1880
Pruned vines. George was taken with a lame back this afternoon and had to quit work. Mr
Gaffors Cow come back to day

Plowed in the lane to Set out Some trees

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Sun 1 Feb 1880
Attended church

Mr Gaffords Cow come back again to day

Mon 2 Feb 1880
Strong north wind come up about 9 Oclock this morning and blowed harde all day

Finished pruning old vinyard

Set out Some Locus trees in the lane

Went to Davisville and got James Hardigan

Paid Mr Lillard balance on Wheat \$97.60

Paid Mrs Hardigan for James work \$10--

Paid Mr Greene for Mr Croco \$30--

Tues 3 Feb 1880
Strong north wind all day but not as cold as yesterday

Commenced plowing for Somerfallow

George back is verry bad he has not been down Stairs to day

Wed 4 Feb 1880
North wind moderate

Mrs Greene and Kate made us a visit to dayh Went to Davisville and got Onions of Olufs
George is Some better

Thurs 5 Feb 1880
Burnt vines in the vinyard this forenoon

Sowed Oats along the road for hay this afternoon

George is gaining Slowly

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Fri 6 Feb 1880

Drove in twelve Pigs

Poisend Squarrels on the Creek

Sat 7 Feb 1880

Went to Davisville and got Some new plow points that was Sent from Sacramento. Mde pig pen north of the Barn

Halled lumber of calf pen. Sold Olufs 18# Butter at 25 cts 4.50
8 1/2 or 9 1/2 Doz Eggs at 21 cts

Sun 8 Feb 1880

Mr Soul had hs finger taken off to day

Mon 9 Feb 1880

Loocks verry much like rain

Planted potatoes in the Garding. Early Rose and Mashanock. Mrs Pierce a[nd] George went to Davisville this afternoon the first time George has been out for Several days

Tues 10 Feb 1880

A light Sprinkle last night

Went Sacramento to day to get plow points

Cold west wind this afternoon

Wed 11 Feb 1880

Stong north wind and quite cold. Commence plowing Grape vines. Killed a hog

Found two tramps in the lower Barn when I went to feed the horses.

Thurs 12 Feb 1880

Fine day planted Some peas in the garding. Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr Greenes this afternoon. Cold night and harde frost

Fri 13 Feb 1880

Harde frost Southwind in the forenoon north wind this afternoon and quite warm.-- Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville to day. Put out Some Sqarrel poison this afternoon

Sat 14 Feb 1880

Fine day evry thing groes alltho it [is] So cold and dry

Finished plowing north of the north ditch in the east field. plowed in the garding for Mangels and Beets

Finished plowing Grape vines the Second time

Sun 15 Feb 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville

A Big Show for a good rain which turned to a light Sprinkle

Mrs Pierce and George toock Supper at Mr Greenes

Mon 16 Feb 1880

Hard frost last night and verry cold this morning

Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr McMahans to ge[t] a gobler

Tues 17 Feb 1880

Strong north wind and verry cold most of the day. South wind this evening and loocks like rain. Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville and got Box of Apples

Wed 18 Feb 1880

Strong South wind this forenoon and verr[y] cold

Commenced raining about noon and rained moderate most of the afternoon

Mrs Pierce planted Tomatto Seed &c. Sowed wheat in the Orchard for Chickens

Thurs 19 Feb 1880

Rained quite hared most of the forenoon

Fri 20 Feb 1880

Spaded around the pair trees and killed two hogs this forenoon

Plowed in Slough in the east field

Sat 21 Feb 1880

Cloudy all day

Put out Shade trees in the Hog lot. plowed down the band of the Slough in the east field

Started the gang plow

the land is to[o] wet

Sun 22 Feb 1880

A little rain this forenoon and cloudy all day

Mon 23 Feb 1880

Commenced raining early this morning and rained moderate most of the day

Tues 24 Feb 1880

Some rain to day

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Wed 25 Feb 1880

Went to Woodland George went with me. got \$66.70 of Sprage that he got of the dfunked (sic) Continental Life inshurance Company

Thurs 26 Feb 1880

Commenced throughing durt against the fence on the east line. North wind moderate most of the day

Fri 27 Feb 1880

Strong North wind all day and quite cold

Sat 28 Feb 1880

North wind moderate most of the day

attended Lodge at Davisville

Stayed with Mr Kinsman over night

Sun 29 Feb 1880

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 1 Mar 1880

Started the plow again this morning. Killed and dressed nineteen Turkyes for market

Loocks ver[y] much like rain this evening

Tues 2 Mar 1880

A little rain early this morning. Shiped 307 # Turkyes to the Graingers B. S. [?] San Francisco

Planted Potatoes west of the vinyard. Sowed the White Rusha wheet(sic)

Wed 3 Mar 1880

Commenced raining before day this morning and rained quite hard untill about Seven oclock. then let up for a Short time. Several light Showers during the day

Burnt the Straw Stack east of the Barn So as to burn the ded pigs that was in it

George Sent his rifle to San Francisco

Austin plowed in the Slough this afternoon

Thurs 4 Mar 1880

Harde frost last night and cold morning fine day

Set out Grapes in the new vinyard where they missed last year

Planted 7 roes of Mangles in the garding

Fri 5 Mar 1880

Made garding most of the day. Went to Sacramento this afternoon

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Harde frost this morning warm during the day

Sat 6 Mar 1880

Got back to Davisville this afternoon Stayed untill evening and attended the Lodg[e]

Sun 7 Mar 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attend chruch to day

Mon 8 Mar 1880

Strong north wind some up about Sun rise and has blowed verry harde all day

The Boys cleaned and Oiled harnis. Cut five Shoulders and packed them in cans for use next Sumer(sic)

Tues 9 Mar 1880

Strong north wind all day a little more moderate this evening. Commenced rooling[? rolling?] the wheat ground.

Cut two Hams and one Shoulder

The Grand Central Hotell in Oakland was burnt to day

Wed 10 Mar 1880

The north wind has gon[e] down. Went to Davisville

two Turkyes to Mrs Hastigar [Hastigan?] weight 24# -- 46# Raisons to Mrs Mardin at 8cts \$3.68

Thurs 11 Mar 1880

Sent Johnston & Veasey one box of dressed Turkyes two hundred and [word left out]

Commenced plowing on the lland in the east field

Fri 12 Mar 1880

Strong north wind ciome up a little after dark last night and blowed a purfic gale all day the hardest north wind that I ever Saw in the State -- nothing done onely(sic) the chores

Sat 13 Mar 1880

Strong norht wind all day and verry cold. Ice half an inch thick. Frose all day in the Shade -- Mr Larue and Mike Dumine [?] was hear to day

Got \$800 -- of Mike Dumine

Paid Guthre \$160--

" Hampton 25--

" Mrs Hubbard 500 --

Sun 14 Mar 1880

North wind but not as hard as yesterday

Ice half an inch thick this morning

Mon 15 Mar 1880

North wind moderate most of the day a little cloudy. South this evening with Some Signs of rain which we verry much need

Went to Davisville. Got \$1160-- of Bullard & Pearce

Paid Levi Beck \$261.70 for work last year

Tues 16 Mar 1880

Harde frost and Some Ice this morning-- South wind all day and loocks Some like rain

James Hardigan & Self Spred the old Stack bottoms in east field

Wed 17 Mar 1880

A light Sprinkle early this morning and cloudy most of the day -- North wind this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

Thurs 18 Mar 1880

Put wier on the east fence north of the lower Barn

Ketched Hog that was running in the field and marked him

Plowed on the lland near the lone tree --

Mr Boggs of Woodland was hear to rent the House in Woodland

Fri 19 Mar 1880

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to See about renting the House did not rent it

Mr Croco was hear to day a tramp hear to night

Sat 20 Mar 1880

Harde frost this morning.

North wind moderate all day -- went to Davisville and got plow points Sharpened -- Sold Olufs
8# Butter

Sun 21 Mar 1880

North wind all day quite a frost this morning

have had frost evry night for over a week

Verry dry and cold

need rain verry much

Mon 22 Mar 1880

Cleaned load of wheat and Halled to Davisville 3170# Mrs Wright from Willow Slough was
hear this afternoon

North wind and quite warm

Some Sines of rain Soon

Tues 23 Mar 1880

Cleaned wheat this forenoon

George went to Davisville with a load this afternoon 3200#

Strong South wind all day and this evening

Wed 24 Mar 1880

Cleaned wheat this forenoon Commenced raining about 11 Oclock this forenoon and rained quite harde for two or three hours -- a splendid rain and come in good time

Mrs Wright of Willow Slough come this forenoon and left a boy to doo the milking

Thurs 25 Mar 1880

Sent 32 Chickens to the Grangers

Cloudy most of the day quite a Shower just at night

Spred near the lone tree

Fine growing day

Paid M Gardner \$25

Fri 26 Mar 1880

Spred manure on the lland near the lone tree

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

24# Butter to Olufs & Co 25cts

Sat 27 Mar 1880

Strong South wind all day

Several Sprincles this forenoon

Several Showers this afternoon with a prospect of a wet night -- plante peas east of the Alfafalfa (sic) field along the road

Commenced planting corn

Sun 28 Mar 1880

Two hours of rain quite [?] last night just after dark -- harde frost this morning

Mon 29 Mar 1880

Harde frost this morning

finished planting corn

made garding -- planted Sweet corn -- halled load of wheat to Davisville 2530#

Tues 30 Mar 1880

Heavy frost this morning

Cut the potatoes vines down clost(sic) to the ground

Halled the last load of wheat to day

Got a man to run the harrow teem

Wed 31 Mar 1880

A little rain last night

Commenced Harrowing on the lland near the lone tree

Finished plowing on the lland

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland to fix up the house

Thurs 1 Apr 1880

Commence raining Some time in the night and rained Stedy untill noon

Cloudy and Strong South wind the rest of the day

Cut 8 hams for packing in cans for Sumer use

Fri 2 Apr 1880

Rained most of the night verry hard and Some this morning

the ground has not been any more soft this winter

Mr Pierce and George come home this afternoon and have gon[e] to Mr Greenes to Stay to night

Sat 3 Apr 1880

Rained nearly all night and most of the forenoon

clear and fine this afternoon

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Mrs Pierce and George went from Mr Greenes to Davisville did not get home untill most night

Sun 4 Apr 1880

Attended church at Davisville

loocks verry much like rain

Mon 5 Apr 1880

A little rain last night and morning

Commenced harrowing this afternoon on the Sumerfallow it works verry nicely -- George and Alle halled Straw this afternoon -- A light Sprinkle just at night and loocks like more rain before morning

Tues 6 Apr 1880

Plowed north of the Cow Barn for jipson corn and commenced planting it

Planted the Big Corn

Went to Davisville with Butter to Olufs 30# 25 cts \$7.50

Wed 7 Apr 1880

Planted Gypson corn north of the cow Barn

Mr Greene brough us Some cabage plants

George has gon[e] to Govener Perkins reception(sic) at Sacramento this evening

Harrowed Sumerfallow

Thurs 8 Apr 1880

Set Cabage plants

Planted Egipsion corn in the Orchard -- Put 6 Turkyes Setting

Set cabage plants

Fri 9 Apr 1880

Set cabage plants and one reo [row?] of tomattoes

Commenced raining about 10 Oclock this morning and rained most of the day Some of the time quite harde

George come home to day from the Gov Reception

Sat 10 Apr 1880

Clear all day

George and Albert made fence acrost the Creek

Commenced work this afternoon

Sun 11 Apr 1880

Clear all day

Mon 12 Apr 1880

Cloudy most of the day

A little rain this afternoon not enough to Stop work

went to Davisville this afternoon 40# Butter to Olufs & Co 22 1/2 cts 9.00

Tues 13 Apr 1880

George went to Woodland with the Burkshir Pig

Went to Davisville and got Prince Shod and Sent the New Ingland life inshurance Co \$154.70

Got \$112 -- of Katy Kelly am to pay it in four weeks

Wed 14 Apr 1880

Commenced to rain in the night and rained most of the forenoon and Some this afternoon

Mended the churn and fixed for Setting Turkyes

Thurs 15 Apr 1880

Commenced to rain in the night and rained quite hard all of the forenoon and most of the afternoon

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Fri 16 Apr 1880

Several light Showers to day and Som hail

George and Aliber fixed the fence to the creek at the lower place and put in a gate -- Set 13 Turkyes

The Boys cut weeds on the Creek

Sat 17 Apr 1880

Finished cutting weeds and Set Some Shade trees in the Hog lot

George went to Davisville with Butter to Bullard Pearce & Co 34# at 25 cts \$7.50

Sun 18 Apr 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended Church in Davisville

Loocks Some like rain soon

Mon 19 Apr 1880

Began to rain about Seven Oclock this morning and has rained Stedy all day and quite harde for the Season of year --

It is raining this evening

wind South east with a fair prospect of a wet night

Twenty eight years ago to day Mrs Pierce and Self left Kenosa Wisconsin to come to California by land

Tues 20 Apr 1880

Forty five years ago to day I left Homer Courtland Co N. Y. to go to the west and landed at Chicago on foot the Seventeenth of May 1835 and from there to Yankey Settlement near Jolliet, Ill and Stayed there untill the fourth of July and then Started for Pike Creek Wisconsin now Kenosha and arived there the eight day of July 1835

Rained all last night and all day the Creek is nearly full of watter

Wed 21 Apr 1880

The water in the Creek fell four or five feet last night began to rise
Soon after daylight and rose very fast until the banks were full and running over Such a thing
was never known before this time of year. In 1860 it overflowed the 19 of April

Several light Showers during the day

Thurs 22 Apr 1880

Several light Shower[s] during the day repaired fence on the east line

Commenced cutting wood on the creek

Fri 23 Apr 1880

Mr & Mrs Greene made us a visit to day

Marked 37 Pigs and turned them into the field

Cut wood on the Creek

George went to Davisville with Butter to Bullar & Pearce

Sat 24 Apr 1880

Cut wood on the creek

George and Aliber made fence down to the creek

Went to Davisville

Sold the balance of the wheat at \$1.20

Sun 25 Apr 1880

Mrs Pierce and Self attended Church at Davisville

Mon 26 Apr 1880

Fine day Some fog in the morning

Ground Barly

Tues 27 Apr 1880

Commenced plowing again -- Commenced shearing Sheep -- Plowed and Sowed wheat for the
chickens north of the chicken yard

Fine day -- the assessor was hear to day

Wed 28 Apr 1880

Run two plows -- worked in the garding -- repaired fence near Mr Souls -- The Assessor was hear to day -- Mrs Pierce went to Mr Soules to day

George went to Davisville and got plow point Sharpened

Mrs Pierce and George have gon[e] to Davisville this evening

Thurs 29 Apr 1880

Went to Davisville to day

let Olufs have 22# Butter and got 123# Coffee at 19 cts

Mrs Pierce and George painted the kitchen flour [floor]

Run two plows

Commenced plowing grape vines

Fri 30 Apr 1880

Run two plows on the Sumerfallow -- plowed vinyard and worked in garding

James broke lever to his plow and George went to Davisville and got it mended and brought Swarm of bees from Mr Hampton

Sat 1 May 1880

Run two plows on the Sumerfallow.-- worked in the Gardin -- George and Aliber went to the picnic at Tameny Grove near Davisville

Sun 2 May 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended temperance lecture Davisville -- Elie Hutchinson and Mike Roop called to day

Mon 3 May 1880

Went to Sacramento to get a girl to help Mrs Pierce -- got \$200-- Mike Duyse paid Katy Kelly \$112--

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Let Mardin have two head of Beef

Tues 4 May 1880

Looks verry much like rain -- Halled wood of[f?] the creek -- Went to Davisville and got Mrs Gillis to help Mrs Pierce -- Strong South west wind and quite cool

Wed 5 May 1880

A very little rain last night north wind this morning moderat[e] South wind this evening -- George went to Davisville let Olufs &c have 30# Butter 20 cts \$6.00

Made a yoke to carry milk

Pet [probably breeding]

Thurs 6 May 1880

Went to Davisville and points Sharpened Mrs Pierce went with me

Mrs Hampton is no better

George toock the old Hedder beds apart -- Marked 5 Calvs

Fri 7 May 1880

George went to Davisville and got lumber for header beds -- the ground is getting quite harde run two gang plows

Little Mair with the colt

Sat 8 May 1880

Hoed Cabbage and [put] out cabbage and t[o]matoes(sic) plants on a new plan dug the holes with the post auger and filled them up with ma[n]ure[?] and then [soaked?] with watter and let the watter Soak out and then Set the plants

George attended picnic at Davisville

Commenced hoing at the vinyard

Sun 9 May 1880 [No entry]

Monday 10 May 1880

Set out cabage plants

Cloudy all day and loocks verry much like rain Stron South wind and verry cold

Commenced cross plowing with one teem

Tues 11 May 1880

Rained most of the night and nearly all of the forenoon about half an inch of rainfall

Wed 12 May 1880

Went to Sacramento to See about matters at the Bank -- Strong South wind and quite cold -- two light Showers this afternoon

Thurs 13 May 1880

Finish plowing and commenced harrowing with one teem

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

Hoed corn in the new vinyard lot

Fri 14 May 1880

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to get the rent for the house

George worked onthe nets to unload the header wagons with

Sat 15 May 1880

Hoed corn in the new vinyard lot George worked on the nets. plowed the new Orchard planted Some Sweet corn and Beens

George went to Mr Greenes this afternoon

Nell

Sun 16 May 1880 [No entry]

Mon 17 May 1880

George went to Sacramento to arrange matters at the Bank

Went to Davisville and got a man to run the Harrow in Austins place he has the ague

Sold Olufs & Co 36# Butter 20 cts \$7.20

Ann and George come to day to make us a visit

Tues 18 May 1880

Mrs Pierce and Ann cleand house -- Ann went home this afternoon

Old Judy and Big colt

Wed 19 May 1880

George has the Ague

Mrs Pierce cleaned house

Went to Davisville to get Linement for a Sick colt

Thurs 20 May 1880

Harrowed and plowed Sumerfallow --

Commenced cutting hay (Alfalfa)

George has gon[e] to Mr Greenes to night Mrs Pierce cleaned house

Cleaned out the Tanks

Fri 21 May 1880

Strong North wind during the day Still adn fine this evening

Finished mowing Alfalfa and have it mostly raked

George has gon[e] to the mountains with Mr Greenes foldks for a soscial picnic

Mrs Pierce cleaned house

Sat 22 May 1880

Hived a Swam of Bees the first for two years

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George went to Mr Greenes this afternoon

Toock out Some honey this afternoon

Finished raking and cocking the Alfalfa hay

Sun 23 May 1880

Mr Hamptoin and Katy Kelly made us a Short call to day

Mon 24 May 1880

Strong North wind

Run two gang plows

Alle and Self worked in the garding all day

Flora & Henry French come back to day

Flora -- Mr Gillis got his trunks from Sacramento

Tues 25 May 1880

Strong North wind

Run two gang plows

worked in the garding a little -- Moved in the door yard with a Cythe

Wed 26 May 1880

Strong North wind most of the day quite mild this evening -- commenced mowing in the pasture north east of lone tree this morning commenced raking and bunching this afternoon -- George got the Header ought [out] to repair for harvist

Thurs 27 May 1880

North wind most of the day moderate verry Still and quiet this evening

The Tramp left this morning

went to Davisville and got a man to drive teem on Cultervater

Fri 28 May 1880

Verry warm day

Repaired the fence around the East field

Mr Croco made us a call to day -- George and Henry went to Davisville this afternoon

Sat 29 May 1880

North wind quite Strong Most of the day

Went to Woodland to get house rent but failed to get it -- the north wind is hurting the g[r]ain

Sold Olufs 28# Butter 20 cts 5.60

Harry Larkin come to day to make us a visit

Sun 30 May 1880

verry Strong North wind all day and is blowing harde this evening

Mon 31 May 1880

Strong North wind most of the day it has been a terable time on grain

blowed the heads off of Barly and dried up the wheat badly the north wind has done an emenc [immense] Sight of damage to grain in Yolo Co

Made fence So as to let Stock to the Creek for watter

Finished mowing north of the lland in the east field

Tues 1 June 1880

North wind moderate most of the day and quite warm

What little breeze there is this evening Seems to be South

hope the north wind is done blowing for a while

Turned three Sows and the old Stag Hog into the east field -- George went to Davisville this forenoon

I am not feeling verry well this evening

Alle and Harry hearded Stock on the Sumerfallow

Wed 2 June 1880

Went to Davisville and got the Mowing machiene knifes mended --

Cool South wind this evening I think it will revive the damaged grain Some

Thurs 3 June 1880

Went to Davisville and got two ment to hall hay

halled two loads of Alfalfa and three loads of Oat hay

Mr Mardin put in 58 head of Stock to pasture

Sold Olufs & Co 12# Butter at 20 cts 2.40

Fri 4 June 1880

Strong north wind all day halled one load of hay -- wattered the Pair trees -- weed[?] garding

Went to Davisville with Jane

Sat 5 June 1880

Went to Woodland with the wood 200# at 20 cts \$40.40

North wind untill about two Oclock this afternoon when it turned to the South and was cooler the rest of the day

Halled [blank] of hay -- Finish mowing this morning

Austin went to Sacramento

Sun 6 June 1880

Mr Dopkins and Ann and Mr Stiner and wife made us a visit

Mon 7 June 1880

Halled Alfalfa hay

Two of the men went to Davisville yesterday one of them got So much rot gut that he was Sick this afternoon and did not work

Tues 8 June 1880

Halled hay -- went to Davisvill[e] and got three men to work in the hay

Sold Olufs & Co 40# Butter at 20cts \$8.00

Wed 9 June 1880

Stong north windall day

Went to Davisville this morning with the wagon wheals to get tire Set

went to Davisville this afternoon to get the wagon wheels -- Mrs Pierce went with me -- Henry got home from Clear Lake

Thurs 10 June 1880

Stong north wind all night and most of the forenoon So much so that we did not hall hay untill afternoon --.

Austin Hoester left to day

George went to Davisville this forenoon

Fri 11 June 1880

Strong norht wind all of the forenoon and part of the afternoon -- Finished halling hay out of the east field -- Filled the Barn full of hay that is verry nice

Sat 12 June 1880

North wind quite Stron[g] most of the day

Got the Header in the field just at night and cut a little on the Knowl it is badly Shrunk

Finished halling hay

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got a man to help harves[t]

Sun 13 June 1880

Strong South wind all day and this evening

Mon 14 June 1880

North wind moderate all of the forenoon -- South this afternoon -- Mr & Mrs Gillis left to day --
She was dooing the cooking

Went to Davisville this morning Sold Olufs & Co 24 # Butter at 20 cts \$4.80

Commenced cutting wheat

Pitched on a load of hay this afternoon the first I have pitched for ten or twelve years

Tues 15 June 1880

North wind all the forenoon

South wind this after noon

Finished ahlling Alfalfa hay -- Pitched two loads this forenoon -- Looock after Calvs and Hogs this afternoon

Wed 16 June 1880

Commenced cutting Barly and Set the Drric

Went to Davisville this afternoon

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon

Thurs 17 June 1880

Finished cutting Barly a little afternoon [?]

Strong South wind most of the day -- I am not feeling verry well to day

Fri 18 June 1880

Went to Davisville and got things for Header --Went to Mr Greenes to See his derrick work

Strong South west wind all day and nearly west this evening

Sat 19 June 1880

Norht wind all day quite strong it has gon[e] down this evening doo not think it has done much damage

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Worked in the garden put horse manure among the Beets and carrots

Run the Header all day

Sun 20 June 1880 [No entry]

Mon 21 June 1880

Wind from every quarter to day and Some of the time quite Strong

Tues 22 June 1880

Went to Davisville and got a man to work in Webbers place he (Webber) does not fill the bill driving header wagon

Wheat is turning out better than we thought it could after so much north wind the forepart of the Season

Wed 23 June 1880

Went to Woodland to mill a little cloudy this forenoon -- South wind and quite Strong this afternoon and evening

Thurs 24 June 1880

South wind and fine weather for harvesting[t]

Fri 25 June 1880

South wind and fine for harvesting[t]

Sat 26 June 1880

North wind in the morning for a Short time

South the remainder of the day and quite cool

Dug potatoes in the garden -- Mr Croc come after dark from Vacaville and Stay all night left his horse in Hexts field -- Getting along fine with harvesting

Sun 27 June 1880 [No entry]

Mon 28 June 1880

South wind all day quite Stron[g] this afternoon -- the Boys let Derick fall over this afternoon

Tues 29 June 1880

North wind most of the forenoon South this afternoon and quite Strong and cool -- went to Plainfield to See about getting thrashing Machiene

Went to Davisville just at night to get rake for Derric

Wed 30 June 1880

South wind and quite cool this evening

One of the men left at noon and I have worked in the field this afternoon

Thurs 1 July 1880

Went to Davisville and got two more men

South wind and quite cool this evening

The wheat prooves to be better than we exspected

Fri 2 July 1880

Wind a little north this forenoon and verry warm

South this afternoon and evening and not quite as hot -- three of the men gave out to day

two of them men -- men that I got yesterday full of Whisky -- Went to Dixon to See about Sacks

Sat 3 July 1880

Strong South wind this evening -- went to Mr Greenes and [blank] 858# Barly

Went to Davisville Bought 6000 Sacks of Olufs & Co at 10 1/2 cent per anum [?]

Jesse Keeler come up on the evening train exspectting (sic) George to meet her but we did not get her letter

Sun 4 July 1880

Jesse Keeler come to make us a visit

Mon 5 July 1880

Finished cutting Somerfallow wheat -- and commenced on the Sonora that is not as good

Made fence acrost the creek

Tues 6 July 1880

Finished the fence acrost the creek -- quite a warm day

I am verry tired to night

Wed 7 July 1880

Went to Plainfield to See about getting Thrashing Machiene -- Got 747# of Barly of Mr Greene

Thurs 8 July 1880

Forty five years ago to day I arrived in Wisconsin in my 21st year -- at Pike creek nnow Kenosa City --

Went to Davisville to See about thrashing Machiene -- Mrs Pierce is quite sick to night

Fri 9 July 1880

Made fence around the Barly and Wheat Stacks in the field north of the Orchard -- cool South wind -- Janes colt jumped over a barb wier this after noon and hurt it quite badly

Sat 10 July 1880

Finished fence around the Wheat Stacks -- Attended Lodg[e] at Davisville the first in a long time

Sun 11 July 1880 [No entry]

Mon 12 July 1880

Went to Sacramento to get Some help in the house

Strong North wind in the morning but got into the South before night

Tues 13 July 1880

Brother Eligah(sic), Luis Morehouse and there wifes come to make us a visit

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Wed 14 July 1880

Finish heading this forenoon

Settled with the men and paid them \$268 -- ballance due them

Quite a warm day

Thurs 15 July 1880

Mrs Pierce, George and all the r[e]st of the folks went to Woodland and made Ann a visit

Gethered up the Hogs and put them in the field north of the vinyard

Fri 16 July 1880

The visiter went home to day -- George alnd Jessi Keeler went to Mr Greens this afternoon

I am not fe[el]ling verry well to day

Mrs Pierce is not well She has done to much harde work

Sat 17 July through Mon 19 July 1880 [No entries]

Tues 20 July 1880

Went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce with with me

got apples at the Yolo Orchard -- got \$32-- of Bullard and Pearce

Wed 21 July 1880

Went to Davisville Mrs Pierce went with me

got two half Barrels of Sugar -- George and the man fixed the pumps

Thurs 22 July 1880

Made Beds for wagon to hall wheat

George went to the Surveyers camp to see the Sights

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Fri 23 July 1880

Sent coop of Turkeys to the Graingers -- took Seven wheels to Davisville to have the Tier [Tires?] Set

Worked on wagon beds

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr McJayhans this afternoon

Sat 24 July 1880

Halled 190 Sacks of wheat from Hext for Seed

Finished the wagon beds

Quite a warm day

Sun 25 July 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended Church at Davisville

Mon 26 July 1880

Worked on wagon beds. got up the rest of the Hogs -- Harrowed around the wheat Stacks too keep the fier [fire] away

Tues 27 July 1880

Mrs Pierce and George went to Pleasant Vally and got Some Peaches and Tomattoes &c -- went to Davisville and got rods to fix the watter trof

Wed 28 July 1880

Went to Mr Greenes and got Som Cabage and Aples

Thurs 29 July 1880

Got Some more of the pigs -- Worked on the wagons

George mended Barly Sacks

Hextes field caut fier this afternoon and come verry near getting into our field

Fri 30 July 1880

George and Self went to see Mr Bird[?] to come and Thrash Mr Guthrie has poot us off again -- but he was engaged and could not come Think Mr Guthrie will be hear tomorrow

Mrs Byers com[e] tod day to make us a visit

Sat 31 July 1880

Commenced thrashing this afternoon

George has gon[e] to Woodland to attend mass meeting -- Mrs Byers went home this afternoon

Sun 1 Aug 1880 [No entry]

Mon 2 Aug 1880

Finished Thrashing Barly this forenoon and began on the wheat it is turning out much better than we expected nearly 500 Sacks out of the first Setting

Mr Dopkin and Ann and George come this forenoon to make us a visit

Mrs Pierce and Ann went to Davisville this afternoon

Empt[i]ed 192 Sacks of Sonora wheat into the grainry

Tues 3 Aug 1880

Commenced halling wheat to Davisville 100 Sacks 14300#

Went to Davisville to See about Storeing(sic) wheat

Wed 4 Aug 1880

George went to Pleasent vally for Peaches and Tomattoes -- Strong South wind all day and quite cool -- Thrashed wheat it is turning out much better than we expected

The men let one of the teems turn round and broke both of the wagons

Thurs 5 Aug 1880

George went to Cashville to mill. Repaires on the wagons is \$12.00

Fri 6 Aug 1880

North wind all day it made bad work with the Machiene. Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr Greenes and got Some Apples

Sat 7 Aug 1880

George went to Davisvill[e] and got Some Blackberr[i]es

thrashed about 230 Sacks of wheat this afternoon

The enjin(sic) is out of order

Sun 8 Aug 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended Church at Davisville

Quite a warm day

Mon 9 Aug 1880

Commenced thrashing on the creek the wheat is first rate

Tues 10 Aug 1880

Went to Davisville twice to See about getting money on wheat

Wed 11 Aug 1880

The Machiene run good all day -- Halled 253 Sacks of wheat

Thurs 12 Aug 1880

Went to Davisville and [took?] five hundred Sacks

got two tier [tire] Set on the two horse wagon -- Mr Croco made us a Short call this afternoon

Fri 13 Aug 1880

Halled wheat thrashed wheat -- George went to Davisville and got two hundred more Sacks

Sat 14 Aug 1880

Went to Davisville and drue \$1655-- an wheat

Finished thrashing at noon to day thrashed two weeks -- 6765 Sacks of wheat and 625 Sacks of Barly

Sun 15 Aug 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville this evening

Mon 16 Aug 1880

Commenced halling wheat for Sacramento Bank

Got the Stock out of the east field

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

George and Alle cleaned up Stack bottoms

Tues 17 Aug 1880

The Dutchman has gon[e] to Sacramento and George drove his team

Self and the Boys cleaned Stack bottoms. George got Lumber to make a gate at the north Side of the field

Wed 18 Aug 1880

Mr Mardin got the ballance of his cattle 9 head.

Mr Enos put his Sheep into the field to day

George made gate to put in the north fence at the road

Put 110 Sacks of wheat for See[d] and to grind &c in the grainry north of the Barn

Thurs 19 Aug 1880

George and Self went to Dixon and to Davisville to Sell wheat and the most we could get offered was \$127 1/2 for No 1 wheat

Fri 20 Aug 1880

Marked about 80 pigs

mad[e] watter hole larger at the lower Barn to watter Mr Enos sheep

Sat 21 Aug 1880

Fixed the fence around the north field and got the hogs into it

Put gate post near the brig [bridge] on the north line

Sun 22 Aug 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville

Mon 23 Aug 1880

George has gon to Sacramento to Settle with the Bank

Strong South wind this afternoon -- turned the Cows and hogs into the back field

Tues 24 Aug 1880

Hung the Gate at the back road -- Went to Davisville this afternoon

Halled gravil to put under the gate -- Halled wheat

Wed 25 Aug 1880

Cleaned up Chicken feed[?] -- George went to Davisville this forenoon

22# Butter to Olufs

Thurs 26 Aug 1880

Cleaned Stack bottoms

Mr Greene and Katy made us a Shrorte visit to day

Fri 27 Aug 1880

Recieved of Hext Bor[?] \$600--

Paid Guthrie \$527.69

Bullard & Pearce 72.31

Went to Davisvile this forenoon Mrs Pierce went with me and She Stayed and George has gone after her

Cleaned Stack bottoms

Sat 28 Aug 1880

South wind all day and quite cool this evening

Cleaned Stack bottoms

Sun 29 Aug 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville

Mon 30 Aug 1880

Went to Davisville to See a man about plastering the kitchen and bedroom

George and Henry cleaned Stack bottoms

Tues 31 Aug 1880

Went to See Monty this forenoon -- pick Grapes this afternoon for market

George and Henry cleaned up Stack bottoms

Wed 1 Sept 1880

Strong North wind this forenoon mor moderate this afternoon Sold Hoag 100# Grapes at 2cts
Mr Tufts 45 # at 2 cts -- put some pairs out to dry this afternoon

Thurs 2 Sept 1880

Finished halling wheat 6765 Sacks the best crop Since 1876 -- One of the men that was driving
teem got drunk and George had to take his place this afternoon

Mrs Pierce went to Mr Greenes this afternoon and is going to stay all night

Fri 3 Sept 1880

Commenced grinding Barly -- north wind moderate and quite warm

Sat 4 Sept 1880

Ground Barly all day

We have enough ground to last through the winter

Worked lathing the kitchen. quite a warm day

Sun 5 Sept 1880

George went to Hungry hollow with Henry

Mon 6 Sept 1880

Ground Barly

worke on the lath in the kitchen

Tues 7 Sept 1880

The last man left to day -- went to Davisville and got load or mortar to plaster the kitchen

George went to Mr Greenes to change Some wheat for Seed

Wed 8 Sept 1880

Went to Davisville and got load of mortar

George got load of old mortar for the chickens

Finished lathing the kitchen

Thurs 9 Sept 1880

Finished lathing the kitchen and went to Davisville and got the plasters to put on the plaster

Fri 10 Sept 1880

Plastered the kitchen and little bedroom

George went to Davisville with the plasterers. George and Self tended mson[?]

Sat 11 Sept 1880

George went to Davisville with butter to Mrs Hampton and Olufs & Co 30 lbs

Made trough for the Sheep to drink in and repaired the Stove

Sun 12 Sept through Wed 15 Sept 1880 [No entries]

Thurs 16 Sept 1880

George and Self went to Dixon and put the land into market

C[h]arly Jewit come home with us

Commenced Shearing Sheep

Fri 17 Sept 1880

Finish Sheared Sheep

Went to Sacramento to See about getting money at the Bank

Sat 18 Sept 1880

Self and Mrs Pierce went to Woodland with wool 297# at 14 cts

Sun 19 Sept 1880

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this evening to See Mrs Hampton

Mon 20 Sept 1880

George went to Woodland to see about Selling Grapes

Mr Greene and Tinkham made us a short call to day

Picked the Bartlet Pairs three large Boxes

Tues 21 Sept 1880

Worked at the Pairs this forenoon for drying

Worked on the Harrow this afternoon

Wed 22 Sept 1880

George has gon to the State Fair and is going from there to San Francisco to Stay a few days

Commence halling manure out of Cow correll

Thurs 23 Sept 1880

Went to Davisville to meet Mrs Eaton and daughter from Stockton but thay failed to arive

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Halled manure out of Cow correll

Fri 24 Sept 1880

Mrs Eaton and Daughter from Stockton come to day to make us a visit

Halled manure out of cow correll

Sat 25 Sept 1880

Halled manuyre out of cow correll

Went to Davisville

Mrs Eaton went with me

Sun 26 Sept 1880 [No entry]

Mon 27 Sept 1880

Went to Sacramento and got men to pick Grapes &c

Tues 28 Sept 1880

Commenced picking Grapes -- Went to Davisville to meet George Miss Eaton went with me
George come home from San Francisco

Wed 29 Sept 1880 Pick Grapes

Went to Woodland

Mrs Pierce Mrs Eaton and Miss Eaton went with me

Stayed all night with Ann

Thirty four years ago to [day] I was married to Eunice French She has been a good and true woman to me

Thurs 30 Sept 1880

Come home from Woodland -- Pick grapes

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Fri 1 Oct 1880

Pick Grapes -- went to Davisville with Grapes to Hoag 125# # to Tufts 61#

Went past Mr Greenes and left Mrs Pierce and Mrs Easton and Miss Eaton at Mr Greenes --
George went to Woodland with load of Grapes

Sat 2 Oct 1880

Mrs and miss Eaton went home this morning

Piked Grapes -- George Went to Davisville this afternoon to get Harrow teeth Sharpened
[In pencil, by another hand]: 16lb Butter 32 1/2 cts to Oloffs

Sun 3 Oct 1880

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 4 Oct 1880

Finished picking grapes for market -- finished putting out grapes for raisins -- it loocks very
much like rain this evening

Burnt the fox tail west of the House this evening

Tues 5 Oct 1880

George went to Woodland with the last of the grapes -- 4300 # at once cent per #

Halled Stras into the Barn for bedding

Wed 6 Oct 1880

George and Self went to Sacramento to attend some business at the Bank

Drue 1900 -- Dollars on wheat

Paid Austin Hoster	\$815 --
Guthrie	240
Brown	200
Callnot Co	100

Thurs 7 Oct 1880

Halled manure out of Cow corral with two wagons -- went to Davisville
Paid Olufs 340 --
Paid Harnis maker 25 --

Sold Hoag 62# Grapes

George went to Davisville this afternoon with 220# Grapes to Hoag

Fri 8 Oct 1880

A little rain about Eleven O'clock this forenoon the first of the Season

Halled manure out of the Cow corral

George and Self worked on the Harrows

Sat 9 Oct and Sun 10 1880 [No entries]

Mon 11 Oct 1880

Cleaned and bluestoned wheat for Seed

George fixed the wagons for going to mill and caught up Some of Horses

Tues 12 Oct 1880

George went to Cacheville to mill

Burnt Stubble in the Hog lot

Wed 13 Oct 1880

Cleaned wheat in the forenoon -- Commenced Sowing this afternoon

volunteered in the Hog lot

Thurs 14 Oct 1880

Strong North wind came up about 9 O'clock this forenoon and blowed hard all the rest of the day

George Sowed a few rounds and had to Stop -- Bluestoned wheat this afternoon

Fri 15 Oct 1880

Strong North wind blew all last night the fence caught fier on the Knowl Sometime in the night and was burning when we got up this morning with a Strong North wind we had harde work to put it out

Worked repairing fence that burnt up last night

Strong North wind all day

Sat 16 Oct 1880

Worked on the fence that was burnt on the Knowl -- Strong North wind

Sun 17 Oct 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville

Mon 18 Oct 1880

Finished fence on the Knowl it was badly burnt

Went to Davisville this after noon Sold Hoag 70 # Grapes at 2 cts

Tues 19 Oct 1880

Finished Sowing the Hog lot --

Went to Davisville this forenoon to get a man to drive Harrow teem

Sold Hoag 129# Grapes

Tuft 95

Wed 20 Oct 1880

Cut wood and put it in the Shed

Thurs 21 Oct 1880

Mrs Pierce and George attended Barbacuree at Sacramento

Went to Mr Grasons Auction Sale of farming implements Stock &c.

Fri 22 Oct 1880

Did chores around the house and Barn

Mrs Pierce come home this evening

George attend a Garfield meeting at Winters

Sat 23 Oct 1880

Burnt Stubble

George attended Garfield meeting at Winters

Sun 24 Oct 1880 [No entry]

Mon 25 Oct 1880

Finished harrowing the vollenteer

George went to Woodland to Sell the ballance of the Grapes -- and got Mr Groves press to make Some vinegar

Tues 26 Oct 1880

Picked Grapes and made vinegar -- Mrs Jewit of Sacramento dome to See her Son Charly this at work for us

Wed 27 Oct 1880

Picked Grapes and made vinegar Mrs Jewit went home this morning

Commenced Sowing Somerfallow --

Thurs 28 Oct 1880

George went to Woodland with load of Grapes

Edman [Edmund?] Gallop and wife Mrs Greene and wife made us a visit

Finished making vinegar -- Commenced Harrowing

Fri 29 Oct 1880

Went to Davisville Sold Olufs & [Co] 14# Butter at 40 cts \$5.40

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland to a Republican meeting

Burnt weeds on Somerfallow

Sat 30 Oct 1880

Mrs Pierce and George Stayed with Ann last night and attended a Democratic meeting in Woodland to night

Sun 31 Oct 1880

Mrs Pierce and George come home to day

Mon 1 Nov 1880

Sowed wheat -- Went to Mr Bullards to Sell Hogs

Burnt Stuble this afternoon

Tues 2 Nov 1880

Attend Election at Davisville

Sold Mr Miner 55 # Raisons at 6cts-- \$3.30

Wed 3 Nov 1880

George and Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento to Sell the Hogs -- Cut wood and Harrowed Somerfallow

Strong North wind most of the day

Thurs 4 Nov 1880

Got up the Hogs and Sorted them this forenoon and drove them to Davisville this afternoon
14155 # at 4 cts

4
566.20
8
\$574.20

Strong North wind all day

Fri 5 Nov 1880

The wind went down last night Sowed wheat on the Somerfallow

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville this evening

Sat 6 Nov 1880

Went to Davisville and got the money for the Hogs

Charly Smith left to day

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Sun 7 Nov 1880

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 8 Nov 1880

Strong North wind sprung up about 9 Oclock this forenoon and has blowed harde all day

George went to Mr Greenes and got his Iron Roler

Tues 9 Nov 1880

Drove up the Hogs and Sorted out light and Shut up to fat

George Sowed the lland

Wed 10 Nov 1880

Strong North wind all day and quite cool

Gethered up the Hogs again and marked three yo[u]ng ones and got two more to kill

Thurs 11 Nov 1880

Strong North wind all day and quite cold

Repaired Harrow

Harrowed on the lland one teem rooling the ruffest of the Somerfallow

Fri 12 Nov 1880

Strong North wind all day and quite cold

this is the third day that the north wind has blown

George and the men put a tung into Mr Greenes roler

Sat 13 Nov 1880

Went to Woodland and toock lunch with Ann and Mr Dopkin

Paid Bank of Woodland \$139.20 Mr Delt \$39.60

Recieved of Mr Ward October rent \$9.00

Sun 14 Nov 1880 [No entry]

Mon 15 Nov 1880

Went to Davisville and got Lumber for Harrows \$1.60 left with Mr Hampton for Mr Croco \$40.00 It has been verr[y] cold ice has formed on the watter trough for Several nights

Tues 16 Nov 1880

Strong North wind

Wed 17 Nov 1880

I am 66 years old today and the Lorde has blessed me with good health and a good appatite all a long through the Journy of life

The Strongest North wind of the Season

Mr La Rues field caught fier and did a conserable damage come verry near burning Mr Soule out

Thurs 18 Nov 1880

George finshed Sowing Somerfallow

Fri 19 Nov 1880

Geogre went to Sacramento to attend Land Suit with Brown and Bolden

Burnt Stuble north of the vinyard

Mr Croco made us a call this evening

The suit was put off and George come home this evening

Sat 20 Nov 1880

George went to Davisville this forenoon and [bought?] Squashes of Creamer and Rose

Burnt Stuble north of the vinyard

Sun 21 Nov 1880 [No entry]

Mon 22 Nov 1880

Went to Mr Wrights and got a pig paid \$5.00 and there is five more due he could not make change

North wind and cloudy all day

Tues 23 Nov 1880

A little rain early this morning not anuf to lay the dust

Picked 22 Turkyes

Went to Davisville and got gox to put Turkyes in

Cloudy all day and Strong South wind

Wed 24 Nov 1880

Strong North windall day and quite cold

Sent 20 Turkyes and s20 Chickens to market

Finished getting the fence out of the creek at the lower place. Finished harrowing Somerfallow

Thurs 25 Nov 1880

Got fence out of the creek. Got Montys Spring tooth harrow but there was too much Straw on the ground it would not work

George attended a party at Davisville this evening

Commence roling Somerfallow

Left \$5.00 with Monty to pay Mr Wright for the Pig

Fri 26 Nov 1880

Got the watter from the windmill in the hog lot and put them at the pump at the lone tree.

Commence Cultivating Barly

Gethered the hogs off the creek

Sat 27 Nov 1880

Strong North wind and verry cold

Cut wood in the creek

John was Sick and did not work to day

Mrs. Lewis come this evening to make us a visit

Sun 28 Nov 1880

Verry cold all day

Mon 29 Nov 1880

North wind and cloudy in the forenoon. quite cold the Sun Shone this afternoon

Mrs Pierce Mrs Lewis and George went to Mr McMahans this forenoon. Mrs Lewis went home this afternoon

Got the wood out of the creek that we cut Saturday

Tues 30 Nov 1880

Burnt Stuble all day

George went to Davisville and got Shakes for Sheep Shed. Strong South wind

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Wed 1 Dec 1880
Strong South wind

Commenced raining about 10 O'clock this forenoon and rained moderate all the afternoon and evening

Thurs 2 Dec 1880
Rained moderate all night and by Spells all day

Started to go to Sacramento but did not go any farther than Davisville

Was going to See about mold boards for the Old plow

Fri 3 Dec 1880
Rained most of the forenoon George and John went to Davisville and brought the wooden plow home

Sat 4 Dec 1880
Cleaned wheat for Seed looks like rain this afternoon and evening

Sun 5 Dec 1880 [No entry]

Mon 6 Dec 1880
Cleared up wind north moderate. Spred thrashing floes in the east field

George went to Davisville and got the new plow

Tues 7 Dec 1880
Cleaned wheat for Seed

Wed 8 Dec 1880
Went to Woodland

Mrs Pierce went with me Stayed at Anns all night. a little rain about 11 O'clock in the night

Thurs 9 Dec 1880

Come home this afternoon. the roads are verry bad

Fri 10 Dec 1880

Built a brig [bridge] in the Slough this Side of the Knowl

George went to Mr Greenes and got a pig

George is 30 years old to day

Sat 11 Dec 1880

Made fence around the Straw Stacks in the Hog lot

George went to Davisville and got an other man

Sun 12 Dec 1880 [No entry]

Mon 13 Dec 1880

Killed 10 Hogs Sold Mr Hampton one Weight 165#

Loocked verry much like rain all day

Commenced plowing this afternoon

Tues 14 Dec 1880

Commenced raining in the forepart of the night and rained harde untill Seven or eight Oclock this morning and the most of the afternoon. Cut the Hogs open and hung them up this forenoon

Wed 15 Dec 1880

Went to Davisville and got larde can &c

Cut and Salted the pork made Sausage this evening

North wind moderate

Thurs 16 Dec 1880

Started the plows again to day. finished making Sausage. Cloudy all day and loocks verry much like rain

Fri 17 Dec 1880

Rained all night and untill about 8 Oclock this morning

Sat 18 Dec 1880

George and Self went to Woodland and built a porch over the north door of the house at Woodland got done about dark and come home about 9 Oclock the roads are quite Soft loocked like rain evry minit but it held off untill we got most home and then it come harde

Sun 19 Dec 1880

Commenced raining about 8 Oclock last night and rained all night and untill a late hour this morning

Mon 20 Dec 1880

Commenced raining about 3 Oclock yesterday afternoon and rained all night and all day and is raining harde this evening

Made brine and put on the pord, and rubed the hams and Shoulders again with Salt

Tues 21 Dec 1880

Finished the fence around the Straw Stacks and turned the young cattle in

George went to Dixon and got money of Monty for butter

Went to Davisville

68# Rasins to Mrs Mardin

16# Butter to Liget

Wed 22 Dec 1880

George and Henry got Hogs out of Currys field this forenoon. Picked 32 Turkyes this afternoon Commenced raining aobut noon and has rained harde all the time and is raining harde this evening

Thurs 23 Dec 1880

Rained all last night and all this forenoon

George went to Davisville with 321 # Turkyes and a coop of Chickens to send to San Francisco

Fri 24 Dec 1880

Rained most of the day and last night

Sat 25 Dec 1880

No rain to day Colowdy(sic) and the Sun was not in Sight to day

Sun 26 Dec 1880

Quite a plesant day the Sun Shone most of the time. A heavy Shower this evening

Mon 27 Dec 1880

Several Showers this forenoon. cleaned up about noon and think we will [have] good wether for a while

Let the watter off the wheat

Tues 28 Dec 1880

Helped Mrs Pierce wash

it has ben so wet that She has not washed for three weeks. George went to Davisville with 9 Doz Eggs and 10# Butter to Leget

Wed 29 Dec 1880

Cut a fiew Peach trees this afternoon

George has gon to Davisville to attend the Masons Ball

Thurs 30 Dec 1880

Commenced plowing agina this afternoon

Sent 150# of live Turkyes to Lapar & Co

Fri 31 Dec 1880

North wind moderate and cloudy all day

run three plows

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Memoranda [p.1]

Marked 18 Pigs

Memoranda [p.2] [blank]

Cash Account. January [p.1]

Date	Received	Paid
3 Mrs Mow		100.00
" Mrs Hubbard Ballance of intrust for 1878		108.00
5 Taxes County & State		478.33
12 Of J Qut.[?] Clark for grapes 27.18		
24 Dues at I.O.O.F Today		3.00
" Cauldfield for mowing wheat		1.50
29[?] Mr Robson for Cow 45.00		
" Freight on Pig		.66
" let George have	4.35	
" Beef		1.00

Cash Account. February [p.2]

Date	Received	Paid
2 Bullard and Pearce	100	
" Gafford	45	
" J. T. Lillard on wh[e]at ballance		97.60
" Mr Greene for Mr Croce		80.00
" Mrs Hardigan		10.00
4 Dr Gardner for Hayrake		20.00
" A. C. Collens &co		3.40
6 Asses[s]ment B. A. Petaloma(sic)		6.00
[7?] For Squarrel poison		1.00
24 Continental Life Inshurance Co 66.70		

Cash Account. March [p. 3]

Date	Received	Paid
13 Michel Dumine [Dumine?]	800.00	
Mrs Hubbard		500.00
Guthre		160.00
Hampton for Guthre		48.00
15 Bullard & Pearce	160.00	

"	Levi Beck	261.70	
18	James Hartigan	11.40	
25	Dr Gardner		25.00

Cash Account. April [p. 4] [No entries.]

Cash Account. May [p.5] [No entries.]

Cash Account. June [p. 6] [No entries.]

Cash Account. July [p.7]

Date		Received	Paid
14	of Bullard & Pearce [H. G. Pierce in pencil]	368.00	
14	Paid men for harvist		368.00
20	of Bullard & Pearce	32.00	

Cash Account. August [p.8]

Date		Received	Paid
5	Guthre		2.00
14	" " "		220.00
"	Mrs S. B. Hubbard		783.
"	H. B. Smith		408.00
17	C. Burnick [?]		50.00
	Oliver Waldren		10.00
	Grainger Bank	1650.00	
19	Charles Jewit		11.80
20	Charles Comstock		10.00
"	H. L. French		10.00
	Waldren		42.60
27	R & T Hext	600.00	
"	Guthrie		527.69
"	Bullard & Pearce		72.31

25 Oliver

Cash Account. September [p.9]

Date		Received	Paid
3	Hext Bro	300.00	
"	Baker & Hamilton		300.00

"	Guthre Dukes Note		35.00
"	C. S. Comstock		23.00
"	C. Burnick & Wife		32.50
9	E W Brown		100.00
"	Guthry		60.00
"	Gra[i]ngers Bank	300.00	
10	The Mason		13.00
22	Olufs & Co. 16# Butter		
"	New Life I. S. Co		46.50
"	George		50.00

Cash Account. October [p.10]

Date		Received	Paid
6	Sacramento Bank	190.00	
"	Lorenz [?]	300.00	
	Austin Hoester		15.00
	Guthrie		240.00
	E. W. Brown		200.00
	J. P. Collins	100.	
	Olafs & Co	340.	
	Harnis maker		25.

Cash Account. November [p.11]

Date		Received	Paid
6	Ueilell [?] [Udell?]	574.20	
"	Olufs & Co		240.00
"	E. W. Brown		60.00
"	Snyder		30.00
"	James Hartigan		3.25
"	Charles Jewit		5.70
"	Hampton for Lumber		1.20
22	Wright for Pig		5.00
25	Monty to Mr Wright		5.00

Cash Account. December [p.12]

Date		Received	Paid
23	Mrs S. B. Hubbard		100.00
24	" G W [lone?][Nune?]		100.
"	S M Enos	100.	