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D-022 1:37: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1881

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[Note: All the entries through Saturday 10 Jan 1881 are in the first eight pages of the diary for 1880.]

Sat 1 Jan 1881

Strong North wind and quite cold

Sun 2 Jan 1881 [No entry, except simple listing of day]

Mon 3 Jan 1881

Went to Davisville the roads are verry muddy

George put a new gate in the correll north of the barn

Tues 4 Jan 1881

Went to Davisville and got two pigs that Elias Gallop Sent to me.

Plowed around the lower Barn and dug up som[e] Stumps

Foggy all day

Wed 5 Jan 1881

Strong North wind most of the day and [incomplete]

Thurs 6 Jan 1881

Mrs Pierce and George attended Doc Funcheim[?] funeral at Davisville

Fri 7 Jan 1881 [Which Pierce erroneously registers as Jan 9]

Hevy fog this forenoon

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Commenced Sowing wheat this afternoon in the east field on the creek

Sat 8 Jan 1881

Strong North wind all day went to Davisville and to Mr Greenes and tuck(sic) his roller home

[N. B. Now the entries are made in the 1881 diary itself, and no longer at the beginning of the 1880 diary]

Sun 9 Jan 1881 [No entry]

Mon 10 Jan 1881

Sowed wheat all day in the east field

Tues 11 Jan 1881

Loocks verry much like rain run three harrows

Finished Sowing wheat in the east field

Wed 12 Jan 1881

George went to Sacramen to and paid Mrs Hubbard \$120-- loocked verry mjch like rain all day

Run three harrows in the east field near the Barn

Thurs 13 Jan 1881

Strong South east wint and loocked verry much like rain all day finished harrowing in the east field on the creek. we have plowed and Sowed 120 acres this winter

Fri 14 Jan 1881

verry light Sprinkle early this morning with stedy gain untill about 100 Oclock wen it become quite a rain and remained So most of the day.

Put the hams and Shoulders Smoking

Sowed wheat north of Chicken yard for chickents

Sat 15 Jan 1881

Got wheat from Davisville for Seed that was Sent from Sacrament[o]

Sun 16 Jan 1881

Clear all day

Mon 17 Jan 1881

North wind moderat most of the day. it is South this evening. Plowed the Orchard lot for wheat

Tues 18 Jan 1881

Finished plowing in the Orchard lot

Sowed wheat in the Orchard went to Davisville

Wheat is down to 1.2 per cent #

Wed 19 Jan 1881

Went to Woodland and Sold Six hogs at 4 1/4 cts per #

North wind moderate all day and cloudy quite a Shower about noon

Thurs 20 Jan 1881

North wind all day and quite Strong and cold

Fixed for taking the Hogs to Woodland

Fri 21 Jan 1881

Strong North wind

George went to Woodland with Six hogs weight s1550 at 4 1/4 \$65.87

Plowed the windmill field and the little peas [piece] north of the Orchard

Sat 22 Jan 1881

Went to Davisviulle and attended Lodge I have not be[e]n down for a long time. Stayed at Mr Kinsman all night

Sun 23 Jan 1881

Heavy fog most of the day

Mon 24 Jan 1881

Commenced cleaning Sonora wheat for Seed

Heavy fog all day

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat

Sent Box of Eggs to the Graingers

Tues 25 Jan 1881

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Looked verry much like rain all day.

Heavy fog most of the forenoon

George ha[s] a lame Back

Wed 26 Jan 1881

Strong South west wind

Looked verry much like rain all day a little Sprinkle about 11 Oclock

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Mrs Pierce turned the mill the most of the day

Thurs 27 Jan 1881

Commenced Sowing Sonoara Wheat this afternoon

Looks veerry much like rain

Fri 28 Jan 1881

Commenced raining about 12 Oclock last night and rained all day

Sat 29 Jan 1881

Rained all last night and all day to day and is raining harde at bed time

The creek is verry high

Sun 30 Jan 1881

Night is has rained constantly for the last two days and nights and most of the time to day. The creek Banks are washing badly on the lower part of the Ranch Several rods of the levy and fence washed away

Mon 31 Jan 1881

Went to Davisville Sent postal order to Marblehead for garden Seeds 3.43

Sold Leget 35 # Butter at 35 cts 12.60

Tues 1 Feb 1881

Went to Mr Greenes to See about Selling about wheat

Loocks verry much like rain all day

Wed 2 Feb 1881

Loocks verry much all day. did chores around the house and fixed for picking Turkys

Thurs 3 Feb 1881

Rained most of the night and early this morning

Went to Davisville this forenoon Sold Leget 40 # Lard at 10 1/4 cts

Commenced raining about One Oclock this afternoon and rained quite stedy untill nearly night

Went to Mr Greenes and got Potatos for Seed

Fri 4 Feb 1881

Drained watter all wheare(sic) we ant to plow for Somerfallow in the north east corner of the upper Ranch this afternoon

Sat 5 Feb 1881

Rained in the night and Some this forenoon George cut the ham and Shoulders to pack away for Sumer

Sun 6 Feb 1881 [No entry]

Mon 7 Feb 1881

Cloudy all day and locked(sic) verry much like rain most of the time.

It Sprinckled Several times

Tues 8 Feb 1881

Clear most of the time

Cut wood pruned grape vines and picked turkyes for market

Wed 9 Feb 1881

Went to Davisville with Box of dressed Turkyes and coop of Chickens to Lasar & Co

Burnt Grape vines

Dug ditches to drain watter of the Sumerfallow land So that we can plow

Sold Leget 16 # Butter

Thurs 10 Feb 1881

Went to the Greenes this forenoon to See about the wheat

market wheat is verry low about \$1.15

Prune Grape vines

Dug ditches made Gardin &c

Fri 11 Feb 1881

Finished pruning vinyard this forenoon, and commenced plowin[g] vinyard this afternoon

Pruned Almon trees and plowed the Orchard. Looocks verr[y] much like rain this afternoon

Sat 12 Feb 1881

Went to Davisville Mrs Pierce went with me and Stays there over night. Mrs Dukes died this morning. Looks like rain all day

Sun 13 Feb 1881

A little rain last night and this morning

George has gon to attend Mrs Dukes funeral

Mon 14 Feb 1881

Went to Davisville and got Mrs Pierce. Commenced Sowing wheat this afternoon the land is verry wet

Tues 15 Feb 1881

Sowed a little wheat this forenoon. Commenced raining while we were at diner and rained all of the afternoon moderate and quite harde this evening

Wed 16 Feb 1881

Lowrry [lowery] all day with a little rain this forenoon

Thurs 17 Feb 1881

Clear and warm

Went to Mr Greenes to See about wheat

the Market is a little Stronger to day. the men cut wood

Fri 18 Feb 1881

Cut wood. Mr & Mrs Greene Katy Greene Katy Hutchinson made us a viset to day

George put in a culvert in the road this Side of the big Slough betwene hear and the Knowl

Sat 19 Feb 1881

Planted Potatoes at the lower Barn

Sun 20 Feb 1881

Attended Church at Davisville

Mon 21 Feb 1881

Plowed garden and planted a few in the garden

Plowed in the Windmill field

George went to Mr Greenes and Stayed all night

Tues 22 Feb 1881

Plowed in the windmill field and planted potatoes in it this forenoon and Sowed the last of the wheat this afternoon

Wed 23 Feb 1881

Went to Mr Greenes to hear Something about the wheat Market Harrowed wheat

Went to Davisville and got Sample of wheat

Thurs 24 Feb 1881

Went to Dixon with Sample of wheat think I will get \$1.20 offered next Monday

Finished Harrowing wheat and commenced plowing on the doby [adobe?] piece north east of the lone tree

Fri 25 Feb 1881

Commenced plowing in the big field

Mr Croco Stayed here to night looks very much like rain

Sat 26 Feb 1881

A little rain last night and early this morning

Sowed two little messes of wheat north east of the lone tree

Made garden and Sowed a little wheat Palestine from Mass

Sun 27 Feb 1881

Foggy this forenoon

Mon 28 Feb 1881

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat

Tues 1 Mar 1881

Went to Dixon to See about selling wheat

Mrs Pierce went with me

The price of what is a little better to day can get about \$1.20 quite a Strong North wind this forenoon

Wed 2 Mar 1881

Went to Davisville about the wheat matter

North wind this forenoon

Thurs 3 Mar 1881

Went to Davisville to Sell wheat. the market is alittle off today

Ground Barly this forenoon

Fri 4 Mar 1881

Went to Davisville ant[d] to Dixon to Sell wheat the market is a little off today

Sat 5 Mar 1881

Strong North whind most of the day. Went to Davisville this afternoon Wheat is no better

Have run three plows on the Sumerfallow this week on the banks of the Sloughs most of the land is wet

Sun 6 Mar 1881

Fine day Mrs and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 7 Mar 1881

Fine and warm day

Loocks like rain

Mat broke the tung out of his plow

Tues 8 Mar 1881

Went to Davisville to See about wheat not much improvement in the price about \$1.20 van
Landingham broke the tung out of his plow

Loocks verry much like rain

Wed 9 Mar 1881

Run tow [two] plows on the Knowl and one on the lland

Thurs 10 May 1881

Run the three plows the land is wet to plow good

John broke the lever to his plow

Fri 11 Mar 1881

Finished plowing in the little field at the windmill field for corn

George went to Davisville to get plow mended that John broke last night

Harde frost this morning

Nell 1

Sat 12 Mar 1881

Strong north wind all day

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Run three plows

Hard frost this morning

Sun 13 Mar 1881

Cloudy and cold this morning Hard frost

Mon 14 Mar 1881

Cloudy and cold all day. Harde frost this morning

Tues 15 Mar 1881

Finished plowing the iland

verry cold South wind

Commenced raining about 10 Oclock this morning and rained most of the day. Went to Davisville this afternoon with Turkyes to Lasa & Co

Wed 16 Mar 1881

Strong North wind all day. two men cut wood

Thurs 17 Mar 1881

Went to Davisville

Sold Leget 28 # Butter at 35 cts 9.80

Fri 18 Mar 1881

Made gate to the little lot at the Barn

Cleaned Chicken house &c

Sat 19 Mar 1881

Plowed Orchard in the Windfield lot

Went to Davisville

Sun 20 Mar 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self attend church at Davisville

Mon 21 Mar 1881

Plowed and Sowed Alfalfa East & West of the house Sowd(sic) wheat north of the chicken yarde

Went to Davisville and got Ann and George to make us a visit

Tues 21 Mar 1881

Run three plows

the land is to wet to plow good

George and Ann attended a Sosial party at Dr Merrits.

Little George and Self went a fishing and killed a polecat

Wed 22 Mar 1881

Ground the last of the Barly. Ann and George went home to day

I have been quite Sick this afternoon

Thurs 24 Mar 1881

I am feeling Some better to day. George went to Davisville and got Charly Shod and wagon pole mended

Fri 25 Mar 1881

Went to Woodland and to Mr Stiners

Mrs Hall come to make us a viset

Wheat is a little Slack to day about 1.22 1/2

Sat 26 Mar 1881

Commence raining about 6 Oclock this morning, and rained untill nearly noon.

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Sun 27 Mar 1881

Pet and Birdy [breeding]

Mon 28 Mar 1881

Went to Davisville with Mrs Hall She went home to day

Sun 29 Mar 1881

Plowed Orchard and vinyard in the windmill field

Sold Mr Mardin a Beef for 25--

Wed 30 Mar 1881

Went to Mr Mack Mahans And got Some See corn this forenoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon Mrs Pierce went with me

Ricieved of Mr Ward 27-- it being rent for Febuary March and Aprill

Thurs 31 Mar 1881

Planted corn it Should ben done two weeks ago

quite a warm dayh

Put the young Mule in the teem this afternoon

Fri 1 Apr 1881

Mr and Mrs Russil and Mary made us a vsit to day

George went to Woodland to the Methodist fair

Sat 2 Apr 1881

Planted corn in the little field by the windmill

Planted seet corn in the gardin

George come home this afternoon

Sun 3 Apr 1881 [No entry]

Mon 4 Apr 1881

Commenced plowing grape vines

Went to Davisville and got Sample of wheat to take to Woodland

Loocks verry much like rain. Set out tomato plants this afternoon

Tues 5 Apr 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to Sell wheat 1.20 was the most that was offerd

The Horses have all got Episoty

Wed 6 Apr 1881

George went to Mr Greenes with the Pig and to Davisville. Plante corn in the Orchard

Thurs 7 Apr 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville

I went to See about selling wheat. Mrs Pierce went to get her dress at the Shop

Fri 8 Apr 1881

Went to Davisville

Wheat is a little better to day. I got an Ague pad for George and Someone Stole it out of the Buggy

Sat 9 Apr 1881

Some rain last night and Several harde Shower[s] to day

Sun 10 Apr 1881

verr[y] hevy Shower this afternoon

Mon 11 Apr 1881

Started the plows to day

the land is to wet in places

Tues 12 Apr 1881

The coast Surveyer was heare and took dinner with us.

We went out into the field where he is grading to run the line

Wed 13 Apr 1881

Went to Sacramento to get Some hlep for Mrs Pierce

Thurs 14 Apr 1881
Come home to day

Mr & Mrs Chiles made us a call today

Sheared Sheep 55 head and paid \$4.00 for Shearing

Fri 15 Apr 1881
Plowed Somerrfallow

Spaded around Peach trees

George and John went a fishing

Sat 16 Apr 1881
Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland with 64 # Butter Sold at 20 cts

Loocks like rain

Sun 17 Apr 1881
Commenced raining early this morning and rained moderate most of the day

Mon 18 Apr 1881
Strong north wind this forenoon. South this afternooon. Marked 20 Pigs and 8 Calvs
Cashshayed 1 Mule and washed the Sheep in Tobacco. Bluestone and Sulfer

Tues 19 Apr 1881
Twenty nine years ago [1862] to day Mrs Pierce and Self left Wisconsin to come to California
acrost the Plains a long and teagus journey

Arrived in Plaserville 4 of August

George and Self went to Woodland with 279 # wool Sold at 16 cts for \$44.64

Wed 20 Apr 1881

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Forty Six years ago to day [1835] I left Homer State of New York to go to Wisconsin

arrived in Kenosha Wisconsin then Pike Creek on the 8 day of July 1835

George went to Davisville this forenoon. I went to Dixon this afternoon

Plowed Orchard at the windmill

Thurs 21 Apr 1881

Went to Woodland to See Mr Fisk about selling land Mrs Ruddock come home with me

Fri 22 Apr 1881

Went to Sacramento to See them at the Bank

Sat 23 Apr 1881

Lowry most of the day

Several light Showers in the forenoon.

George and Self went to Davisville to attend the Setters meeting

Attended Lodge

Sun 24 Apr 1881

Mrs Pierce and Mrs Ruddock went to Davisville to See Mrs Hampton

Mon 25 Apr 1881

Finished plowing Somerfallow

The Assessor was hear to day

Tues 26 Apr 1881

Attended Oddfellows Picnic at Woodland

George went with me

Wed 27 Apr 1881

Got Barly of Lillard this forenoon and ground it this afternoon

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North wind quite Strong most of the day

Mrs Pierce took off s94 Yo[u]ng turkyes

Thurs 28 Apr 1881

Went to Davisville this forenoon and to Lances this afternoon

Jane and Flora [breeding]

George got the Header up from the lower Barn

Jack pulled mustard

George cut weeds at the lower Barn

Fri 29 Apr 1881

Worked in the gardin most of the day and verry tired to night

Commenced halling manure

George went to Davisville with Butter to Legett

Sat 30 Apr 1881

Attended Picnic at Davisville. Mrs Pierce went to Mr Hamptons

Sun 1 May 1881 [No entry]

Mon 2 May 1881

Went to Sacramento to See about Land matters

Stayed at Mr Lewis

Tues 2 May 1881

Come home to day

Cool wether for the time of year

Wed 3 May 1881

Made fence across the Creek on the west line

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this evening to hear Mr & Mrs Stebens Sing

Thurs 4 May 1881

George went to Sacramento to See about money matters at the Bank

Made vinegar &c

Cool weather for the time of year

Fri 5 May 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

Mrs Pierce got a new dress and I got new pants

Sat 7 May 1881

Went to Davisville with two Boxes of Eggs

Katy Kelly come home with me to make us a visit. Watered the Tomatoes

Sun 8 May 1881 [No entry]

Mon 9 May 1881

Went to Sacramento and back to day.

A heavy hail Storm in the foot hills this afternoon with a slight Sprinkle here

Commenced cutting hay this morning

Katy Kelly went home this morning

Tues 10 May 1881

Commenced raking hay this afternoon

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento [to] attend Picnic

Wed 11 May 1881

George went to Sacramento to attend picnic

Mr Everingham made us a visit and Stayed overning

South wind

Thurs 12 May 1881

Went to Sacramento and mad a Shift of the Hubbard Morgage to the Sacramento Bank \$31000.

South wind and loocks like rain

Fri 13 May 1881

Mrs Pieve and George come home to day. north wind most of the day quite Strong

Hoed Corn in the gardin and Wattered the Cabage

Sat 14 May 1881

Cut hay. quite a warm day

I have been most Sick all day with Collic

Sun 15 May 1881

Attended Church at

Davisville Mr Gipson [Gifson? Gitson?] from San Francisco Preached

Mon 16 May 1881

Strong North wind

Gethered up the hogs for Spaying

Tues 17 May 1881

Strong North wind

Planted Ohio Potatoes that was Sent from Marblehead Mass

Mr Griggs comed to Spay the Pigs

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Halled 2380 # wheat to Davisville

Wed 18 May 1881

Finished cutting hay this afternoon

Halled Manure

Spayed 60 Pigs

Thurs 19 May 1881

Commenced halling hay halled 4 loads

Went to Davisville and got two extry men

Flory [breeding]

Fri 20 May 1881

Halled hay all day 12 loads

I am quite tired to night

George attended party at Mr Russells this evening

Sat 21 May 1881

Went to Davisville

30 # Butter to Legett

George attended the Teachers Institute at Woodland

Pet. [Breeding] Strong west wind all day and quite cool this evening

Sun 22 May 1881

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 23 May 1881

Went to Davisville with two boxes of Eggs to the G. B. Assosiation

Sold Mr Sanders a cow at \$45. recieved \$6.00 in cash and an order on J. T. Lillard for \$24-- the ballanc[e] on time

Tues 24 May 1881

Went to Davisville twice to day

North wind quite Strong and plenty of Ratts[?]

Mr Warde \$9.00 the month of May rent

Wed 25 May 1881

Went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce went with me

Mr Royce bled jane and we had harde work to Stop the bleed

Thurs 26 May 1881

Finished halling hay. Fixed fence acrost the creek

Turned the Sows and Pigs off the creek

Strong South wind

Fri 27 May 1881

Went to Woodland

Mrs Pierce went with me. toock diner at Anns

George worked on Derick and Header

Strong South wind

Sat 28 May 1881

Dug potatoes at the lower Barn. Mr Fish was hear with a man from Stockton to bie land

North wind most of the day

Sun 29 May 1881 [No entry]

Mon 30 May 1881

Went to Davisville this morning with 654 # Potatoes to Hoag at 01 per #

Sent load of wheat this afternoon to Davisville

George has gon to Burkly to attend Allumni meeting

Loocks like rain

Pet [breeding]

Tues 31 May and Wed 1 June 1881[No entries]

Thurs 2 June 1881

Fixed fence. Worked on header. Went to Davisville and got Wagon wheels

George Broockes come to day to make us a viset

George come home

Dug Potatoes

Hoag 550 #

Mrs Mardin 450#

Fri 3 June 1881

Went to Davisville

Worked [on?] Header and Wagons

Sat 4 June 1881

Went to Davisville

Worked on Header and wagons

Sun 5 June 1881[No entry]

Mon 6 June 1881

Commenced cutting Barly

Went to Davisville to get Som thing for Header &c

Jessa Keeler and her Brother come from San Francisco to make us a visit

Cold South west wind

Tues 7 June 1881

Finished cutting Barly

Commenced cutting voenteer wheat in the old Hog lot

Put in three falce gates in the fences to let the Header through

Wed 8 June 1881

Went to Davisville and of Brand[?] that was Sent from Cashville \$14-- Ton

Cut wheat in Hog lot

Thurs 9 June 1881

Went to Davisville to Sell wheat but failed to Sell. the market is a littl stronger

got 1/2 Barrel of Golden C Sugar of Leget 13 cts 143#

Fri 10 June 1881

Made fence around the wheat Stacks in the Hog lot, and put the windmill to running

I am verry tired

Sat 11 June 1881

Gethered up the Hogs and turned them into the Stuble in the No[r]th field

Little Julie [breeding]

Sun 12 June 1881[No entry]

Mon 13 June 1881

Made correll at the windmill for the Sows and pigs So as to eat out the morning glory

Quite a Strong wind this afternoon. Cloudy this evening loocks like a north wind tomorrow

I am not felling (sic) verry well to day

Tues 14 June 1881

All Sines fail in dry wether as the old Saying is.

I thought Shure last night that we would have a hard north wind to day

The wind South and quite Strong most of the day. Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat last years crop

Wed 15 June 1881

Went to Davisville and got two men. two leave in the morning

Cut and bunched the Barly in the Orchard

Thurs 16 June 1881

Went to Davisville this afternoon was offered 1.23 3/4 for the old wheat

one of the Stackers fell off the Stack and got hurt quite badly

The loader got his finger hurt quite badly

Fri 17 June 1881

Went to Davisville and got two men to take the places of those that got hurt yesterday

Sat 18 June 1881

Went to Davisville twice to day once to get a man and once to See about Selling old wheat. Sent two Boxes of Eggs to Lasam[?] & Co

Strong South wind

Sun 19 June 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

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Strong South wind

Mon 20 June 1881

Worked all the afternoon getting hogs out of the wheat

Finished cutting Somerfallow wheat this afternoon

South wind and quite cool nearly cold enuf for a frost this morning

Tues 21 June 1881

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat. North wind quite strong this forenoon South this afternoon

Wed 22 June 1881

Went to Davisville to Sell the Old wheat the market is not as good as it was a fiew days ago

Bought 5000 Sacks at 9 cts cash

Thurs 23 June 1881

Got the most of the Hogs into the north field this forenoon. Fixed the pump at the Barn this afternoon

Went to Davisville this evening and Sold the Old wheat at \$1.23 3/4 clear

Fri 24 June 1881

Went to Davisville

Settle with one of the men

went to take his blankets down. Strong South wind this afternoon

Sat 25 June 1881

Moved and repaired the gate north of the grainry. Quite a warm day. Peaches and cream for Supper off our own tress the first for Several years

Sun 26 June 1881

Warmest day of the Season

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Mon 27 June 1881

Jesse and Lorraine went home today

Went to Davisville with the wheels of the Old wagon to have them repaired

Received \$20-- of Mr Baily for corn

Tues 28 June 1881

Finished Harvest have got along Splendid

Strong South west wind

went to Davisville with the men and paid them for Harvest

Wed 29 June 1881

Cut Stubble around the lower Barn this forenoon. Worked on wagon rack this afternoon

Strong South wind

Thurs 30 June 1881

Went to Davisville this forenoon to See about Sacks. Mrs Ainsworth and Katy and Ella Greene made us a visit today

Strong South wind and quite cool this evening

Fri 1 July 1881

Went to Woodland

Miss Harkness went with me

Paid Lyford [?] for lumber to fence lot in Woodland \$16.68

Paid Garout [?] for Abstract \$29--

Paid Roades [?] the Assessor the mens Taxes \$16.00

Sat 2 July 1881

President Garfield was Shot to day by a Crazy Office Seeker

Warm day

Sun 3 July 1881

Attended Church at Davisville

Mon 4 July 1881

George and Jim attended the forth at Woodland

Went to Davisville and got 50 Dollars of Bullard & Pearce

Tues 5 July 1881

Got 2000 Sacks of Bullard & Pearce

a big field fier at Plainfield

Dug Potatoes this afternoon.

Mended Sacks this forenoon

Wed 6 July 1881

Repaired the pump at the House. Repaired Stable door. this forenoon Went to Davisville this afternoon. Paid Mr Greene \$10 --

Thurs 7 July 1881

Strong North wind most of the day

The thrashers come this forenoon but the norht wind blue So Strong that they did not start a fier

Fri 8 July 1881

Commenced thrashing

Halled two loads of wheat to Davisville 10 Sacks

Rossa Kelly and Wille Hampton made us a call to day

Sat 9 July 1881
472 Sacks of Barly

124 Sacks of wheat in the vinyard lot

Sacks of Sonora

Mrs & Mrs Steiner and famely made us a call to day

Strong South wind this evening and quite cool

Sun 10 July 1881
Mrs Pierce and Self attended Church at Davisville

Mon 11 July 1881
Repaired the pump at the windmill

Mended Sacks and Halled Barly

Strong north wind this forenoon

Tues 12 July 1881
North wind moderate most of the day

Mended Sacks, finished halling Barly

Sout wind this evening

Wed 13 July 1881
Mrs Pierce and the Girls went out to See them thrash and went Hextes field to See them thrash
thay have a Kitchen with them

Thurs 14 July 1881
Finished thrashing this afternoon a little Short of 5000 Sacks of wheat

Mrs Pierce and Self went to See Mr Brigs near Woodland to have him come and Spay Hogs

Fri 15 July 1881

Gethered up the Hogs and sorted them out to Spay

Marked 54 Pigs

Sat 16 July 1881

Husked Sweet corn

quite a warm day

Sun 17 July 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self attended Church at Davisville

Mon 18 July 1881

Went to Davisville this forenoon Sent the Graingers two Boxes of Eggs. the Boys weyed [weighed] 240 Sacks of wheat in the field

Tues 19 July 1881

Turned the Calvs into the Back field

Finished Husking the Sweet corn

Halled wheat into the Grainry for Seed

Wed 20 July 1881

Strong north wind untill about 5 Oclock this afternoon these from the South quite Strong

Mrs Pierce went to Mr Hamptons

Thurs 21 July 1881 and Fri 22 July 1881 [No entries]

Sat 23 July 1881

Attended Lodge at Davisville

Sun 24 July 1881

Attended chuyrch at Davisville

Mon 25 July 1881

Commence cleaning Stack bottoms

Tues 26 July 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville

She went to get a dress made

Wed 27 July 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Grenes to meet Mr & Mrs Foster from Kenosha Wisconsin

Thurs 28 July 1881

Mr Greene Mr Dardin and Mr & Mrs Foster and Ella Greene made us a visit to day

Fri 29 July 1881

Finished halling wheat to Davisville 4246 Sacks

[In pencil] 606 " in grainry

Sat 30 July 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this forenoon

Cleaned Stack bottoms

Attended Lodge this evening

George and J. L. Duagan joined the Lodg[e]

Sun 31 July 1881

Strong norht wind all day

Mon 1 Aug 1881

North wind but not as hard as yesterday

Pat commenced halling chicken feed

George prepared for going to the mountains on a hunt

Tues 2 Aug 1881

George & John went to the Mountains on a hunt

Got the hogs into the east field

Let George have \$25.00

Wed 3 Aug 1881

Tuck the lumber out of the Creek at the watter hole. Mrs Pierce went to Davisville

Thurs 4 Aug 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

Paid S. N. Mearing[?] \$14.00 for Brand

Fri 5 Aug 1881

Went to Davisville

Sent two [doz?] of Eggs to the Graingers. Let Haag have two Boxes of Grapes

Sat 6 Aug 1881

Repaired the fence around the east field

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon.

Got \$50-- of Bullard & Pearce

Sun 7 Aug 1881

[In pencil] S. M. G.

Mon 8 Aug 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self Started for San Jose to See brother Eligah and Henry French

Tues 9 Aug 1881[No entry]

Wed 10 Aug 1881

Went to San Leandro to See Mr Morehouse he come acrost the plains in 1852 with me

Thurs 11 Aug 1881 [No entry]

Fri 12 Aug 1881

Went to Oakland to See Mrs Church

we use to be School mates in the State of New York town of Homer Courtland Co.

Sat 13 Aug 1881 [Entered on Sunday 14th page]

Come home to day had a good visit with all the folks that we went to See

Sun 14 Aug 1881 [No entry]

Mon 15 Aug 1881

Went to Davisville to get Some boxes [bones?] for Mrs [Pierce's] Chickens
the team run away and one of them was killed by runing against a tree and broke its neck

Tues 16 Aug 1881

Went to Davisville

Sold Hoag 405# Pairs at one cent per #

brought home the wagon and harnes that was left there after the runaway yesterday

Wed 17 Aug 1881

Went to Davisville

Sold Hoag 90# Grapes at 2 cents per # 1.80

Picked up almons in the forenoon

Thurs 18 Aug 1881

Went to Woodland

Paid the Bank \$108--

Mrs Pierce went with me

Sold Hoag 147# Grapes 2.94

Fri 19 aug 1881
Went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce went with me to See Mrs Hampton

Sold Hoag 94# Grapes at 2 cts

Big fier in Davisville last night Burnt nearly one block in the Business part of town

Mr & Mrs Kelly come last evening to See Mrs Hampton die

Sat 20 Aug 1881
Picked Almons all day. Have quite a lame back am feeling verry tired to night

Sun 21 Aug 1881
Mrs Pierce and Self attended Church at Davisville

Mon 22 Aug 1881
Went to Davisville

Sold Hoag 210# Grapes

got Lumber of Hapton to dry Grapes on

Tues 23 Aug 1881
Mr Dopkin Ann and George come to make us a visit. Went to Davisville

Sold Hoag 61# Grapes

Wed 24 Aug 1881
Picked up Almons most of the day

Ann and famely went home this afternoon

Thurs 25 Aug 1881
Gethered almons

I have a terrible lame back

Fri 26 Aug 1881
Gethered almons

Sold Put [Peet?] [Pat?] Branigan two cows #45-- each

Sat 27 Aug 1881
Pat helped drive Branigan cows this forenoon

Went to Davisville Sold Hoag 117# Grapes 2.34

George come home from the Mountains

Sun 28 Aug 1881
Attended church at Davisville

Went in and saw Mrs Hampton She is no better

Mon 29 Aug 1881
S[h]elled almons in the forenoon

Dryed pairs in the afternoon

Mrs Pierce is not feeling verry well

Tues 30 Aug 1881
Strong North wind most of the day. Pealed and dryed pairs this forenoon

Picked Almons and Grapes this afternoon

Mrs Pierce can[n]ed Pairs this afternoon

Wed 31 Aug 1881
Went to Davisville

Sold Hoag 91# Grapes

Gethered Almons in the afternoon

Thurs 1 Sept 1881
Went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce went with me to See Mrs Hampton Sold Hoag 349# Grapes

Gethered almons

Fri 2 Sept 1881
Went to Davisville

Sold Hoag 137# Grapes

got \$100-- of Bullard & Pearce

Sat 3 Sept 1881
Went to Davisville

Sold Hoag 216# Grapes

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento

George Sent out four men to Stack Straw

Sun 4 Sept 1881
Strong north wind all day

Mon 5 Sept 1881
Strong north wind all day. Paired pa[i]rs and put them out to dry that fell off yesterday in the north wind

Commenced Shelling corn

Tues 6 Sept 1881
Strong north wind this forenoon. it went down this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr Greenes this afternoon

Wed 7 Sept 1881
Went to Davisville this forenoon with Grapes to Hoag 330#

This afternoon with 143# Pairs to Hoag

finished cleaning dirty wheat

Thurs 8 Sept 1881

Hauled Straw into the cow Barn. Went to Davisville Grapes to Hoag and had to bring them back he did not want them

Mr & Mrs Kinsman Started for Boston M[a]ss to Spend the remainder of their days

Fri 9 Sept 1881

Put Grapes out to dry for raisins

Mrs & Self went to Davisville this afternoon to See Mrs Hampton

Drew \$860-- on wheat

Sat 10 Sept 1881

Went to Woodland Paid Mrs Hall \$840 -- on note

Received of Ward [?] \$8.00 on House rent

Sun 11 Sept 1881

Mrs Pierce and George attended camp meeting at Woodland

Mon 12 Sept 1881

Commenced Stacking with four wagons

Tues 13 Sept 1881

Went to Sacramento paid Mr Lorence \$675.44 balance on notes Paid Baker and Hamelton \$87.50 balance on notes

Wed 14 Sept 1881

Went to Davisville Grapes to Hoag 200# \$4.00

Paid R & T Hext \$1012.00 Money borrowed last year

Went to Mr Greenes and got his wine press to make vinegar

Thurs 15 Sept 1881

Commenced making vinegar finished picking California Grapes

Stacked Straw run four wagons

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Mr Greenes to night Verry warm day

Fri 16 Sept 1881

Went to Mr Greenes with the Burksyear [Berkshire] Pig

Got Some Grapes for vinegar. The Boys commenced Stacking in the north field

Warm day but not as hot as yesterday or day before

Sat 17 Sept 1881

Strong north wind this forenoon. South this afternoon

Finished making vinegar. Stacked Straw in the north fi[e]ld

Sun 18 Sept 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self attended Church at Davisville

[In different hand, possibly Mrs Pierce's]: June [Jane?]came here to day

Mon 19 Sept 1881

Went to mill at Woodland

Gave Fisk notice of withdrawel of Land from market

Recieved of Mr Ward \$8.00 on rent

Tues 20 Sept 1881

Mrs Greene, Katy, Ella and Mrs Ross made us a visit to day

Went to Davisville 229# Grapes to Hoag

T. A. Gallop is hear this evening. Stacked Straw

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Wed 21 Sept 1881

Went to Davisville with Mrs Pierce She stays to watch Mrs Hampton. Got Lumber of Hampton to build correll for Straw north of the Barn

Got Harrow teeth Sharpened

" 128# Potatoes of Hoag 2 cts

Thurs 22 Sept 1881

Quite a Shower in the night the first of the Season

Several Showers this afternoon

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got Mrs Pierce she watched with Mrs Hampton last night

Repaired the big Harrow

George went to the State Fair

Fri 23 Sept 1881

Halled manure out of Cow correll. Pick up almons Jim & Wm have gon to the State Fair

Mrs Pierce went to Mr Hamptons this morning and has not got back yet

Mrws Hampton Died this afternoon

George come home from the fair this evening

Sat 24 Sept 1881

Finished picking almons

Halled manure out of Cow correll

Commenced harrowing Somerfallow

Went to Davisville and got Mrs Pierce She Stayed at Mrs Hamptons last night

Sun 25 Sept 1881

Attended Mrs Hamptons funeral at Davisville the longest prosession that was ever in Town

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Mon 26 Sept 1881

Attend Garfields funeral at Woodland a large turnout all of the Stores were closed and most of the buisness places, flags at half mast and meny places dressed in mourning. All of the Societys and Military marched in the procession. George went with me

Tues 27 Sept 1881

Stacked Straw

Went to Davisville Sent the Graingers two Boxes of Eggs. Paid Olufs \$215.75

Paid Fred Williger[?] \$199.25

Henry Lillard for Willigar[?]

Wed 28 Sept 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Stockton to visit Mr Wrights folks

Strong north wind when we left home and we found it blowing full as harde at Stockton

Thurs 29 Sept 1881

Attended the fair at Stockton

Stayed at Mr Etens over night.

Thirty five years ago to day I was marr[i]ed to Eunice French. It was the best act of my life. She has been a grate comfort to me and Stood by me through thick and thin

Fri 30 Sept 1881

Stayed at Ache Wright to night

Sat 1 Oct 1881

Started home at 12-21 and got home before Sun down

Strong South west wind and quite cold

Sun 2 Oct 1881

Cloudy most of the day and looks like rain this evening

Mon 3 Oct 1881

A light Sprinkle of rain this morning

Run three Harrows on the Somerfallow

George fixed the pump at the windmill and went to Davisville and got Oil cake meal that was Sent up from S. F one Ton

Commenced Shearing Sheep

Tues 4 Oct 1881

Commenced Sowing vollenbeer. Burnt Stubble this forenoon. Commenced cleaning wheat for Seed

Sheared Sheep

Two men here today after fat Hogs I was offered 5 1/4 cts

Wed 5 Oct 1881

Finished harrowing the Somerfallow for the first time in the middle field. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this forenoon

Commenced blueStoneing wheat

George burnt Nappa thisle on the creek

Thurs 6 Oct 1881

Finished Shearing Sheep Sacked the wool

Commenced Sowing Somerfallow in the East field

Went to Davisville and got load of bones

Bought Blacksmith tools of J. P. Collens Paid \$40.00

Strong North wind most of the day

Fri 7 Oct 1881
Strong North wind

Went to Woodland to See about Selling hogs

Sold Freeman & Co 448# wool at 13 cts \$58.24

Paid Mrs Hall \$94-- ballance on note

Sat 8 Oct 1881
George went to Mr Greenes and [got?] Snowflake wheat to finish Sowing Somerfallow in the east field

Cut wood and cleaned wheat

Attended Lodge at Davisville this evening

Sun 9 Oct 1881[No entry]

Mon 10 Oct 1881
South wind all day

Gethered up the Hogs for market Sold to Frank Bullard at \$5.40 per cwt[?]

Finished harrowing the Somerfallow in the east field. George Sowed the iland in the east field

Tues 11 Oct 1881
Drove the hogs to Market to day 76 head weight 13530 # at \$5.40 \$730.60 have 20 or thirty more to Sell in a Short time

Wed 12 Oct 1881
Fixed the roof to the henhouse

Tore down the Old hog pen and Started the Blacksmith

Cleaned and blueStone wheat for Seed

George and Jim are burning Stuble this evening

Thurs 13 Oct 1881

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Strong South wind and quite cold

George has gon to Woodland to attend Teachers institute

Fri 14 Oct 1881

Cleaned wheat all day

North wind and quite cool

Mrs Pierce changed the carpets in the Siting room and put up the Stove

Sat 15 Oct 1881

Cleaned and bluestoned wheat for Seed

Cut wood

Strong South west wind this afternoon and cloudy tryed harde to rain

Sun 16 Oct 1881

Attended church at Davisville

George come home from Woodland this evening he went to attend the institute

Mon 17 Oct 1881

Cleaned wheat for Seed. Drained off vinigar.

George burnt Stuble on the creek in the east field

Tues 18 Oct 1881

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento this morning with a teem

Cleaned and bluestoned wheat for Seed

Cut wood &c

Wed 19 Oct 1881

Cleaned wheat for Seed. Cut wood

Got up the horses to grinde. Got Barly to the barn to grinde

Thurs 20 Oct 1881

Commenced grinding Barly for horse feed

Mr & Mrs Kenlly and Katy made us a visit to day

Fri 21 Oct 1881

North wind all day

Ground Barly for the horses

Went to Davisville and got the new Stove

Sat 22 Oct 1881

Finished grinding horse feed. Cleaned wheat for Seed. Put up the new Stove that Mrs got in the city. George attends the Lodg[e] at Davisville

Sun 23 Oct 1881 [No entry]

Mon 24 Oct 1881

Commenced Sowing wheat on the Somerfallow north of the lone tree

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got blacksmith tools

Settled with D. L Maning for work \$37.12

Tues 25 Oct 1881

Went to Davisville and got lumber for the Blacksmith Shop

Got two ment to drive harrow teems

Sold Leget 177# Raisons

Wed 26 Oct 1881

Several light Shower[s] during the day

Went to Cashville to get brand for the cows

Went to Woodland and rented the Lot to JQA Clark for one year he is to pay \$30.00 in Six mont[h]s for the use of it he is to have the part that Redding has had for the last two years

Stayed over night with Mr Dopkin. Mr Ward paid \$16.00 rent on house

Thurs 27 Oct 1881

Come home to day

Quite foggy this morning

Worked on the Shop Some this afternoon

Took up Some honey got Stung Seven times

Fri 28 Oct 1881

Went to Davisville and [got] Shakes for the Shop in the forenoon. Worked on the Shop in the afternoon

George Sowed wheat all day

Sat 29 Oct 1881

George finished Sowing wheat north of the Slough. Worked on the Shop all day

Sun 30 Oct 1881

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 31 Oct 1881

Strong North wind

Attended Mr Souls funeral at the house at Oake Grove Orchard it was a Catholic affair

Tues 1 Nov 1881

Went to Sacramento and got two men to work on the ranch

Strong North wind all day

Wed 2 Nov 1881

Worked on the Shop

Went to Davisville and got the cole that I had Sent for the Shop

Thurs 3 Nov 1881

Worked on the Shop all day north wind

Mr Ward from Woodland Stayed with us last night he lives in Our house is pedling boocks

Fri 4 Nov 1881

John Collens come up to day and Set up Blacksmith forg and Started things about the Shop

Sat 5 Nov 1881

Went to Woodland on business with the Farmers Inshurance Co

Went [to] Mr Dopkins and toock lunch with them

Sister Elizabeth from Iowa is at Mr Dopkins. Mr Bice one of Georges classmates has come to make a viset they have gon to Sacrament[o] to night.

Attend Lodge at Davisvilled this evening

Sun 6 Nov 1881

At home all day

Mon 7 Nov 1881

Strong North west wind all day. went to Davisville and got lumber for Sho[doors. Sold Mr Mardin eight head of beef cattle at \$18.50 each he paid \$75-- down

Tues 8 Nov 1881

Strong North west wind all day and quite cool

Made and hung two of the shop doors

Wed 9 Nov 1881

Halled wood off the creek

made and hung the Shop doors

Strong north wind all day

Some wild Geese around

Thurs 10 Nov 1881

Strong north wind all day

this is the fourth day that the north wind has blown

Halled wood off the creek and got the fence out of the creek. Made doors to the old Shop

George mended harness

Fri 11 Nov 1881

Went to Davisville drue \$500-- more on wheat

Mr Hoag paid me \$40-- on Grapes that I let him have last fall

Sat 12 Nov 1881

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento to day with the teem. Paid the Sacramento Bank \$1898-- it being Seven months Intrest on land

Sun 13 Nov 1881 [No entry]

Mon 14 Nov 1881

George Sowded(sic) wheat all day. went to Mr Greenes and got 6 Sacks of Brand this morning

Sacked the allms [almonds] for market Sold Mr Marshal Some Hogs at 6 cts on the ranch he is to take them this week

Strong South west wind and loocks like rain

Tues 15 Nov 1881

Commenced raining early this morning and rained quite harde most of the forenoon

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looks verry much like rain this evening

Wed 16 Nov 1881

Clear and fine most of the forenoon commenced raining about noon and rained quite harde most of the afternoon

George and Jane went to Davisville

Thurs 17 Nov 1881

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Dopkins to celebrate my Burth day I am 67 years old to day. we had a good visit and a Splendid time

North west wind and quite cold this morning

Fri 18 Nov 1881

Harde frost this morning

North west wind and quite cold. Made gate for Horse correll. Gethered up the Hogs

Sat 19 Nov 1881

Sorted the Hogs and Sold Mr Marshal 9 head at 6 cts per # \$88.25. We have 13 head in the yard feeding

Sun 20 Nove 1881

George and Mrs Pierce attended Church at Davisville

Mon 21 Nov 1881

Finished Sowing Somerfallow this forenoon and killed a Hog. George and th milker burnt Stuble this afternoon

Went to Davisville and got Sister Elizabeth and her daughter from Iowa they are going to make us a visit

Tues 22 Nov 1881

George went to Sacramento with Almon the lot brought over \$80-- Harde frost last night

Wed 23 Nov 1881

Went to Mr Greenes this forenoon IdyBell went with me

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got an other man

Commenced plowing this afternoon

Thurs 24 Nov 1881

Held Thanksgivin at home

Mr Dopkins Ann and George, Elizabeth and Idybell toock diner with us. Started the third plow this forenoon.

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Fri 25 Nov 1881

Commenced winter Sowing and h [all crossed out]

Cleaned wheat for Seed. Sharpened harrow

got up the horses to harrow with

Sat 26 Nov 1881

Commenced winter Sowing in the north east corner of the east field

the ground is quite dry for plowing

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Loocks verry much like rain this evening

Sun 27 Nov 1881

Clowdy all day

Mon 28 Nov 1881

Commenced raining early this morning and rained about an hour clowdy and dark the rest of the day

Plowed & harrowed this afternoon. George Shot five Gees

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Tues 29 Nov 1881

Strong North wind this morning went to Davisville

Sold Jack Addamson five head of Hogs at 6 cts

Wed 30 Nov 1881

Butchered nine hogs this forenoon went to Davisville this afternoon with five hogs to Jack Addamson weight 918# at 6 cts \$55.08

Thurs 1 Dec 1881

Verry cloudy all of the forenoon an loock like rain every minet. Cleared up about two Oclock this afternoon without any rain. West wind this evening and quite cool.

It will frees hard before morning

Sold Mrs Hartigan a drest Hog weight 145# price 7 cts \$10.15

Fri 2 Dec 1881

Went to Davisville this forenoon Sold Mr Hampton a drest hog weight 134# at 9 cts per # \$12.06

Cut the Pork Packed the hams and Shoulders

Sat 3 Dec 1881

Went to Cacheville to mill and to get Brand

Looks verry much like rain. One of the men got hurt had his leg caught in the wheal of the gang plow

Sun 4 Dec 1881

Commenced raining early last night and rained moderate most of the night and nearly all of the day to day Some of the time quite harde

George Went to Woodlkand with Sister Elizabeth and IdaBell

Mon 5 Dec 1881

Cloudy all day loocks verry much like rain all day

Finished Salting the pork

made fence at the cow barn for Sheep pen

Tues 6 Dec 1881

Worked on correll north of the cow barn

George come home from Woodland

Wed 7 Dec 1881

Started three plows again this morning the land works verry nicely. Sold Jack Addamson nine more hogs weight 1200 # at 6 cts \$72.00

Thurs 8 Dec 1881

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Loocks Some like rain again Soon

I am verry tired to night

Fri 9 Dec 1881

Verry fogy all day

George went to Cacheville after Brand got one ton Paid \$20-- Cleaned wheat for Seed

Sat 10 Dec 1881

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Loocked verry much like rain all day

Run three plows and one harrow

Sun 11 Dec 1881 [No entry]

Mon 12 Dec 1881

Went to Davisville Mr Kelly come home with me to hunt Gees. George went to Sacrament[o] to See Mrs Hubbard about taxes.

Commenced raining early this morning and rained untill about noon

Wind north this evening quite strong and cold

Tues 13 Dec 1881

Started the plows again this morning quite wet

Went to Davisville and met George. paid JaneHartigan \$10.00 on act

Thurs 14 Dec 1881

Went to Dixon to See about Selling wheat and git butter bill of Monty Curry \$135.80 Wheat is dull

Clear most of the day

Fri 15 Dec 1881

Cloudy and dark all day and loocks verry much like rain a little rain this forenoon had to Stop the harrow it is to wet. Repaired one of the old gang plows and will Set the harrow teem to plowing in the morning

George is quite Sick to day

Sat 16 Dec 1881

Strong North wind and quite cool

Scowered the old gang plow on the Knowl and it goes verry well

Went to Davisville and got Dr Pierson for George

he is no better

Sat 17 Dec 1881

George Seems to be better to day. Went to Davisville this forenoon Sowed wheat this afternoon

Sun 18 Dec 1881 [No entry]

Mon 19 Dec 1881
Sowed wheat all day

very foggy and cold

started two harrows this afternoon

Tues 20 Dec 1881
Went to Woodland to pay Taxes this afternoon

Stayed at Mr Dopkins all night Mrs Pierce went with me

Finished Sowing wheat in the East field this forenoon

Wed 21 Dec 1881
Come home this forenoon

Commenced Sowin[g] Australia middle field this afternnon

Went to Davisville this evening with Jane Hartigan

Paid her \$10.00

Thurs 22 Dec 1881
Harde frost this morning

Sowed Australia wheat

Cleaned Sonora wheat for Seed

M[r] Greene Sent over Some Assparrogras roots

Fri 23 Dec 1881
Went to Sacramento to See Mrs Hubbard about taxes

She paid \$50-- towards the taxes. Hevy fog all day

Wheat is dull worth about \$1.55

Sat 24 Dec 1881

A little rain last night

looked verry much like rain most of the forenoon Sowed wheat east of the house

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Davisville to attend Cristmass tree and will Stay at Mr Hamptone all night

Sun 25 Dec 1881

Fine day Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville tooock Crismas diner at Mr Hamptons

Mon 26 Dec 1881

Comenced raining early this morning and has Sprinkled most of the day

The wind South east this evening and loocks verry much like rain

Tues 27 Dec 1881

No rain last night but loocks verry much like rain this morning

Started four plows this morning cleared up this forenoon

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Wed 28 Dec 1881

Cleaned wheat for Seed

George and Frank Sowed wheat this afternoon

Fogy all day

Run two harrows all day

Thurs 29 Dec 1881

Fogy all day, north wind moderate and quite chilly

Commenced plowing the Orchard lot. Cleaned wheat and Sowed Some this afternoon

Fri 30 Dec 1881

Fogy all day. Cleaned wheat for Seed

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George Sowed wheat on the creek. Went to Davisville. Sold Leget 16# Butter at 35 cts

Sat 31 Dec 1881

Finished Sowing wheat except a little around the house for hogs and chickens. have Sowed about 725 or 730 acres about 360 acres of it is Sumerfallow and about ["and about" repeated] 70 acres vollenteer the ballance is winter Sowed

Verry cloudy and heavy fogs

The Sun has not ben(sic) in sight fairly for Several days

Cash Account. January [p.1]

Date		Received	Paid
12	Mrs S. B. Hubbard		120.00
21	Sale of Hogs	64.00	
24	S. M. Enos	15.50	

Cash Account. February [p.2]

Date		Received	Paid
17	Mrs. S. B. Hubbard	50.48	

Cash Account. March [p.3]

Date		Received	Paid
28	Mardin for Beef	25.00	
"	Lasar &c for Turkyes	16.75	
"	Hampton Assessment		7.00
"	Van Landingham		5.35
"	Bullard and Pearce		20.00
"	Let George have		8.00
"	Mr Ward for rent	27.00	

Cash Account. April [p.4]

Date		Received	Paid
22	Sacramento Bank	3.00	
25	Mathiew Jener[?]		105.
"	Newingland Life I. C.	155	
27	Lillard for Barly		20
30	George		20
"	Jack	5 [?]	

Cash Account. May [p.5]

Date		Received	Paid
24	Mr Ward for hous[e] rent	9.00	
"	Mr Sanders for Cow	4.00	
30	Bullard & Pearce	30.00	
"	George		23.00
"	J. P. Hanks [?]		23.00

Cash Account. June [p.6]

Date		Received	Paid
13	J. L. Dunigan on deposit	14.00	
16	Bullard and Pearce	25.00	
"	Hugh McCormick		18.00
"	Albert Edgbett[?]		18.00
17	Bullard & Pearce	22.00	

"	J. L. Dunigan		.50
19	" "		13.50
"	Legett	50.00	
"	J. H. McC		5.00
"	Joseph		5.00
"	Tramp		4.00
"	Hampton for Inshurance		8.00
23	Cleninger [?]		24.75
"	Lasars &c	20.45	
27	Baily for Cow	20.00	
28	Bullard & Pearce for men	162.00	
29	" " J. P. Hanks	61.45	
30	" "	50.00	

Cash Account. July [p.7]

Date		Received	Paid
1	Lyford for lumber		16.68
"	Rodes mens taxes		16.00
"	Garutte [?] for Abstract		29.00
"	Anna Harkness		2.00
4	Bullard & Pearce	50.00	
"	James Hartigan		10.00
"	George		10.00
5	Hartigan	39.80	
"	Bullard & Pearce, Hartigan	39.80	
6	Greene \$10.00 Hoag 2.50	12.50	
7	Bullard & Pearce, Hampton	120.00	
16	" " Self	100.00	
20	J. L. Dunigan Harvist	20.00	
"	Hampton Inshurance	6.00	
"	Anna Harkness	29.23	
29	James Hartigan	31.35	
"	J. L. Dunigan	21.35	
"	Bullard & Pearce	50.00	
"	George	25.00	

Cash Account. August [p.8]

Date		Received	Paid
4	S. N. Mearing, Freeman & Co		14.00
6	Bullard & Pearce	50.00	
"	Pat Mulliniff		5.00
17	Bullard and Pearce	60.00	
18	Hoag	10.50	

"	Woodland Bank	108.00
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Cash Account. September [p.9]		
Date		Paid
2	Bulla[r]d and Pearce	100.00
3	Baker and Hamelton	100.00
7	Bullard & Pearce	15.00
9	On Wheat	860.00
10	Mrs Hall	840.00
"	Warde on rent	8.00
"	Paid City tax on Lot	5.75
13	on wheat \$2000--	2000.00
"	Put[?] Peet[?] Branigan for Cows 90.	
"	Paid Lorenze in full	675.44
"	Baker & Hamel in full	87.00
14	R & T Hext in full	1012.00
"	E. W. Brown in full	305.50
19	Mr Ward on rent	8.00
21	on Wheat	1000.00
"	J. P. Collens	187.00
"	Harness maker	40.50
21	C. M. Blazer	5.00
23	Wm Wily	5.00
"	James Hartigan	15.00
"	C. T. Wheeler for Mrs Mow in full	214.30
27	Fred Williger[?] in full	199.25
"	O. B. Olufs	215.75

Cash Account. October [p.10]		
Date		Paid
6	On Wheat	200.00
"	J. P. Connes for tools	40.00
"	Shearing Sheep	5.00
7	Mrs Hall balance on note	94.00
"	Freeman & Co on wool	58.25
8	The men	25.40
20	Wm Wiley	25.50
24	D. L. Maning	18.12
25	James Hartigan	7.35
"	C. M. Blazer	23.50
26	Mr Ward for rent	16.00

Cash Account. November [p.11]				
Date		Received		Paid
1	Pat Mulleniff		5.00	
"	Oneal & Howell			8.75
7	Mardin for Beef	75.00		
11	Grangers Bank on Wheat	500.00		
"	Hoag for Grapes	40.00		
12	Sacramento Bank		1898.	
"	let George have \$40-- Rifle		40	
30	Jack Addamson for hogs	55.08		

Cash Account. December [p.12]				
Date		Received		Paid
4	Pat Mulleniff		25.00	
9	For Brand and grist		23.75	
12	Mardin for Beef	68.00		
"	Addamson for Hogs	72.00		
13	Jane Hartigan		10.00	
14	M. S. Curry	135.80		
20	Paid taxes		168.54	
"	left with Mr Keen		100.00	
"	Paid Jane Hartigan		10.00	
23	Mrs S. B. Hubbard on taxes	50.00		
27	Frank March		14.50	
30	Peeters and Galiger		15.00	