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D-022 2:1: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1883

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Mon 1 Jan 1883

Commenced raining in the night and has rained moderate all day and it is raining this evening.

It has been a harde day on all kinds of Stock that was out

Tues 2 Jan 1883

Clear and fine all day and quite warm in the middle of the day.

George and the men worked at the lower Barn building correll

Wed 3 Jan 1883

Cloudy most of the day and loocked like rain every minet untill nearly night and the broke away a little

The Boys finshed the Correll at the lower Barn

Mr Dopkin come to day and brought a man to work

Toock the hams out of the pickle and Soaked them reddy for Smokeing

Thurs 4 Jan 1883

Went to Woodland got the ballance of grapes \$36.40. Put the ham Smokeing

Fogy this morning clear the rest of the day

Commence plowing agaain norht of the vinyard

Fri 5 Jan 1883

Cloudy and foggy all day

Commence picking up grape brush and burning

Run three plows north of the vinyard

George finsh marking out lands where the men are plowing

Cut and Salted 1/4 of Beef that George got of Mardin last night

Sat 6 Jan 1883

Clear most of the day

Run three plows north of the vinyard. Picked and burnt grape vines

I am not feeling verry well to day

Sun 7 Jan 1883

Clear most of the day

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

North wind quite Strong

Mon 8 Jan 1883

Clear and warm. North wind moderate

Finished picking up and burning brush in the vinyard

Docktored the Sheep for the Scab this afternoon

Tues 9 Jan 1883

Clear and fine most of the day. Commenced plowing grape vines. Run three plows north of the vinyard

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Loocks verry much like rain this evening

Wed 10 Jan 1883

Cloudy and fogy all day. North wind moderate

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Comenced Soweing wheat in the north end of the fi[e]ld north of the vinyard

Loocks like rain this evening

Thurs 11 Jan 1883

Clowdy and fogy allday and quite cold

Finished Sowing wheat north of the vinyared

George has gon to the canyon to See about the watter ditch

Fri 12 Jan 1883

Cold and fogy this morning north wind moderate

Cleared up about ten Oclock this forenoon without any rain

Strong South wind this evening and quite cold

Some hopes of rain yet

George has got home from the canyon

Sat 13 Jan 1883

Clowdy and fogy all day and quite cold. North wind most of the day

Loocks as tho it might rain or Snow Soon

Finished harrowing the wheat last night and commenced plowing again this morning for Ba[r]ly

We should of ben done Sowing nearly a month ago it the land had been wet enough to of plowed good

Plowed and harrowed the gardin

Sun 14 Jan 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

North wind moderate and q[u]ite cold

Mon 15 Jan 1883

Verry heavy frost this morning and cold the frost loocked like a young Snow Storm.
Commenced plowing the orchard

George went to Davisville to See about the Ditch matter

Tues 16 Jan 1883

Strong South east wind all day and quite cold. Run three plows north of the vinyard

Mrs Pierce and George to Putah Canyon to See about the watter ditch

The mustang hit Thornton over the eye with his fore foot. Harde frost this morning

Wed 17 Jan 1883

North wind this forenoon

Harde frost this morning

South east wind this afternoon

Thurs 18 Jan 1883

North wind quite strong this forenoon moderate this afternoon.

Finished ploweing northof the vinyard and commenced Sowing Barly this afternoon

Fixed penn for the Sow in the east Stable. Harde frost this morning

Fri 19 Jan 1883

Strong north wind commenced blowing Sometime in the night and has blowed verry harde all day and verry cold it has frose all day

Sat 20 Jan 1883

North wind moderate all day and verry cold

It was the coldest night I have Seen in the State

The most ice and the thickest I have Seen in the State.

George and Mat went to Sacramento

Sun 21 Jan 1883

Hard frost this morning

North wind moderate all day and quite cool

George come home from the city this evening

Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisville and left me to bake the bread and I did not understand it and it was not baked at all

Mon 22 Jan 1883

Cold morning as usual. north wind moderate all day and quite cold

Finished harrowing the Barly that was Sowed last Thursday. George and Self went to Davisville

Settled with George Hoag he owes us \$23-- balance on Grapes

Tues 23 Jan 1883

North wind moderate this forenoon South this afternoon and loocks Some like rain

George went to the Canion to day to See about gitting a place to board while thay are Surveying the ditch.

Wed 24 Jan 1883

Cloudy all day. a light Sprinkle about 9 Oclock this forenoon. quite a Sprinkle this afternoon from about half past 3 Oclock untill dark.

The two Mr Bryants and their famelys Mr Dopkin and famely and Granmah Dopkins from Woodland and Mr & Mrs Greene and Mr Cooper made us a visit to day

Thurs 25 Jan 1883

A little rain last night

Cloudy this morning cleared up about 10 Oclock quite warm

Wind moderate from most all directions South this evening

Plowed on the Knowl

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon and drove the Mules

Fri 26 Jan 1883

North wind moderate Sun Shone all day. loocks Some like rain this evening

Fixed fence between the middle and east field

Plowed on the Knowl

I was quite Sick this forenoon am a goodeal (sic) better this evening

Frost this morning

Sat 27 Jan 1883

North wind moderate all day Clear and fine no Sines of rain verry Soon. Sowed the two pieces North and South of the orchard to wheat for the chickens

George attended Lodg[e] at Davisville and was enstalled vice Grand. Pat Mulleniff that has worked for us come to day

Frost this morning

Sun 28 Jan 1883

North wind moderate quite cloudy this afternoon and evening

Light frost

Mon 29 Jan 1883

North wind moderate most of the day and quite Strong just at night

A little cloudy most of the day. Clear this evening and all Sines of rain has left us for this time

Creamer & Kincade mad[e] us a Short visit to day

Mr Greene commenced halling Sand of the creek

Tues 30 Jan 1883

Cloudy and fogy this forenoon the Sun Shone this afternoon. Scarcly no wind at all.

Worked at the lower Barn putting in Stalls and maingers

Wed 31 Jan 1883

Clear most of the day Cloudly this evening and loocks like rain

Mr Croco mad us a Short visit to day. Worked on the lower Barn this forenoon. George went to Davisville this afternoon

Thurs 1 Feb 1883

Cloudy at Spells all day

North wind quite Strong and cold. Went to Mr Greenes to Mr Chiles and to Mr Hammels to See about getting a pig

Fri 2 Feb 1883

Strong north wind all day and quite cold

Sat 3 Feb 1883

Strong north wind and verry cold. the coldest morning of the Season

George has gon to the Mountains about the ditch matter. Went to Davisville this afternoon.

Cloudy this evening it has been cloudy at Spells all day and verry cold. The hydrent was frose up in the Kitchen this morning

Sun 4 Feb 1883

Strong north wind and verry cold. the hydrents all frose up and pipes bursted

Mon 5 Feb 1883

Strong north wind and verry cold. Plowed in the afternoon. Tramp come along and filled [filed] all of the Saws

Moved the Sow into the grainry. George and Powel worke on the lower Barn

So cold that the men did not work this forenoon

Tues 6 Feb 1883

South wind untill about ten Oclock and cloudy then the wind turned north quite Strong with light flakes of Snow about one hour. norht wind rest of the day

Dogs kill fur [four?] Sheep last night. Harde frost this morning

Wed 7 Feb 1883

North wind all day and clear. Harde frost this morning

Fenced the Straw Stack in the lot nort[h] of the vinyard.

Cut and packed the hams and Shoulders eight cans and three Shoulders left

Finished plowing for the present at noon. Commenced cutting wood on the creek

Thurs 8 Feb 1883

North wind moderate all day and clear. Cut wo[o]d on the creek. Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

Fri 9 Feb 1883

North wind moderate and quite colld harde frost this morning. Took the old windmill frame apart that blew over from the efects of the north wind. The mill was built on the Big Ranch in 1856

George went to the Canion about the ditch matter

Two men cut wood on the creek

Sat 10 Feb 1883

North wind moderate

Repaired wind mill and pump at the house

George attended Lodge at Davisville. Flying clouds most of the day with Some Sines of rain Sometime. We need it verry much

Sun 11 Feb 1883

South wind quite moderate most of the day. flowting clouds. Sun Set in cloud this evening

Mon 12 Feb 1883

Went to Woodland to See about getting Some gravling on the road

North wind moderate all day floating clouds flying around all day

Mr Hampton and Katy Kelly made us a visit to day

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Got \$9.00 of Mr Clark for house rent

Tues 13 Feb 1883

Several light Showers during the day and evening about 1/4 inch

Spaded around the pair trees and cut wood

Wed 14 Feb 1883

A light Shower this forenoon. A light hail Storme this afternoon

George went to Davisville and got lumber for halling gravil

Thurs 15 Feb 1883

Clear most of the day and verry clear this evening North wind most of the day moderate

Hearded cows on the creek. Cutr an Oak tree that was like to wash away on the bank of the creek

George fixed wagons for hall gravil

Harde frost

Fri 16 Feb 1883

Strong norht wind most of the day. South this evening and loocks some like rain. Cut an other Oak tree on the creek

George went to Davisville to See Mr Covell about gravling the road

Harde frost

Sat 17 Feb 1883

North wind all day and this evening. Clear and fine. harde frost this morning

Hurded cows on the creek

George attends Lodg[e] this evening at Davisville

Twenty nine years ago to day Mrs Pierce and Self commenced work on the Big Ranch 1854

Sun 18 Feb 1883

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville

Doctor Glenn of Calousa was Shot and Killed last night

Mon 19 Feb 1883

Put four teams on the road haling gravel

George and Self went to Davisvill[e] to See Mr Chiles about trading piggs.

Went to the Silk ranch to See them pump watter out of the creek with thair big Engine

Tues 20 Feb 1883

North wind most of the day and the middle of the day quite Strong. Looocks a little like rain this evening

Some dogs come here last night and George Shot one of them thay were after mutton I Suppose

Wed 21 Feb 1883

North wind quite Strong in the middle of the day.

South this evening and keeps loocking like rain which we need verry much

Halled manure into the front yeard this forenoon

Went to Mr Greenes this afternoon

Thurs 22 Feb 1883

Went to Sacramento and back to day. Cloudy and fogy most of the day Clear this evening. George went to the Canion to day

Fri 23 Feb 1883

Fogy most of the forenoon. North wind most of the dya. South wind this evening

Spaded in the front yarde and plowed among the Walnut trees

George Mat and James went to Davisville to a party this evening

Sat 24 Feb 1883

North wind moderate all day South wind this evening and foggy. Spaded in the front yard and halled gravel on the road with four teams

Ella Greene and Florrance McKune mad[e] us a call to day

George has gon to Mr Greenes to Spend the evening

Sun 25 Feb 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

North wind and quite warm

Mon 26 Feb 1883

North wind and quite warm

Sun Shone all day. loocks like rain Soon which we need verry much

Three teams on the road

Tues 27 Feb 1883

Went to Sacramento got \$1000-- of John Davis

Paid Baker & Hamelton \$17--

Paid Mike Dwire [?] \$150--

The Sun Shone bright all day and quite warm

North wind moder[ate]

Wed 28 Feb 1883

North wind moderate and quite warm. A little cloudy this evening

Paid Life Inshurence Co \$152.05

" Mr Hampton in full \$ 20.37

Thurs 1 Mar1883

North wind moderate and quite warm. five teams on the road halling gravel

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Went to Mr Lillards to See about getting Some gravel halled on our road

Paid Mr Greene \$25-- on Subscrpsion

Fri 2 Mar 1883

North wind moderate and quite warm and dry. It loocks as tho the grain could not Stand meny more Such days and make much of a crop

Halled manure out of the Cow correll. Run five teems on the road

Sat 3 Mar 1883

North wind quite Strong and warm harde day on wheat. George has gon to Davisville to attend lodg[e]

Five teems on the road

Sun 4 Mar 1883

Attended church at Davisville

North wind moderate all day

Mon 5 Mar 1883

North wind moderate all day. Went to Davisville this forenoon bought 100 Sacks of Barly of Legget Paid \$120--. five teems on the road

All sines of rain has gon we need Some verry much

Tues 6 Mar 1883

North wind moderate and quite warm

Five teems on the road halling gravel

Mrs Pierce and Mat Carl have gon to church this evening

thay are holding p[r]otracted meeting this week

Wed 7 Mar 1883

North wind moderate all day

Five teams on the road hauling gravel Soule has forbid them getting any more out of the bed of the creek opposite his place. They have built a new road up the bank and will get gravel opposite our land and Mr Soule can keep his gravel

Jo Allen made us a call this afternoon. Charly let a Hog in with the Sheep last night and it eat one lamb[b].

Thurs 8 Mar 1883

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon and looks a little like rain Soon

Hauled Brush and Straw into the creek to make a road up the bank

Fri 9 Mar 1883

North wind this forenoon and quite cold. South wind this afternoon and evening and looks a little like rain which (sic) we need very much

Went to Davisville got a box of nice Apples of George Hoag \$1.75

Sat 10 Mar 1883

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon and quite cloudy this evening. looks more like rain than last night

Planted Sweet corn in the garden. Spaded around the trees in the windmill lot and tuned Jane & Judy in the same. they are to have colts Soon

Five teams on the road. Some of the boys have gone to town this evening. Charly \$2.80 George Safford \$1.00 James Hartigan \$1.00

Sun 11 Mar 1883

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 12 Mar 1883

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon and looks some like rain

Frost this morning

Foggy this forenoon and quite cold. Finished grading the road

Due us for work \$301--

Tues 13 Mar 1883

North wind moderate this forenoon. South this afternoon and evening quite Strong and loocks some like rain which we need verry much. it does Seem as the wheat and Barly was on its last legs. if we doo not have rain Soon the crop will be verry light if any at all

Wed 14 Mar 1883

Cloudy and loocked verry much like rain most of the forenoon.
Wind north South this afternoon and clowd[y] the evening

George went to Davisville this afternoon got pay of Mr Covell for work on the road \$301--

Thurs 15 Mar 1883

North wind moderate most of the day. South this evening

Went to Davisville John McCarty come home with me to stay a while if he likes us and we like him

Fri 16 Mar 1883

North wind moderate all day and quite warm

Repaired the windmill in the hog lot

George went to Davisville and got two horses Shod for ahlling gravel. It has been a harde day on poor wheat

Sat 17 Mar 1883

North wind this forenoon moderate. South this afternoon quite Strong

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got two horses Shod for halling gravel

Sun 18 Mar 1883

Attended church at Davisville

North wind as usual this forenoon. South this afternoon quite Strong and cool

Jane lost her colt last night

Mon 19 Mar 1883

South wind and quite Strong and chille (si)

The Horses broke into the wheat last night

Commenced halling gravel on the road to Plainfield with four teams one in the gravel Pit.
Wattered one pair tree this afternoon

Tues 20 Mar 1883

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon

Went to Davisville and got Nell Shod.

Warm day harde on grain

Five teams on the road

Wed 21 Mar 1883

South wind most of the day and cloudy and loocks verry much like rain this evening. Got things redly for going to mill tomorrow at Cashville. Nell

Thurs 22 Mar 1883

North wind this forenoon moderate. South this afternoon and evening and quite chilly

Cloudy most of the day

Went to Cacheville to mill. I am verry tired to night and am not feeling well

Fri 23 Mar 1883

Heavy fog this forenoon

Cloudy most of the afternoon. Southwind quite Strong and chilly

George Killed a Sheep this evening

Sat 24 Mar 1883

North widn this forenoon South this afternoon

Went to Davisville

repaired the windmill in the hog lot

Sun 25 Mar 1883

Attended church at Davisville

Strong west wind cloudy all day a verry fiew drops of rain when we were coming home

Looocks like rain this evening

Mon 26 Mar 1883

Good. It commenced raining Some time in the night and about half an inch has fallen at Sun rise and it has rained most of the day and evening. there has [been] about two inches fallen I think

Tues 27 Mar 1883

Rained most of the day moderate

It will Save the crop, alltho it will not be verry heavy the rain held off to long

Wed 28 Mar 1883

Commenced raining about Sun rise this morining and rained moderate most of the forenoon

South wind this evening

Sorted Sacks this afternoon

Thurs 29 Mar 1883

Heavy rain last night

Clear most of the forenoon

Several light showers this afternoon

The Boys Split wood. Mende[d] Bran Bags

Fri 30 Mar 1883

Heavy rain last night no rain to day. Cloudy

George and the Boys went to Davisville with one of the Colts

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Sat 31 Mar 1883
Went to Davisville

Sold Creamer & Rose a pig \$15--

Sun 1 Apr 1883 [No entry]

Mon 2 Apr 1883
Several light Showers early this morning

Commence diging post hole in the hog lot

Halled one load of Posts

Tues 3 Apr 1883
Heavy Shower in the night and an other one about Seven Oclock this morning. Halled one load of posts and two loads of lumber for Hot lot. North wind

Wed 4 Apr 1883
North wind quite Strong

Set posts in hog lot

Halled two load[s] of lumber

Commenced boring well at the lower barn this afternoon

Most of the Sheep got into the Somerfallow in the lower field

I am quite tired this evening. have been out most of the day

Thurs 5 Apr 1883
Went to Davisville and got Sack of Coffee of Legget

North wind most of the day quite Strong. Set posts in the Hog lot. Finished boaring well at the lower Barn

Commenced plowing Somerfallow this afternoon

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George has gon to Davisville to ge[t] more men

Fri 6 Apr 1883

North wind moderate this forenoon South this afternoon. Finished the well at the lower Barn

George tooock the well tools home this afternoon

Repaired fence on the creek that was taken down when thay ahllled gravil

Katy Kelly died this morning at two Oclock

Sat 7 Apr 1883

South wind and quite chilly all day, and cloudy, loocks verry much like rain this evening

Went to Davisville after Mrs Pierce

Sowed Some evergreene millet and made garding

My arm pains me bad this evening

Sun 8 Apr 1883

Loocked like rain all day

Attended Kayt Kellys funeral the largest procesion ever in Davisville

Mon 9 Apr 1883

Went to Davisville and to Mr Guthries. got 12 Sacks of Bran out of Leggets wairhouse. I am quite unwell verry tired and a terable lame back

Tues 10 Apr 1883

Loocks like rain North wind this forenoon and South this afternoon. My Back is better to day. Finished the fence in the Hoglot all but the gates

Wed 11 Apr 1883

Run three plows on the Somerfallow. Put about 75 young pigs into the back field

Strong westwind all day and quite cool

Thurs 12 Apr 1883

North wind all day and quite cold. two hale Stormes during the day. Moved the 100m Sacks of Barly from the warehouse to the mill to be ground that I Bought of Leget

Traded Hogs with Chiles

Fri 13 Apr 1883

North wind this morning quite Strong and cold South this afternoon and evening

Commenced Shearing Sheep

Sat 14 Apr 1883

Fine day a little cloudy Sout wind loocks Some like rain. Geor put gate into the Hog lot. Repaired pump and windmill

Went to Davisville and Guthrie Jane

Mrs Pierce is quite unwell this evening

Sun 15 Apr 1883

Cloudy most of the day

George went to Woodland

Mon 16 Apr 1883

South wind all day and quite chilly loocks some like rain. Set Tomatto plants and Sowed Some onions. Finished Shearing Sheep 142 head. Plwoed Somerfallow

Tues 17 Apr 1883

Went to Sacramento got Randle Harrow. Extres for plow &c

Got a Woman to help Mrs Pierce

Paid out expenses &c \$25.50

Loocks like rain Soon

Sister and George come to make us a visit

Wed 18 Apr 1883

Went to Davisville and got the things that I had Sent out yesterday

Loocks verry much like rain Soon

Thurs 19 Apr 1883

A light Shower of rain about 9 O'clock this forenoon Several light Showers this afternoon. Lay the flore in the old Shop to Store Bran

I am feeling qujite poorly to day. Shut the Hogs off the Evergeen Millet and made a new Trough for the Hogs. Mrs Pierce and Self left Kenosha Wisconsin 31 years ago to day for California crossing the plains arived in Plaserville the 4 of August 3 months and 14 day[s] across the plains

Fri 20 Apr 1883

Forty eight years ago to day I Started from Homer N. Y. to go to Wisconsin arived in Kenosha then Pike Creek the 8. day of July 1835

Worked on chickenhouse

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville. Found Rossa Kelly quite sick

Sat 21 Apr 1883

Worked on the chicken house

Sent 20 Sacks of wheat to Davisville

Commenced halling gound Barly

Went to Davisville and got Mrs Ruddock She has come to make us a visit

George went to Davisville and got Randle harrow. North wind this forenoon South this evening

Birdy had a cold this forenoon

Sun 22 Apr 1883

North wind all day quite Strong

Mon 23 Apr 1883

Strong North wind all day

Put Randle harrow together

Went to Davisville and to Guthries. Mrs Pierce went with me as far as Davisville and Stayed with Rossa Kelly

Cold ruff day

Tues 24 Apr 1883

North wind this forenoon

South this afternoon and quite chilly this evening and loocks Some like rain

Went to Davisville

Worked on the chicken house this afternoon

Nell Nell

Wed 25 Apr 1883

South wind and qujite Strong this afternoon

Worked on the chicken house this forenoon.

Worked on the mens house this afternoon

Thurs 26 Apr 1883

Went to Davisville this forenoon. Sold Larue a Pig of 15.00

George and Jake made fence acrost the Creek. I am not feeling well this evening. Mrs Ruddock has been quite Sick to day

Strong South wind this afternoon

Fri 27 Apr 1883

Broke the Randle harrow

Hung gate at the Big tree

Commence hearding the Cows in the field

Went to Davisville and to Larues with Flora

Sat 28 Apr 1883

Got the Randle Harrow Started again this morning

George and Larue went to Winters

Put about 50 Hogs into the back field

Sun 29 Apr 1883

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 30 Apr 1883

Strong South west wind all day. A little rain about noon. George repaired the Mowing Machiene and horse Rake

Tues 1 May 1883

Went to Davisville and Guthries. Strong South west wind

Left Judy at Guthris

A little rain about noon

George went to Woodland to attend Picnic

Commenced Haying

Wed 2 May 1883

Southwest wind and quite chilly

Made a Bee hive and hived the Second Swarm of Bees Turned about 50 head of hogs into the back field

Thurs 3 May 1883

South wind and loocks verry much like rain

George and Self went to Dixon to get extres for the windmill. Was offered Calcutty Sacks at 7 3/4 cts

We drove the colts thay went verry nicely

Fri May 1883

Commenced raining early this morning and raine moderate nearly all day. We have ten or fifteen tons of hay that is having the beifit of the rain

Worked on the bee hives most of the day. George worked in the Shop

Sat 5 May 1883

Rained moderate most of the day. the men all went to Davisville. new man come from the City. Work on Bee hives. George made gate hinges and gate

Sun 6 May 1883

Several harde Showers during the night and to day

there Seems to be more watter on the ground than at any time last winter Several heavy Show[e]rs during the day and it is raining harde this evening

Mon 7 May 1883

George repaired the windmill. Went to Mr Greens and got Some Softmaple trees

Hevy Show[er] about 9 Oclock this forenoon and loocks like mosre Soon about 3 1/4 inches has fallen this Storme

Two men cut wood

Tues 8 May 1883

Mrs Ruddock went home today. Loocks Some like rain again Soon

Two men cut wood George and two men worked on the [gate?] in the hog lot

A man fell ded at the Depo from Capay Supposed harte diseas

Wed 9 May 1883

George and the men lowerd the well deeper at the old Barn. Went to Davisville with the womn that was helping Mrs Pierce She did not fill the bill

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Thurs 10 May 1883
Halled Bran 126 Sacks

Bought 4000 Calcutty Baggs of Leget a 8 1/2 cts

Finished the fence and gates in the hoglot

Plowed in the windmill field fore Corn & Buckwheat

Rossa Kelly made us a Short call to day it Seem So Strange to not see Katy with her

Fri 11 May 1883
A little rain early this morning. light Sprinkle about on Oclock this afternoon

Finished halling Bran and Midlings

George had gon to Sanfrancisco. Planted corn

Sat 12 May 1883
Several light showers during the day

Mrs Stiner made us a viset to day

Onverhalled and counted the Sacks of Bran this afternoon 321 Sacks

Sun 13 May 1883
Mrs Stiner went home this afternoon

Mon 14 May 1883
Went to Sacramento and got a woman to help Mrs Pierce

Hoed potatoes in the Gardin. it has loocked verry much like rain all day verry cold this evening.
Strong South wind

Tues 15 may 1883
Commenced raining in the night and rained moderate most of the forenoon

Made a rack to Sack wool

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Wed 16 May 1883

South east wind and verry cold for the time of year

Commenced raining about two oclock this afternoon and is raining at dark and loocks as tho it would rain darde before morning

Mr & Mrs Mardin mad[e] us a call to day

Thurs 17 May 1883

Worked on chicken houses

Forty eight years ago today I arrived in Chicago on foot traveled from Monro acro[s]t Michigan

Fri 18 May 1883

Went to Woodland got \$30-- of Mr Clark for rent of lot and \$10-- on Charly Brown for Warde house rent

Sat 19 May 1883

George went to Guthries and to Dixon and got extras for pump

Sun 20 May 1883

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 21 May 1883

Went to Davisville with the pump twice

verry warm day

George made fence across the creek

Tues 22 May 1883

Went to Davisville and 8 iron fence posts at 90 cts each to make fence acros the creek got 8 3-4 redwood posts for the Same purpus

Rossa Kelly Mrs Drumon and Miss Hadsill made us a call to day

George put the pump into the well at the lower Barn

Wed 23 May 1883

Strong North wind most of the day and quite warm

Commenced halling hay into the cowbarn

Mage run against the fence and hurt my leg quite bad

Thurs 24 May 1883

Strong North wind and quite warm

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Cut hay &c.

Fri 25 May 1883

Strong North wind and quite warm

Made fence across the Creek at the lower place. Wattered some trees and the garden

Sat 26 May 1883

The men all but one attend the picnic at Tamony Grove

Warm day. Worked on the Bull pen

George has attended the picnic today

The Colts got into the wheat field this afternoon

Sun 27 May 1883

Warm day

Mon 28 May 1883

Martin got three yearling calves at \$25-- each \$75

Warm day. Went to Davisville this afternoon

Strong South wind this evening and quite cool to what it has been for a few days back

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Tues 29 May 1883

Commenced halling hay with the wagons it is verry nice hay and in good order. Went to Davisville and to Guthres

George has gon to the festival at Davisville thay are having it to rais[e] money for the parsonage

Wed 30 May 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Greenes and made them a good visit

Halled hay.

Strong South wind and loocks like rain

Thurs 31 May 1883

Halled hay Strong South wind and loocks like rain

Watterd the Tomattoes this afternoon.

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento

Fri 1 June 1883

Finished halling hay into the horse barn

Strong South wind all day and loocks Some like rain

Sat 2 June 1883

Hevy fog this morning

Finished halling hay this forenoon. Mrs Pierce come home from the city this afternoon

Strong South wind this afternoon

Sun 3 June 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self attend church at Davisville

Mon 4 June 1883

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

Commenced painting Waggon. Went to Davisville and got freight. Sent Rocker back to Mr Comstock

Mended the flore of the front porch

Tues 5 June 1883

Strong North wing all day and it is blowing harde this evening

Painted waggons and wattered the pair trees

Wed 6 June 1883

Strong North wind most of the day and verry hot

not much wind this evening

Finished harrowing the Somerfallow. Commenced oiling the harness

Thurs 7 June 1883

Strong North wind most the day it is Shellen wheat bad. George worked on the header Bed.

Mrs French Mrs Pierce Sisterinlaw and her daughter come to make us a visit. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville to meet them

Wattered Grape vines and pair trees

Fri 8 June 1883

Strong North wind worse than yesterday it is hurting wheat bad. Wattered Grape vines and pair trees

Sat 9 June 1883

North wind most of the [day] and quite warm

South wind this evening. Attended Lodge this evening for the first time for about eight mont[h]s. I hope the north wind has done blowing for the present it has taken about half of the crop

Sun 10 June 1883

South wind cool and fine

Mon 11 June 1883

All hands gintin (sic) reddy for Starting harvist

Started the header this afternoon. South wind and quite cool

Tues 12 June 1883

South wind cool and fine. Run three waggons this forenoon and four this afternoon in the north field

Wed 13 June 1883

Cool South wind all day and quite chilly this evening

Mrs & Miss French and Self went to Davisville this forenoon. Went into the field to See the Header and Deric work

Halled patent fence into the field to fence the stack

Thurs 14 June 1883

North wind moderate this forenoon South this afternoon

Mrs French and Miss French Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Greenes and to Plainfield and around to view the Country. Finished cutting wheat in the north field

Fri 15 June 1883

Strong north wind most of the day and quite warm

Mrs French and Lilly went home to day

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento

Commenced heading in the east field norht of the ditch

Sat 16 June 1883

South wind all day fine day for work. cut thisels on the creek near whair the old Barn Stood this afternoon

Mad[e] place to feed the pigs this afternoon

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Finished cutting north of the ditch and moved onto the lland near the old Barn

Sun 17 June 1883 [No entry]

Mon 18 June 1883

South wind fine day for work. Went to Davisville this forenoon

Mr & Mrs Anderson were hear to day thay are Selling picturs fo the Garfield famely.

Thay are Self Sharpners

Finished cutting wheat on the lland and commenced the Somerfallow on the creek

Tues 19 June 1883

Fine day for work

South wind

Hoed corn near the windmille

Wed 20 June 1883

Strong South wind.

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got Freight

Hoed corn

Thurs 21 June 1883

Went to Woodland left \$100-- with Stiner to pay W. M Coward. Toock diner with Mr Dopkin.

No market for woll (sic) [wool]

North wind in the forenoon moderate South this afternoon quite Strong

Toock a little Wheat to the Woodland mills and got Some of their new kind of flower

Fri 22 June 1883

South wind fine day for work. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this forenoon.

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Commenced cutting Barly this afternoon

Sat 23 June 1883

Finished cutting Barly

Commenced cutting winter [wheat?]

Sowed in the east field near Mr Soul. It is turning out verry well this year

George and Self attended Lodge the first time I have attended for six or eight months

Recieved of Legget & Co \$60--

Sun 24 June 1883 [No entry]

Mon 25 June 1883

Went to Davisville twice. got 100 Sacks of Legget & Co. Let Mardin have 144# Tallow

Tues 26 June 1883

Short of watter for Hogs at the windmill in the Hog lot. Strong South wind this afternoon.

Rossa Kelly Mary Drumon and Carrie Hadsill made us a visit to day

Wed 27 June 1883

Worked at the windmill to get watter for Hogs

Warm day I am about played out this evening

Went to Davisville

Drue fifty Dollars of Legget

Thurs 28 June 1883

Mr McKune of Dixon was hear to by land

Worked at the windmill in the Hoglot this forenoon

The big red cow had a Calf to day

Fri 29 June 1883
Went to Davisville

Sold Legget & Co 38# Lard at 15 1/2 cts per #

got [\$]100-- of Mr Mardin to pay harvist help. Warm day 102 Degrees. Comenced Thrashing

Commenced cuttin[g] winter [wheat?]

Sowed north of the Orchard

Sat 30 June 1883
Warm day the wind was in all directions quite Strong

The[r]mometer 102

George has fenced the Somer fallow Stacks of wheat on the creek and has gon to the Lodge this evening

Sun 1 July 1883
Hot day The[r]momiter 110

North wind moderate

Mon 2 July 1883
North wind moderate

Hot day 100 in the Shade 136 in the Sun

Finished cutting wheat

the wind turned to the South Just before night and it is Some cooler

Tues 3 July 1883
Went to Davisville and got the Mules shod for George to go to the Mountains

South wind and not so hot, but hot enought

Wed 4 July 1883

South wind fine day for work. The boys finished working around the Stacks

Gitting reddy togo to the mountains

sent Dr Halch [Hatch?] his Cow. Sold Drummon a Cow at \$45--

Thurs 4 July 1883

George and Mat Started for the Mountains

George had \$40-- and Mat had \$80--

Recieved of Drummon \$40-- towards the Cow. South wind fine day for work

Sold Mr Plat a Cow at \$50--

Legget & Co \$100

Fri 5 July 1883

South wind fine day for work

Went to Davisville and got bail of Barb wier to fence the wheat Stacks

Sat 6 July 1883 [No entry]

Sun 8 July 1883

The Horses broke into the wheat Stacks this morning. Forty eight years ago to day I arived at Kenosha then Pike Creek

Mon 9 July 1883

Went to Davisville and got a man to fence the wheat stacks.

Got trough to watter Hogs in and 10 fence posts (iron)

Tues 10 July 1883

Worked around the wheat Stacks

Wed 11 July 1883

Went to Davisville and got bales of barb wier of Brown at \$8.60 per 100#

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Thurs 12 July 1883

Finished fencing the wheat Stacks this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Brigs and got Some June plums

Fri 13 July 1883

Went to Mr Brigg and got Some Peaches to dry. It has been quite warm the forepart of evry day this week with a cool South wind in the afternoon

Sat 14 July 1883

The stocke broke the wier down around one of the wheat Stacks this morning. fixed that and put the Hogs trough out into the Hog lot this forenoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Sun 15 July 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 16 July 1883

Went to Winters to se[e] about Selling wool this forenoon. Went to Davisville this afternoon

Warm day

Tues 17 July 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to see about Selling wool and other matters.

Gave W. M. Coward \$100-- that I was foolish enough to promis him as land agent

Wed 18 July 1883 [No entry]

Thurs 19 July 1883

Got the Old Sow and her two pigs out of the hog lot.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville and to Brigses to git Peaches but there was none that was ripe

Fri 20 July 1883

Turned Sow and five pigs that has been runing around the Barn all Summer into the hog lot.
Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville got four boxes of Blackberrys

Sat 21 July 1883

Fixed gate in the north east corner of the Ranch

Went to Davisville and got Some bones for the chickens

Repaired fence around pile of wheat Sacks

South wind evry day this week in the afternoon and north in the forenoon

Sun 22 July 1883 [No entry]

Mon 23 July 1883

Sorted and mended Sacks

warm day

Tues 24 July 1883

Sorted and mended Sacks

Went to Davisville and got four boxes of blackberrys of Hoag

Wed 25 July 1883

Sorted and mended Sacks

Finished cleaning out the corrells. Warm day

Thurs 26 July 1883

Mended Sacks

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville

georg come home from the Mountains had a good time and lots of fish

Fri 27 July 1883

George went to Woodland with the wool and Sold for 10 cts per #

Went to Davisville and got 3000 Sacks and a little lumber for gates

Sat 28 July 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville

George made two gates and hung one of them back of the old grainry

Sun 29 July 1883

Mrs Pierce went to Davisville

Mon 30 July 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went [to] Woodland this afternoon

Stayed at Mr Dopkins over night. Went to see Mr Hayes about gitting Some Seed wheat

Tues 31 July 1883

Come home this afternoon

Mrs Pierce Stayer at Mr Dopkins two or three days.

Was offered money at the Yolo Bank at 7 percent on the land.

Wed 1 Aug 1883

Went to Davisville and got the wagon that I left to be mended last week

Got a little Lumber to repair the fence on the creek

The old Sow had nine pigs last night

Thurs 2 Aug 1883

Hung the gate on the road that leads to the creek where we go for watter to thrash with

Put 200 Sacks of wheat in the grainry for Seed

Fri 3 Aug 1883

George and Self went to Plainfield and Merrets Station to loock for Seed wheat

Sat 4 Aug 1883

George and mat got Seed wheat of McClellen west of Plainfield

Sun 5 Aug 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 6 Aug 1883

George and Mat cleaned the durty wheat. And some to take to mill. Went to Davisville and got a new man

Tues 7 Aug 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville to get an other man but thay all asked to much wages \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day to hall wheat

Wed 8 Aug 1883

Mr & Mrs Stiner and famely made us a viset to day

The Thrashing Machiene come this afternoon.

Warm day

Thurs 9 Aug 1883

Thrashed the barly 284

Commenced thrash[ing] wheat in the east field

Fri 10 Aug 1883

Thrashed wheat in the east field. Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr Treats after fruit

The Machiene broke did not doo more than half a days work

Sat 11 Aug 1883

The Machiene broke again to day it is not dooing good work

The cook has gon to the city this evening.

George has gon to the Lodge to night

Sun 12 Aug 1883 [No entry]

Mon 13 Aug 1883

Thrashed wheat on the lland broked some part of the Engin just at night

Wheat is verry good

Tues 14 Aug 1883

Finished thrashing the wheat is much better than we expected in quality quantity about 1/4
Short on act of the north wind

Nearly four thousand Sacks

Wed 15 Aug 1883

Commenced Stacking Straw. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Brigses after fruit

Went to Davisville and got a man to Stack Straw

Harry Larkin come out to drive the Derric teem

Thurs 16 Aug 1883

Stack Straw

Fri 17 Aug 1883

Stack Straw. Went to Davisville Sent the Grangers Some Chickens

Mrs Pierce has gon to San Francisco to attend the conclave.

North wind and quite warm all day. Fixed the fence acrost the creek

George shot and killed two Dogs that killed a sheep

Sat 18 Aug 1883

Strong North wind all day it has gon down this vening. Verry warm day. Wattered Tomattoes and peach trees

The norht wind and warm wether has made me most Sick

Sun 19 Aug 1883

North wind and verry hot

Mon 20 Aug 1883

Little cooler to day

Went to Davisville and got a man to ahll Straw he got his diner and left

Tues 21 Aug 1883

Finished the fence acrost the creek at the upper place

Went to Hexts and got \$150--

Stacked Straw with three wagons. Men are Scarce and harde to git

Wed 22 Aug 1883

Went to Davisville

Paid McClellen \$70-- [unclear word: Calame?] or Seed wheat

Thurs 23 Aug 1883

Went to Davisville this forenoon. Fixed the fence acrost the creek at the lower place this afternoon

Fri 24 Aug 1883

George Mat & Harry went to San Francisco this morning.

My feet are verry Sore and lame

Sat 25 Aug 1883

Went to Davisville twice to meet Mrs Pierce

Finished Stacking Straw at the lower Barn

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Warm day

Mrs French and one of her daughters came home with Mrs Pierce to night

Sun 26 Aug 1883

Warm day Stayed at home

Mon 27 Aug 1883

Stacked Straw in the got lot. Went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 28 Aug 1883

Went to Davisville with Grapes to Hoag 136# \$2.72

Tuft 106" 2.12

Stacked Straw in the middle field

Wed 29 Aug 1883

Finished Stacking the wheat Straw and commenced halling Barly Straw into the Cow barn.

Killed a Sheep this forenoon the first one that I have killed for a long time

George has gon to Davisville after Lilly French

Mrs Pierce made jelly

Thurs 30 Aug 1883

Finished halling Barly Straw and commenced cleaning wheat for Seed

Went to Davisville with one Box of Grapes to Hoag 76. Mrs Welch went home to day gave her \$20.00

Fri 31 Aug 1883

Cleaned wheat for Seed

One of the cows kicked me this morning and hurt me quite badly

Mended Sacks

Sat 1 Sept 1883

Cleaned whesat and mended Sacks

George attended Lodge to night. Mrs Welch come back with him

Sun 2 Sept 1883

Mrs French, Lilly, Anna Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 3 Sept 1883

Commenced halling wheat to Davisville

Went to Davisville and got 100 Sacks of Barly of Ligget & Co

Commenced grinding Barly this evening

Tues 4 Sept 1883

Finished grinding Barly

Mrs French Lilly, Anna Mrs Pierce and Self went to Chacheville and Woodland. quite dust and warm. The folks all Stayed in Woodland. I Stayed with Mr Dopkings

Wed 5 Sept 1883

Come home this evening

all hands about tired out

Thurs 6 Sept 1883

Warm day no wind untill nearly night.

tanks empty. had to pack watter to the Hogs, and pump watter for the Horses

Fri 7 Sept 1883

Mrs French, Mrs Pierce Lilly, Anna and George went to Pleasent vally on a Sort of a Picnic and to See the country

got a fiew peaches

Sat 8 Sept 1883

Repaired the tank house at the windmill

George has gon to Davisville to attend Lodge. The girls went with him

Sun 9 Sept 1883 [No entry]

Mon 10 Sept 1883

Mrs. Pierce, Mrs French and Anna French went to Sacramento to attend the State fair

Strong South wind this afternoon and loocks like rain Soon

George and Lilly have gon out riding this evening

Tues 11 Sept 1883

The folks have all come home from the State fair. Hoag 80# Grapes

Got Lumber for Harrows and for drying fruit

Halled wheat to Davisville

Wed 12 Sept 1883

Attended State fair Saw Some verry fine Stock and Hogs

The display of m[a]chienry was verry good. Come home this evning

Thurs 13 Sept 1883

Strong North wind most of the day quite calm this evening

Mrs Pierce, George and Lilly have gon to Sacramento to attend the fair

Fri 14 Sept 1883

Strong South wind all day

Wattered the late peach trees

I am not feeling verry well to day

Sat 15 Sept 1883

Thay all got home from the fair. well Satisfied with the Sights

Sun 16 Sept 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

George and Lilly went to Woodland

Mon 17 Sept 1883

Went to loock for Sheep Shearers this forenoon

Tues 18 Sept 1883

Went to Davisville with 71 # Grapes to Hoag

George worked on Harrows

Wed 19 Sept 1883

Went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce and Lilly went with me. Hoag 85# Grapes

Strong north wind most of the day

Gote \$52.50 for the Parsonage

Liggit & Drumon	\$20.00
Collens & Co	5.00
John Drummon	20.00
Charles Gifford	5.00
George Hoag	2.50

Thurs 20 Sept 1883

Went over South to See about a man to Shear Sheep

North wind moderate all day. Finished halling wheat this forenoon.

Cleaned wheat for Seed this afternoon

Fri 21 Sept 1883

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Sat 22 Sept 1883
Cleaned wheat for seed

George and Self attended Lodge at Davisville the first time that I have attended for a long time

Sun 23 Sept 1883 [No Entry]

Mon 24 Sept 1883
Cleaned wheat for seed

Put out Some peaches to dry. Pick Grapes for Hoag

The Sewing Machiene agent Mr Tuson Stay hear this evenin paid balance on Sewing Machiene \$25.00

Tues 25 Sept 1883
Went to Davisville this morning with Lilly French She has gon home. George has gon to Chcheville (sic) [Cacheville] to Mill

Hoag 72 # Grapes

Wed 26 Sept 1883
Commenceed Shearing Sheep 134 head

George come home from Mill. Commenced picking Grapes. Marding got 9 hear of Beef cattle at \$35-- per head

Thurs 27 Sept 1883
All hand pic[k]ed Grapes

Went to Davisville Mrs Pierce went with me

Tuft 82# Grapes
Hoag 77 " "

Fri 28 Sept 1883
Katy & Ella Greene made us a viset this forenoon

Rossa Kelly and Mrs Anderson mad us a viset this afternoon

Finished Shearing Sheep 134 head paid \$10.70

Sat 29 Sept 1883

Went to Davisville. Sold Hoag 176# Grapes. Drue \$100-- of Mardin on Beef. Paid Mat Carl \$85-- in full to Sept 19 1883 for work

I was marr[i]ed to Eunice French Thirty Seven years ago to night, one of the best woman (if not the best) that ever lived She has been a grate cumfort to me

First rain of the Season this afternoon and evening

Sun 30 Sept 1883

A little rain to day

Mon 1 Oct 1883

Hevy Shower about noon to day

Went to Davisville with Grapes to Tuft 70

" " Hoag 82

Tues 2 Oct 1883

Went to Davisville with the wool Shiped it to Sanfrancisco

North wind quite Strong

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Davisville to attnd church the presbitary meet in Davisville this year

Wed 3 Oct 1883

Reverans[?] Drum come home with Mrs Pierce and George

Went to Davisville Mrs Pierce stays there all day

Commenced Sowing volenteer for hay

Commenced Sowing Somerfallow this afternoon

George has gon to Davisville after Mrs Pierce and the ministers

Loocks very much like rain this evening

Thurs 4 Oct 1883

The last day of the Presbitary and picnic. Loocks Some like rain. Mr Dopkin was hear and got a pig

Sent the New Ingland Inshurence Company \$52--
Petaluma Inshurnence " \$10--

Settled with Mardin for Beef and Sheep. Paid Butcher bill to date

Fri 5 Oct 1883

Went to Woodland and put a new flore in the Kitchen to the old house

Staid with Dr Ruddock over night

Sat 6 Oct 1883

Finished flore in the old house at Woodland

Mrs Pierce and George Went to Woodland

George repaired the roof and went to the land Sale at the Maples

Mrs Pierce and Self come home

George attended Lodge at Davisville

Sun 7 Oct 1883

Not feeling verry well after my job at Woodland

Mon 8 Oct 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Cacheville and [got] Apples and to Woodland and got Potatoes.
George Sowed Somerfallow

Tues 9 Oct 1883

Picked the last box of Grapes for the Season

Sold to Hoag 87#

Sent Pope[?] & Co 2 Boxes of Eggs

Had North wind most of the time for Several days Some of the time quite Strong

Wed 10 Oct 1883

Strong North wind all day

George had to Sow Some wheat to keep the teams going

Put wood into the Woodhouse &c

Thurs 11 Oct 1883

North wind all day and quite Strong in the forenoon quite moderate this afternoon. Repaired panels of fence to let the Stock and Hogs to the creek

Fri 12 Oct 1883

Made a wattering place for the Hogs and Stock at the lower place.

Nort[h] wind moderate fine day

George Sowed wheat on the Somerfallow

Sat 13 Oct 1883

Finished the wattering place and cut thisels and burs om the east field

Sun 14 Oct 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville this evning

quite cool and chilly this evening

Mon 15 Oct 1883

Still day the tanks are empty. Halle manure out of cow correll

George repaired the cow Barn in the forenoon

Sowed wheat in afternoon

Tues 16 Oct 1883

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento this afternoon

Mr Plat was found ded in his bed he had been ded four or five days

Wed 17 Oct 1883

George finished Sowing wheat north of the Slew (Slough) Went to Davisville and got lumber for Barn doors

Thurs 18 Oct 1883

George went to Sacramento with the teem and tooock in fifteen Sheep Skins got about 40cts each

Peet and Self cleaned the woodyard

Mrs Pierce and George come home this evening

North wind quite Strong in the forenoon

Fri 18 Oct 1883

Sorted the Hogs and marked a fiew pig. Shut up eight hogs to fatten for our meet another year, and about twenty Sows for bruders

Sat 20 Oct 1883

Turned the Sows into the back field

George halled Barly from Mr Greenes for Seed

Sun 21 Oct 1883

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

Mon 22 Oct 1883

George commenced Sowing wheat on the creek

Fixed for feeding the fat Hogs. A good many Gees around this morning

Tues 23 Oct 1883

Cloudy this afternoon

North wind quite Strong and a little rain

George and Self went to Davisville this afternoon Sold the whesat to Legget at 1.55 clear

Paid Rossa \$52.50 that I had collected for the Parsonage

Wed 24 Oct 1883

Loocked verry much like rain all day

Worked around the house toock up the Carpet and fixed for putting up the Stove

Thurs 25 Oct 1883

Worked around the pig pen this forenoon

Went to Woodland this afternoon and toock Mrs Hall home. Loocked verry much like rain this forenoon

Finished Sowing wheat

Clear and fine this afternoon

North wind quite Strong

Fri 26 Oct 1883

Stayed at Mr Dopkins last night. Cold South wind this morning and loocks verry much like rain. Come home this forenoon

Commenced raining about noon and has rained most of the afternoon and is raining quite harde this evening. The yard is covered with watter

Finished harrowing the wheat at noon

Sat 27 Oct 1883

Cleared off in the night the Sun came out bright this morning but clouded up again Soon and has loocked like rain all day

Halled gravel into Horse correll &c

Sun 28 Oct 1883 [No entry]

Mon 29 Oct 1883

Halled gravel into the horse correll.

Went to Davisville

North wind strong most of the [day?]

George and Mat fixed culvert acrost the road this Sid[e] of the Knowl

Tues 30 Oct 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr. Greenes and to Davisville

Went to Mr Hamells to get Some quinces did not get any

Halled gravil into the road north of the Knowl

Wed 31 Oct 1883

George went to Sacramento paid intrest on the note \$31000-- at the Bank \$2480--

Worked on gardin fence. Halled gravel into the road north of the Knowl

George has gon to Mr Greenes this evening

Thurs 1 Nov 1883

Worked on gardin fence

Halled gravel onto the roade north of the Knowl

Paid Hext \$152.

Fri 2 Nov 1883

Plowed the gardin and planted Some pees

Plowed between the road and fence for hay

Halled gravel onto the Knowl

Sat 3 Nov 1883

Strong north wind and quite cold

Went to Davisville and got the coock

Paid Hampton \$180--

George Hoffman \$27.40

George attends Lodge this evening at Davisville

Halled gravel

Sun 4 Nov 1883 [No entry]

Mon 5 Nov 1883

Commenced plowing for Somerfallow between the two ditches in the east field

George worked on Barn doors. I tryed to hel him Some and hurt my back

Worked on gardin fence

Fine day

Tues 6 Nov 1883

Went to Davisville

Settled with E. W. Brown \$194.83. Elijah and wife come from San Jose to make us a viset

Dru \$2000 of Legget & Drummon

Wed 7 Nov 1883

Som Gees around this morning

Elijah and George went hunting and got one Goos

Commenced Sprinklin about noon and has Sprink[l]ed moderate all of the afternoon

Thurs 8 Nov 1883

Cloudy all day loocked verry much like rain Several times durin[g] the day

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Elijah went to Sacramento to See Some old friends

Fri 9 Nov 1883

Strong North wind.

Susa, Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland. Elijah went from Sacramento to Woodland on the cars.

Stayed over night at Anns

Sat 10 Nov 1883

Left Anns a little after noon drove all through Woodland and got home a little before Sundown.

Had a good visit [with] Ann

Mr Dopkin was on the Jury and had been for over a month

Sun 11 Nov 1883 [No entry]

Mon 12 Nov 1883

Elijah and wife went home this morning

George worked on the Barn doors

Fine day no sines of rain

Tues 13 Nov 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland. Mrs Pierce is going to Stay with Ann a day or two.

Change Pigs with Mr Pond. Plowed Somerfallow with two teams

Wed 14 Nov 1883

Went to Davisville got Some Beef. Paid Hamton \$4.00 ballance

Drue \$200-- of Legget & Co

Hulmet Harte "67.80 Wool

Thurs 15 Nov 1883

Mrs Pierce come home from Woodland on the cars I went to meet he[r] and tooock along part of the pump from the windmill to be repaired paid \$.75 cts

Commenced plowing in the Hoglot

Fri 16 Nov 1883

The wind has run a little today for the first time for Several days

George has gon to Woodland to repair the roof of the house it leaks

Sat 17 Nov 1883

Repaired fence around the Straw Stack and at the gate under the big tree

George come home from Woodland this afternoon

Sun 18 Nove 1883

Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisville

Mon 19 Nov 1883

Strong north wind the boys plowed the Hog lot in the forenoon and lay off in the afternoon

Mrs Pierce and [?] went to Mr Greenes this afternoon

Settled with him for ballance on Brand and Barly \$91.38

Tues 20 Nov 1883

The north wind has mostly gon down

Finished plowing in the Hog lot.

Plowed and Scraped in the Slough in the Hog lot So as to get more watter for hogs

Wed 21 Nov 1883

Mrs Pierce attended Sewing Circle at Mr Andersons this afternoon. Halled gravel around the house and Barn

The ax flew off the handle and hit Mrs Pierce on the greate toe

Thurs 22 Nov 1883

Went to Davisville and got big barrels to put around the Orange and pair trees

Halled gravel into the old Barn

Fri 23 Nov 1883

George attends the reception at Mr Andersons

I am not feeling a bit well this evening

Sat 24 Nov 1883

Looked verry much like rainall day a little rain about the middle of the afternoon

Strong South wind all day

Sun 25 Nov 1883

Cleared off in the night hevy frost and Some ice hydrants frose up. North wind all day and quite cold

Mon 26 Nov 1883

Cleared all day north wind moderate all day

Hydrants frose up this morning. Went to Davisville and paied (sic) Taxes \$71.92. Went to Jack Browns to See about his Sale

Drue \$100-- of Ligget & Co

Tues 27 Nov 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento and back on the cars. Clear and cold north wind moderate.

Hydrants all frose up

Wed 28 Nov 1883

Went to Davisville got 171 # Beef of Mardin at 9 cts. Drove up one of the Birkshier Sows with Seven pigs

Cold and dry a little more moderate this evening

Thurs 29 Nov 1883

Went to Davisville and [got?] Barrels that I had Sent out from the city

Attended chruch at Davisville

Dry and cold North wind

Fri 30 Nov 1883

North wind dry and cold

Repaired fence in the middle field

Sat 1 Dec 1883

Held our regular Thanksgiving Katy Greene, Mr & Mrs Dopkin and George, Rossa Kelly and Miss Cole of Sanfrancisco made us a visit

Not as cold as usual and loocks Some like rain

Sun 2 Dec 1883

Fine day and Some warmer. Loocks Some like rain this evening

Mr & Mrs Dopkin & George went home this afternoon

Mon 3 Dec 1883

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

I have a bad cold I was not out much this forenoon

Tues 4 Dec 1883

Fine day. Fixed for butchering hogs.

Turned the old Sow and pigs into the vinyard lot. Mat halled manure away from the old Straw in the north field

Wed 5 Dec 1883

Fogy all day

Butchered eight Hogs this forenoon.

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George and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Thurs 6 Dec 1883

George Went to Woodland to get Lorange Keeler.

Cut the heads off the Hogs and cut them up

Fri 7 Dec 1883

Cut and Salted the pork

Clear most of the day very Foggy just at night and loocked verry much like rain

Sat 8 Dec 1883

Foggy and cold all day

North wind moderate

Went to Davisville after Lorange Keeler but he failed to come to time

George has gon to the Lodg[e] tonight

Sun 9 Dec 1883

Lorraine Keeler come home with George last night

Mon 10 Dec 1883

Cold and foggy all day

Halled manure

Tues 11 Dec 1883

Cold and foggy most of the day. the Sun Shone a little while this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento and back with the wagon. quite cold this evening

Wed 12 Dec 1883

Cold day and foggy

North wind moderate most of the day

Thurs 13 Dec 1883

Cold and foggy. no Sines of rain yet

Spayded around the fruite trees

Fri 14 Dec 1883

Cold and foggy

Split the old logs that was left when they cut wood

Mat went to Sacramento this afternoon

Sat 15 Dec 1883

Went to Davisville and tooock Lorrance Keeler to the cars he has gone to Woodland

Sun 16 Dec 1883

Mr Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Sun Shone most of the day

Mon 17 Dec 1883

Cold and foggy all day

The Literary Sosiety meet hear this evening about twelve members present had a nice time

Tues 18 Dec 1883

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to visit Ann

The Sun Shone most of the day

Wed 19 Dec 1883

Mrs Pierce, Ann, and Self mad Edmond Gallop a viset

Fogy all day

Thurs 20 Dec 1883

Mrs Pierce Ann and Self made Mr Coock near Cacheville a visit. Sun shone most of the day

Fri 21 Dec 1883

South wind and cloudy it Sprinkeld a little Several times during the day but not enough hardly to wet a mans Shirt through

We come home to day from Ann's

Sat 22 Dec 1883

I have had a lame foot for several days. it has been worse to day.

Put the bacon to Smoke to day

George went to Ann's and got the things that we left

Sun 23 Dec 1883 [No entry]

Mon 24 Dec 1883

My foot is not any better. have not ben out much today.

George and the Boys attended Chrismas eve at Davisville

Plowed between the house and fence west of the Bees to Sow for chicken feed

Tues 25 Dec 1883

Held Chrismas at home to day My foot is about the Same

Wed 26 dec 1883

My foot Seems to be a little better

George and Mat Started to make a new fence around the horse Barn

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mr Miller a call this afternoon. he lives where Mr Soul did

Went to Davisville and got Dan Boots and a hat \$5.00

Thurs 27 Dec 1883

Thomas Hext made us a call this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville Mrs Pierce attende Sewing circle at Mr Hamptons

Mr Hampton and Self went to Mr Melvins to See his Poland China pigs. he has a fine lot of them

Cloudy all day quite a Shower in the afternoon. cleared off before night

Fri 28 Dec 1883

Harde frost this morning clear this forenoon little cloudy this afternoon loocks like rain again soon

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland and back with teem

Mat worked on the horse correll.

Commenced pruning vines

Sat 29 Dec 1883

This is the day that we have Set for it to rain but it hold dry and cold yet a little cloudy

Mat and George worked on the horse correll in the forenoon

Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr Greenes

Mat and Self set Locus trees around the horse correll

Sowed a fiew more pees this morning

Sun 30 Dec 1883

Fogy this morning clear most of the day

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

South wind most of the day. North wind this evening and cold loocks like Snow

Mon 31 Dec 1883

Scarce any wind to day what there was from the north

Hevy cloud in the north this evening and loocks like Snow

Worked on horse correl &c this forenoon. Mrs Pierce, George and Self attended Mr Bowers funeral at Davisville this afternoon

Cash Account. January [p.1]			
Date		Received	Paid
4	J. Q[?] A. Clark	36.40	
22	Rassa Kelly	40.00	
"	B. F. Leggtet	20.00	
"	E. Stitt		58.75
Cash Account. Februrary [p.2]			
Date		Received	Paid
12	J. Q. A. Clark house rent	9.00	
22	Mike Dwire[?]	150.00	
"	R. H. Byers	10.00	
"	Wm Montgomery		40.00
"	Mr Hampton		40.00
"	Rossa Kelly		40.00
27	John Davis	1000.00	
"	Baker & Hamelton		17.00
"	Mike Dwire		150.00
28	New In gland Life Inshurenec Co		152.46
"	Hampton in full for Lumber		20.37
"	Thornton Powil[?]		44.20
Cash Account. March [p.3]			
Date		Received	Paid
1	C. E. Greene Subscription		25.00
3	George		5.00
"	James Hartigan		3.00
"	George Stafford		2.00
10	"		1.00
"	Charles Roddy		2.50
"	James Hartigan		1.00
13	" "		15.00
"	Ephrem Stitt		19.00
"	Charles Roddy		10.60
"	Mat Carl		20.00
"	George Safford		20.00
14	Mr Covel road work	301.00	

"	Mrs Pierce		20.00
27	James Hazrtigan		6.00
	Henry Somers		6.00
31	C. E. Greene for Bran &c		300.00
"	Creamer & Rose	15.00	

Cash Account. April [p.4]

Date		Received	Paid
4	Hampton for Lumber		133.00
17	Exspences in Sacramento		25.50

Cash Account. May [p.5]

Date		Received	Paid
1	Garglin Oil		9.00
3	Extres for windmill		12.00
	George Legget & Co	20.00	
14	B. F. Legget & Co	20.00	
18	J. Q. A. Clark	40.00	
"	Charly Brown	35.00	
"	Paid the men		20.00
26	" " "		20.00

Cash Account. June [p.6]

Date		Received	Paid
2	Legget & Co	20.00	
"	Jake Wadley		23.75
"	W. H Parsons		21.75
11	Legget & Co	15.00	
"	" "	20.00	
20	Legget & Co	120.00	
"	Hank Marvin		20.00
25	Sam Webb		21.00
"	A. Harrace [Harris?]		20.00
"	C. M. Glazer		24.00
24	Legget & Co	60.00	
27	" "	50.00	
29	Mardin	100.00	

Cash Account. July [p.7]

Date		Received	Paid
2	Legget & Co balance		

	on wheat	93.00		
"	H. E. Marvin[?]			36.25
"	James Hartigan			60.00
"	A[l]bert Smith		37.00	
"	John F. Hays		36.00	
"	Old Man			38.00
"	Frank		55.75	
5	Legget & Co	100.00		
"	Mat Carl			80.00
"	George		40.00	
"	Drummon for Cow	40.00		
10	"	5.00		
17	W. M. Coward		100.00	
28	For Wool	69.00		

Cash Account. August [p.8]

Date		Received		Paid
3	B. F. Legget	100.00		
4	McClellen for wheat		100.00	
21	R & T Hext	100.00		
22	Fred McClellen			
"	ba[l]ance on wheat		70.00	
"	George		20.00	

Cash Account. September [p.9]

Date		Received		Paid
5	J. Q. A. Clark house rent	9.00		
13	Mardin	60.00		
"	Wm Black			25.00
15	Mr Plat for cow	50.00		
19	Farmers Insurence Co		109.00	
26	Brown for Warde	20.00		
28	Spanyards for Shearing			
	sheep		10.70	
"	Tax on Lot in Woodland		6.06	
"	Henry Tuson for			
	Sowing Mach		25.00	
29	W. H. Mardin	100.00		
"	Mathiew Carl		85.00	
"	Wm Black			5.00

Cash Account. October [p.10]

Date		Received	Paid
3	Mardin balance on Beef &co	152	
"	Gregory Barns & co		5.70
4	New Ingland Inshurence Co		52.00
"	Petaluma		10.00
6	J. Q. A. Clark House rent	9.00	
"	George Lyford Lumber		7.10
"	Potatoes at Woodland		3.00
8	" " "		2.00
"	Apples at Cacheville		6.25
15	Wm Black		10.00
16	Mrs Pierce		15.00
"	Martin		5.39
27	J. Q. A. Clark house rent	9.00	
"	Mat Carl		2.50
"	Wm Black		2.50
31	Sacramento Bank		\$2480.00
"	Baker & Hamelton	128.70	
"	Collens & Co		158.45
"	Legget & Drumon	\$3000.00	
"	" "	100.00	
"	Mr Greene for Parsonage & co		100.00
"	Mrs Welch		26.00

Cash Account. November [p.11]

Date		Received	Paid
1	Hext		152.00
3	Hampton		180.00
"	Coffman Harness maker		27.40
"	Legget & Drummon	200.00	
6	Legget & Co	200.00	
"	E. W. Brown		194.83
8	Legget & Co Larue	413.25	
"	Larue		413.25
14	Leggett & Drummon	200.00	
"	Hume & Hart. Wool	67.80	
"	Hampton balance on Lumber		4.00
19	C. E. Greene on settlement		91.38
20	Wm Este repairs Schoolhouse		5.00
23	Wm Black		23.17
26	Taxes		71.92
"	Legget & Co	100.00	
27	Exspences in Sacramento		24.00
29	Ligget(sic) & Co for Paint		5.25

[Note: No entries in Cash Account. December of this Year]