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D-022 2:2: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1884

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Tues Jan 1 1884

Held new years at home and along. had chicken for dinner

Fine day worked on horse correll and cow yard

North wind moderate

[At foot of page Pierce includes entry for 1 Jan 1885, and continues to do this through the 15th of February.]

Wed 2 Jan 1884

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento to get Katy Greene a wedding present.

Mr Hampton gave me his old Stove. I brought it home to day. will repair it and use it [at] the lower place

Nor rain yet we need Some verry much

Thurs 3 Jan 1884

Self and George went to Sacramento to attend Katy Greenes weddin She was marr[i]ed at Judge McKunes to Capt Tuttle of Oregon. it was a verry Stylish affair. Come home this evening on the overland train it was about two hours behind time.

George will be home tomorrow

Fri 4 Jan 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Marshals. he died about noon to day.

South east wind and loocks like rain this evening. George has come home

Sat 5 Jan 1884

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Commenced raining early this morning moderate and turned into a Sprinkle and kept it up most of the day with quite a Shower early in the evening

Attend Mr Marsh[a]ls funeral at Winters

Sun 6 Jan 1884

Clear all day

Mon 7 Jan 1884

Clear most of the day

George and Mat repaired the pump at the windmill

George attended literary Society at Mr Hamptons

Mr Miller called and got Some grape cutting[s]

Tues 8 Jan 1884

Cloudy and foggy most of the day. quite a Shower about ten Oclock this forenoon

loock[s] like rain Some of the afternoon

Got Some grape cuttings for Mrs French

George and Mat overhalled the pump again at the windmill

Wed 9 Jan 1884

North wind moderate in the morning. at noon it blew quite harde and at night it blew harder yet. Finished the grape cuttings for Mrs French 700 hundred

George went to Davisville this afternoon with the grape cutting to Mrs French

Thurs 10 Jan 1884

Strong north wind all last night. it made the house tremble and it did not let up much untill about the middle of the afternoon. Wattered some pair trees

Fri 11 Jan 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville Mrs Pierce Stays there all night

North wind moderate all day.

Sat 12 Jan 1884

North wind moderate all day. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to See Ann. Mr Dopkin is in the Mountains with little [?]. Mrs Hall is quite Sick

Sun 13 Jan 1884

North wind moderate and Some cloudy. loocks Some like Snow

Mon 14 Jan 1884

North wind a perfect gale Started in the night and has blowed harde all day

Wattered Some pair trees

Tues 15 Jan 1884

North wind blows yet. a little more moderate this afternoon. Wattered Apple trees. Hung up the hams to Smoke

Cut Some of the old Shade trees on the lland

Wed 16 Jan 1884

North wind moderate it run the mill a little

Rev Mr Anderson and family Mrs Drummon and two daughters Rossa Kelly and Mrs Sykes made us a call to day

Commenced plowing in the field west of the house

Thurs 17 Jan 1884

North wind moderate loocks a little like rain this evening

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon and to Mr Greenes to See Kate

She Starts for Oragon Soon

I have not been feeling verry well to day

Fri 18 Jan 1884

Went to Mr Greenes this morning and to Davisville

Bid Katy good bye She Starts for her new home in Orregan.

light clowds most of the day and loocks like rain this evening

Drue \$100-- of Legget

Sat 19 Jan 1884

George and Self went to Woodland and to Wyckoffs and got Some Alfalfa Seed 505#

Toock diner with Ann

Left chair at the Shop to be mended. Got two boxes of Soap for 10# Butter

Sun 20 Jan 1884

Mrs Johnson was berred to day at Davisville

North wind moderate not enoughf to run the wind mill but a verry little

Harde frost this morning

Mon 21 Jan 1884

North wind moderate

George and Self went to Oakshade Orchard to See them earigate. Thay are dooing verry good buisness but aught to doo better. Harde frost this morning

Tues 22 Jan 1884

Got up the horses preparatory for plowing

Mrs Pierce and [?] Went to Mr Russels to See if they [had] the Scarlet fever in School

Rossa Kelly and Mrs Oneal made us a call to day

North wind as usual harde frost this morning

Wed 23 Jan 1884

North wind moderate Harde frost this morning

George went to Woodland to get the chairs that we left to be mended

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I have not been feeling verry well to day

Thurs 24 Jan 1884

North wind moderate harde frost

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce attended the Sowing circle. George drue \$300-- of Ligget & Drummon

Fri 25 Jan 1884

Light Sprinkle early this morning and about five Oclock this afternoon

George killed 12 Duck this morning

Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr Greenes this afternoon they were all gon from home

I am not feeling a bit well this evening

Sat 26 Jan 1884

South east wind quite Strong this morning

Several light Sprinkels this forenoon

Commenced Sprinkling about two Oclock this afternoon and Soon turned to rain in good earnest and is raining harde this evening

George went to Davisville this afternoon and come home in the rain

Sun 27 Jan 1884

Several light Showers in the forenoon and one verry heavy one. rainy most of the day and is raining quite harde this evening

Mon 28 Jan 1884

Rained moderate most of last night

All fears of a dry year has disapeared

blowed all day Southeast wind quite Strong. Commenced Sprinkin about Sundown and has Spri[n]ckeld most of the evenin

Tues 29 Jan 1884

Showry all day

Mended Sacks

Mat worked on the lland cutting wood

Mrs Pierce and George made Bedquilt

Wed 30 Jan 1884

North wind quite Strong

Commenced raining early in the morning and did not let up untill it was time to doo chorse

Mended Sacks

Thurs 31 Jan 1884

Clear most of the day Cloudy just at night and is cloudy this evening

George went to Davisville and drew \$250-- of Legget & Co Paid New Ingland life inshurence Co \$152.45

Mr Grayson come to look at the young Bull

Fri 1 Feb 1884

Showry all day but not much rain

Mended Sack

The old Sow had eleven pigs all alive and smart but one

Sat 2 Feb 1884

Cloudy this forenoon and loocked like rain

Cleared off this afternoon. Mended Sacks

Sun 3 Feb 1884

A light rain early this morning

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 4 Feb 1884

Clowedy all day loocked like rain evry fiew minets

Commenced raining about dard and rained harde untill about 9 Oclock this evening

The boys worked on the fence on the levy in the east field

Tues 5 Feb 1884

Clowdly most of the day

Commenced raining about Sundown and rained quite harde untill about 3 Oclock this morning

George went to Davisville and got Some posts

Replaced fence on the levy in the east field

Wed 6 Feb 1884

Sun shone all day

Lots of snow on the Mountains. West wind this forenoon. Repaired fence in the east field

Thurs 7 Feb 1884

North wind and quite cold. Two (2) inches of Snow in Woodland and one inch in plainfield reported this morning. not any here

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville Sent Mrs French Box of fruite &c

Repaired fence on east line of Ranch

Drue 50.00 of Legget & Co

Fri 8 Feb 1884

North wind and cold Harde frost and ground froze. got up the Horses for plowing. Repaired fence on east line

Sat 9 Feb 1884

North wind and quite cold Harde frost last night

Fixed for Sowing Barly in the Hog lot

Went to Davisville and got plows that I toock to Collens to have repaired

Sun 10 Feb 1884

Harde frost this morning

One of the half Breeds Sows in the hog lot has pigs

Mon 11 Feb 1884

Harde frost ice in the watter trough all day.

Strong North wind. Sowed Barly in the hog lot

Sun Shone all day

Tues 12 Feb 1884

Strong north wind ald verry cold all day. Commenced plowing the Barly with one teem.
Harrowed the alfalfa ground with the other teem

Toock fence away from the straw Stack and let the cattle to it

Sun Shone all day

Wed 13 Feb 1884

Strong north wind and verry old this morning a little more moderate this afternoon. Some clouds this evening. Run two plows on barley ground

The Hogs that was in the east field got out on to the creek this afternoon

Thurs 14 Feb 1884

Cloudy all day. North wind moderate and cold. It loockes like Snow or rain all day

Plowed barley ground

Commenced sprinklin Just at dark and in a fiew minets it began to Snow

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At bed time it is raining moderate

Fri 15 Feb 1884

About one inch of Snow this morning with a light Sprinkle of rain which continued most of the day. The snow was mostly gon at noon

North wind moderate all day. Got up the Sheep

Millions of Ducks on the wheat

Sat 16 Feb 1884

Clowdy all day

Wind in the South Commenced raining about dark and is raining at bed time

I am not feeling verry well to day. Mended Sacks

George toock the work ho[r]ses to the lower Barn where there is plenty of hay

Plenty of Ducks on the wheat yet

Mrs Pierce and Self Started from Sacramento to the Big ranch (Putah Creek) Thirty (30) years ago to day and Stayed at Newmans Hotell now Grays bend on Sacramento River

Sun 17 Feb 1884

Hevy Shower about noon and is raining this evening

Got Stalled in the Tuly near Grays bend and carr[i]ed Mrs Pierce to dry lan[d] on my back 30 years ago to day

Mon 18 Feb 1884

From three to four inches of rain has fallen Since Thursday night very good fo[r] a dry Season. Clear most of the day loocks a little like rain this evening. The boys worked on the fence. Mended Sacks

Tues 19 Feb 1884

Clowdy most of the day

Went to Davisville this forenoon

Worked this afternoon on the wheat letting the water off it Stands in many places

Cloudy all day and looks very much like rain this evening

The boys worked on the fence

Wed 20 Feb 1884

Cloudy this forenoon wind Southwest

The clouds broke away about noon and the wind turned to the north moderate. The mud has dried up very fast this afternoon

Worked on fence

Brought the Horses from the other Barn. will start the plows in the morning

Took Brigam to the back field

Thurs 21 Feb 1884

Commenced plowing on the barley ground again this morning.

Clear all day and mud is drying up very fast.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to see Mrs Hall She is quite sick is some better. Stayed with Ann over night.

Fri 22 Feb 1884

Foggy this forenoon Clear and quite warm this afternoon looks

Some like rain this evening

Sowed a little Barley to day

Mrs Pierce and Self come home to day from Woodland

Got a few fruit trees

Mr Stiners little Girl was buried [buried] to day

Sat 23 Feb 1884

George has gon to Sacramento to get a level to lay out the land for irigating

Harrowed barly

Set out the frute trees South of the mens house. Went to Davisville and took George to the train

Clear and fine all day

Sun 24 Feb 1884

Clear and fine all day Looocks a little like rain this evening

Mon 25 Feb 1884

Clear and fine quite warm in the middle of the day. Went to Davisville this forenoon and got the little plow. George Sowed a littl[e] Barly this forenoon

North wind moderate most of the day

Tues 26 Feb 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Wyckoffs and got the Level to lay off the land for irigating for Alfalfa

Drove the Mule in Janes place. North wind quite Strong all day

Wed 27 Feb 1884

North wind quite Strong this forenoon more moderate this afternoon. Irigated fruit trees near the wind mill this forenoon.

George commenced laying off the land for Alfalfal this afternoon. Commenced plowing the last of the Barly ground that was to wet

Thurs 28 Feb 1884

Went to Davisville this forenoon. North wind qutie Strong m[o]st of the day

George commenced makeing levys on the Alfalfa land. Mr Atwell from Stockton is Staying hear tonight

Fri 29 Feb 1884

Finished harrowing the Barly. Worked on leves for irigating Alfalfa

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North wind moderate most of the day

Sat 1 Mar 1884

North wind moderate most of the [day?] and quite warm

Started one plow on the Somerfallow in the east field on the creek

Worked on the Alfalfa land

Took a Level of the bank of the creek to ascertain how hy we will [?] have to rais watter for irrigation and found it will be about 31 feet

Sun 2 Mar 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church in Davisville

Mon 3 Mar 1884

South wind and a little cloudy. a light Sprinkle of rain after dark

All hand[s] worked on the Alfalfa land except George he has been quite Sick

Tues 4 Mar 1884

Several light Showers during the day and one quite hevy one betwene 3 & 4 Oclock this afternoon. Worked on the Alfalfa land when it did not rain

Went to Davisville and got a new plow

Sowed Alfalfa near the Barn

Wed 5 Mar 1884

Strong South wind and loocked verry much like rain all day

Several light Sprinkles and aloocks like rain this evening

Worked on Alfalfa land tried new plow this afternoon thay doo not like it as well as thay thought thay would

Rossa Kelly and Mrs Anderson made us a call this afternoon

Thurs 6 Mar 1884

Commenced raining early this morning and rained quite harde untill about 9 Oclock

Strong South wind Sprinckled Several times during the day. The Boys went to Davisville

Let Mat have \$20--

One of the pigs died that was altered yesterday

Fri 7 Mar 1884

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

scarce any wind untill towards night then South west

Loocks verry much like rain this evening.

George cut the Hams and Shoulders. Mrs Pierce packed them

Mat & Jake cut wood this afternoon

Sat 8 Mar 1884

Commenced raining before day light and rained all day and the most of the time quite harde

Was among the Sheep and lams most of the day

Sun 9 Mar 1884

Several light Showers during the day

Mon 10 Mar 1884

Clear and fine in the forenoon a little cloudy this afternoon. West wind quite Strong. The men cut wood

George went to Davisville with the Casady plow and changed it for a Ureka

Mr Mardin was hear to loock at the young Bull he offered \$40--

Tues 11 Mar 1884

Clear and fine North [wind] quite Strong in the forenoon moderate this afternoon. The men cut wood and repaired fence

Mr Miller and wife and Daughter made us a call this afternoon

I am not feeling verry well for the last day or two

Wed 12 Mar 1884

North wind this forenoon Sarce any wind this afternoon and a little cloudy Just at night and loocks like rain this evening

Repaired fence on the levey this forenoon

Worked on alfalfa land this afternoon

Made Som gardin this afternoon

Thurs 13 Mar 1884

Cloudy all day the Sun has not Shone to day

North wind in the forenoon moderate Scarce any wind this afternoon

Made gardin

Sowed alfalfa in the orchard lot

Started three plows on the Somerfallow

Fri 14 Mar 1884

Commenced raining Some time last night and rained most of the forenoon and again about 3 Oclock this afternoon and is raining this evening quite harde

Strong South west wind. The wind mill got out of order.

Sat 15 Mar 1884

Clear most of the day

George, Mat, and Jake went to Davisville.

The tramp cut wood

I am fe[e]ling quite poorly to day. One of the Birkshier Sows had pigs last night all come ded. George attends Lodge to night at Davisville

Sun 16 mar 1884

Clear all day

North wind moderate all day

Mon 17 Mar 1884

Clear most of the forenoon Blow this afternoon Strong South wind and looks very much like rain

Run two plows on Somerfallow

George and mat plowed the road on the east line where they ahled gravel last year to put on the road

Tues 18 Mar 1884

Several light Sprinkles and has tryed very harde to rain South wind Strong all day. Finished Sowing Alfalfa Sowed a little piece west of the house for the chickens. Repaired Wind mill Egg Boxes Gate &c

Wed 19 Mar 1884

North wind and clear all day and quite cool

Planted Potatoes

Plowed in the wind mill field.

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

George paid Guthry \$20-- for use of horse

Run three plows on the Somerfallow

Thurs 20 Mar 1884

Strong North wind all day and quite cold

Plowed in the wind mill lot this forenoon

George and Jim worked on the Barn this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Fri 21 Mar 1884

North wind moderate most of the day. Cloudy this afternoon and evening and looks like rain

Went to Davisville and got lumber for Barn doors

George worked on the Barn

Sat 22 Mar 1884

A little rain early this forenoon Cold and cloudy the rest of the day

Hauled two loads of hay from the lower Barn

Went to Davis this afternoon and left the Sink to have a new lining put into it

North wind quite Strong and cold. Sowed turnips and Rutabaga Seed

Sun 23 Mar 1884

North and cold

Mon 24 Mar 1884

Strong South wind and chilly looks like rain this evening

Sowed parsnip Seed to day. Cloudy most of the afternoon. Mrs Pierce and George have gone to Davisville this evening

Mr Mardin got the young Bull to day is to pay \$50-- for him and Pig thrown in

Tues 25 Mar 1884

Commenced raining early last night and rained moderate most of the night and the forenoon

George worked on the Barn.

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got the Sink.

I am not feeling very well to day

Wed 26 Thurs 1884

Wind in all directions a little rain from the north west about 4 O'clock this afternoon

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Started the plows this afternoon. tried to plow on the north Side but had to giv[e] up to[o] wet

Thurs 27 Mar 1884

Rained most last night and all fo to day and is raining this evening. The land is verry Soft

Fri 28 Mar 1884

Several Showers during the day and hevyr one about noon

George went to Davisville and got home Just as the hevyr Shour commenced

Sat 29 Mar 1884

Clear most of the day a fiew clouds around the Sun just at night

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got lumber and things for wagon house. George marked the Calvs and turned them and Some hogs into the east fields

Sun 30 Mar 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

It Looeks some like rain soon

Mon 31 Mar 1884

Hevyr fog this morning for an hour or two. Strong wind the rest of the day and loocked like rain Several times during the day. George and the men worked on the new Storehouse

Put the Birkshier pig in the middle field

Tues 1 Apr 1884

Clear all day quite cool in the morning

Went to Sacramento and got a Woman to help Mrs Pierce. George and the men worked on the new Storehouse

Wed 2 Apr 1884

Cloudy all day and loocked like rain Soon

The land is to wet to plow. halled hay into the Barn from the lower place

George worked on the new Storehouse

Thurs 3 Apr 1884

Strong North wind. Commenced plowing again the morning the land is quite wet yet but a few days like this will make it all right

Went to Davisville and got a little lumber for the new Storehouse

Fri 4 Apr 1884

Strong South wind all day the north wind that went South yesterday has come back to day

George worked on the new Storehouse

Sat 5 Apr 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon got a little more lumber for the new Storehouse, and bones for the chickens

Scarcely no wind

George put the doors into the new Storehouse

Sun 6 Apr 1884

Still day. the tanks are empty this evening

Mon 7 Apr 1884

Had to pump watter for the horses this forenoon

South west wind for an hour or two this afternoon quite Strong. plenty of watter for Stock this evening

Jane had a colt tod day

Drove Brigham up to night to feed him a little

Mr Millers Team commenced plowing to day. Light rone hiefer had a calf to day

Sun 8 Apr 1884

South wind most of the day quite Strong this afternoon and cloudly

Commence raining about Sundown and rained most of the night and Some of the time quite harde. The ground is quite Soft this morning

Got the Mairs out of the midle field and turned them on the creek

Mon 9 Apr 1884

South wind all day cloudly most of the time

The heviest thunder and Lightning and rain commenced about 3 Oclock this afternoon and lasted about an hour the ground was a Sheat of watter

George went to Sacramento

Thurs 10 Apr 1884

Rained nearly all night and most of the forenoon quite harde. the land is verry soft

George come home this evening from the city. I think there has [been?] 3 inches of rain fallen in the last 3 days

Fri 11 Apr 1884

Repaired the chicken yard fence and Sowed the yeard to Alfalfa this forenoon

Cloudy all day Commenced raining about 3 Oclock this afternoon and has rained quite hared e ver Since and is raining harde at bedtime

Sat 12 Apr 1884

A little rain early this morning clear the rest of the day

Mowed weeds at the windm ill

George worked on the tool house

Sun 13 Apr 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville to attend church but there was none

Cloudy all day and loocked like rain

Mon 14 Apr 1884

Little rain early this morning Commenced raining about 10 O'clock this forenoon and has rained moderate the rest of the day

Tues 15 Apr 1884

Light Sprinkle most of the day Cleared up a little just before night

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

Mrs Pierce Stays there all night

Wed 16 Apr 1884

North wind moderate this forenoon Scarce any wind this afternoon a little cloudy Just at night. Went to Montgomerys with Jane. The old Durham Cow had a Calf to day

The men cut wood on the creek

Thurs 17 Apr 1884

North wind moderate all day The men cut wood on [the] creek. The Old Durham Cow died to day we have fussed with her all day

Fri 18 Apr 1884

North wind moderate in the forenoon

Plowed in the vinyard with three teams. worked in the yard

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland

Sat 19 Apr 1884

North wind in the forenoon moderate. Finished plowing grape vines. Went to Davisville and got bones for chickens

Mrs Pierce and George have just got home

Thirty two years ago to day Mrs Pierce and Self left Kenosha Wisconsin for California across the plains, and after a long and tiresome journey arrived in Placerville on the 4th of August 1852

Sun 20 Apr 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

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Forty nine years ago to day I left Homer, Courtland County New York, to go to Illinois. Went with teem to Sy[r]acuse and from there to Buffalo on the Canall, from Buffalo to Durnkurk on foot. From there to Monro Mishagan on a little old Steemer called the Pecoek. come verry near going under from there to Ch[ic]ago on foot through Michigan and Inianna. Arived in Ch[ic]ago on May 17. 1835

Mon 21 Apr 1884

South wind most of the day. Started the Harrows this morning the teems have layn off nearly two weeks

Went to Davisville this morning and got two hives of Bees of Mr Hampton

Tues 22 Apr 1884

George went to Davisville with load of wheat and to Montgomerys with the Mairs

Strong South wind all day and loocks verry much like rain this evening

Harrowed on the Somerfallow

Mrs Pierce [and George] have gon to Davisville to attend church festivle

Mr Mardin was hear to day and got a pig

Wed 23 Apr 1884

Commenced Sprinklin about 7 Oclock this morning and has Sprinkle[d] moderate nearly all day. Mrs Pierce and George come home this afternoon

I had got Started after them thaught Something had happened to them. Started one plow today after laying off two weeks.

Thurs 24 Apr 1884

Went to Davisville with Flora. Got a new man

Spayed fifty Sows and altered on[e] Mule

Spaided around the Peach trees at the windmill

Clear all day

Fri 25 Apr 1884

Clear in the forenoon cloudy in the afternoon

Hived a Swarm of Bees that came out yesterday.

The Mule that was altered yesterday died to day

Run four plows

Sat 26 Apr 1884

Cloudy and dar untill about 12 Oclock when it commenced to rain and rained moderate most of the afternoon

Sun 27 Apr 1884

A little rain early this morning cloudy most of the day

Mon 28 Apr 1884

South wind and quite warm

Plowed the Orchard at the windmill and plowed a little in the gardin for Pees

Tues 29 Apr 1884

North wind this fournoon (sic) and quite cool

Planted corn and beenes near the windmill and a fiew pees in the gardin

Had new Potatos for diner

South wind this evening

Wed 30 Apr 1884

Strong South east wind this morning and loocked verry much like rain cold and chille.

The wind turned into the north about 10 Oclock this forenoon and has blown quite Strong the rest of the day.

George has gon to the State Convention at Oakland

Mrs Pierce has gon to Alameda Co to see Mrs French

Run four plows on the Somerfallow

Thurs 1 May 1884

Stron north wind most of the day quite moderate this evening

Spaided around fruite trees. Worked in the vinyard

Run four plows

Little Spotted hieffer had a calf

Another Swarm of Bees to day 11 in all

Fri 2 May 1884

South wind all day Good day for work

One man quit work becaus[e] he was not getting wage enough. Commenced plowing on lland. Mrs Pierce and George come home this evening

Sat 3 May 1884

Fine day for work South wind most of the day. Went to Davisville this afternoon. George doctord the Sheep and marked 51 Lams

Sun 4 May 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 5 May 1884

South wind quite Strong

Went to Davisville and got three hives of Bees

Turned the Hogs into the middle field. Hoed Potatoes

George and Self have harde colds and are most Sick

Tues 6 May 1884

North wind moderate all day

Repaired fence across the creek at the upper place

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Got up a Sow and eight piggs

Wed 7 May 1884

North wind and quite warm this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland

Finished plowing the iland

Drove up a Sow and five pigs

Thurs 8 May 1884

Went to Montgomrys with the mairs

Commenced plowing the Second time South east of the Old Barn

George drove up a Sow and five Pigs

Fri 9 May 1884

Worked on bee hives most of the day

South wind and quite chille most of the day. plowed South east of the Old Barn

Sat 10 May 1884

South wind all day and quite chillee, heavy fog in the morning. Went to Davisville and got rope for the Derick nets

Sun 11 May 1884

George went to Woodland

South wind and quite chille

Mon 12 May 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Strong South wind and cold this afternoon.

Heavy fog this morning

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Tues 13 May 1884

Went to Sanfrancisco to attend the Grand Lodge

Mrs Pierce and Rossa Kelly went with me

Wed-Fri 14-16 May 1884 [No entries]

Sat 17 May 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self got home this evening from the grand Lodge

Sun 18 May 1884

At home all day

The big rone heiffer had a nice rone hieffer calf

Mon 19 May 1884

Stron South wind all day. Worked in the gardin irigated the Parsnips and Grape vines.

Run two Randle Harrows on the Somerfallow

George went to Woodland to get a hand to run the Hedder

Tues 20 May 1884

South wind all day and cloudy this afternoon and evening. A light Sprinkle last night. Hoed the potatoes the Second time. Attended Mr Enos funeral at Davisville

Loocks like rain this evening

Wed 21 May 1884

Strong South wind all day and quite chilly

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

Hoed weeds out of Turnips

Run to Randl Harrows on the Somerfallow

Plowed among the Locus trees South and east of the Barn

Thurs 22 May 1884

South wind all day and loocks like rain

Finished runing the randle harrows, and commenced cross plowing

Went to Davisville let Mrs Hrtigan [have?] \$5-- for James

Got the bones at the butcher Shop

Fri 23 May 1884

South and South west wind and loocks like rain

Let Mr Greene have 6 head of Sheep

Sacked part of the wool

Mrs Pierce whitewashed and toock up the carpet &c

Started the third plow today

Sat 24 May 1884

Finished Sacking the wool

Repaired the fence around the pump at the horse Barn

South wind and cloudy loockes Some like rain

Started the Mower to day find the [grgls?] verry good

I am not feeling verry well to day

Sun 25 May 1884

At home all day I am not feeling verry well

Mon 26 May 1884

Went to Davisville and [got] two more men two (sic) work in the hay at \$1.25 per day

Run two mowing machiens. loocked like rain most of the day a little Sprinkle Several times this forenoon

Tues 27 May 1884

Finished cutting hay in the middle field at noon

Commenced cutting in the north field this afternoon

Halled hay from the Old Barn

Commenced raking hay

Wed 28 May 1884

Strong north wind untill about 5 oclock in the afternoon. it turned to the South east quite Strong. Raked & Bunch hay

Run three plows on the Somerfallow

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Woodland to attend Picnic. I am verry tired to night and am not feeling verry well

Thurs 29 May 1884

North wind quite Strong most of the day

Worked in the hay. Went to Mr Greenes to See his hay carrier dont think much of it. Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

I am not feeling verry well

Fri 30 May 1884

North wind moderate in the forenoon South this afternoon. Broke the pitman of the Mowing Machiene

George went to Davisville and got a new man

Wattered Some of the little peach trees

One of the dcows Steped on my foot and hurt it verry badly

I am not feeling well otherwise am most sick

Sat 31 May 1884

Halled 20 loads of hay into the cow barn. North wind in the forenoon. South in the afternoon.
Wattered Some tgrees near the windmill and Some gardin

Sun 1 June 1884

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville

Mon 2 June 1884

Hearded Stock and Sheep on the Somerfallow

South wind and quite cool all day

Halled [blank] of hay into horse Barn

Tues 3 June 1884

The coock left this morning

Went to Davisville with the coock. Halled hay.

Looocks like rain

Wed 4 June 1884

Went to Montgomrys this forenoon with the mairs

Looocks like rain this afternoon heavy thunder in the north

Thurs 5 June 1884

James G Blain was nominated for President of the United States by the Republicans at Chicago.
I hope he will be elected

Went to Davisville and got freight that was sent out from the City

Fri 6 June 1884

Went to Sacramento and got Woman to coock. Had a harde time to find one. Cool fine day
[This text was on the Thursday 5 June page with a notation: "This is for Friday"]

Sat 7 June 1884

Halled hay. loocks verry much like rain

George and Self attended Sett[l]ers meeting at Davisville to Settle with our Lawyers for attending the case of Brown and Bolden. We are to pay the \$5000 (Five Thousand)

Sun 8 June 1884

Commenced Sprinklin early this morning and Several times during the day and evening

Mon 9 June 1884

About 1/8 of an inch of rain fell yesterday and last night

George and Self went to Montgomrys and got three of the mairs

Quite a hevy Shower about noon

Nine years ago to day [1875] I was throne from a wagon and verry badly hurt have not got over it yet

Tues 10 June 1884

Started two plows this morning

Geogre and Gipson worked on the Header. Two men Ahlled wood off the creek

Hearded Sheep on the Somerfallow

Wed 11 June 1884

Strong South wind in the forenoon. Several light Sprinkles this afternoon

Hearded Stock on the Somerfallow. I am verry tired to night. quite a Shower this evening

Thurs 12 June 1884

Rained the latter part of the night and early this morning quite harde, So that it filled the tubs under the eave trough in fiew minits.

Went to Davisville and to Montgomrys. heavy Shwoer about noon. There has about one inch of rain fallen Since the Storme commenced Sunday morning

Fri 13 June 1884

Rained most of the night quite harde and most of the forenoon

The ground is Soft enough to plow any where

The Sun has not been in sight but a few minets to day

Sorted over Sacks in the lower grainry.

Clowdy anb dark this eveening

Sat 14 June 1884

Warm day Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Greenes to se Kay She has got home from Origfan to Stay a Short time

Sun 15 June 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mrs Hampton made us a call this afternoon

Mon 16 June 1884

Clear and warm

Started two harrows and one plow. the land works nicely after the rain.

Spred the hay and Sacked the old wheat

Mowed weeds around the house

Tues 17 June 1884

Harrowed on the Somerfallow and run one plow

Cocked the hay

Went to Montgomrys and got the last mair

George went to Woodland with the wool 551# at 14 1/2 cts \$79.89. I am tired this evening

Wed 18 June 1884

North wind moderate in the forenoon. South quite Strong this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Selft (sic) went to Davisville this forenoon

Went to Currys this afternoon and Settled with him for Butter. Halled Some of the damage[d] hay and put into the Cow Barn

Thurs 19 June 1884

South wind most of the day

Finished harrowing the Somerfallow

Finished halling hay

Mowed weeds with the M[a]chiene in the orchard lot

Fixed for halling the old wheat to Davisville

I am not feeling verry well to day

The wheat is ripening up nicely

Fri 20 June 1884

Halled two loads of Wheat to Davisville

Mowed weeds in the orchard lot that was among the Alfalfa

Sat 21 June 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to See Mrs Hall She is no better. Got rope for Drrick. Loocks verry much as tho we wood have more rain

Halled two loads of wheat to Davisville

Sun 22 June 1884

Several light Sprincles during the day

I am not feelin a bit well today

Mon 23 June 1884

Halled the last of the old Wheat. Got lumbe to fence the vinyard. Hoed weeds in the vinyard

Finished plowing Somerfallow

George and three of the men worked the ditch north of the old Barn this afternoon

Tues 24 June 1884

North wind Strong enough to run the windmill most of the day

Worked on the vinyard fence most of the day

Hoed weeds in the vinyard Halled hay into the Barn that was Stacked out Side

Not any wind this evening and quite warm

Wed 25 June 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this forenoon. got lumber for beehives and gates

South wind and quite Strong. Finished the vinyard fence. hoed weeds out of vines and corn

George and Self went to Mr McMahan's to See his new pump and Engin work

Mowed the little piece of Barly in the wind mill field

Thurs 26 June 1884

Mowed weeds in the little field near the Barn and chored around preparitory to comencing harvis. Commence harvist at noon to day. Find the wheat verry good

Fri 27 June 1884

Strong South wind all day

went to Davisville and got a new man

Repaired the watter troofs (sic) this afternoon

Run the Header

Sat 28 June 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to See Mrs Hall She is verry Sick.

Cool and fine day for work

North wind in the forenoon moderate. South wind this afternoon quite Strong

Sun 29 June 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church in Davisville

Mon 30 June 1884

Finished cutting wheat north of the vinyard at noon.

Cut on the Know this afternoon

Cool nice day for work

Hoed weeds in the orchard at the windmill and Hunted Hogs

Tues 1 July 1884

Cut wheat on the Knowl fine day for work

Went to Davisville twice

Sent Pope & Co 3 Boxes of Eggs

Wed 2 July 1884

Finished one Setting on the Knowl this forenoon cut last of the Knowl the rest of the day

the wheat is verry nice and hevvy 30 or 40 Bushels.

I am not feeling a bit well to day

Thurs 3 July 1884

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon as usual

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville quite warm in the middle of the day

Repaired gate into the little field at the Barn

Fri 4 July 1884

Forty nine years ago today I lef Yankee Settlement near Jolliet then Cooch Co Ills to got to Kenosha then Pike Creek, Wisconsin.

Went to Davisville and got bones for chickens

Raked around the grain Stacks. Repaired the watter troughf at the horse Barn

Sat 5 July 1884

Went to Davisville and got a new man

Repaired the watter trough at the horse Barn

Mr Stiner and famely made us a call to day

Heard of Mrs halls deth at Woodland

Sun 6 July 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to attend Mrs Halls funeral

Mon 7 July 1884

Attended Mrs Halls funeral at Woodland

North wind quite Strong most of the day

Come home this afternoon

Tues 8 July 1884

Forth nine years ago to day I arrived in Kenosha then Pike Creek. there was onely (sic) 6 or 8 folks there at that time. I intend to be there again the 8th day of July 1885 which will make fifty years.

South wind all day fine day for work

Wed 9 July 1884

The tax collector was hear after the mens taxes got 6 of the

Cut wheat are getting along nicely and the wheat is verry good the best we ever raised

North wind quite strong most of the day

Thurs 10 July 1884

North wind quite Strong the forepart of the day and hot South this afternoon

Hearded hogs on the Stuble this forenoon

Made Some bars [?] ion the north west corner of the lot north of the vinard the onely bars we have on the place

Fri 11 July 1884

South wind most of the day and quite Strong this afternoon

Hereded hogs on the wheat Stuble this forenoon and went to Davisville this afternoon

Warm day 104

Sat 12 July 1884

Strong South wind and quite cool. Herded hogs on the Stuble. iewigated the garden

Sun 13 July 1884

Strong South wind and verry cold this morning

Mon 14 July 1884

North wind cold cloudy and fogy most of the forenoon

South wind this afternoon Strong and cold

Halled old Straw onto the bank of the creek to make A road to hall watter for thrashing

Tues 15 July 1884

North wind in the forenoon South this afternoon

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

Dan and Self dug Potatoes most of the afternoon

Wed 16 July 1884

North wind moderate in the forenoon South this afternoon

Halled old Straw on to the creek to fix the road to hall watter for Threshing

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got 2000 Sacks of Ligget & Drummon

Thurs 17 July 1884

South wind quite Strong

Dug Potatoes Anna the cook helped us dig this afternoon

Cleared the grainry for whitewashing

Fri 18 July 1884

Went to Davisville and got 3000 Sack[s] of Ligget this forenoon. Went to Davisville this afternoon and got a man to work in Georges place he is Sick

Did some whitewashing in the grainry

Sat 19 July 1884

George went to the Greenes and Davisville

Cut wheat on the creek. The Hogs broke into the Stack yard

South wind quite Strong

Sun 20 July 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 21 July 1884

North wind quite Strong all day. Cut the club wheat on the creek. Went to Dixon and made arrangements to get Beef or Mr Wright

Tues 22 July 1884

Strong north wind all day

Finished cutting wheat this morning and commenced cutting Barly

Went to Davisville and got load of bones for the chickens

Wed 23 July 1884

North wind most of the day moderate and quite warm

Settled with one of the men and went to Davisville with him

Went to Mr Russels and got 8 Sacks of Barly

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Thrus 24 July 1884

Commenced thrashing and halling Straw this forenoon. the wheat is verry fine and is yealding well

Fri 25 July 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

Sat 26 July 1884

Stoped halling Straw

Settled with three of the men and went to Davisville with them. warm day

The wheat is turning out well

Halled chicken feed this afternoon

Sun 27 July 1884

Warm day

Mon 28 July 1884

Mended Barly Sacks and empt[i]ed chicken feed. Commenced halling wheat

Tues 29 July 1884

Mended Barly Sacks and worked around the grainry

The trhashing machiene broke this afternoon

George has gon to Davisville to See about Selling wheat

Wed 30 July 1884

George went to Sacramento to see about Selling wheat

A wheat bier [buyer] from the city was hear loocking at it I think he would give \$1.30. Mended Sacks and halled chicken feed

Went to Mr Russils and got 8 Sacks of Barly

Cool South wind

Thurs 31 July 1884

Finished thrashing wheat 5637 Sacks of verry nice wheat the best we have raised for years

Fri 1 Aug 1884

Finished thrashing Barly 558 Sacks

Went to Mr Greenes and got Some Apples]

Went to Davisville this afternoon to See about Selling wheat was offered \$1.27 1/2

Sat 2 Aug 1884

Went to Sacramento to See about Selling wheat was offered \$1.26 1/2

Sun 3 Aug 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 4 Aug 1884

Thirty two years ago to day Mrs Pierce and Self arived in plaserville after a long and tiersom journeyh of 3 1/2 months acrost the plains

South wind and cloudy all day Sprincled several times quite Sharp

George and Self went to Davis to See about Selling wheat

Finis[h]ed diging potatoes

Tues 5 Aug 1884

Went to Davisville twice to Sell wheat but mist Selling both times

Mrs Pierce and George went to plesant vally to get fruit

very warm day

Wed 6 Aug 1884

George and Self went to Davisville and Sold the wheat

the most of it at \$1.25 the balance at \$1.20 have lost by not Selling Sooner

I hurt my left hip this evening quite bad geting off the horse

Thurs 7 Aug 1884

Warm day

George finished the doors at the wagon house

My hip has pained me a grate deal to day

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Davisville this evening

Fri 8 Aug 1884

Warm day

Halled one load of durty wheat and one load of wood off the creed

George worked on the Straw barn this forenoon and went to Davisville this afternoon

The old Burkshier Sow had 12 pigs this afternoon

Sat 9 Aug 1884

Went to Davisville paid Hampton \$40-- on grain inshurence

George worked on Straw barn

Warm day

Sun 10 Aug 1884

Hot day worse and worse

Mon 11 Aug 1884

South wind and a littler cooler. George worked on Straw Barn

I am not verry well to day

Tues 12 Aug 1884

South wind all day fine day for the time of year

George finished the Straw Barn. Repaired the fanningmill to clean Stack bottoms

I am feeling Some better than yesterday except my hip that is no better

Mr Russel fell of his Barn and got hurt quite badly

Wed 13 Aug 1884

South wind all day and quite cool

George and Self went to Davisville drue \$160-- of Ligget & Drummond. Paid J. C. Collens & Co \$60--

E. W. Brown \$100--

Levi Sniders grainfield caught fire and burnt four Stacks of wheat

Thurs 14 Aug 1884

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland and to Mr Dopkins

Commenced haling wheat out of the field north of the vinyard.

Worked around the house and cleaned the lower grainry for seed wheat

Fri 15 Aug 1884

Cool South wind all day and this evening

Wheat ways [weighs] a little over 139 and over to the Sack. Mrs Pierce and George have not come home yet from Woodland

Herded Cows this forenoon

Sat 16 Aug 1884

Strong South wind this afternoon and evening

Went to Mr Marshals to get pay for Seed wheat that we let him have

George painted the poarch flore this forenoon

Went to Davisville paid Mr Hampton \$185.50 Lumber Bill paid Mr

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Anderson \$50--

Sun 17 Aug 1884

Strong South wind and quite cool

Mon 18 Aug 1884

Strong South wind this afternoon and this evening

Commenced cleaning Stack bottoms

Tues 19 Aug 1884

Mrs Pierce and George went to pleasant vally after fruite

I am not feeling verry well to day

Scarce any wind to day mostly from the north untill near night then from the South

Wed 20 Aug 1884

Mrs Pierce can[n]ed fruit that She got yesterday at plea[s]ent vally

Fine day for work South wind moderatethis afternoon

George went to Sacramento and depozited \$5000-- Dollars in the Sacramento Bank to be applied on the land

Thurs 21 Aug 1884

Warm day Scarce any wind. Stock in the back field anr Suffering for the want of watter

Went to Davisville and got two men to clean up Stack bottoms

Fri 22 Aug 1884

Pumped watter for hogs

Cleaned Stack bottoms

Finished halling wheat to Davisville

Warm day North wind this forenoon west this afternoon

Sat 23 Aug 1884

Halled the Seed wheat into the grainry	Australia	50	Sacks
	Club	100	"
	Snowflake	225	"
	Tuscany	259	"
		4897	
		5631	

Cleaned Stack bottoms

Pumped watter for Hogs

Sun 24 Aug 1884 [No entry]

Mon 25 Aug 1884

George and the men went after wood near Cacheville

Pumped watter for Hogs

Tues 26 Aug 1884

Finished cleaning Stack bottoms. Made fence across the creek. Carr[i]ed Mr Russels Barly home that we borrowed to thrash with

Commenced plowing the Somerfallow the third time

Halled Barly into grainry

Wed 27 Aug 1884

Finished plowing Somerfallow and cut thisels and weeds on the Somerfallow

Finished halling Barly

Thurs 28 Aug 1884

Commenced putting Straw into the old Barn

Cut thisels and weeds on the Somerfallow

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Fri 29 Aug 1884

Halled Straw to the horse Barn for bedding

Moved Hogs out of the field north of the vinyard

Sat 30 Aug 1884

Finished halling Straw for bedding and commenced Stacking

Went to Davisville this afternoon. Mrs Pierce went to Mr Millers and Stayed while I went to Davisville

Sun 31 Aug 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville and took lunch at Mr Greenes

Mon 1 Sept 1884

Stack Straw

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento

George paid interest on the note at the Bank for one year \$4400-- the principle [?]

Tues 2 Sept 1884

Strong north wind this forenoon. South wind this afternoon quite Strong

Stacked Straw

I picked pairs got about 200 # off one tree

George fell off the Stack and hurt his back quite badly

Wed 3 Sept 1884

Stacked Straw

Went to Davisville and met Harry Larkin from Sacramento he has come to spend a few [days] on the ranch

George is some better

Thurs 4 Sept 1884

North wind maderate untill about 11 Oclock this forenoon then it turned into the South and has blowed verry harde all of the afternoon

Mrs Pierce and George went to San Francisco and San Jose this morning

Some of the Hogs got into Currys vinyard

Fri 5 Sept 1884

North wind quite Strong this fornoon. South wind this afternoon

Hunted hogs most of the day

Stacked Straw north of the Slough

Sat 6 Sept 1884

Got three hogs that was on the creek

Repaired fence

Went to Davisville with grapes to Tufts 65#

Stack Straw

Sun 7 Sept 1884

First rain of the Season

South wind and cloudy all day commenced Sprin[c]lin a litte after noon Several light [?] this evening in all about 16th of an inch

Mon 8 Sept 1884

Stacked Straw it is a little wet after the rain

Mrs Pierce and George come home this evening had a good time

Tues 9 Sept 1884

Strong norht wind most of the day. Finished Stacking Straw

Hunted hogs

Wed 10 Sept 1884

Went to Mr Greenes and got his wine press and fixed for making vinegar

Thurs 11 Sept 1884

Made vinegar

Mr & Mrs Ruggals and Mrs Elias Gallop and her three children made us a visit to day

Mr & Mrs Greene called today and made us a Short visit

Fri 12 Sept 1884

Strong South wind this afternoon

Went to Davisville this forenoon and to Mr Wrights this afternoon to See a man to Shear Sheep

Sat 13 Sept 1884 [No entry]

Sun 14 Sept 1884 [No entry]

Mon 15 Sept 1884

Went to Woodland to mill

Mrs Pierce went with me

Went to Mr Dopkins

Tues 16 Sept 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attnded the State fair a verry fine display of evry thing. Come home this evening verry tired

Wed 17 Sept 1884

George has gon to the State fair

Harry Larkin went home to day he has had a good viset

Thurs 18 Sept 1884

Fixed for Shearing Sheep

George come home from the fair

Went to Davisville Pairs & Grapes to Tufts. Killed a polecat this evening

Fri 19 Sept 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended State fair againe (sic) to day

Mrs Pierce bought an Incubater and the fixtens for \$60-- odd Dollars and a Washing Machiene for \$12--

George and one of the men went to Woodland to work on the house

Sat 20 Sept 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self paired pairs for drying most of the day

George come home this evening has gut (sic) to go back again Soon and finish up the house &c

Sun 21 Sept 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Out of watter at the Windmill

Mon 22 Sept 1884

Got up the hogs and Sorted them for market

Went to Davisville with Grapes to Tufts

Tues 23 Sept 1884

Drove the hogs to Davisville and Shiped them to Sacramento at 5 3/4 cts

63 head 239# each

Attended political Speeking to night at Davisvile

Commenced grinding Barly just at night

Wed 24 Sept 1884

George has gon to Woodland to work on the house roof. Finished grinding Barly 25 3/4 Tones

Thurs 25 Sept 1884 [No entry]

Fri 26 Sept 1884

Strong north wind come up about two Oclock this morning and has blowed hard all day. The wind has played out eh pairs

Went to Davisville 267# pairs to Tufts

Sat 27 Sept 1884

Went to Davisville with box of Grapes to Tufts 82#

Gethered almon[s]

George come home from Woodland got the house done

Mr Miller got Some Grapes and Mr Greenes press

Sun 28 Sept 1884

Attended Methodist Church at Davisville

Mon 29 Sept 1884

Went to Davisville with Grapes to Tufts 85#

Picked load of Grapes to take to Woodland

Thirty eight years ago to night I was marr[i]ed to Eunice French my present wife and she has been a good woman to me. God Bless her and prolong her life

Tues 30 Sept 1884

Hevy Shower this afternoon for the Season

Sent load of Grapes to Woodland

Mr & Mrs Dopkin come to make us a visit

Burnt Stuble north of the vinyard and east of the house this forenoon

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Wed 1 Oct 1884

Commenced blustoning wheat. Mr Dopkins and Ann went home this afternoon

Mr & Mrs Greene & Ella made us a Short viset this afternoon

Thurs 2 Oct 1884

Strong north wind and verry cold for the Season

Cleaned and bluestoned wheat

George went to Dixon to get a man to Shear Sheep

Fri 3 Oct 1884

Cleaned and bluestoned wheat for Seed

George went to Davisville 80# Grapes to Tufts

Sat 4 Oct 1884

Cleaned and buestoned wheat for Seed

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Davisville to attend Netty Mardins consert. I am verry tired to night

Sun 5 Oct 1884 [No entry]

Mon 6 Oct 1884

Discharged the two last men on the ranch. George went to Sacramento and got two more

Commenced Shearing Sheep

Strong north wind most of the day

I am not feeling a bit well to day

Tues 7 Oct 1884

All hands picked Grapes for market

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Wed 8 Oct 1884

George went to Woodland with the Grapes about 25 hundred pounds. And to Cacheville and got three Tones of Bran at \$15 per ton

Cleaned wheat again for Seed

Thurs 9 Oct 1884

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Mended Sacks

Shear Sheep &c

Anna Gorman left to day

Fri 10 Oct 1884

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland

Shiered (sic) Sheep and cleaned wheat for seed

Sat 11 Oct 1884

George went to Cacheville and got Midlens 3060 #

Sheared Sheep and finished cleaning wheat

Went to Davisville drue \$50-- of Ligget & Co

Sun 12 Oct 1884

Commenced to rain about 8 Oclock this morning

Several light Showers during the day and quite harde this morning

Mon 13 Oct 1884

Rained most of the night and moderate nearly all day

Cleaned and Oiled harness

Shucked Almon[s]

Tues 14 Oct 1884

Light Sprinkle most of the day. Oiled Harness and Shucked Almon[s]

I think the ground is wet deep enough to plow

Wed 15 Oct 1884

Clear all day began Shearing Sheep again this afternoon

Started the randle harrow on the voenteer north of the vinyard. Shucked almon[s]

Thurs 16 Oct 1884

Finished Shearing Sheep 146 head at 8 cts each \$11.68

Went to Dixon this afternoon to carry the Shigh[?] -- & Shearer home and Settled with Wright Bros for beef Bill \$53.50. George went to Davisville with 110# Grapes to Conlin and 74# to Tufts

Fri 17 Oct 1884

Started the other harrow on the voenteer

Shucked almon all day and this evening

Burnt Stuble in the Barly field north of the Barn

Sat 18 Oct 1884

Went to Davisville with 74# Grapes to Tufts

Got 30 Sacks of Barly of Legget and Drummon for Seed. Looocks verry much like rain this afternoon

George mowed around the fence next [to] the road for burning Stuble in the Big field

Sun 19 Oct 1884

No rain last night

Fine and clear this morning

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to church

Mon 20 Oct 1884

Finished harrow[ing] volunteer for hay

Commenced Sowing Somerfallow north of the old Barn

Went to Davisville and got a new man

80# Grapes to Tufts

Tues 21 Oct 1884

Sowed and harrowed Somerfallow

Sorted the cattle and put Some of them in the windmill field

Mr Alge from Woodland was hear loocking for beef and Mutton

Wed 22 Oct 1884

Sowed and harrowed wheat

Went to Davisville with 95# of Grapes to Tufts

Thurs 23 Oct 1884

Sold four head of Beef to M[a]rston for \$125--

Sowed and harrowed wheat. Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Woodland to attend a political meeting

Fri 24 Oct 1884

Still day have had to pump watter for Stock two or three days. Sold Mar[s]tin one more Beef and nine head of yearlings for \$205--

Mrs Pierce and George got home about noon

Sat 25 Oct 1884

Stong north wind

Sold 30 head more of Hogs to Marstin at \$4.35 per cwt

Gethered and Sorted the Hogs

Sun 26 Oct 1884
Strong north wind

Mon 27 Oct 1884
Drove 30 head of Hogs to Davisville and Sold to Marstin 212# each. Sowed and harrowed wheat. George has gon to Knights Landing to a political meeting

Tues 28 Oct 1884
George went to Knights Landing to attend Political meeting

Sowed and harrowed wheat

Wed 29 Oct 1884
George got home about noon from Knights Landing

Went to Davisville with grapes to Tufts 53#

Marstin come after his cattle that he bought and got one more 15 head inall #360--

Thurs 30 Oct 1884
Went to Davisville with 83# grapes to Tufts

George and Dan burn Stuble this afternoon and this evening

Fri 31 Oct 1884
George and Dann burnt Stuble again to Day

Went to Davisville and got 27 Sacks of Barly of Ligget & Drummond Tufts 100# Grapes.
George and Self attended Republican meeting Davisville

Sat 1 Nov 1884
Strong north wind and quite cold. Went to Davisville and got 25 Sacks of Barly of Ligget & Co.
George has gon to Woodland to a political meeting

Sun 2 Nove 1884

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Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 3 Nov 1884

Sowed and harrowed wheat. North wind quite Strong all day

George attended political meeting at Dixon this evening

Tues 4 Nov 1884

Attended Election at Davisville. The Ladeis (sic) got up a diner to get money to paint the Presbyteri[a]n church

Wed 5 Nov 1884

Sowed wheat all day

Thurs 6 Nov 1884

Finished Sowing Somerfallow

George went to Sacramento with wool hides and pelts got four cents for wool per # Twenty five cts each for pelts

Got 25 Sacks of wild Oats to Sow for hay

Went to Davisville with 74# Grapes to Tufts

Fri 7 Nov 1884

Finished harrowing wheat

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got bones for chickents

George got home this evening from the City

Sat 8 Nov 1884

Picked two Boxes of Grapes for Tufts

Commenced plowing for hay. Run Randle harrow in the windmill field are goint to Sow it to Barly for hog feel

Went to Mr Greenes to See his pig pen that he has just been building it is verry nice I wish I had one as good. Think Some of building one Sometime

Sun 9 Nov 1884

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville

Mon 10 Nov 1884

George Sowed Barly in the wind mill field for hog feed

George went to Mr Greene to See his new pig pen

Tue 11 Nov 1884

George went to Davisville with Grapes to Tufts 52#

Wed 12 Nov 1884

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento with the teem and back

Thurs 13 Nov 1884

Commenced Sowing Oats for hay. It has been quite foggy the forepart of the day for Several days and hevly due

A verry little rain last night. Boock agen called on us today

Fri 14 Nov 1884 [No entry]

Sat 15 Nov 1884

Fixed for shutting up the fat[t]ing hogs and Sows and pigs. Toock the fence out of the creek.

Finished harrowing the hay ground

Sun 16 Nov 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 17 Nov 1884

I am Seventy years old to day and am enjoying usual good health

Ann and Mr Dopkins come to celebrate my Burth day. Mrs Pierce killed Some chickens and we had a good time

Commenced to dry plow for Barly in the middle field

Tues 18 Nov 1884

Commenced on the chickin house for the Incubater

The ground plows up quite ruff

Wed 19 Nov 1884

Went to Cacheville to mill

Thurs 20 Nov 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland. Rented the house and lot to Mr Clark for an other year \$138-- Cold and dry so we need Some rain

Fri 21 Nov 1884

Fixed troughs for the fatting hogs

George went to Davisville and got the wheat harrow that I left to be mended

Sat 22 Nov 1884

Went to Cacheville and got a little Bran are to have more next week

Cold and dry need rain verry much. Heavy fog this morning

Sun 23 Nov 1884 [No entry]

Mon 24 Nov 1884

Attended Mr McMayhans funeral he was barred [buried] in Sacramento we went as far as Davisville

Commenced dry Sowing Barly in the middle field

Tues 25 Nov 1884

Went to Davisville after window and other things for the chicken house. Finish Sowing Barly in the middle field

Wed 26 Nov 1884

George went to Cacheville after Bran

Finished harrowing Barly in the middle field

Thurs 27 Nov 1884

[Entry crossed out. It was intended for Friday.]

Fri 28 Nov 1884

Commenced plowing and Scraping out the watter hole in the north field near the Windmill

Borrowed Mr Greenes Scraper and Broke it the first half of the day

Sat 29 Nov 1884

Plowed and Scraped the watter hose at the windmill

Broke the plow this forenoon

George wentto Davisville this afternoon

Sun 30 Nov 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Rossa Kelly has got home

Mon 1 Dec 1884

Finish Scraping the watter hole in the hog lot

Clear and dry

Tues 2 Dec 1884

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento. got Six Sacks of Potatoes &c

Clear and dry

Halled manure out of the horse correll

Finished halling durt into the horse Stables

Wed 3 Dec 1884

Went to Davisville and got the freight that I had Sent out from the City

Halled durt into the Cow Shed and chicken house &c

Comenced hog Shed back of Cow barn

Thurs 4 Dec 1884

George and Self went to Woodland on buisness (sic) with the Farmers Inshurenc Co

Halled out Stack bottoms

Fri 5 Dec 1884

Worked on hog Shed

North wind quite Strong

Halled out Stack bottoms

Cold and dry

Sat 6 Dec 1884

Strong norht wind it has blowed a perfect gale

No work don to day

Sun 7 Dec 1884

North wind worse than yesterday and verry cold

Mon 8 Dec 1884

North wind verry Strong to day went down a little just at night no work today

Tues 9 Dec 1884

Halled Stack bottoms

North wind moderate

Worked on hog Shed down in the field

Went to Davisville and got Sideing for the Chicken house and lumber for the cow Shed

Wed 10 Dec 1884

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville to see Rossa

Wordked on hog Shed and halled manure from the old Barn

Toock the pump out of the well at wind mill

George is 34 years old to day

Thurs 11 Dec 1884

The pump did not go So he had totake it out again this morning

Finished halling manure from the Old Barn. Repaired Shed for the yearlings

Fri 12 Dec 1884

Cold and dry yet

Sat 13 Dec 1884

Mowed [moved?] and repaired garding fence

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon.

I attended Lodge for the first time for over a year. Cold and dry

Fixed for kinling [killing?] hogs

Sun 14 Dec 1884 [No entry]

Mon 15 Dec 1884

Killed 12 head of hogs that were very nice

Not quite So cold and loocks a little like rain

Tues 16 Dec 1884

Cloudy all day. light Sprinkles two or three times

George went to Woodland let Dr Ruddock have a Hog. John Muller three hogs 601#

Wed 17 Dec 1884

Commenced raining early last night about 1/2 inch to [of?] rain fell during the night

Thurs 18 Dec 1884

Tuck (sic) the fence out of the creek

Finished cutting pork and made Sausage. Rained moderate most of the night and nearly all day. I am not feeling verry well. a wet tramp hear to night

The rain is just what we need and it is coming good a nuff has fallen to Start all Somerfallow

Fri 19 Dec 1884

Little rain early this morning cloudy all day

George and Some of the Boys went to Davisville

Dan got a pair of boots

Sat 20 Dec 1884

Rained moderate most of the day

Sun 21 Dec 1884

No rain to day South wind and cloudy all day

Mon 22 Dec 1884

Rained most of the day

Killed and dresed 16 Turkys for market

Tues 23 Dec 1884

Sent Turkyes to San Francisco

Hevy Shower this afternoon

Wed 24 Dec 1884

Mrs Pierce and George attended Chrismas Tree at Davisville

Rained most of the night

Thurs 25 Dec 1884

Rained most of the forenoon

Fri 26 Dec 1884

George Colts run away

Several Showers during the day

Sat 27 Dec 1884

No rain to day

Mrs Pierce went to Mr Dopkins to celebrate his birth day he is 55 years old

Sun 28 Dec 1884

Stay at Mr Dopkins all day

Mon 29 Dec 1884

Come home to day

Strong north wind and cold

Commence cutting wood on the lland at noon

Tues 30 Dec 1884

Cut wood on the lland

Wed 31 Dec 1884

Cut wood

Cold north wind

Memoranda [p.1]

Ligget & Drummond [No further information.]

Memoranda [p.2]

Legget & Drummon

Dr to Butter

Jan 11 18# at 32 1/2 5.85

" 26 12# " 30 \$3.60 31st *# Butter

Feb 25 12# " 30 cts M[?]

April 30 10 " 20

June 5 16 " 20

Cash Account. January [p.1]				
Date			Received	Paid
2	Ligget & Co	100.00		
"	George			20.00
3	Ballance for taxes			44.00
12	Frank			12.00
18	W. H. Mardin			24.83
"	Legget & Drummon	100.00		
24	" " "	300.00		
	Wyckoff Alfalfa seed			46.00
31	Legget & Co	250.00		
"	New ingland life ins[h]urence Co			152.45

Cash Account. February [p.2]				
Date			Received	Paid
6	Legget & Drummon	50.00		
23	" "	100.00		

Cash Account. March [p.3]				
Date			Received	Paid
7	Mat Carl			20.00
19	Guthrie (George)			20.00

Cash Account. April [p.4]				
Date			Received	Paid
12	Mat Carl			10.00
30	[No entry.]			

Cash Account. May [p.5]				
Date			Received	Paid
2	Legget & Co	21.25		
4	" "		25.00	
"	Jake Wadley			20.00
"	Stine			5.00

Cash Account. June [p.6]				
Date			Received	Paid
9	Ligget & Drumon Stine	28.00		
12	" "	20.00		

Cash Account. July [p.7]			
Date		Received	Paid
8	Ligget Tax collector	8.00	
13	Legget Dan Hartigan	10.00	
19	" James Hartigan	35.00	
23	" Waters	37.60	
24	" Jener	48.00	
"	" Pendes	28.75	
26	" Gepson	98.35	
"	" Dan Hartigan	41.10	
"	" Mike "	40.37	
"	" James Hartigan	12.00	

Cash Account. August [p.8]			
Date		Received	Paid
8	Legget & Drummond	800.00	
"	" "	60.00	
"	John Cramer		800.00
"	George Hoffman		22.25
9	Hampton grain inshurence		40.00
"	Legget & D	5.00	
13	"	190.00	
"	J. P. Collens & Co		60.00
"	E. W. Brown		100.00
16	Legget & Drummond	260.00	
"	Hampton		185.00
"	Anderson		50.00
22	Newingland inshurence Co		54.35
"	M. H. Falkner		10.00
25	Leggit & Drummonde	50.00	
"	John Creamer		50.00
30	Ligget & Drummonde	5.00	
"	Dan Hartigan		5.00

Cash Account. September [p.9]			
Date		Received	Paid
3	Bryan Rodgers (Big plank)		3.00
"	Mat Carl		75.00
"	Daniel Hartigan		34.00
"	Wm		11.00
12	Ligget & Drummonde	50.00	
"	Anna Gorman		70.00

"	James Hartigan (balance)	3.70
29	Ligget & D Deposit	500.00
"	Mat Carl	105.00

Cash Account. October [p.10]

Date		Received	Paid
6	Ligget & Drummond	80.00	
8	For Bran		53.90
"	Anna Gorman		20.00
"	For Midlings[?]		27.65
17	Ligget & Drummon	50.00	
"	" " Creamer	32.15	
"	Creamer for grinding		32.15
"	Wright Brothers Beef		53.50
"	Sheep Shearer		11.70
25	Marstin for Beef	100.00	
27	" " Hogs	276.60	
"	Ligget & Drummon on Deposit		200.00
"	Hampton Lumber Bill	[No number entered]	

Cash Account. November [p.11]

Date		Received	Paid
28	Marston for Beef	160.00	

Cash Account. December [p.12]

Date		Received	Paid
16		150.00	

[Note: A small slip of paper with no year designation on it is inserted in the pages of this diary. It has the following list of months with a number opposite each: Oct 10, Nov 22 1/2, Dec 23 1/4, Jan 22 1/2, Feb 21 1/2, March 22, April 18 1/4. These numbers are all added up to a total of 141.00, from which 93.70 is subtracted, leaving a total of 47.30.]