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D-022 2:3: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1885

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[Note: The early entries for 1885 are at the bottoms of the first pages of the diary volume for 1884. Pierce put in entries there for 1 January 1885 through 15 February 1885.

Entries for 16 February through 5 April 1885 are missing altogether.

There are no accounts for the ranch at the end of this volume of the diaries.

Tucked in this volume there is a yellow scrap of paper (part of an envelope) probably written by E Giddings Recorder. "Filed for Record in the recorder's office of Yolo county California. Nov. 11th at 2 1/2 o'clock in book "E" Deeds on pag 106 107 E Giddings Recorder Sibley Deputy" There other scribbles on this side of the scrap. On the other side is the following, probably a scratch paper draft for an official document: "A portion of the sections 13 12 13 H G extending from the centre of Putah creek 32 rods north and l[number not clear] west back to center of Putah" Scribbles of signature E Giddings Recorder.]

Thurs 1 Jan 1885 [Entered in the 1884 diary volume]

"1885 I have no Diary for 1885"

Lost the best Cow I had to day a light Sprinkle this forenoon
quite a Shower this afternoon

Cut wood on the lland

Fri 2 Jan 1885

1885 Cut wood

Sat 3 Jan 1885

1885 George and teem went out to plow but it was too wet

Sun 4 Jan 1885

Sunday 1885 Heavy frost for Several days Stayed at home all day

Mon 5 Jan 1885

1885 Set out young vines in the old vinyard

Tues 6 Jan 1885

1885 Set out Grape vines this forenoon

Started one plow this afternoon the ground is verry wet

Wed 7 Jan 1885

1885 Planted Some Potatoes Turnips and pees. Started on other plow to day ground is verry wet

Loocks verry much like rain

[Entry appended here]: 1885 Sun Shone all day quite Strong. Run three plows

Thurs 8 Jan 1885

1885 Cloudy and darke all day loocked like rain all day. Commenced raining about five Oclock this afternoon

Fri 9 Jan 1885

Cloudy and dark all day

Run three plows

Sat 10 Jan 1885

1885 Commenced raining early last night and most of the night quite harde and nearly all day

Fixed for letting the Sows and young pigs into the Orchard

George and two of the men went to Davisville this afternoon. The Greene Pig [?]

Sun 11 Jan 1885
1885 Sun Shone all day

Mon 12 Jan 1885
1885 Sun Shone all day

Worked on pig pen

Tues 13 Jan 1885
1885 Commenced raining early last night and rained most of the night

very cloudy and dark all day and looked like rain most of the day

Got hogs out of Mr Russels field and off the creek

Wed 14 Jan 1885
1885 Sun Shone all day north wind moderate and quite cool

The mud has dried up considerable. George went to Davisville and got the mail

Made gate for the pig pen

Thurs 15 Jan 1885
1885 Clear and fine all day north wind moderate. it has dried up the mud Some

Cut wood at the house.

Hung gate at the pig pen.

The Chickens are pe[e]ping in the Incubater the time is up tomorrow for them to hatch

Fri 16 Jan 1885
1885 Set out locus trees in the hog lot

Plowed the garding this for[e]noon A little Sprinkle of rain this afternoon just at night

Sat 17 Jan 1885

1885 Went to Davisville this afternoon did Some work on the lot in the Cemetry. Attended lodge at Davisville

Sun 18 Jan 1885

1885 Clear and fine

Mon 19 Jan 1885

1885 Heavy fog untill noon. clear the rest of the day. Started the plows this morning the land is verry wet

Tues 20 Jan 1885

1885 Heavy fog untill noon. run two plows on the Knowl and one in the east field north of the ditch

Mrs Pierce and George atten[d]ed Supprise party at Mr Andersons in Davisville and had a good time

Hung up the ham and Shoulders

I have been quite Sick all day

Wed 21 Jan 1885

1885 Hatched between 50 and 60 Chickens out of the first batch

I am feeling Some better to day

Thurs 22 Jan 1885

1885 George repaired the roof of the old chickenhouse.

Mr & Mrs Robson called to day and got Some Grape cuttings

Fri 23 Jan 1885

1885 George moved the Incubater into the old chicken house.

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got load of fencing to repair fence on the Creek. Heavy fog most of the day

Sat 24 Jan 1885

1885 George went to Woodland to get his teeth fixed.

Plowed on the Knowl. Clear all day

Repaired fence around the vinyard

Hevy fog just at night

Sun 25 Jan 1885

1885 Clear most of the day

Mon 26 Jan 1885 [No entry]

Tues 27 Jan 1885 [No entry]

Wed 28 Jan 1885

1885 Sowed wheat in the east field north of the ditch

Clowdy this afternoon

Big circles around the moon this evenind (sic)

Made gate for correll

Thurs 29 Jan 1885

1885 [Something crossed out]

George went to Sacramento and got a pig paid \$25--

Sold about \$18-- worth of almons

Fri 30 Jan 1885

1885 George and men repaired fence between the two big fields this afternoon.

Burnt brush in the vinyard

Sat 31 Jan 1885

1885 Attended Lodge at Davisville

Marstin got 7 head of Sheep at \$2.50

Repaired fence around the gardin and door yard

George and men repaired fence on the creek

Sun 1 Feb 1885

1885 Attended church at Davisville

Attended Lodg[e] at Davisville last evening. Mrs Pierce come after me to day

Mon 2 Feb 1885

1885 Finished plowing the Knowl this morning in the rain

A little rain last night

Tues 3 Feb 1885

1885 Set Walnut trees in the Hog lot near the windmill this afternoon

George went to Woodland and got 1/4 of Beef and got his teeth fixed

Wed 4 Feb 1885

1885 Finished pruning vines

Plowed land for Potatoes this forenoon

Started the harrows on the Knowl

George worked on the yearde for the little chickens

Thurs 5 Feb 1885

1885 Sowed Barly on the Knowl

Fogy and cold most of the day

Planted Potatoes

Fri 6 Feb 1885

1885 Mr & Mrs Greene made us a Short call this afternoon

Made roos[t] for the chickens in the west chicken houses

George went to Davisville this afternoon

North wind quite Strong

Sat 7 Feb 1885

1885 Made corrells for the two old Sows in the lot near the Barn and one for the calvs in the orchard

Sun 8 Feb 1885

1885 Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville
North wind and quite cold

Mon 9 Feb 1885

1885 Run three plows on the Somerfallow

North wind moderate

Mr & Mrs Miller called to day

Tues 10 Feb 1885

1885 North wind moderate

Run three plows. the land is two (sic) wet in places

Wed 11 Feb 1885

1885 Plowed the gardin the Second time.

Rev Mr Anderson made us a Short call to day

North wind quite Strong

Thurs 12 Feb 1885

1885 Strong north wind all day and quite cold.

Somehting is the matter with the pigs I have lost 4 lately I gave them sulfur to night

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Fri 13 Feb 1885 [No entry]

Sat 14 Feb 1885

1885 Mr Dopkin Ann and George come to day to make us a visit

Sun 15 Feb 1885

1885 Mr Dopkins Ann And George went home to day

Ann is 56 years old to day

Mon 16 Feb - Fri 20 Feb 1885 [No entries]

Sat 21 Feb 1885

1885 Planted Potatoes Corn & Beets in the gardin

Mr Kiethly got pig paid \$15.00

[Note: There are no more entries for 1885 in the 1884 diary volume. The new diary for 1885, a smaller volume has no entries until Monday April 6th. This records for 22 February through 5 April 1885 are missing.]

[BEGINNING OF THE 1885 VOLUME OF THE DIARIES]

Mon 6 Apr 1885

Went to Sacramento and got A Girl to help Mrs Pierce

Got 20 Sacks of Charcole for Hogs

George Hoag come home with me to overhall the Bees

Finished cleaning corrells

Tues 7 Apr 1885

Ann & Dopkin and George come to make us a viset

Quite a Shower this morning and a hevvy one this afternoon with hail

Commenced working the vinyard the Second time

Wed 8 Apr 1885
Finished the vinyard

Thurs 9 Apr 1885
Sent chickens to the graingers.

Went to Davisville three times to day changed cooks

Fri 10 Apr 1885
Mrs Pierce and Self Went to Woodland to See Mrs Stiner She is going east

Sat 11 Apr 1885
Stayed at Mr Dopkins last night come home this afternoon
a light Sprinkle last night

Sun 12 Apr 1885 [No entry]

Mon 13 Apr 1885
Went to Woodland and got Calf of Dr Ruddock and Wool Sacks

Tues 14 Apr 1885
Went to Davisville

Wed 15 Apr 1885 [No entry]

Thurs 16 Apr 1885
Strong South wind and loocks like rain

Fri 17 Apr 1885
Cold

Sat 18 Apr 1885

Cold north wind this morning

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and back to day. Mrs Pierce got Eggs to Set of Mrs Paterson at 50 cts per Doz

Sun 19 Apr 1885

Thirty three years ago to day Mrs Pierce and self left Kenosha for California across the plains with horse teams. Arrived in Plaserville August 4th.

Cold north wind this morning

Mon 20 Apr 1885

Fifty years ago to day I left Homer State of N. Y. for Wisconsin arrived in Ch[ic]ago 17 of May Went through Michigan a foot.

Cold North wind all day

Went to Davisville

Sent two Sacks of wool to the Graingers

Tues 21 Apr 1885

Cold North wind all day. Mr Hopkin[?] was hear to See the yo[u]ng Bulls

Wed 22 Apr 1885

North wind quite Strong. It turned to the South in the afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Millers this afternoon

Thurs 23 Apr 1885

Strong north wind

Fri 24 Apr 1885

Attended church festivell at Davisville this evening

Put the Hogs in the back field this afternoon

North wind

Sat 25 Apr 1885

Strong North wind most of the day

Repaired the wind mill on the back field

Sun 26 Apr 1885

Cloudy most of the forenoon and loock[s] verry much like rain

South wind

Mon 27 Apr 1885

Commenced cutting hay. Went to Davisville and got bones

George marked 94 Lames

Tues 28 Apr 1885

Light Sprinkle this forenoon

George went to Davisville with the mairs. Mended Sacks

Wed 29 Apr 1885

George went to Davisville and got hay Carrier

Commenced raking hay this afternoon

Thurs 30 Apr 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and back to day

Fri 1 May 1885

I am not feeling verry well to day

georg went to Woodland to attend picnic

Sat 2 May 1885

Cut hay

George finished the hay carrier

Sun 3 May 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 4 May 1885

Went to Davisville and got three men to work in the hay

Halled one load of hay to try the hay carrier think it will work well

George marked 94 lams

Tues 5 May 1885

Commenced halling hay. Finished cujtting hay it is verry nice

Mrs Pierce went to Woodland on the train this afternoon

Wed 6 May 1885

Halled hay

Thurs 7 May 1885

Went to Woodland after Mrs Pierce

Halled hay

Strong South wind

Mr Griggs come to day to work among the colts and Pigs

Fri 8 May 1885

Spayed 43 Pigs

Finished halling what hay we had cut and commenced cutting more

Did not have the Barns full

Sat 9 May 1885

Finished cutting hay this forenoon for the Second time

George went to Woodland to attend Picnic. The cook went to Davisville

Cut run[n]ers off the grape vines.

Sun 10 May 1885 [No entry]

Mon 11 May 1885

Finished raking and bunching hay

Went to Davisville

Tues 12 May 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to San Francisco

I attended the Grand Lodge

Wed 13, Thurs 14, Fri 15 May 1885 [No entries]

Sat 16 May 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self come home today from San Francisco

Sun 17 May 1885

Attended church at Davisville

Fifty years ago to day I was in Chicago for the first time and Stayed over night at Blue Island on my way to Yank Settlement near Joliet

Mon 18 May 1885

Went to Davisville

Shipped two Boxes of Eggs to Wheaton & Luhr

Got Draper for Hedder

Tues 19 May 1885

Strong South wind most of the day

George and Charly put in the new Draper

Wed 20 May 1885

North wind this forenoon

South this afternoon

Mended Sacks

Thurs 21 May 1885

Finish halling gravel around the windmill and pump

George Grapfton went to Davisville

Fri 22 May 1885

Stron north wind all last night and all day to day

Made Capp [?] for bee hives

George went to Davisville with the mars [mares]

Sat 23 May 1885

Strong north wind most of the day

Mrs went to Davisville and got her Dress that Mrs Oniel made for her

Sun 24 May 1885

The coock and Self went to Davisville

Mon 25 May 1885

Dug Potatoes

Plowed among the artichokes

George went to Burkley to attend class meeting of class of 75

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Tues 26 May 1885

Chored around in the forenoon

Went to Davisville in the afternoon

Halled two loads of hay into the Cow Barn. Sent two Boxes of Eggs to Graingers

Wed 27 May 1885

Strong north wind and verry hot most of the day. South wind this evening

Thurs 28 May 1885

Commenced cutting Barly

Went to Sacramento after help for Mrs Pierce

The coock left this morning

Fri 29 May 1885

Cut Barly in the middle field

Went to Davisville after the coock but She did not come

Sat 30 May 1885

Went to Davisville after the coock

Finished cutting Barly that was ripe

Cool South wind this afternoon

Sun 31 May 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Strong South wind all day

Mon 1 June 1885

Strong South wind all day

Went to Davisville Sold Mr Rud a Bull for \$40.00

Tues 2 June 1885

Strong South wind all day and quite cold. Went to Caheville to mill

Wed 3 June 1885

Strong South west wind and looks very much like rain

Thurs 4 June 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to mill.

Got rope &c for the Derric

Cut Stack bottom s in the wheat this forenoon

South wind as usual

Fri 5 June 1885

Strong South wind and looked very much like rain

Repaired the Brig [Bridge] this side of the Knowl

George and most of the men went to Davisville this afternoon

Sat 6 June 1885

Strong North wind started about 8 O'clock this morning and lasted most of the day

Cut wheat all day

Made Steps at the front gate to get in and out of vehicles [vehicles]

Sun 7 June 1885

North wind quite Strong most of the day

Mon 8 June 1885

South wind and quite cool. the men ate dinner at the lower Barn

Went to Davisville this afternoon got load of bones

Tues 9 June 1885

Strong South west wind and loocks verry much like rain

Mr Hampton and Rossa Kelly made us a visit this afternoon

Wed 10 June 1885

Quite a rain last night. the wheat has been to[o] damp to work to day. quite a Shower about two Oclock this afternoon Fenced the Barly and got the gons into the Stuble

Thurs 11 June 1885

Strong South wind and loocks like rain this evening

Fri 12 June 1885

Cold South wind

Mr Hampton and Mrs Cole of San Francisco Stayed hear last night. Mrs Cole went home to day. Mrs Pierce and Self went as far as Davisville with her

Found a Sick Mule when I got home

Sat 13 June 1885

Cool South wind for the Season

Sun 14 June 1885

Cool South wind

Mrs Pierce went to Davisville

Mon 15 June 1885

Cool South wind yet and the coolest harvist So far that I have ever Seen in the State

Tues 16 June 1885

Cool South wind

Went to Davisville

Miss Kelly and Miss Cole come this afternoon. Miss Cole with Stay a few days

Wed 17 June 1885

North wind this forenoon and q[u]ite warm

South South (sic) and cool this afternoon [and?] this evening

Thurs 18 June 1885

Miss Cole went to Davisville to day

Rossa Kelly made us a visit to day

Cool South wind to day

Fri 19 June 1885

Cool South wind to day

Miss Cole and Willie Hampton made us a call to day

Earigated Some fruit trees

Sat 20 June 1885

Mrs Pierce went to Sanfrancisco to See Lilly French She is verry Sick

Miss Cole went home to day

Sun 21 June 1885

Warm day

Mrs Pierce come home this evning

Mon 22 June 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon to See Miss Kelly She Starts for hom
Thursday

Tues 23 June 1885

Went to Davisville and got 2000 Sacks at 3 1/2 cts

Wed 24 June 1885

Cleaned over the Wheat that was left in the grainry

Mrs Pierce and self went to Davisville to (sic) this afternoon to bid Rossa [Kelly] good bye She Starts tomorrow morning

Thurs 25 June 1885

Cleaned wheat most of the day

Fri 26 June 1885

Warm day

Finished harvest to day noon

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got 2000 Sackes at 5 1/2 cts went this afternoon and got load of bones for the chickens

Toock the men home this afternoon

Sat 27 June 1885

Clean grainry

Went to Lodg[e] this evening

Sun 28 June 1885 [No entry]

Mon 29 June 1885

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville after Mrs French and her daughters

Lilly Seems to be lome better

She went to the table and ater Supper

Tues 30 1885

Poped up the peach trees thay are braking down.

Cleaned grainry

Wed 1 July 1885

Commenced thrashing Barly this afternoon

Thurs 2 July 1885

Finished the Barly and commenced on the wheat

Hevy wind Storm this afternoon from the South the hevyst that I ever Saw

Mr & Mrs Miller made us a call this afternoon

Fri 3 July 1885

Repaired grainry. Went to Mr Greenes to See about changing Some wheat

Put 80 Sacks of club wheat in the old grainry for seed

Sat 4 July 1885

Warm day

South wind in the afternoon and not quite so hot

Sun 5 July 1885

Warm day

Mrs Pierce Mrs French and self attended church at Davisville

Mr Hampton made us a call this afternoon

Mon 6 July 1885

North wind in the forenoon and quite warm

South wind this afternoon and cooler

Thrashed what and it is y[i]elding better than we expected (sic)

Tues 7 July 1885

Thrashed and halled what

Went to Mr Porters after tree [three] lams {lambs?} that he was to let me have

Strong South wind this afternoon

Wed 8 July 1885

Fifty years ago to day I arrived in Wisconsin and Stopped at Pike creek now Kenosha

Finished thrashing this afternoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got load of bones.

Thurs 9 July 1885

George went to Sacramento to See the Docktor

Halled Seed wheat

Run tire off of one of the Wagons halling wheat

Fri 10 July 1885

Mr & Mrs Robson made us a call to day

Finished halling Seed wheat

Strong South wind all day and quite cool

Sat 11 July 1885

Halled wheat to Davisville

Attended Lodge

Sun 12 July 1885 [No entry]

Mon 13 July 1885

Warm day 104 at 4 O'clock this afternoon I did not loock in ghe middle of the day. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 14 July 1885

Warm day 106

Halled wheat to Davisville 248 Sacks

Wed 15 July 1885

Strong north wind all day

Wattered trees at the Windmill

Went to Davisville this afternoon and load of bones

Thurs 16 July 1885

North wind most of the day and hot

Wattered trees

Mrs Pierce and George called on Mrs Guile this evening

Fri 17 July 1885

Strong South wind all day and a greate change in the wether for the better

Wattered trees at the windmill

Sat 18 July 1885

Strong South wind and quite cool

Wattered trees at the wind mill and yard

Attended Lodge at Davisville

Sun 19 July 1885

Mrs Pierce Anna French attended church at Davisville

Mon 20 July 1885

George and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

A little warmer than for the last five days

Worked in the orchard at the windmill

Tues 21 July 1885

Mrs Bennet, Mrs Greenes mother di[e]d to day at Woodland aged about 77 She was the first Lady that we Saw on the creek 19 Febuary 1854

Mr Hampton made us a call to day

Wed 22 July 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Sacramento to attend Mrs Bennets funeral and come home on the 10:30 train.

Got Side of harnis lether

Thurs 23 July 1885

Comenced Shearing Sheep this afternoon

Spaded around the Peach and Apples (sic) trees at the windmille

Fri 24 July 1885

Mrs French went home to day

Sheared Sheep

The boys broke Wagon axel

Sat 25 July 1885

Went to Mr Greenes and got his carage to take Lilly French to the cars

George went

Sun 26 July 1885

Mrs Pierce, Lilly and Anna French went to San Francisco to day

Mon 27 July 1885

Finished halling wheat.

Paid John Cramer \$800-- in part payment for thrashing

Tues 28 July 1885

Commenced Stacking Straw with three wagons

Went to Davisville

Strong South wind in the afternoon

Wed 29 July 1885

Stacked Straw

Went to Davisville with 33# Grapes to Tufts

Strong South wind in the afternoon

Thurs 30 July 1885

Stacked Straw in the north field

Warm day Themometer 110 in the Shade 107 at 5 Oclock this afternoon

Fri 31 July 1885

Stacked Straw

Warm day full as warm as yesterday

Mrs Pierce come home this evning from San Francisco Lilly is about the same as when She left

North wind moderate to day

Sat 1 Aug 1885

Went to Davisville and got the Mules Shod for George and the Boys to go to the mountains

Finished Stacking Straw.

Hot day north wind moderate all day

Sun 2 Aug 1885

North wind moderate all day 104 at 6 Oclock and verry warm

Fier Started in field about 11 Oclock this forenoon little damage burnt Some fence

Mon 3 Aug 1885

George and the men Started for the Mountains for a hunt of three or four weeks

hot day

Tues 4 Aug 1885

Went to Davisville with the big wagon had a terable time with fanny She did not like the Strange Harness and wagon

Got load of bones

Hot wether yet

Wed 5 Aug 1885

Warm day John Cramer was up to see about grinding Barly

Got a Sick Calf out of the field

Thurs 6 Aug 1885

Strong South wind all day and quite cool

Ground Barly

Curry reported a 100 head of hogs in his wheat which proved to be one Sow and pigs

Fri 7 Aug 1885

Mended Currys fence to keep the Hogs out of Currys fi[e]ld. Went to Davisville

Sat 8 Aug 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland.

General Grant was berred [buried] to day

Went and Saw Ann a fiew minets

Sun 9 Aug 1885 [No entry]

Mon 10 Aug 1885

Went to Davisville Lilly French is no better. Got paint for the kitchen floor and the porch

Tues 11 Aug 1885

Went to Davisville for the mail

Lilly is worse

Got James Hartigan to do some painting

The Hogs have got Coleridge

Wed 12 Aug 1885

Painted the floor and porch

Lilly is worse

Wed 13 Aug 1885

Lilly died this morning at San Francisco and is to be buried at Davisville

Went to Davisville to make arrangements for the funeral

Fri 14 Aug 1885

Lilly was buried today

Warm day

Mrs French and Anna come home with us to stay a few days and get rested

Buried 2 dead Hogs

Sat 15 Aug 1885

Went to Davisville

Warm day

Sun 16 Aug 1885

George come home from the mountains

Mon 17 Aug 1885

Hot day Thermometer 103 at 6 O'clock

Berred four dead hogs this morning

Tues 18 Aug 1885

Commenced cleaning and bluestoning wheat for Seed Thermometer 111

Wed 19 Aug 1885

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Thurs 20 Aug 1885

Cleaned wheat for Seed

Went to Davisville got Sack of Butter Beenes 45# of Grapes to Tufts

Fri 21 Aug 1885

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento. Paid Sacramento Banks interest to Nov 12 -- 85

Sat 22 Aug 1885

Finished cleaning and bluestoning wheat for the present

Attended Lodge at Davisville

Sun 23 Aug 1885 [No entry]

Mon 24 Aug 1885

Cleaned tailens after the Thrashing Machine got 18 Sacks of good wheat

George and self Went to Mr Chilses to See his fine Stock

He has some nice hieffers

Tues 25 Aug 1885

Cleaned tailings got 17 Sacks of good wheat. Mr Anderson mad[e] us a call this afternoon

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Wed 26 Aug 1885

Finished tailing

Halled manure out of Cow corral

Mended Sacks

Thurs 27 Aug 1885

Stacked Straw in Orchard at the windmill for Sheep.

George went to Woodland to get his teeth repaired

Mrs Pierce and Mrs French and Anna went to Davisville and to the Cemetery

Made Mr Hampton a call

Fri 28 Aug 1885

Stack Straw

Went to Davisville to get Trugh made for Calvs

Sat 29 Aug 1885

Halled gravel into calf corral

Sun 30 Aug 1885

Mrs Pierce Mrs French Anna and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 31 Aug 1885 [No entry]

Tues 1 Sept 1885

Went to Woodland

Received of J Qit [?] Clark \$75--

Paid Fisk & Co \$65.50 Diggs \$9.57

Wed 2 Sept 1885

George went to Sacramento to See about getting a Stall for Raven [horse?]

Mrs French and Anna went home to day

Thurs 3 Sept 1885

Two teams have been harrowing Somerfallow over a week

Fri 4 Sept 1885

Went to Davisville to See about selling a cow

George went to Sacramento to see about Stall for Raven

Sat 5 Sept 1885

Attend Lodge at Davisville

It has looked verry much like rain for Several days. George burnt Stuble in the east field

Sun 6 Sept 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 7 Sept 1885

Put up watter trough for the colts and Calvs

George went to Davisville to meet Brother Elijah he is coming to make us a visit

Sold Drummond a cour at \$45--

Tues 8 Sept 1885

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got the Buggy repaired

Sold Wm Montgomery a Bull \$150--

Wed 9 Sept 1885

Brother Elijah and Self went to Woodland and mad[e] Ann a visit

Thurs 10 Sept 1885

North wind moderate most of the day.

Brothe[r] Elijah went to Davisville this forenoon and wint to the Cemetry.

Sold Tufts 70# Grapes

Picked pairs for Tufts this afternoon

Weaned three Calvs

Fri 11 Sept 1885

Elijah went to the State fair this morning and goes home tomorrow

Sold Tufts 480# pairs

Strong North wind and quite warm

Sat 12 Sept 1885

North wind and quite warm

Went to Davisville got the horses Shod Sold Tufts 58# Grapes

Sun 13 Sept 1885 [No entry]

Mon 14 Sept 1885

Went to Davisville

Sold Tufts 58# Grapes

Got load of bones for chickens

Tues 15 Sept 1885

Repaired Cow manger

George went to Davisville Sold Tufts 52# Grapes

Wed 16 Sept 1885

Mrs Pierce Self and Dan went to the State fair

Sold Tufts 52# Grapes

We come home this evening

Thurs 17 Sept 1885

George went to the State fair this morning

Sold Tufts 76# Grapes

Got the yo[u]ng Bull from Hext

Fri 18 Sept 1885

Went to Davisville this forenoon.

Sold Tufts 53# Grapes.

Sat 19 Sept 1885

Went to Davisville Sold Tufts 70# Grapes

Sun 20 Sept 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 21 Sept 1885

Mrs Pierce George and Self went to Sacramento to meet Mrs Prouty

She is on her way home from Losangles with one of her Boys that died in Losangeles

Tues 22 Sept 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this evening to meet Mrs & Miss Cole from San Francisco who come for a Short visit

George & Carly went to McClurds to Dopkins with calfs

Wed 23 Sept 1885

Mrs Pierce Mrs Cole and Miss Cole went to Woodland

Thurs 24 Sept 1885

Rain early this morning the first of the Season

Mrs Pierc Mrs Cole and George went to Davisville the forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Marshals this afternoon

Fri 25 Sept 1885

Mrs Cole and Matta went home to day

Strong north wind

Cut wood on the lland

Sat 26 Sept 1885

North wind Moderate most of the day

George went to Cacheville after Bran

Went to Davisville and got croscent Saw filed

Sun 27 Sept 1885

Mr Hampton Made us a short call to day

Mon 28 Sept 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Oroville

Sold Tufts 102# Grapes

George went to Sacramento to See about Selling Hogs

Tues 29 Sept 1885

Went from Oroville to Mr Wicks to See about getting a calf

We were marr[i]ed 39 years ago to day it was the best bargin I ever made

Wed 30 Sept 1885

Come home to day. We ar verry tired

Sold Tufts 114# Grapes

Thurs 1 Oct 1885

North wind just enough to make it hot and disagreeable

Gathered the Hogs and sorted them for market

Fri 2 Oct 1885

North wind not enough to run the mill. the tanks are empty. about 75 head of Hogs besides Colts and Claves to pack water tow

Went to Davisville

Sent Mr Wick \$100-- for Bull

Sat 3 Oct 1885

Scarce any breeze what there is is from the north and hot

George and one of the men have gone to Sacramento with each of them a load of Hogs

Sun 4 Oct 1885 [No entry]

Mon 4 Oct 1885

Went to Woodland paid city tax on the Lot. Got Box of tobacco and Seven Dollars of Clark for rent

Tues 6 Oct 1885

Went to Davisville to see if the Bull had come. Sold Tufts 56# Grapes

Wed 7 Oct 1885

Went to Davisville and got the Bull he came this morning on the cars

Mr Dopkins and Ann & George come today to make us a visit

Thurs 8 Oct 1885

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Mr Dopkins went home this afternoon We had a good visit with them

Fri 9 Oct through Mon 12 Oct 1885 [No entries]

Tues 13 Oct 1885

Went to Davisville

took Dan to Mr Kings and left him. he had been with me nearly two years

It was more trouble to get him to do any thing than it was worth after I got it

Wed 14 Oct 1885

Did the chores along and had them done in Season.

While Dan was here we scarce ever got through until after dark

Thurs 15 Oct 1885

Sowed wheat

Did chores as usual

Fri 16 Oct 1885

Went to Davisville and got load of bones for chickens

Sat 17 Oct 1885

Sowed wheat

Sun 18 Oct 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 19 Oct 1885

Sowed wheat

Helped Mrs Pierce about washing

Tues 20 Oct 1885

Sowed wheat

Worked about the cow correll

Red white face hieffer [Probably refers to breeding with new bull]

Wed 21 Oct 1885

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento with the team

Thurs 22 Oct 1885

Went to Davisville and got freight that Mrs Pierce and George had Sent from the city. 1/2 Barrel of Sugar and 2 Sacks of Onions

Finished Sowing volunteer and commenced Sowing Somerfalalaw

The sowing machiene got out of order George went to Davisville with it

Fri 23 Oct 1855

Went to Davisville and got freight one Burow

Big Rone heiffer [breeding?]

Sat 24 Oct 1855

Went to Davisville and got freight one Burro

Little Rone hieffer

Sun 25 Oct 1885 [No entry]

Mon 26 Oct 1885

Sowed wheat on the Somerfallow north of the Slough

Red Hieffer

Tues 27 Oct 1885

Finished Sowing Snowflake and commenced Sowing Club

Wed 28 Oct 1885

Sowed club wheat South of the Slough

George has gon to Woodland to attend teacher institute

Thurs 29 Oct 1885

George has not got home yet

Wind in all directions but not enough to run the mill. Tanks are empty

Fri 30 Oct 1885

George come home this morning

Harrowed wheat

Sat 31 Oct 1885

Harrowed wheat

Mrs Pierce and George went to Mr Millers this afternoon

Attended Lodge at Davisville

Mr & Mrs Hampton made us a Short call this evening

Sun 1 Nov 1885

No church today

Mon 2 Nov 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Mrs Pierce called on Mrs Hampton a fiew minets

Tues 3 Nov 1885

Went to Davisville and to Mr Treets to see John Anderson

got Salt and Lantern Globes

Wed 4 Nov 1885

Commenced sprinklen between 7 & 8 Oclock this forenoon so that the men Stoped work

Thurs 5 Nov 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland Stayed with Ann all night

Settled with J. Q. A Clark for rent recieved balance \$25

Loocks verry much like rain this afternoon

Fri 6 Nov 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self come home this forenoon

Commenced Sprinklen early last night. light Sprinckle most of the night and all day to day

Sat 7 Nov 1885

South wind and cloudy all day

Sun 8 Nov 1885 [No entry]

Mon 9 Nov 1885

Commenced raining about noon and rained quite harde most of the afternoon and night about 2 1/2 inches of rain so far this Season

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 10 Nov 1885

Norht wind

The Boys got the fence out of the creek this forenoon

Wed 11 Nov 1885

North wind quite Strong and cold all day. The boys Spaid[?] the manure piles

Thurs 12 Nov 1885

Mrs Pierce Self and George went to Sacramento to Settle with the Bank

Come home this afternoon

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Started two plows this morning

Fri 13 Nov 1885

Started three plows this morning

Went to Davisville and got man to drive team
Henry Neely

Sat 14 Nov 1885

Run three plows

Looks like rain this afternoon

Attended Lodge

Sun 15 Nov 1885

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

George went to Davisville

Mon 16 Nov 1885

Rained most of the day quite hard

Strong South wind

The Red cow that we milk

George went to Davisville

Tues 17 Nov 1885

I am Seventy one years old to day and am feeling quite well for a person of my age

can eat three meals a day and do a good many chores.

It rained quite hard the most of the day.

George repaired harrow

Wed 18 Nov 1885
George went to Davisville

Thurs 19 Nov 1885
Rain most of the day

George went to Davisville

Fri 20 Nov 1885
Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville made Mr & Mrs Hampton a visit

George went to Davisville to attend Ball this evening

Sat 21 Nov 1885
No rain to day looks verry much like it this evening

Put in more pipe at the grainry and two more hydrants

George got home about 2 Oclock this morning and has gon again this evening

I fear he has Davisville on the brain he has been there 6 times this week

Sun 22 Nov 1885
George went to Davisville

Mon 23 Nov 1885
Looked verry much like [rain] all day

Mrs Pierce has washed and got her close dry

Tues 24 Nov 1885
Commenced raining some time in the night and has rained harde most of the day

Wed 25 Nov 1885
Several light Showers during the day

George went to Woodland and Stayed all night

Self and teem [?]

The Smallest red hiefer

Thurs 26 Nov 1885

Thanksgiven day

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

George went from Woodland to Davisville and got Turkey diner at the Lillard House

Fri 27 Nov 1885

Mrs Pierce and S[e]lf went to Davisville. Mr Anderson had an auction Sale of his Household furniture

Sat 28 Nov 1885

Loocked verry much like rain all day. George and Some of the boys went to Davisville this evening

Sun 29 Nov 1885

Mrs Pierce and self attended church at Davisville Mr Anderson preached his fairwell Sermon

George went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce and Self went home with Mrs & Mr Greenes and tooock lunch

A verry little rain this evening

Mon 30 Nov 1885

Started the plows this after noon

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat it is verry dule [dull]

Tue 1 Dec 1885

Hevy fog most of the day

Wed 2 Dec 1885

Went to Woodland to mill and paid taxes \$300.20

Hevy fog most of the day

Thurs 3 Dec 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville

Mrs Pierce made Mrs Martin a call

I went to Mr Treets to See John Anderson

Hevy fog all day

Fri 4 Dec 1885

Finished plowing on the creek

Commenced Sowing wheat on the creek

Hevy fog all day. Crossed the creek this afternoon after the cows and got wet

Sat 5 Dec 1885

Finished Sowing the piece on the creek and harrowed it once over

Clowdly all day

Sun 6 Dec 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self attended Church at Davisville

Clowdy all day

Henry Lillard is verry sick. They think he cant live

Strong South wind this evening and loocks like rain

Mon 7 Dec 1885

Cleared up in the night north wind quite Strong and cold

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Cross harrowed the piece on the creek

Tues 8 Dec 1885

Foggy all day

George went to Davisville

Henry Lillard died this morning

George went to Davisville with 6 Hogs to John Creever [?]

Wed 9 Dec 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville. Attended Henry Lillards funeral

It has been the finest day for a long time Sun shone all day George went to Sacramento

Thurs 10 Dec 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville attended Mr & Mrs Rinedollar wedding anniversary they having been married thirteen years. Several light sprinkles to day

George come home to day

Fri 11 Dec 1885

North wind quite Strong all day

Sat 12 Dec 1885

Finished plowing for wheat

Sun 13 Dec 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 14 Dec 1885

Commenced Sowing the last piece of wheat

Run one plow on the Barly ground

Tues 15 Dec 1885

Finished Sowing wheat for this year

Hevy fog most of the day

Wed 16 Dec 1885

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland made Ann a visit.

Called on Mr & Mrs Stiner. Looched like rain all day

Thurs 17 Dec 1885

Comme (sic) h0me today

loocks verry much like rain

Fri 18 Dec 1885

Went to Davisville got the papers and a letter from Sister Hannah I have not Seen her for 38 years

Loochs like rain

Sat 19 Dec 1885

Commenced Sowing Barly fogy most of the day

It has loocked like rain most of the time for nearly three weeks

Sun 20 Dec 1885

Clowedy all day. Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 21 Dec 1885

Commenced raining moderate early last evening and rained untill about noon to dayh

Some of the time verryh harde

Tues 22 Dec 1885

Several Showers during the day

Wed 23 Dec 1885

Killed and dressed 25 Turkyes and sent to market

Several Showers during the day

Thurs 24 Dec 1885

Several Showers during the day

Commence raining harde this afternoon and kept it up nearly all night

Fri 25 Dec 1885

Mrs Pierce George and Self went to Mr Greenes to Chrismass diner. had a good time

a little rain to day

Big Rone hieffer

Second time

Sat 26 Dec 1885

Light Sprinkle this morning

Cleaned up this forenoon with north wind quite Strong

Mrs Pierce and self went to Davisville Cemetry to See about having a wall put around hour (sic) lot

Sun 27 Dec 1885

Attended church at Davisville

Mon 28 Dec 1885

Killed hogs this forenoon

Cleaned Barly this afternoon for seed

Tues 29 Dec 1885

Cleaned Barly for seed this forenoon

Started the plows this afternoon.

The land is quite wet

Wed 30 Dec 1885

North wind come up about 10 oclock this morning So as to start the mill. the tanks were empty

Mr Millers teem and man come to help us plow

Thurs 31 Dec 1885

Run four plows

North wind quite Strong