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D-022 2:4: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1886

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Fri 1 Jan 1886

Strong North wind all day and quite cold. Salted the hams and made Sausage.

The first ice of the Season about half as thick as window glas

Sat 2 Jan 1886

Ice as thick as window glass this morning. North wind all day and quite cold. Finished up the butchering

Sun 3 Jan 1886 [No entry]

Mon 4 Jan 1886

Finished plowing for winter crop

Harde frost this morning

Tues 5 Jan 1886

Commenced Sowing Barly in the east field near the creek

One of the horses died with the distemper

Went to Davisville to See about Selling a cow. Cold day

Wed 6 Jan 1886

Finished Sowing Barly

Cold day

I am not well to day. An other Horse died to day not verry valuable ones eather of them

Thurs 7 Jan 1886

George went to Woodland got [\$]250 -- of Hext

Run three harrows on the Barly

I am Some better to day

Fri 8 Jan 1886

Finished harrowing Barly

Cold frosty morning

Sat 9 Jan 1886

Three teams and men went to help Mr Miller plow for wheat

Sun 10 Jan 1886

Looks verry much like rain all day

Mon 11 Jan 1886

Hevy fog and looked like rain all day. Two teams and men helped Mr Miller he has got through

Tues 12 Jan 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Dopkins to Turkey dinner had a good visit with them. A little rain this evening about 8 Oclock

Plowed and Sowed Oats for hay in the windmill field

Wed 13 Jan 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self come home his afternoon. Hevy fog untill about noon and then the Sun Shone a little while. Planted Some pees in the garding

The men cut wood on the lland

Thurs 14 Jan 1886

Hevry fog all dany

Mrs Pierce and Self went to the citrus fair at Sacramento it was verry fine. a great deal better [than] most people thought could (sic) it could be. come home to day

George went to San Francisco to attend Holders reception had a good time

Burnt brush and plowed the little vinyard at the windmill

Fri 15 Jan 1886

Burnt vines in the old vinyard and cut wood on the lland

Went to Davisville and got freight that was sent from Sacramento

Sat 16 Jan 1886

Cute wood on the lland

George come home this evening

Sun 17 Jan 1886

Little rain this afternoon

Mon 18 Jan 1886

Plowed vinyard Orchard and Shade trees near the mens house. Set out 6 trees that we got in Sacramento

Strond (sic) South wind and quite chilly

Commenced raining about 3 Oclock this afternoon and is raining harde at bed time

A man from Winter got wetherbound and Stayed all night

Tues 19 Jan 1886

Rained harde all night and part of the forenoon.

The ground is verry wet South wind all day

Wed 20 Jan 1886

Commenced raining early last night and has rained harde most most(sic) of the day. Strong South west wind. Come verry near takeing the roof off the cow barn.

Broke off Several trees on the lland. Tiped over one of the locus tress in the yard.

Blowed down fence in several places. The worst wind and rain Storm for Several years

Tiped the wagon house partly over. Tore the wind mill to pi]e]ces Some

Thus 21 Jan 1886

No rain to day. Sun Shone most of the forenoon.

The boys repaired fences and buildings that the wind and rain play[ed] such havock with and all went to Davisville this afternoon

Loocks like rain this evening

George drue \$30-- of Ligget & Co for Henry Neely

Fri 22 Jan 1886

Commenced raining early last evening and rained most of the night quite harde.

Commenced taking down windmill. Loocks like rain this evening

Sat 23 Jan 1886

Rained last night and most of the day

Sun 24 Jan 1886 [No entry]

Mon 25 Jan 1886

George and Charly worked on windmill

Helped Hext put up the fence on the creek that burnt last Summer

Tues 26 Jan 1886

Helped Hext on the fence untill about 10 Oclock when it began to rain

George and Charly finished the wind mill

Wed 27 Jan 1886

Sun Shone most of the day helped Hext on the fence all day Self and Neely. George and Charly commenced gitting wood out of the creek

Thurs 28 Jan 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville. Henry helped Hext on the fence all day

George and Charly got wood out of the creek.

Mr & Mrs Greene made us a call this afternoon

Fri Jan 29 1886

Got wood out of the creek

Commenced Soaking and hanging up the meet to Smoke

Sat 30 Jan 1886

Finished halling wood of the lland. Plowed a little piece north of the chicken yard for trees

Mr Dopkins, Ann & George come to make us a visit

Sun 31 Jan 1886

Mr Dopkins and family went home to day

Cloudy and dark and has been for Several day[s]

Mon 1 Feb 1886

George went to Mr Sims to See about gitting a combined Harvester

Plowed piece in the east field near the creek for potatoes

Tues 2 Feb 1886

Cloudy and dark and loocks like rain

Repaired the garding fence this afternoon

Plowed the Potato ground the Secon tim[e] this forenoon

Wed 3 Feb 1886

Fogy in the morning

Went to Sacramento to day got 42 f[r]uit trees and two Lemon trees and found Orang[e] trees and four Sacks of Potatoes for Seed.

Mrs Pierce Stayed in Davisville while I was gon to the city

Thurs 4 Feb 1886

George went to Davisville after trees and Potatoes. the trees was not Sent out

George went to Davisville again this afternoon

Cut potatoes for seed this afternoon. Looocks like rain this evening

Dug holes for trees

Fri 5 Feb 1886

Went to Davisville and got the trees that was to Sent out yesterday.

Bob Armstrong and famely made us a call this forenoon

Planted Potatoes this afternoon and Set trees

Mr Dopkins come to day to get some Cows that I Sold him he got five head at \$30-- each

Sat 6 Feb 1886

Mr Dopkins went home to day George went with him.

Finished planting Potatoes

Spaded around the Pair trees

Sun 7 Feb 1886

Mrs Pierce George and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 8 Feb 1886

George and Charly smoked Squirrels all day

Henry cut wood

North wind moderate and Sun Shone all day the first in a long time

Tues 9 Feb 1886

George went to Stockton to see about gitting a combined harvester. Plowed the potato ground in the windmill field and commenced plowing in the little field near the Barn for Alfalfa

Plowed the garding the Second time, and planted more pees

Wed 10 Feb 1886

Went to Sacramento to See about Selling wheat. the market is down flat

Plowed for Alfalfa

George come home to day from Stockton

Thurs 11 Feb 1886

I am about Sick and have been for Several days. Worse to day than usual.

turned the colts and calvs on to the wheat it is giting to beg [?] a fine day

Fri 12 Feb 1886

Sold Marston 8 sheep

Finished plowing for Alfalfa

George went to Davisville and got Some more f[r]uit trees

Mrs Pierce and Self are about Sick with harde colds

Sat 13 Feb 1886

North wind quite Strong

Harrowed the Alfalfa ground

Repaired the fence around the lot west of the house

George went to Woodland

Sun 14 Feb1886 [No entry]

Mon 15 Feb 1886

Strong North wind

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat

Mr & Mrs Dopking and George come to make us a visit

Tues 16 Feb 1886  
Strong north wind

Mr Dopkin and famely went home to day

Cut wood at the house

George went to Davisville to attend church festible (sic)

Wed 17 Feb 1886  
George and Self went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat was offered \$1.15 3/4 Ligget & Co

Plowed down ditch along the fence between the two big fields

Thurs 18 Feb 1886  
George and Self went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat Ligget offered \$1.14 1/2  
Stelling offered \$1.16 1/2 He paid Three Thousand and two hundred down

Fri 19 Feb 1886  
Went to Woodland

Paid Hext Brothers at Yolo Ban \$252.88

Got 20 rods of Patent fence at \$1.00 per rod

George went to Sacramento

Paid \$200 on not and \$45.80 intrest. Paid ballence on Davis note \$711.66

Left at Ligget & Co \$200. brought home \$40--

Sat 20 Feb 1886  
Repaired bee hives



George commenced building fence around the house

fine growing day

Sun 21 Feb 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 22 Feb 1886

George went to Davisville and got Posts and lumber for fence around the house

Worked on fence this afternoon and mooved the privy

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon and got load of bones

Fogy most of the forenoon

Tues 23 Feb 1886

George and Charly worked on dooryard fence

Self and Henry Planted Potatoes in the windmill field

Wed 24 Feb 1886

Self and Henry mad gardin

George worked on fence

Thurs 25 Feb 1886

Went to Davisville. Sold Stelling Some Barly at \$1.25 per 100#

Got load of bones for chickens

Settled with Stelling for Wheat \$212--

Fri 26 Feb 1886

George and Self halled 97 Sacks of Barly to Stelling

Halled lumber for cow barn

Sat 27 Feb 1886

Went to Woodland to mill with light grist

George went to Davisville Settled with Stelling for Barly \$132.81

Loocks like rain

Sun 28 Feb 1886

A little rain last night

Cold and chilly to day

Mon 1 Mar 1886

Some rain last night quite a frost this morning cold and cloudy all day

Worked on fence between the two big fields

George went to McMahans to see about getting Combined Harvester

I am not feeling verry well to day

Tues 2 Mar 1886

Went to Davisville this forenoon to get Some one to hall Some gravel in the Cemetry.

I am fixing my lot, putting a wall around it

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Millers this afternoon

Hevy Shower of hale and rain

Wed 3 Mar 1886

Charly went to Sacramento

George went to Davisville and to Montgomerys to See about getting the mairs pastured

Showry all of the afternoon

Thurs 4 Mar 1886

Several light Showers during the day. Mr Russil made us a call this afternoon to See about bying a Harvester in Company with us

Fri 5 Mar 1886

Sent man and teem for [?]

George went ot Mullers with little Jude

No rain to day

The Rone cow had a hieffer calf today mostly red little white in its face

Sat 6 Mar 1886

George and Self went to Montgomery with Six mairs and left Mrs Pierce along

Sun 7 Mar 1886

Fine day a little rain last night

Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisville

Mon 8 Mar 1886

Went to Davisville to meet Mary Welch She is going to help Mrs Pierce this Summer

Strong South wind and loocks like rain

Mr Dopkins come to night after a pig

Tues 9 Mar 1886

Some rain last night

Mr Dopkins went home this morning

Went to Davisville this morning to have the gravel halled to the Cemetery

The White fased(sic) Cow had a male calf nearly all red little white in its face

Wed 10 Mar 1886

Strong north wind and quite cold. Mr & Mrs Stiner come to make us a visit his to doo Some work in the cemetery

The co[a]st rang[e] mountains are covered with Snow

Went to Davisville and worked in the cemetry with Stiner

Thurs 11 Mar 1886

Strong north wind and cold. Finished work at the cemetry for the present

Mr & Mrs Stiner went home. George went to See Mr Syna about the harvester

Snow in the mountains yet

Fri 12 Mar 1886

Went to Davisville and got a Man to wok

Fine day

Snow on the Mountains yet

George Sowed Some barley in the east field that drowned out. harrow the potatoes

Mowed weeds in orchard

Sat 13 Mar 1886

Plowed alfalfa ground theSecond time

George went to See how the man and teem was gitting along

I herded the Stock am not feeling verry well

Loocks like rain this evning

The White Cow had a male calf this morning mostly red with little white in its face

Sun 14 Mar 1886

No rain last night Stong north wind all day and cold

Mon 15 Mar 1886

Finished plowing alfalfa Ground and Harrowed it

Plowed among the little trees in the yard

Commenced plowing vinyard Second time

George finished cutting Shoulders. Repaired bee hives

Tues 16 Mar 1886

George went to Stockton to See about getting harvester

Plowed vinyard

Went to Davisville and got the horse that George left there this morning

Wed 17 Mar 1886

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

Got up the horses and colts. Kept th cows in the yard all day

George come home this afternoon

Thurs 18 Mar 1886

Cut wood in the door yard. Pruned trees

George and Self put in new gate post and hung gate nar theShop this afternoon

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Fri 19 Mar 1886

Finished digin up the old peach trees

George and Self put in new gat post north of the Barn and hung the gate.

George pulled mustard in wheat fi[e]ld this afternoon and drove up a Bull calf out of the north field

Pruned peach trees

Sat 20 Mar 1886

George went to Davisville this forenoon

Plowed vinyard

Sun 21 Mar 1882

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 22 Mar 1886

George went to Davisville with little Jude

Clean Barly this afternoon. Strong South wind and loocks like rain

Finished plowing the old vinyard the Second time

Commenced Shearing Sheep this morning

Tues 23 Mar 1886

Little rain early this morning. Cut wood at the house this forenoon

Plowed vines near the Windmill this afternoon

Sheared Scheep this afternoon

George commence painting the house

Wed 24 Mar 1886

Strong North wind all day and cold

Mr & Mrs Greene made us a visit to day.

Mr Sym & Mr Dextor of Winters mad us a call to day

Harrowed the vinyard

Sorted and mendid Sacks

Thurs 25 Mar 1886

Strong north wind

Plowed trees north of the house

Fri 26 Mar 1886

Strong north wind

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

Stayed with Ann

Sat 27 Mar 1886

Strong north wind

Mrs Pierce and Self come home to day

Sun 28 Mar 1886

This is the fifth day that north wind has blown it is feared that it is doing some damage

Mrs Pierce and George attended church at Davisville and I Stayed at home to keep the tramps of the Irish woman

Mon 29 Mar 1886

Fine day. wind South west. Finished Shearing Sheep

George worked on the house painting

Watered the Orange trees

Spaded around the pear trees and the front yard

Tues 30 Mar 1886

George went to Dixon to see about the Harvester that was to be there but it had not come

He went down to the Tully to see how the teams were doing

Cut the grass away from the grape vines

Strong South wind and looks like rain

Wed 31 Mar 1886

Commenced raining early this morning. Sunshine and rain several times this forenoon. Cut wood at the house

George worked on the house painting. I am quite unwell to day harde pain in bowels

Thurs 1 Apr 1886

Littled rain early this morning

Cut Wood at the house this forenoon. Plowed for corn this afternoon

George worked on the house painting. Planted mellons near the windmille

Fri 2 Apr 1886

Plowed and planted Sweet corn near the windmill

Planted field corn

Worked in the gardin

Planted beenes Carrots Betts Redish &c

George went to Davisville and got lumber to Seel over head in the porch. got Watter trough of George Tufts

Sat 3 Apr 1886

Marked 55 Lams and 30 Pigs

Finished planting Sweet corn

Planted Gypshan corn

Plowe Grass away from the fence in lot near the windmill

Sun 4 Apr 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

George and Mardin crowd attended Base Ball club at Davisville

Mon 5 Apr 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and back

Gethered up the Hotgs and Sorted for Spaying



Tues 6 Apr 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville a little rain last night commenced to rain about noon  
Several hevy Showers this afternoon

The ground is coverd with watter

Wed 7 Apr 1886

North wind moderat loocked like rain most of the forenoon. Repaired fence

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Thurs 8 Apr 1886

Strong South wind

Spayed 14 head of Hogs

Wattered the two north Pair trees

Charly come home from the Tuly where he went to plow

Fri 9 Apr 1886

Started halling manure

Commenced plowing where the wheat drow[n]ded out last winter. Commenced raining about  
2 Oclock this afternoon and rained quite harde all fo the afternoon and evening

George Went to Davisville this afternoon

Sat 10 Apr 1886

Light rain nearly all day and is raining quite harde this evning

Sun 11 Apr 1886

Little rain this afternoon

Mon 12 Apr 1886

Went to Davisville with the cook. Commenced raining about 12 Oclock M[?] and rained most of  
the afternoon quite harde

Sold Ligget & D 10# Butter 10cts

Tues 13 Apr 1886

George went to Davisville

Mowed weeds with Scythe west of the house

Set some Tomato plants

Transplanted Turnips

Wed 14 Apr 1886

George went to Davisville Self went to Davisville

Sold Ligget & Drummond 115# Bacon

Set a few more tomato plants. Made the fence over east of the house

Strong South wind and looks like rain

Thurs 15 Apr 1886

Cloudy all day with light Sprinkle of rain Showery all last night. George went to Davisville

Thirty Six years ago (sic) to day Henry Albert died [1850] our only Son

Fri 16 April 1886

Went to Davisville bought bill of groceries of Legget and Drummond at Sacramento prices

Rained most of the forenoon and some this afternoon and evening. the Sun has not been in sight for two days

Sat 17 Apr 1886

North wind moderate

Two Swarms of Bees come out to day. George painted Blines [?]

The men cut wood this afternoon on the creek

Sun 18 Apr 1886

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North wind quite Strong

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 19 Apr 1886

Strong north wind all day

Thirty four years ago to day [1852] Mrs Pierce and Self left Kenosh Wisconsin to come to California across the plains a long and tiresome trip. got to Placerville the sixth of August

Commenced plowing Somerfallow in the field north of the vineyard.

George went to Davisville with plan to have chille bottoms [?] put on. Sent Wool to the Grangers

Drove three calves to Davisville that Enos had bought for a stock man in the mountains

Sold Hines a Pig \$10.00

Tues 20 Apr 1886

Fifty one years ago to day I left Homer Courtland Co N. York to go to Ills. got to Chicago the 17 of May.

Stopped near Jolliert until the 5 of July. then Started for Wisconsin arrived at Pike Creek now Kenosha on the 8th of July 1835

Mrs Pierce went to San Francisco to day

George brought the plow home and the groceries that we had bought of Liggett

Wed 21 Apr 1886

Went to Davisville to See the man that bought the Calves

Cultivated the young Orchard and commenced on the vines

Warm day South wind moderate

Thurs 22 Apr 1886

North wind quite Strong all of the forenoon. more moderate this afternoon

George went to Woodland and Davisville

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Finished cultivating the vinyard

Plowed the potatoes

Fri 23 Apr 1886

North wind quite Strong all day.

Went to Davisville

George went to Stockton. Mowed weeds around the house.

Hived the largest Swarm of bees this afternoon that I ever Saw

Sat 24 Apr 1886

Ella Greene and Florance McKune made us a call this afternoon. George come home from Stockton this afternoon. Mrs Pierce come home from San Francisco. She got her a new Bonnet new cape and lots of f[n]cy fixins. Dug out the old fence posts that was rotted off in the fence that divides the two big fields

LMade Bee hive and repaired an old one

Attended Lodte at Davisville for the first time in four months

Sun 25 Apr 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 26 Apr 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended I. O. O. F. Aniversity at Woodland

Quite a good meny out, but exercises not verry interesting quite warm

George painted the house

Hoed the potatoes and put in the new watter trough

Tues 27 Apr 1886

Hoed the corn and worked on the fence.

George Painted the house. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Wed 28 Apr 1886  
Worked on the fence

George painted the porch &c

Made bee hives

Thurs 29 Apr 1886  
Worked on the fence

Repaired the watter troughs (sic) at the Horse Barn

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon got Jim Hartigan to help take up the carpets and white wash

Strong South wind

Fri 30 April 1886  
Cleaned house &c

Worked on the fence got through a little before night

Jane had a colt last night

Sat 1 May 1886  
Cleaned house &c

Commenced halling manure. Strong north wind

I am quite lame. my feet have givenout they have carr[i]ed me around to(sic) much

I have hived Seven Swarms of Bees this Season besides Some that I did not hive

Made bee hives

Sun 2 May 1886  
Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisville

Mon 3 May 1886

Loocks like rain Soon

Halled two loads of wheat to Davisville

Halled lumber for cow barn. Cleaned wheat in the forenoon.

I am not well have a dreadful pain in my bowels

Tues 4 May 1886

Commenced work on the cow Barn

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland was [a] nice day. Met Mr Dopkins Anne and George coming to make us a visit

Wed 5 May 1886

Mr Dopkins went home left Ann and George here to make us a visit

Several lite Showers during the day

Sorted and mended Sacks

Thurs 6 May 1886

Sorted and mended Sacks

Worked on cow Barn

Fri 7 May 1886

Finished Sorting and mending Sacks 634 Bran Sacks and about 700 Barly Sacks.

Strong South west wind Several light Showers this afternoon

George has gon to Dixon to See about the harvester

Mowed weeds in the young orchard at the windmill

Worked on cow Barn

Sat 8 May 1886

Sister Ann and her grand Sone George went home today

Went to Davisville this forenoon. Made Bell hive this afternoon.

George went to Montgomrys this afternoon with Jane

Sun 9 May 1886

Self and Mary Weld Atended church at Davisville

Mon 10 May 1886

Went to Davisville this forenoon. Sold Ligget &c 24# Butter

Worked on cow Barn

Gave Pirnce [Prince?] away

Made Bee hives

Tues 11 May 1886

George went to Woodland as grnd juriman.

Mrs & Self went to Davisville. went to the cemetry worked on the lot a little

Wed 12 May 1886

Went to Davisville this afternoon with two Boxes of Eggs. Made fence from Hexts fence to the creek

Oommenced Shinglen the cow Barn

George come this evening

Thurs 13 May 1886

Went to Davisville this forenoon got 11250 Shingles of Hampton. Worked in gardin this afternoon. George put [?] up the hay carrier in the cow Barn

Stron south wind and quite chilly. Commenced cutting hay cut weeds in the forenoon

Fri 14 May 1886

Worked in the gardin

Worked on cow Barn

Plowed out the Potatoes and corn

Sat 15 May 1886

Mrs Pierce George and Setl attended Sunday School picnic at Davisville

Commenced raking hay this forenoon

Howed [hoed] corn and potatoes

Sun 16 May 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 17 May 1886

Went to Davisville and got Lumber for cow barn

Johny Yount got a pig and has one Shiped to Bartlits Springs to morrow.

Finished cutting hay in the north field.

very warm day

Tues 18 May 1886

Went to Davisville and got Lumber for cow Barn

Shiped pig to John Yont in Bartlet Springs

Worked on cow Barn

South Breese not So hot as yesterday

Wed 19 May 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Fred Willigers and made them a viset had a good viset with them.

Shiped two Boxes of eggs to the Graingers

Got new reach for waggon

Loocks like rain



Stoped the Machiene and all hands went to putting up hay

Halled three loads to day

Thurs 20 May 1886

Went to Davisville and got a man to help about getting in hay. halled 15 loads

Mrs Marshal and Mrs [Pierce draws a line indicating his did not have the name] made us a visit to day had a good visit

Fri 21 May 1886

Raped [wrapped] the little fruit trees with Sacks to keep the sun from burning them

Sat 22 May 1886

South wind and quite cool. Worked on cow Barn all day am verry tired

George went to Dixon to See about the machiene that was Shiped to Kline

Sun 23 May 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 24 May 1886

Commenced halling hay into cow Barn

Went to Davisville

let the contract to put new cover on the Express waon

Halled hay with two waggons

one man worked in vinyard and Orchard

Corn in the Sild this morning

Tues 25 May 1886

Staked the Seedles grape vines in the vinyard at the wind mill.

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Wed 26 May 1886

Filled the horse Barn with good hay and commenced Stacking at the end of the Barn to use this harvis [harvest] [for burning to make steam?]

Went to Davisville Mr Miller Sent us two Sacks of new potatoes. we had plenty of our own

Thurs 27 May 1886

Stacked hay at the end of the Barn.

Went to Davisville early this morning with coop of chickens to the Graingers

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

Wattered the tomato plants this afternoon

Fri 28 May 1886

Finished Stacking hay at the end of the Barn early this morning

Commenced taking the old Straw out of the old Barn. wil put hay in its place

The watter has dried up in the field. had to drive the Stock to the creek

Mrs Pierce and George have gon to Davisville to attend church picnic this evening

Strong South wind thsi afternoon. wattered the tomatoes again this afternoon

Sat 29 May 1886

Went to Davisville with one of the mairs

Finished getting Straw out of Barn and commenced putting hay in

Sun 30 May 1886

George and three of his men attended Base ball club at Davisville

George got home about Sun down

the rest got home between that time and morning

Mon 31 May 1886

Went to Davisville this morning and got the express waggon that had been at the shop to be repaired

Tues 1 June 1886

Finished haying this afternoon. Settled with two of the men.

George went to Davisville to take the men back. Mrs Pierce has [g]on to Davisville to See Mrs French and Anna they are going to Woodland this evening

Warm day

Wed 2 June 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to meet Mrs French and Anna.

Stayed at Mr Dopkins tonight

Thurs 3 June 1886

Come home this afternoon Mrs French and Anna come with us to make a visit

Strong South wind and quit cool

Cut weeds in the field north of Barn

Fri 4 June 1886

George has given up getting a Machiene this Season

got out the Header and repaired it

Repaired the Waggon beds

Sat 5 June 1886

Worked on headerbeds

Header & Barn

Wattered the Blackberr[i]es

Sun 6 June 1886

Mrs Pierce Mrs French Anna and Self attended church at Davisville

The coock went to Sacramento to Day

Mon 7 June 1886

Hoed weeds out of the gardin this forenoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got the coock. Got Flora Shod got the cushions for the waggon.

Strong north wind this forenoon. South wind this afternoon

Tues 8 June 1886

Commenced cutting Barly this morning on the Knowl

Mrs Pierce Mrs French Anna and Self went to Davisville this afternoon to See Oneal about gitting the School

Strong South wind this afternoon

Wed 9 June 1886

Finished cutting Barly in the middle field

Went to Davisville this forenoon. Sent Graingers 2 Boxes of Eggs

Thurs 10 June 1886

Mrs Pierce Mrs French Anna and Self went to Davisville this forenoon. Went to Hammels and Miners to see about getting the School

Comenced cutting Stack bottoms in the wheat.

North wind in the morning. George and Paul fenced the Barly Stacks

Fri 11 June 1886

Strong north wind all day

George went to Woodland on grand jury.

The men went to Davisville and got lumber for cow menger (sic)

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Turned the Hogs into the middle field

Sat 12 June 1886

Strong north wind worse than yesterday. it must of damaged wheat Badly

Turned the Horses and Sheep into the field north of the vinyard

Sun 13 June 1886

Mrs Pierce Mrs French Anna and Self attended church at Davisville. North wind yet

Mon 14 June 1886

Mrs Pierce Mrs French Anna and Self went to Woodland to See why Anna failed to get a certificate and found She was not qua[l]ified

North wind quite Stron[g]

Commenced cutting wheat on the Knowl this afternoon

Tue 15 June 1886

Mrs Pierce and company went to Davisville and to the cemetry

The north wind has Spent most of its fury. Some Say it has blowed out half of the wheat Some Say 1/3 Still others Say 1/4

I am inclined to think the latter is the nearest right I hope so at least

Wed 16 June 1886

Mrs French and Anna went home this morning

South wind all day

Thurs 17 June 1886

Sent the grangers coop of chickens. South wind most of the day

Cut wheat east of the Knowl

Fri 18 June 1886

Went to Davisville this forenoon. cut wheat east of the Knowl

Sat 19 June 1886

Scarce any wind and quite warm. Went to Davisville this forenoon

Sun 20 June 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 21 June 1886

Warm day had to pump watter for horses this forenoon. Strong South wind this afternoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got a man to milk and doo chores

Larues hogs are in the wheat

Commenced cutting wheat in the north west corner of the East field

Tues 22 June 1886

Went to Davisville this forenoon.

Made arrang[e]ment with Creamer to doo the thrashing at 9 cents. filled watter trough at the lower Barn

One of the men was sick this afternooon had to put the chow man in his place

Finished cutting the Austral[i]a wheat in the north west corner of the east field

Wed 23 June 1886

Went to Davisville this afternoon. Sent Box of Eggs to the graingers

Sold John Yount 7 Sheep

Commenced cutting wheat on the creek in the first field

George has gon to Mardens to attend a party

Thurs 24 June 1886

Finished cutting wheat on the creek and commenced cutting Barly

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville and to Mr Greenes. North wind this forenoon South this afternoon

Dug potatoes

Fri 24 June 1886

Finished diging potatoes

Cut Barly in the east field.

The assesor was hear to day to get the mens pole tax got 5. \$10.00

Mended Barly Sacks

Sat 25 June 1886

Cut Barly on the creek

West wind quite Strong

Went to Davisville to meet Mrs & Miss Cole but they did not come.

Mended Barly Sacks

I am most Sick to day

Sun 26 June 1886

Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisville

Mon 28 June 1886

Cut Barly on the creek

Mended Sacks

Helped Mrs Pierce about the chicken house this afternoon

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

Strong South wind and quite cool

Tues 29 June 1886

Finished cutting Barly about noon.

Mrs Pierce Elijah and self went to Woodland and made Ann a good visit

Commenced cutting wheat on the east Side of the east field

South wind and quite cool

Wed 30 June 1886

The men ate dinner at the Barn for the first time this Season. Elijah went to Davisville and to the Cemetry this afternoon.

Strong South wind and quit cool

Finished mending Barly Sacks

Thurs 1 July 1886

Mended Bran Bags

Elijah and George went to Dixon to See the comined harvisters. Thay think the Myer is the best. I am not feeling verry well to day

Strong South wind this afternoon

Elijah is 70 years old to day

Fri 2 July 1886

Went to Davisville tooock Elijah to the depot he goes home to day has made us a good visit

Mended Bran Bags

Drove Sow and Six pigs back into the windmill

Strong South wind this afternoon

Got two mairs from Montgomerys

Sat 3 July 1886

This is celebration day in Woodland. George went to the celebration



Sun 4 July 1886

Mrs Cole and Matta of Sanfrancisco come to day to make us a visit thay was to come a week ago yesterday

Mon 5 July 1886

Mrs Cole, Matta, Mrs Pierce and Self went over into Hext field to See the combined harvester and into our field to See the header run.

Tues 6 July 1886

Finished the Barly Sacks about 700

Mrs Pierce and Self are about played out

Wed 7 July 1886

Mrs Cole and Matta went home this morning.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to the Depot with them

Worked on cow mainger

Big fier in Miners wheatfield this afternoon burnt five Settings in the Sack

Thurs 8 July 1886

Finished cutting in the east field to day noon and commenced on the lland in the middle field.

Worked on Bull pen

Fifty one years ago to day I arived in Kenosha then Pike creek and helped build the Second house in the place. it wa build of logs near where Bairds Brick yard was for Several years

Fri 9 July 1886

Went to Davisville this afternoon. Sent the Graingers one Box of Eggs.

Got waggon repaired and horse shod

Sat 10 July 1886

I have been carr[y]ing the mens din[n]er down to the old Barn for the last week. carr[i]ed it to day for the last time this year.

Warm day

Sun 11 July 1886 [No entry]

Mon 12 July 1886

Mrs Pierce stayed at Mr Greenes yesterday and to day

George has gon to there to watch to night

Hot day 104 in the Shade. Worked on cow mainger a little this afternoon

Tues 13 July 1886

Commence thrashing this afternoon

Went to Davisville to get the wagon Spring repaired but the Spring had not come from the city

Hot day 106

Wed 14 July 1886

Went to Davisville and got the waggon Spring repaired

Hot day 108 in the Shade

Thurs 15 July 1886

Mrs Pierce Self and George attended Mr Greenes funeral in Sacramento

Terable Hot day 110 in the Shade at 3 oclock this afternoon

George was quite poorly all day is Some better this evening

Fri 16 July 1886

The wether is So warm that thge men and teems cant doo much 110 in the Schade

Worked on cow mainger

Sat 17 July 1886

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got the tier [tire] Set on the old header waggon

Got about 500 feet of lumber for cow manger had a considerable trouble with it. it kep Sliding back. I was well ny playd out when I got home

Strong South wind and wether is some cooler

Sun 18 July 1886 [No entry]

Mon 19 July 1886

Fier Started from the thrashing machiene in our field and burnt about 40 acres of Stuble and one Setting of thrash wheat. fully covered by inshurance

Strong south west wind

Tues 20 July 1886

Finished cutting wheat early this forenoon. would [have] finished yesterday if it had not ben for the fier

Went to Davisville to See the inshurance agent to have him fix the damage on the wheat

Commenced halling wheat out of themddle field So as to let the Stock in

Wed 21 July 1886

Halled wheat and Barly for fee and Seed

Finished thrashing this afternoon

Thurs 22 July 1886

Finishe halling what and Barly out of the field this forenoon

Commenced halling Wheat to Davisville this afternoon with two teems

Fri 23 July 1886

Commenced work on cow Shed

Halled gravel around the watter trough in the alfalfa field. Mrs Pierce and George went to Oak Shade Orchard to get fruit thay had none ripe

The while face hieffer had a Bull calf all red I doo not think there is a white hair on it

Sat 24 July 1886

Found a ded Sheep in the creek this afternoon.

Fixed the fence across the creek and on the other Side

Went to Davisville this forenoon

George went to Woodland to hear the argument in the Harlan trial. Worked on cow Barn

Sun 25 July 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Called an Mrs Greene She is quite unwell, but some better than She was

Mon 26 July 1886

Repaired fence across the Creek this forenoon. Went to Davisville and to Carys ranch to See about Selling a Bull or two. Repaired the grainry and put a new roff on the south side

Worked on cow shed.

Halled Wheat to Davisville

Tues 27 July 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went [to] Woodland to See Ann She is not verry well

Attend court in the afternoon Mrs Pierce heard part of Mr Harts argument in the Harlan trial

George and Ike worked on cow Shed & tool house

Halled durty wheat for chickens and pigs

Wed 28 July 1886

Made vinegar.

Cleaned out the wood house

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

Wattered the Bartlet pair tree this afternoon

Halled durty wheat for Chickens

Thurs 29 July 1886

Commenced Shearing Sheep this morning.

Repaired gate in the windmill east of the house

Worked on the wagon Shed

Mr Dopkin and Ann and George come this evening

Fri 30 July 1886

Worked on cow Barn. Halled wheat to Davisville

Mr Dopkin and famely went home this afternoon

North wind quite Strong.

Wattered Pair trees

the Red Hieffer had a red hieffer calf this afternoon

Sat 31 July 1886

Mrs Pierce went to San Francisco to See the Grand army of the Republic that is to meet there next week

North wind the forepart of the day and warm

Worked on cow mainger and calf pen

George went to Davisville with his mother

Sun 1 Aug 1886

Stron[g] north wind this forenoon and verry warm all day 110 in the Shade

Mon 2 Aug 1886

George and Charly went to San Francisco this morning to See the Sights

Sent Coop of Turkeyes to the Grangers. Commenced halling club wheat and piling in the yeard to Sell.

Made vinegar this afternoon. South wind and quite cool for the Season of year

Sheared Sheep

Hauled manure out of cow corral

Tues 3 Aug 1886

Sheared Sheep

Cut corn.

Helped Mary Wash. &c

Warm day

Wed 4 Aug 1886

Finished Shearing Sheep

Sent the Graingers a coop of chickens

Went to Davisville to meet Mrs Pierce and George but they did not come

One of the young colts has the distemper very bad. it will have a hard time to pull through I think

Commenced cleaning up threshing floor

Thurs 5 Aug 1886

Mrs Pierce and George come home today. Cleaned thrashing floor. the colt is not much better. warm day

Fri 6 Aug 1886

Strong South wind all day and quite cool for the time of year. Watered the young trees north of the house

George went to the Oak Shade Orchard and got Some peaches and plums

Sat 7 Aug 1886

The Sick colt is Some better I think

George went to Woodland to day

Cut and halled weeds out of Potato and corn field

Mrs Pierce put up fruit Peaches and Plums

Sun 8 Aug 1886

Strong South wind all day. John Davis of San Francisco and Julia Jackson of Sacramento made us a visit to day. They and Mrs Pierce and George have gone to make Mrs Greene a call this evening

George Sold the wheat that we had in the yard at Davisville at \$1.15 yesterday

Mon 9 Aug 1886

[Here for several pages to 20 August the pages are blank at the beginning and have pencilled notations at the bottom in what looks like George Jr.'s hand. Mr and Mrs Pierce were away for a two-week "rustication" in Monterey.]

Warm

Went to Mouliney[?]

Charley Gibson left for the East.

Sent two sks wool to San Francisco.

Tues 10 Aug 1886

Warm 108 degrees [indicated by the little degrees circle]

Wed 11 Aug 1886

Warm 108 degrees [degree symbol]

Sold pig to W. W. Montgomery.

Thurs 12 Aug 1886

Received box of strawberries from San Francisco this evening. They were in bad condition.

Finished hauling wheat to Daves. Have 3206 sks stored in L & D's warehouse

Warm

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Commenced hauling barley to town.

Fri 13 Aug 1886

Took grapes to town Got wheat insured.

South breezes. pleasant.

Ground 550 sks Barleyh.

Sat 14 Aug 1886

Barley grinder left this morning. went to Hext's

Cloudy.

Sun 15 Aug 1886

Pleasant. South breezes.

Mon 16 Aug 1886

Sold four boxes grapes.

George went to Woodland.

Tues 17 Aug 1886

Sulling [sullen?]. Warm.

Finished hauling Barley.

Brought up 71 sacks mor to granery.

Wed 18 Aug 1886

South breeze

Sold five boxes grapes. Got barley insured

"Pet" mare died

Sold calf to C E Greene Jr \$50



Got 3 tons Bran and #600 Flour from Cacheville

Commenced hauling straw.

Thurs 19 Aug 1886

The roan cow that usually suckles the calves had a calf today -- roan heifer

Put three loads of hay into the cow barn.

Mr Carlan [?] called.

Burned weeds and thistle on the pasture field north of the house.

Fri 20 Aug 1886

[G. Pierce Sr. resumes writing at the top of this page:]

The Little red and white heifer that was in the windmill field [incomplete]

[George Jr made the following entry on the bottom of the page.]

General Logan dined at the Lillard House, Davisville, while on his way to Oregon.

Sent box of eggs to San Francisco

Hauled straw. Commenced stacking in lower field near creek.

Took three boxes grapes to town.

Cool south breezes this afternoon.

The price of wheat is advancing. \$1.25

Sat 21 Aug 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self come home this evening from a two weeks Rustication at Pacific Grove Monterey County had a nice time and feel much better

The White faced heifer [breeding?]

Sun 22 Aug 1886

George Started Los Angeles to attend the State Convention

The Little Red hieffer that has a calf

Mon 23 Aug 1886

Went to Davisville Sold Tufts 2 Boxes of Grapes

L & D 48#. Went [to] Treets to see about Selling Pairs. Sold the Bartlets at 2 cts

The Little Red hieffer that was in the windmill field

Tues 24 Aug 1886

Went to Davisville Sold Tufts 383 # Pairs. Treet 225#

Halled Straw and Stack on the Iland

Wed 25 Aug 1886

Went to Davisville Sold Tufts 225# Pairs at[?] one cent per lb

Sold L D 97# Grapes at two cents. The little red hieffer had a Red hieffer calf a little white in its face.

Thurs 26 Aug 1886

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and to Mr Dopkins to See how Stuard was getting along dooing chores and Co[?]

We found evry[thing?] verry nicely

he had just finished ironing and Scrubed the porch flore

Finished Stacking Straw on the Iland and commenced Stacking at the cow Barn

Fri 27 Aug 1886

Went to Davisville

Got the horses Shod

Sold L and D 145 lbs of Grapes

Finished Stacking Straw at the cow Barn and commenced in the east field

Got the horses shod

The Old Red cow had a Bull calf with a little white in its face

Sat 28 Aug 1886

Commenced Stacking Straw on the creek in the east field

Went to Mr Ages to See Some Golden chester Grapes

Mrs Pierce put up twenty five cans fo fruit

Repaired fence north of cow barn

Sun 29 Aug 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Southwind this afternoon and cooler

Mon 30 Aug 1886

South wind all day

Got load of durty Barley for the Pigs

Went to Davisville this afternoon with 64# Grapes to L & D

Tues 31 Aug 1886 [No entry]

Wed 1 Sept 1886

Went to Davisville this afternoon to get the mail

Thurs 2 Sept 1886

Went to Davisville and [got] a big load of bones

Sold Tufts 24# Grapes

L & D 60 "

Got little lumber of Hampton

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George come home this evening from the State Convention

Fri 3 Sept 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mrs Greenes this afternoon and made them a visit

Commenced picking almon. North wind moderate this forenoon South this afternoon

Sat 4 Sept 1886

Pick almon.

George went to Davisville. North wind quite Strong this forenoon. more moderate this afternoon

Stack Straw

Sun 5 Sept 1886

Strong north wind all day. it blow off Some pairs

Mon 6 Sept 1886

Strong north wind this forenoon and part of the afternoon

Stack Straw and picked almon. George went to Davisville with pairs to Treet four Boxes \$3.00

Tues 7 Sept 1886

Stacked Strae and picked almon. Went to Davisville

Grapes.

North wind and verry warm

Wed 8 Sept 1886

Went to Davisville with grapes to Tufts.

Stacked Straw in the forenoon. Put Straw into old Barn in the afternoon

Northwind and verry warm

Paid Life Inshurence (sic) in Newingland (sic) Life Inshurence Co \$73.25. Drue \$75. of L & D

Thurs 9 Sept 1886

North wind and hot. South this evening hope it will be cooler

Went to Davisville with grapes to L & D

Finished putting Straw in the old Barn to day noon

Fri 10 Sept 1886

North wind

Mrs Pierce and George went to the State Fair

Mrs Cole and Matty come from San Francisco and went with them. Finished Stacking Straw

Sat 11 Sept 1886

Mrs Pierce, Mrs Cole, Matty and George come home this evening from the fair. thay report having a good time

Commenced picking grapes for Rasons

Commenced cleaning Scrunings that was left after the Thrashing Machiene

Sun 12 Sept 1886

Mrs Cole and Matta went home to day

Mon 13 Sept 1886

Picked 24 trays of grapes for Raisons

Put away the heder beds. cleaned wheat

Tues 14 Sept 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland tooock diner with Ann

Mr Dopling went to the Bay with George to be dockterd

Made Sale of grapes to Clark

George Burnt weeds west of the house

Wed 15 Sept 1886  
Cleaned dirty wheat

George attended State fair

Commenced picking grapes for market

Thurs 16 Sept 1886  
Commenced cleaning up Stack bottoms. Mrs Pierce and Self attended State fair

Fri 17 Sept 1886  
Picked grapes for market

finished cleaning Stack bottom

Sat 18 Sept 1886  
George went to Woodland with grapes 1435#

Warm day. North wind moderate and hot

Sun 19 Sept 1886  
Warm day Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 20 Sept 1886  
Picked grapes for market this forenoon.

Cleaned wheat this afternoon.

Not quite as hot as usual

Tues 21 Sept 1886  
George went to Woodland with load of grapes

Cleaned wheat

Commenced clearing the manure out of the old Barn

I am not feeling verry well to day

Wed 22 Sept 1886

Went to Davisville with 95# grapes to L and D. 68# to Tufts

George repaired fence around [?] the road

Finished cleaning over the chicken feed

I amnot feeling verry well to day

Thurs 23 Sept 1886

North wind quite Strong

went to Davisville 92# grapes to Tufts

George repaired the [fence] on the north Side of the east field along the road

I am not a bit well to day

Fri 24 Sept 1886

Strong north wind

went to Davisville 79# Grapes to L & D. Commenced grading down to the creek so as to hall gravel onto the road

Sat 25 Sept 1886

Halled 101 Sacks of wheat to Davisville Sold to L & d at 123 1/2. Got lumber for halling gravel on. Worked on the c[r]eek bank So as to hall gravel.

Worked on calf penn[?].

Repaired Bull pen.

Sun 26 Sept 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Warm day

Mon 27 Sept 1886

Commenced halling gravel on to the road.

Went to Davisville got an other man to hall gravel

91# Grapes to L & D

62# Grapes to Tufts

Got Lumber and Shakes for cow barn and Bran house.

Mrs Pierce Sent Mrs Cole & Mrs French Some grapes

Halled 28 loads of gravel onto the road

The Big rone hieffer had a rone hieffer just at night

Tues 28 Sept 1886

Ike and Sell [Self?] worked on cown Barn and calf Stable

Halled 28 loads of gravel onto the road

I am not well to day but better than I was this forenoon

Wed 29 Sept 1886

Ike and Self worked on Bran house and chicken house putting on new roofs.

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon. Halled 28 loads of gravel

Thurs 30 Sept 1886

Ike and Self worked on cow Shed this forenoon.

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got Shakes for cow Shed. George burnt Stuble this afternoon

Halled 28 load of gravel

Fri 1 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland took dinner with Ann. Paid taxes on the Woodland property \$8.00

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Halled 28 loads of [gravel] onto the road. George went to Davisville with grapes for Tufts and L. & D. Ike worked on cow Barn. I am not feeling verry well

Sat 2 Oct 1886

George went to Woodland to attend Country convention

Halled gravel on the road 28 loads. worked on cow Barn

Sun 3 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 4 Oct 1886

Went to Davisville 64# grapes to Tufts worked on cow Barn

Halled 28 loads of gravel

Strong South wind and quite cool

Tues 5 Oct 1886

Went to Davisville 57# grapes to L & D About finished the cow Barn. Halled 28 loads of gra[v]el

North wind quite Strong

Wed 6 Oct 1886

Strong North wind all day

George went to Davis this forenoon

Ike Lasswell left this morning for Oragon.

Finished halking gravel on to the road

Mr Ceciell was hear to loock at a cow that he think[s] [of] bying

Thurs 7 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville 75# grapes to Tufts

Halled gravel on to our road between here and the publick road. George commenced packing  
raisons

Fri 8 Oct 1886

A man killed himself and wife at Larues last night

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento with teem and wagon. tooock a lot of Soap greas to  
Sell at the Sout [?] factory

Halled gravel onto our privet road

Sat 9 Oct 1886

Halled gravel on to our road

Looocked verry much like [rain] most of the afternoon. rained in Several places near by

George went to Davisville with grapes to L & D this forenoon and put in a hole day andpart of  
the night I Suppose he had a good time

Harry Larkin come to night to make us a visit

Sun 10 Oct 1886

North wind quite Strong

Mr & Mrs Andy Martin and Mr & Mrs George Tufts made us a visit this afternoon

Mon 11 Oct 1886

Went to Davisville this forenoon with 58# grapes to Tufts.

Harry Larkin went to Newcassle to day

Sold John Yont three calvs for \$107--

Tues 12 Oct 1886

Went to Dixon this forenoon and got the pay for the calvs that Yont got yesterday

Went to Davisville and got two ment to work on the road

Wed 13 Oct 1886

Burnt Stubble east of the house

The fire got away from us and burnt two Old Straw Stacks and a little fence in the field north of the Barn

George has gone to Woodland to hear Swift Speak he is candidate for Governor

Drove up a Sow and nine pigs this forenoon

Thurs 14 Oct 1886

Hauled gravel onto Our road

George got home this afternoon and has gone to Davisville

Some of the men went with him

Fri 15 Oct 1886

Hauled gravel

Strong South wind all day and looks like rain

George went to Sacramento to Mr Coleman about interest on the land

Charles Gibbson has got back from the east

Sat 16 Oct 1886

Quite a Shower the latter part of the night the first rain of the Season. Light Sprinkles Several times during the day

George and Some of the men have gone to Davisville to attend political Speaking

Finished Hauling gravel on the road

Sun 17 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 18 Oct 1886

Commenced harrowing Somerfallow ground preparatory for Sowing

Cleaned out the Horse correll and cow Shed

Worked on calf Shed

Tues 19 Oct 1886

Worked on cow Shed and calf pen this forenoon

George put the Sowing machiene on the wagon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon. Mrs Pierce went to attend Lad[i]es meeting to make arangments (sic) gitting up a dinner election day

Georg[e] and Some of the men have gon to political meeting at Davisville

Wed 20 Oct 1886

North wind quite Strong and cold all day

Mrs Greene Mrs Ainsworth Ella Greene and She that was Bessa Brown made us a viset to day

George commence Sowing volenteer just at night

Went to Davisville

Sold the wheat to Stellen for \$1.30 clear. He paid \$200-- down and the remainder he is to pay next Saturday morning

Thurs 21 Oct 1886

South wind to day

George Sowed wheat on vollenteer.

Halled durt int[o] cow Shed. made pen to Shut up the old Sow that east chickens and pigs

Fri 22 Oct 1886

Shelled almon most of the day.

George went to Davisville this afternoon Settled with Stellen for Wheat

Harrowed wollenteer (sic) [volenteer]

Sat 23 Oct 1886

Cloudy most of the day and looks like rain this evening

Halled dirt and gravel into cow Shed

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento with team took in the almond Sold them for about \$33-- Got plow \$24. Bell \$4--

George drew of Stellen for Wheat \$5450.94. Paid in trust on note at Sacramento B \$2091-- Paid on principle

3100--

Sun 24 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce is 65 year old to day. attended church at Davisville

Mon 25 Oct 1886

Halled manure out of cow correll

George went to Davisville and got lumber for cow Shed

Harrowed volunteer

North wind moderate all day

Tues 26 Oct 1886

Halled manure out of cow correll and Bull pen

George went to Davisville to get L & Drummons Bill corrected They hid \$400-- too much. Harrowed volunteer

Wed 27 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland got 1/4 of Beef, Potatoes, &c

New pants and Hat

Took dinner with Ann

Thurs 28 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to see about getting the house repaired.

North wind

George sharpened harrow teeth

Fri 29 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and got a man to work on the house

Looks verry much like rain. George Sowed wheat on valenteer

Got home this evening quite dark

Sat 30 Oct 1886

North wind quite Strong

Commenced Sprinkling about [?] Oclock this morning and Sprincled quite sharpe most of the forenoon

George and Self worked on cow Shed this forenoon

Self and men bluestoned wheat this afternoon

Sun 31 Oct 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 1 Nov 1886

Harde frost this morning the first of the Season. coldand foggy this forenoon. North wind all day

Halled manure out of the horse correll.

Mrs Pierce is harde at work getting up a diner to take to Davisville tomorrow (Election day0 to get money to pay on the Parsonage

George went to Davisville this afternoon. kil[l]ed a pig this forenoon for a ro[a]ster

Harrowed on volenteer

Tues 2 Nov 1886

Election day all hands attend Election at Davisville but the chore man

The Ladies of the presbyterian church get up a dinner in aid of the church fund

Wed 3 Nov 1886

Mrs Pierce and George stayed in Davisville last night

the Ladies clear about \$155-- on their dinner and Supper and Ice cream

Thurs 4 Nov 1886

Worked on cow shed and calf pen

George Sowed wheat

The tanks have been empty for Several days

Fri 5 Nov 1886

Strong North wind most of the day

Halled dirt and gravel around the calf Shed

Sat 6 Nov 1886

Got up the mares and took the colts off to wean.

George Sharpened Harrow teeth

Halled dirt around calf Shed

Brother Elijah has come to make us a visit

Sun 7 Nov 1886

Fine day Mrs Pierce and self attended church at Davisville

Mon 8 Nov 1886

Cloudy all day and looks very much like rain

Cleaned wheat for Seed. Went to Davisville and got Elijah['s] trunk

George Sharpened harrow teeth and burnt Stubble in the windmill field

Tues 9 Nov 1886

Went to Davisville this forenoon. George Sowed wheat

Wed 10 Nov 1886

North wind quite Strong

Went to Davisville and got Mr & Mrs Jackson and the boys. They made us a visit to day. had a good visit with them. Looks very much like rain this afternoon and evening

Thurs 11 Nov 1886

North wind quite Strong all day. a little rain this morning

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and to Mr Dopkins

got \$40-- of Clark for rent

George attended Ball at Woodland last night

Fri 12 Nov 1886 [No entry]

Sat 13 Nov 1886

George and Elijah worked on the horse Barn this forenoon

Went to Davisville this forenoon and got things for horse Barn

Sun 14 Nov 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Strong North wind this afternoon and the air is full of dust

Mon 15 Nov 1886

Strong north wind and cold the air is full of dust yet

Made wagon rack for carrying of the hogs

Got up the hogs and Sorted them for market. got 62 head

Tues 16 Nov 1886



North wind all day but not as Strong as yesterday

George and Charly went to Sacramento with 51 head of hogs. Made fence west of the cow Barn So as to let the colts go to watter

Weight of hogs 140. 76 # at 3 cts \$422.28  
Exdpences for Bran, Potatoes &c 33.

Wed 17 Nov 1886

This my 72nd Birth day

I am enjoying unusual good health for a person of my age

Gethered up the hogs for for(sic) market

Went to Davisville and [got] 6 Sacks of Potatoes that was Sent from Sacramento

Thurs 18 Nov 1886

Strong north wind began about 8 Oclock this morning and blowed a perfic gale all the balance of the day

George and Charly went to Sacramento with 23 head of hogs weight 6394 at 3 cts \$191.82

Mr Dopkins and famely come to make us a viset

Fri 19 Nov 1886

The wind has all gon down fine day and quite warm

Bluestoned wheat

Mr Dopkins and famely went home to day had a good viset with them. their George Seems to be Some better

Sat 20 Nov 1886

Cloudy all of the forenoon and a light Sprinkle of rain

looked as tho it would rain haree but it all blue over, and the Sun came out in the afternoon. Strong west wind. Went to Davisville with Mary and Tony Welch

Sun 21 Nov 1886

Fine day Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 22 Nov 1886

George and Elijah worked on horse Barn

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 23 Nov 1886

George and Elijah worded on horse Barn

Went to Davisville and got load of lumber for horse Barn

North wind quite Strong and cold Hydrents frose up

Wed 24 Nov 1886

Elijah went home today

Cold morning

George worked on horse Barn

Went to Davisville and tooock Elijah to the Depot

I am feeling quite poorly this evening

Thurs 25 Nov 1886

Thanksgiving day MNrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

fine day north wind moderate all day

George worked on horse Stable

Fri 26 Nov 1886

Went to Sacramento and got Barrels to Salt the pork in

Mrs Pierce went to Davisville and Stayed while I was gon

George finished the horse Stable and commenced on Bran been [bin?]

Sat 27 Nov 1886

Went to Davisville and got the pork Barrels that was Sent out from the city and got Mary Welch  
She has been in the city a week. George worked on Bran been [bin] under cow Shed

Sun 28 Nov 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville and called on Mrs Greene this afternoon

Mon 29 Nov 1886

Butchered eight head of nice hogs this forenoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 30 Nov 1886

Went to Davisville twice to day

George and the men cut up the hogs and prepared the Sausage meet

Mrs Pierce washed and tryed [?] the lard

Wed 1 Dec 1886

Made Sausage and packed the pork &c

Mrs Pierce boiled the Saus &c

Thurs 2 Dec 1886

Finished the Butchering and evry thing out of the way

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland just at night and Stayed with Ann

George & Charly commenced Oiling and repairing the harness

Fri 3 Dec 1886

[n] Woodland with Ann all day and attended new-ingland Supper at the Methodist church in  
Woodland

Paid taxes \$400.40

Got some medison for Self of Doctor Martin

Sat 4 Dec 1886  
Come home this forenoon

Loocks like rain

Sun 5 Dec 1886  
At home all day

Mon 6 Dec 1886  
Cloudy all day and loocks Some like rain

Alexander come back this evening

Tues 7 Dec 1886  
Commenced raining about 9 Oclock last night and rained moderat (sic) most of the night  
Several light Sprinkles during the day. Went to Davisville this forenoon with Mary Welch She  
has quite work for us

Wille Hampton come home with me to make us a viset

Brother Elijah come this eveing from San Jose to Stay a fiew days

Wed 8 Dec 1886  
Several light Sprinkles this forenoon. quite a shower this afternoon for two or three hours. it  
has done lots of Good

Thurs 9 Dec 1886  
It cleared off in the night north wind moderate. fine day

Went to Davisville and tooock Wille Hampton home. We had a nice viset with him

George and Brother made a place for the dogs to Sleep in

Paid Charly Gibson \$20. 00 Drue \$20.00 of L & D

Fri 10 Dec 1886  
Clear this forenoon Cloudy this afternooon and loocks verry much like rain this evening

Commenced pruning trees. two tramps hear to dinner

Sat 11 Dec 1886

No rain last night cold and cloudy this morning

Went to Davisville and [got] new pipe for the work [?] Stove

Cloudy this evening and looks like rain

The ground is wet down three or four inches

Sun 12 Dec 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended James Maddocks funeral at Davis

Mon 13 Dec 1886

Foggy most of the day

Went to Sacramento this morning took in Some Oranges and Almon to the Citrus Fair

Tues 14 Dec 1886

Commenced plowing between the two ditches north of the Old Barn. it plows very well for that kind of land

Wed 15 Dec 1886

Mrs Pierce went to Davisville and Stayed at Mr hamptons over night and went to the Citrus Fair in the morning at Sacramento

Thurs 16 Dec 1886

Mrs Pierce come home from the Citrus fair. had a good time

I was chief cook.

George and Elijah was bottle washers

Fri 17 Dec 1886

George went to the Citrus fair in Sacramento. had a good time

Got up another plow team will start an other plow in the morning on the doby [adobe]  
betwene the two ditches north of thE Old Barn

Elijah worked on windmill

We have been out of watter most of the time for a week. Scarce any wind

Sat 18 Dec 1886  
Clear and fine all day

Started an other plow this morning

Went to Davisville this afternoon. Three tramps Stayed her last night

A light breeze from the north not enough(sic) to run the wind mill

Sun 19 Dec 1886  
Cloudy and foggy all day the Sun has not ben in Sight to day. Mrs Pierce and Self attended  
church at Davisville and Mrs Davis funeral at the Same time.

The wind come up just at dark So as to run the mill and it is runing yet (Bed time)

The wind is north

Mon 20 Dec 1886  
Strong north wind through the night and all day. Killed two hogs this afternoon.

Two plows runing on Somerfallow norht of the old Barn it plows verry well but a little dry

Commenced pruning grape vines this afternoon

Tues 21 Dec 1886  
North wind moderate this forenoon. South this afternoon and Strong enough to drive the wind  
mill quite lively. Some Sines of rain Soon

Cut and packed the pork. made Sausage. Tryed [?] lard &c

Wed 22 Dec 1886  
South wind moderate all day

Self and Elijah went to Cacheville to mill

George worked around the house, Barn &c

Thurs 23 Dec 1886

North wind all day.

Started Smoke under the bacon

Salted the joles [jowls?] from the last two hogs

George repaired the pump at the horse barn this forenoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Fri 24 Dec 1886

Fogy this forenoon Clear and fine the rest of the day. Went to Davisville this afternoon. One team commenced plowing north of the ditch on the doby [adobe?] north east of the Old Barn

Sat 25 Dec 1886

Cloudy most of the day

Repaired rood to the chicken house. Went to Currys and to Millers to See about a stray hog that we have shut up

Sun 26 Dec 1886

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Cloudy all day

called on Mrs Greene this afternoon

Mon 27 Dec 1886

Cloudy all day. no wind to run the mill out of watter this afternoon\

Elizabeth and George went to Sacramento. payed on the mortgage \$3500 at the Sacramento Bank

Tues 28 Dec 1886

Went to Davisville and made arrangements to draw money on the Barly \$1000--

The Sun has hardly shone to day. light clouds So that we could see where the Sun was most of the day.

Fine Sprincke this evening

29 Dec 1886

Some rain last night just enough to Stop the plows

Light Sprinkle Several times during the day. George has the wind mill that was in the hog lot in the Shop repairing it. put Babit [?]in the boxes

30 Dec 1886

Elie Spayded around the trees in the young Orchard

George and the men caught up two colts and tow mules to brake this winter

Drove one of the mules to Davisville this afternoon

31 Dec 1886

Went to Davisville and drue #450-- on the Barly

Paul Hampton \$122.06 balence on lumber

Went to See Fred Willeger he was throne from his carr[i]age and got badly hurt

George repaired the wind mill at the house

It loock as tho this would be a dry Season verry little plowing done yet. the plows run on dry durt most of the time. the ground is wet three or four inches deep. hope next month will giv us more rain

#### Memoranda [p.1]

Ligget & Drummon 12# Butter

Jan 1	"	14 "	"	
March 16	" D	18 "	"	18 cts
April 12	" L	10 "	"	"
" 14	" "	115 #	Bacon	
May 10	" H	24 "	Butter	
" 28"	L	"		



Sep       "       50 " Lard  
 Oct 19 " G. H. 24 # Butter at 27 1/2  
 Nov 29 " " " 20 " " " 27 1/2  
 Dec 9       " L 14 " " " 27 1/2  
 " 31       " 16 " " " 25

Cash Account. January [p.1]

Date		Received	Paid
1	Cash on hand	140.00	
5	Booth & Co		12.12
7	Hext Broths	250.00	
8	Muller (George)		20.00
9	For pruning vines		11.00
"	George Grafton for work	248.00	
12	Walter Marstin for Sheep	15.00	
"	George Pierce		10.00
14	Sacramento Bank		13.50
"	For Lether		9.60
"	Other exspences		3.70
"	Trees[?] & Medison		4.00
"	Creamer 1.25 Church tickets 75		2.00
"	Freight on Lether & Trees		55.00
21	Ligget & Drummond	30.00	
"	Henry Neely		30.00

Cash Account. February [p.2]

Date		Received	Paid
3	Fruite trees in Sacramento		19.75
"	Potatoes		3.80
"	Other exdpences		2.60
10	Fruit trees		1.80
"	Napkin rings and other exspences		4.50
"	Mrs Drummond for Cow	45.00	
"	George Pierce		20.00
19	Henry Stelling for wheat	32.00	
"	Sacramento Bank		2045.80
"	John Davis note		711.99
"	Hext Brothers	252.88	
"	On deposit with Liggett		

	& Co	200.00	
"	Cash null x	40.00	
21	Henry Neely		30.00
25	Ballance on Wheat	212.00	
27	Stelling for Barly	132.90	
"	Henry Neely		12.50
"	George		25.00
"	Exspences at Woodland		3.00

#### Cash Account. March [p.3]

Date		Received	Paid
8	T. F. Dopkin for cows	150.00	
"	" " " Alfalfa seed		10.00
12	Creemer & Rose for gravel		10.00
13	Lodge dues		6.00
22	Marstin for Sheep	14.00	
27	Exspences in Woodland		4.40
29	Sheep Sheerer Tobacco 60		11.55

#### Cash Account. April [p.4]

Date		Received	Paid
5	Exspences at Woodland		3.00
9	Woods for plowing	50.00	
"	George Tufts Watter Trough		16.00
"	Cre[e]mer and Rose for grindin[g]		4.00
12	Mary Welch		21.00
19	Hines for Pig	10.00	
"	George		.45
	Ligget and Drummond for groceries	40.00	
25	Paul		20.00
26	Iron Paint &c at Woodland		5.50

#### Cash Account. May [p.5]

Date		Received	Paid
8	For Wheat Ligget & Co deposit		275.69
11	" " Deposit		100.00
22	John Yont for pigs and Sheep	75.00	
23	James Hartigan		10.00
24	Isaac Lasswell		12.00
27	Marstin for Sheep	15.00	

Cash Account. June [p.6]				
Date			Received	Paid
6	Mary Welch			40.00
"	James Hartigan			25.00
7	Ike Lasswell			1.00
3	Exspences at Woodland			7.40
7	M[a]rston for Sheep [No amount entered.]			
"	Paul Strip			20.00
"	C. A. Gibson		10.00	
"	Ike Lasswell		2.00	
25	Hauston[?] tax for men			8.00
26	J. P. Collens			30.00
"	Ligget & Drummon	20		
28	Yont for S[h]eep		14	

Cash Account. July [p.7]				
Date			Received	Paid
21	Ligget & D. for Rogers	8.00		
22	" " " Joseph	70.65		
"	" " " Paul Strip	98.06		
"	" " " James			
		Hartigan	72.37	
21		Rogers		8.00
22		Joseph		70.65
"		Paul Strip		98.06
"		James Hartigan		72.37
24	" "		60.00	
"		J. P. Collens		30.00
"		C. Gibson		30.00
25		Isaac Laswell		5.00
31	Liggett & Drrmond George	50.00		
"	Lasswell			40.00
"	Gibson			22.96

Cash Account. August [p.8]				
Date			Received	Paid
2	Ligget & Drummon	25.00		
5	Clark for Sheering Sheep			11.20
"	Burel Press			3.00
"	Kenosh[a] Telegraph			5.00
"	Isaac Laswell			2.00
7	L & D	700		
"	Krimmer [Creamer?] & Ross {Rose?}		700	

9	L & D	200		
"	W. H. Hampton			200
"	L & D	258		
"	C. A. Gibson		258	
16	L & D	50		
"	Isaac Lasswell		50	
21	" "			3.00
22	L & D	50		
"	Mr Jackson			45.00
25	Vincent Zainni		3.00	
24	Cash	20		

#### Cash Account. September [p.9]

Date		Received		Paid
5	L & D	10.00		
"	Isaac Laswell		10.00	
6	L & D	50.00		
"	Mary Welch		45.00	
"	Smizemer	18.00		
8	L & D	75.00		
"	New Inglad Life inshunence		73.25	
26	L & D	50.00		
"	Mrs Pierce Mrs Greene			
"	to calf	50.00		5.00
"	George		25.00	
"	Self			20
"	Isaac Lasswell [No amount entered.]			

#### Cash Account. October [p.10]

Date		Received		Paid
6	L & D	75.00		
"	Isaac Laswell		63.25	
"	Gravel Haller [Hauler]		7.50	
12	Yont for calvs	107.00		
"	Gravel Haller		5.50	
20	H Stelling for Wheat	200.00		
23	" " " "	5450.94		
"	Intrest on note at Sacramento Bank	2091.00		
"	Principle " " " "		3100.00	
"	Almon	33.00		
"	Plow and Bell		28.00	
25	E. W. Brown		18.07	

"	E. R. Drake	3.85
"	Walter Marstin	85.85
27	Hat & Pants	5.00
"	Beef	8.40
28	Paper and house lining &c [No amount entered.]	

Cash Account. November [p.11]		
Date	Received	Paid
11	J. Q. A. Clark rent 40.00	
16	For Hogs 422.28	
"	Bran, Potatoes &c	33.25
18	For Hogs 191.82	
"	Lether Bolts &c [No amount entered.]	
22	Vincent Zanini	88.00
"	George Hoffman	34
"	J. P. Xollwna	27
"	Mike Connell	40
20	Mary Welch	30
23	J. P. Collens	38
30	L & D. 124.85	
"	Mike Connell	124.85
31	Elie Zainia[?]	20.00
	Exspence in Sacramento	17.30

Cash Account. December [p.12]		
Date	Received	Paid
9	L & D 20.00	
"	Charly Gibson	20.00
31	W. H. Hampton	122.06
"	Dru [drew] on Barly 1000.	
"	Left on deposet with L & D	550.00