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D-022 2:5: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1887

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[Note: On the bottom of first pages of this volume, he entered notations for the first several days of 1888 -- from Jan 1st through Feb 14th.]

Sat 1 Jan 1887

Cold and foggy this forenoon clear and fine this afternoon

North wind moderate

George went to Woodland today. Mr Dopkin and family come just at night to make us [a] visit

Sun 2 Jan 1887

Cloudy this forenoon Clear most of the afternoon North wind moderate

Mon 3 Jan 1887

Clear and cold. quite a frost this morning. Mr Dopkin and family went home this afternoon

Mrs Enos[?] and Wille made us a call this afternoon

Tues 4 Jan 1887

Cold and foggy this forenoon clear this afternoon

Went to Sacramento paid Carlaw Brothers \$263-- for work on lot in Cemetery at Davisville

Got two Lanterns and 6 extra Globes and other expenses \$8.80

Wed 5 Jan 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon and got the freight that was Sent from Sacramento

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North wind moderate

Thurs 6 Jan 1887

Rub[b]ed the Second lot of hames and Shoulders

Put Second lot of Bacon Smoking

North wind moderate

Fri 7 Jan 1887

Strong North wind and cold

Run two plows in the field this side of the wind mill

Sowed the marrow Strip betwene the road and the fence to wheat for hay

Sat 8 Jan 1887

Strong north wind and cold most of the day

George drove up tow (sic) hogs to kill

Attended Lodge at Davisville thay installed their officers

Finished pruning grap[e] vines

Sun 9 Jan 1887

Clear and cold

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 10 Jan 1887

Clear and cold ice in the Watter trough this morning

North wind as usual

Killed three hoggs for bacon one was the Old Burkshier Sow that Elias Gallop gave me eigh[t] or ten years ago She got so old that She could not eat wheat. I fed her on boiled whate and midlens and made a nice peas of meet of her

Tues 11 Jan 1887

George cut up the hogs that we killed yesterday and prepared the Sausage meet

Wed 12 Jan 1887

Made Sausage and packed the Bacon &c Went to Davisville this afternoon got Sack of Salt and Lard cans &c

Thurs 13 Jan 1887

Finished salting the last pork

Mrs Pierce and self went to Woodland. Sun shone all day

Fri 14 Jan 1887

South wind moderate

Hevy fog most of the day

Mrs Pierce and Self come home to day. Run two plows in the field this Side of the Windmill in the hog lot

Sat 15 Jan 1887

South wind and cloudy this morning. the wind Shifted to the north west just before noon and raine about five minets quite Sharp. Cold north wind the rest of the day

Plowed gardin

Sun 16 Jan 1887

Strong north wind and verry cold

Mon 17 Jan 1887

North wind not as harde as yesterday. and quite cold

Tues 18 Jan 1887

Planted pees in the garden

quite a Sprinkle while we ware (sic) planting the pees

Sever[al] light Sprincles during the day

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Wed 19 Jan 1887

South wind quite Strong and cold. Went to Davisville with plow points to be Sharpened

Commenced raining Some time in the night. early an inch of rain fell. Sold L & D 40# Lard at 8 cts per #

Thurs 20 Jan 1887

Strong South wind and quite cold. and loocked verry much like rain all day

Went to Davisville and got plow points

Planted potatoes this morning. Commenced plowing Barly ground east of the house

Started the third plow teem this afternoon

Fri 21 Jan 1887

South wind. Run three plows on Barly ground

Sat 22 Jan 1887

Niorth wind quite Strong

Went to Davisville

Commenced Sowing Barly east of the house near the creek this afternoon

Sun 23 Jan 1887

South wind and Cloudy

Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisville

The red hieffer lost her calf to day

Mon 24 Jan 1887

South wind in the forenoon and cloudy in the forepart of the day

North wind this afternoon quite Strong. sowed Barly in the forenoon. George went to Davisville this forenoon and got Mike Connell to drive plow teem

One of the men failed to come to time this morning

The White hieffer had a white calf (Bull) this morning

Tues 25 Jan 1887

North wind cold and dry

Mrs Greene, Ella Greene and Eva Bennet made us a call to day had a good viset with them

Run three plow on Barly ground

Wed 26 Jan 1887

Harde frost this morning and cold north wind

South wind this afternoon and a little cloudy this evening

George went o Woodland to attend Ball

Thurs 27 Jan 1887

Strong north wind and verry cold all day

We are in great need of rain the land plows up verry dry and hard

George got home this noon from the Ball

Fri 28 Jan 1887

Cold north wind this forenoon hydrents frose up

Sout wind this afternoon

Sowed Barly east of the house

The Sheep are out to night Cant find them

Sat 29 Jan 1887

Cold and dry ice in the watter trough this morning

Scarce any wind untill about noon then it come from the north quite Strong

Found the Sheep this morning all right

Drove in a fine hieffer from the windmill field that will have a calf Soon

Sun 30 Jan 1887

Cold. Clear and dry North wind moderate

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 31 Jan 1887

Cold clear and dry

The hydrents have ben fose up nearly evry morning ten days

The cold and druy wether is letting on the Somerfallow wheat it begins to dry up in Some places

It seems as tho we must have rain Soon or Our crops will be verry light If we have any at all.

Little cloudy this evening

Finished Sowing Barly

Tues 1 Feb 1887

Light clouds all day South West wind and cold verry Light Sprinkle this afternoon and about five minets

The Sun has been in Sight nearly all day

George went to Dixon to get extrys for wind mill in the hog lot

Run three harrows on the Barly the Second time

I am feeling quite poorly this evening

Wed 2 Feb 1887

Clear and cold west wind

Mrs Pierce and Self have mad Several calls to day

We called on Mr & Mrs Jackson Mr& Mrs Robson Mr & Mrs Wilegar and Mr & Mrs Hampton and Mr & Mrs Covell

The white Cow had a white hieffer calf this morning

Thurs 3 Feb 1887

Light clouds all day

south west wind and loocks Some like rain this evening

Finished harrowing the Barly the seckond time this forenoon and began plowing Somerfallow again

Fri 4 Feb 1887

Commenced raining the latter part of the night and has rained Stedy all day about two inches of rain has fallen at dark and Still raining with a fair prospect of a ra[i]ny night. Wind South quite Strong untill about three O'clock this afternoon then turned to the north quite Strong and cold and Still raining

Sat 5 Feb 1887

The rain turned to Snow Sometime in the night. and the ground is white this morning. A light Sprinkle of rain that lasted most of the day. the Snow disappeared in a Short time. There has [been] about three inches of fallen So far during the Storm

Sun 6 Feb 1887

Light Sprinkle Several times during the day

South west wind quite Strong all day

Mon 7 Feb 1887

South east wind quite Strong all day. Hard frost this morning and quite cold

Went into the back field to See the hieffers, and to Hexts

Commenced raining about two O'clock this afternoon moderate and is raining quite Strong at bed time

Tues 8 Feb 1887

North wind all day and cloudy. a light Sprinkle of rain most of the day. hardly enought to make the eaves drop

It is raining harder this evening with a fuir [?] prospect of snow before morning

Alexander commence dooing chores again to day

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Wed 9 Feb 1887

It did not Snow last night as I expected.

North wind and cloudy most of the forenoon

South wind and clear this afternoon

Grubed up two trees that was in the garden

George went to Sacramento this forenoon

Thurs 10 Feb 1887

Cloudy all day South wind and looked like rain all day

George went to Davisville and got freight that was Shipped yesterday from Sacramento

I have Stayed in the house most of the day

Fri 11 Feb 1887

Little rain last night Little rain this forenoon and has rained quite hard most of the afternoon and is Still raining hard. Put Tobacco on the Bull and cows to kill the lice

Sat 12 Feb 1887

Sunshine and rain at intervals all day

Strong South wind

The creek is the highest that it has been this winter

George is making new harness

The Bobtailed heifer had a red heifer calf this morning with a white Split in its face and flank and on its tail about midway and near the end of it.

Sun 13 Feb 1887

Sunshine and rain Several times during the day and is raining hard this evening

Mon 14 Feb 1887

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Rained quite harde the forepart of the night (last night)

Cloudy all day and loocked like rain. north wind part of the day

the Sun Shone a fiew minets just before night

George is making anew harness

Tues 15 Feb 1887

North wind moderate all day. cloudy most of the day.

Hung up more meet to Smoke

George and Charly worked on new harness

Wed 16 Feb 1887

South wind all day. quite a hevy Shower this forenoon

I thought it would clear off after the rain but it failed to doo So, and it is raining again this evening.

I left two (sic) much fier under the meet that was in the Smoke house and it come verry near Spoiling all there was in the house at the time

George and Charly are at work on the new harness

Thurs 17 Feb 1887

George went to Woodland with 90# Lard 07 cts and 24# Butter @ 20 cts

got one Barrel of Golden C Sugar. and extres for harness

Went to Davisville got the male &c

The old white face Cow had a red hieffer calf with a Brekeface and a little white on both hind feet and Som on its Belly I am not feeling verry well this evening

North wind cold fog this forenoon. clear the rest of the day

Fri 18 Feb 1887

Strong north wind and clear all day. it has dryed up the mud a good deal

George and Charly worked on Harnis

Sat 19 Feb 1887

Clear and fine all day North wind moderate

Went to Davisville this afternoon. Bought 5000 Sacs of Legget and Drummond at 6 1/2 cts

Mrs Miller and her two daughters made us a call to day

Sun 20 Feb 1887

Mr Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Strong South east wind this afternoon and evening a little rain about 9 O'clock

Mon 21 Feb 1887

Looks very much like rain. Strong South east wind (sic)

Started three plows this morning the first work since the 3rd of this month.

Plowed in the field north of the vineyard. Will Sow it to wheat

Tues 22 Feb 1887

Hard frost ice in the trough at the horse barn, and in the tubs at the house

Run three Gang plows and on Singe plow

George went to Davisville this afternoon with Eggs and chickens

Clear all day South wind

Wed 23 Feb 1887

Strong South wind all day the wind is more in the west this evening and looks like rain

Commenced Sowing wheat in the field north of the vineyard

Sowed about 36 acres. Drove in a rone hieffer from the windmill field that had a rone hieffer calf. She had it yesterday Some time

Made a yard to Suckle the calvs in

Thurs 24 Feb 1887

Strong South wind untill this afternoon it turned to the north west. it Sprinckled Several time early this forenoon and quite a Shower betwene 9 & 10 Oclock So the men Stopped work

Fri 25 Feb 1887

North wind all day and quite cold.

Finished plowing north of the vinyard this afternoon and commenced Sowing just before night
Looks al little like rain

George went to Davisville and got Sack of potatoes to plant

Put strings around the calvs necks with Angrintom on to kill the lice

The north wind makes the Stove Smoke badly

Sat 26 Feb 1887

Finis[h]ed Sowing wheat this morning. Went to Davisville with one of the men and to try to Sell a cow.

Toock dinner with Mrs Drumman. The red crocked horn cow had a red Bull calf this morning. a little white on its Back and a Star between its horns. a;lso a little white in both flanks.

Sun 27 Feb 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self attende church at Davisville

Mon 28 Feb 1887

Finished harrowing the last piece of wheat crosswayes about to (sic) Oclock this afternoon

Commenced plowing Somerfallw again.. North wind moderate all day. George went to Davisville with colw to Mike Connell at \$35--

Mr Treet grafted Some pair trees for us this afternoon. paid him \$2.00 for the job

Tues 1 Mar1887

Went to Davisville and got Shingles to pu on the west Side of the kitchen and dining room

Connells cow come home to day. North wind modrate and loockes like rain

South wind this evening

Sold L & D. 105# Bacon

Wed 2 Mar 1887

Several light Sprinkles during the day and it is raining quite harde this evening

George drove Connell another cow this afternoon at \$40--

North wind moderate all day South this evening.

Cut potatoes for Seed

Mrs Pierce Set Some tomatto plants in the gardin to day

Thurs 3 Mar 1887

Rained most of last night moderate and most of the day moderate

I am not feeling verry well to day. Commenced Smoking the last meet

Fri 4 Mar 1887

Cloudy this forenoon. cleer and warm this afternoon

Plowed some in the Orchard lot to Sow for chicken feed

George went [to] Sacramento to get Lether &c for harnes

The Butcher come to day to loock for weal [veal] and[d] mutton

Sat 5 Mar 1887

Clear and fine all day.

Evry thing is growind(sic) nicelhy.

Sowed a little patch of wheat in the old orchard lot for chickens

Sold Martin one calf \$4.50
and four Sheep 10.00

San 6 Mar 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 7 Mar 1887

Went to Sacramento to get a woman to help Mrs Pierce this Season. She is to come day after tomorrow

got Some fruit trees, Chicken feed, Spring bed and Clock

George and the man put new roof on the kitchen and bedroom

got lumber for picket fence in front of the house

Tues 8 Mar 1887

North wind quite Strong most of the forenoon. warm and drying day. Started the plows again on the Somerfallow.

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

Wed 9 Mar 1887

Plowed potato ground

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got the woman that come from the City to help Mrs Pier[c]e fine day

Thurs 10 Mar 1887

Got the hieffers out of the wind mill field. had a hard ride to get them

George went to Davisville this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon.

Warm day for the time of year

Fri 11 Mar 1887

Plastered the kitchen and diningroom and milkroom before the plastering broke off

Planted potatoes.

Put 4 hieffers in the windmill field

Sat 12 Mar 1887

Plowed Corn ground this forenoon. getherr up the hogs and Sorted for market.

Went to Davisville and got cole to feed the hogs

Matty Cole of San Francisco come las[t] night to make us a visit

Sun 13 Mar 1887

Mrs Pierce, Matty Cole attended church at Davisville

Mon 14 Mar 1887

Made gardin planted Pees Carrots and Parsnipps.

George went to Davisville with hogs at four cts

Warm day. north wind moderate

Weight of hogs 3634 -- \$145.36

Tues 15 Mar 1887

Geogre went to Dixon with hogs 2304# at 4 1/4 cts \$97.92

Plowed corn ground

Went to Davisville. Sold L & D 109# Shoulder at 8 1/2 9.26
and 53 # Ham at 10 1/2 5.76

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Loocks like rain. Strong South wind

Wed 16 Mar 1887

Went to Davisville and got George Hoag to take up the honey and fix up the Bees. Strong South wind and loocks like rain this evening

Mrs Pierce and Matta Cole made Mrs Hampton a call this afternoon

Thurs 17 Mar 1887

George went to Woodland and got Patent fence, Squerrel Smoker &c Planted corn. Plowed ground for beets

Strong South west wind and quite chille

Fri 18 Mar 1887

Strong north wind most of the [day?] and quite cool.

Planted Mangles Beets this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Matta made Mrs Grene a visit to day

All Sines of rain has disappeared for the present

a little rain would doo Some good

I have been quite unwell to day am Some better this evening

Sat 19 Mar 1887

North wind quite Strong the forepart of the day.

Finished planting Stock Beets

Commenced plowing vinyard west of house

Mrs Cole of San Francisco come this evening to make us a Short visit

Sun 20 Mar 1887

North wind moderate

Mrs Cole and Matta went home this afternoon had a good visit with them

Mon 21 Mar 1887

Strong north wind all day and quite warm.

Wattered trees at the wind mille.

George and Elex cut brush in the vinyard preparatory to grafting.

I am not feeling a bit well to day.

Thurs 22 Mar 1887

Plowed vinyard.

North wind but not near as Strong as yesterday

Wattered Some trees near the windmill

Fri 23 Mar 1887

South wind and loocks like rain

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland this afternoon to get Some more grape cutting.

George grafted grape vines. The pet rone hieffer had a rone hieffer calf this morning a little [white?] on its belly and on both hind legs near its body and a fiew white hairs in its face

Thurs 24 Mar 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self come home to day. not much Sines of rain the wind is South west

George and Elex worked in the vinyard grafting

Lucy had a cold this morning

Fri 25 Mar 1887

Finished putting what cuttings we had an[d] commenced building picket fence in front of the house

Plowed in vinyard

Finished plowing Somerfallow the first time to day and commenced crossplowing

Mrs Pierce went to Woodland to attend Lecturs that is to be delivered by Some noted Speeker

Sat 26 Mar 1887

George worked on the front fence this forenoon and went to Woodland this afternoon to the lectures

Run two plows on the Somerfallow

Got up two mairs that will have colts Soon. one of Georges mairs had a colt this afternoon

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Finished plowing grape vines the first time and commenced plowing in the young orchard

Sun 27 Mar 1887 [No entry]

Mon 28 Mar 1887

Plowed the yo[u]ng orchard north of the house this forenoon

Went to Woodland this afternoon to get Mrs Piertce and the amn to paper the house. Stayed at Mr Dopkins over night

Tues 29 Mar 1887

Come home this morning

Brought man to paper the house

Strong north wind

George and Alex run the Squirrel Smoker this forenoon.

George helped put on the paper this afternoon

Wed 30 Mar 1887

Alexander and Frank run the Squarrel Smoker.

George help p[u]t on the paper

North wind moderate most of the day

Went to Davisville this forenoon

Thurs 31 Mar 1887

Finished papering this forenoon. George went to Woodland to take man home

Alexander and Frank run the Squarrel Smoker

Fri 1 Apr 1887

Went to Davisville tooock two mairs to Muller. got the grape cutting from San Jose. got the horses Shod

George and Frank run the Smoker

North wind moderate

Sat 2 Apr 1887

Went to Davisville this forenoon. North wind as usual

Sold Tufts 80# Ham at 11 cts

George and two of the men worked graftin (sic) grape vines

Sun 3 Apr 1887

Strong norht wind

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 4 Apr 1887

South wind quite Strong all day and loocks Some like rain, whitch(sic)
is verry much needed

George finished grafting grape vines, and went to Davisville this evening

Tues 5 Apr 1887

Went to Cacheville to mill

George worked on front fence killed a hog this evening

Wed 6 Apr 1887

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Strong South wind commenced raining about 3 Oclock this afternoon

Left little Jude with Muller. George and Frank worked on windmill in the hog lot. the wind was
So Strong thay had to Stop work

Thurs 7 Apr 1887

Plowed garding and se Tomatto plants. George and Frank worked on windmill

Warm and Still day

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Fri 8 Apr 1887

Went to Davisville this forenoon with Lotty to Mullers

Strong South wind

Commenced raining about noon and has rained most of the afternoon quited harde, and is raining this evening.

Jane had a colt this morning

Sat 9 Apr 1887

Strong South wind

Mended bran bags

The men cut wood at the house

Several light Sprinkles during the day. not enough (sic) to Stop work

Sun 10 Apr 1887

Strong north wind

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

I have taken a terable cold Since the rain commenced and am most Sick

Mon 11 Apr 1887

North wind quite Strong in the forenoon. South wind this afternoon. all hanbs cut wood.

I am most Sick I did not get up untill after breakfast

Tues 12 Apr 1887

Started the harrows this morning

Cut wood

Wed 13 Apr 1887

Halled wheat to Davisville that was left over after Seeding. between 16 and 17 Tons

Cut wood. Hevy Shower this afternoon.

Mr Carlan from Sacramento and Arther Stiner from Woodland come this afternoon to See about doing Some work in Cemetry

Thurs 14 Apr 1887

Strong north wind all day. Sent the ballance of Barly that was left after Seeding

Cut wood

Mrs Greene Ella and Eve Bennet mad[e] us a viset to day

I am quite Sick with cold

Fri 15 Apr 1887

North wind quite Strong but not as harde as yesterday

Commenced Shearing Sheep

Planter Wattermellons in the vinyard [?]

Judge Curry Monty and their wives and Professor Le Cont made us a call to day

Sat 16 Apr 1887

South wind moderate

Sheared Sheep this afternoon

Hevy Shower this afternoon

George went to Davisville and got lumber for tank house

Sun 17 Apr 1887

Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisville

Mon 18 Apr 1887

Commenced work on the tank house. Morgan is helping

Tues 19 Apr 1887

South wind and loockd like rain this morning and most of the day. quite a Shower this afternoon.

George went to Davisville after more lumber

Finished Shearing Sheep Sheared 116 head

Thirty-five years ago to day Mrs Pierce and Self Started from Kenosha Wis to go to California acrost the planes with hors[e] teems and arived in Plaserville the fourth of August 1852 had no bad luck but it was a long and tiersom jurney

Wed 20 Apr 1887

Repaired the Old tank frame at the wind mill

Pruned Orchard at the windmill.

Commenced hoing(sic) Potatoes.

Went to Mr Millers and got Some Seed corn to plant where the Stock Buts failed to come. hevvy Shower about midnight last night

George went to Woodland to attend party

Fifty-two years ago to day I left Courtland Co N. Y. only got [to] Chicago the 17 of May. Stayed there u[n]till July 4th then Started for Pike Creek Wisconsin now Kenosha got there the 8th day of July 1835

Thurs 21 Apr 1887

Strong north wind and cold

Worked on tank house

George com home from the party about noon and went to Davisville this afternoon to get the Tank

I am not verry well

Fri 22 Apr 1887

Strong north wind all day

Worked on tank house. put up the tank

Went to Davisville this afternoon got paint and Oil to paint the tank

Sat 23 Apr 1887

Strong norht wind worse than yesterday

Planted corn where the Stock Beets failed to come

I am not much better

Sun 24 Apr 1887

Strong north wind all day

Stayed home

Mon 25 Apr 1887

Strong norht wind all day

Planted corn and plowed Orchard at the windmill

Marstin got one of the Calves that I sold him

Tues 26 Apr 1887

North wind this forenoon

South this afternoon

Loocks Some like rain. Worked on Tank house

Mrs Pierce went to Davisville Sent the Graingers two boxes of Eggs

Wed 27 Apr 1887

Worked on tank house

Hoed corn and potatoes

Planted Sweet Corn in the potatoes where they failed to come. Went to
See the hieffers in the windmill field

South wind most of the day

Thur 28 Apr 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

Ann is quite unwell

Worked on tank house.

Painted fronce [front?] fence and tank house

South wind and quite cool

Fri 29 Apr 1887

Cloudy all day. Strong west wind and loocked like rain most of the day. A
little rain just before night

Finished the new tank house and commenced on the one at the wind mill

Sat 30 Apr 1887

Strong north wind and quite cold

Went to Davisville and got pipe &c

George went to Dixon to attend Picnic

Sun 1 May 1887

Strong North wind all day

Mon 2 May 1887

North wind in the forenoon and South this afternoon

Hoed out the Stock Beets

Painted the fronte fence

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 3 May 1887
South wind all day

Cultivated vinyard

Worked on the thank(sic) house and in the garding

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Wed 4 May 1887
South wind moderate all day

Cultivated grape vines

Painted the Kitchen and dining rooms flore

The coock left to day. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville to day

Paid Mike Connell \$10-- left it with his wife, by request

Thurs 5 May 1887
Mr Barber and Mr Stiner Arther Stiner and Mr Stiners little Boy made us a call to day

Mr Stiner come to bie Mr Millers Ranch offered him \$85-- per acre. Mr Miller wanted \$90-- per acre.

Went to Davisville this afternoon. left Flora at Mullers

Fri 6 May 1887
Strong South west wind

Finished Suckering the grape vines. Worked in the gardin this afternoon

A little rain this afternoon and quite cool this evening

Sat 7 May 1887
Worked on grainry

Sulfered the grape vines

Went to Davisville got extres for Mowing machiene

Got Barrel of Sugar of Tufts \$16.60

Strong South west wind

Sun 8 May 1887

Strong S[o]uth wind

Mon 9 May 1887

Strong South wind and loocks like rain most of the day

A light Sprinkle about 10 Oclock this forenoon

Went to Davisville this afternoon and got Mike Connell he failed to come to time this morning

Tues 10 May 1887

Went to Sacramento to Sell Barly and to get a woman to help Mrs Pierce

Strong north wind and verry cold. Some frost in Some places this morning

Did not get the woman She is to come to morrow on the 11 Oclock train

Sold the Barly to Stelling for \$1.05 clear. he paid \$200-- on it

Wed 11 May 1887

Strong north wind and cold

Some frost this morning

Went to Davisville and got woman to help Mrs Pierce

Commenced cutting hay this afternoon

Paid Hamton \$219-- balence of lumber bill

Thurs 12 May 1887
North wind quite Strong

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville to get extres for mowing machiene

had to Stay untill 3 Oclock to git them. The Machiene gave out yesterday and has been idle all day Mrs Pierce went after her dress that She has at the shop

The Old rone Cow [breeding?]

Fri 13 May 1887
North wind moderate and quite warm

Repaired gate in east field

George tooock Calf to Mr Sym[?], and went to Mr Bullards and got Buck [a ram] for himself and one for Mrs Greene and paid \$40-- each

Cut thisels in the east field and on the creek

Cut hay

Sat 14 May 1887
North wind and quite warm

Cut and raked hay

George went to Mr Chiles to See his watter works

Repaired gate in the Calf correll and cleaned it out

The largest light culled Rone hieffer [breeding?]

The Old white face Cow [breeding?]

Sun 15 May 1887
Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 16 May 1887
Strong South wind all day

got four hieffers out of the wind mill field

Two of them are to have calvs soon

Started the Second Moing [mowing] Machiene this morning

Georg[e] went to Davisville this afternoon andgot an other man

Tues 17 May 1887

South wind most of the day moderate west this evening

Repaired pump and windmill this forenoon

Sister Ann and Mr Dopkin and George come to make us a visit

Run two Machienes

Wed 18 May 1887

Strong South wind this afternoon

George and Mr Dopkins went to Davisville this forenoon. George has gon again this afternoon

Sister Ann and her famely went home this afternoon

Run two Machienes in the hay field

I am quite unwell to day

Thurs 19 May 1887

North wind moderate and quite cool. South wind this afternoon and verry cold for the Season of the year

George Reparred the pump at the house. the lower part of it broke off and went into the well

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland. Toock diner with Ann. Toock my picture to have it framed

Fri 20 May 1887

Loocked like rain most of the forenoon

Strong South east wind this afternoon and quite cool

Went to Davisville this afternoon

Repaired fence in the east field this forenoon

Finished mowing

Sat 21 May 1887

South wind quite Strong

Commenced halling hay this afternoon. Mad[e[] lid to on[e] of the watter troughs at the horse barn

The Old rone Cows yearling with a little Star in its face and a little white on its belly. the balance all red

George went to Davisville this forenoon and got two more men

Sun 22 May 1887

Strong South wind

Mon 23 May 1887

Strong South wind. halled hay into the horsebarne with three waggons. the hay is verry nice

Helped Mrs Pierce wash churn can &c

Tues 24 May 1887

Went to Davisville Sold L & D 61 # Shoulder at 9 cts \$5.49

" " 12 # Butter at 15 cts 1.80

Got two Shoes Set on Mage [Major]

Finished [hawling] hay into the horse barn and commenced halling into the cow barn. Strong South wind and quite cool

The red hieffer had her Second calf a little white in face deep red hieffer

Wed 25 May 1887

George went to Davisville to meet the two Mess Gillmore that are thir [their] way home from Fresno to Mud Springs

they called to make us a Short viset. Finished halling hay into the cow barn

Monty Curry and his wife calle this evening

The red and white hieffer had a Bull calf mostly red Some whit[e] on its hind parts

Thurs 26 May 1887

The Miss Gillmores went home this afternoon

Stacked hay in the field and will have it dried [?]

The Old red croo[k]ed horn cow [breeding]

Fri 27 May 1887

Strong north wind and hot harde on grain

Had to Stop Stacking hay and discharged three of the men. Went to Davisville and toock the men down

Strong north wind and hot

Sat 28 May 1887

Strong north wind and verry hot. harde on grain

George and Charly worked header Spout [?] &c

Sun 29 May 1887

South wind part of the day

A little cooler this evening

The red hieffer that was in the windmill field had a red Bull Calf

Mon 30 May 1887

North wind this forenoon. South this afternoon and cloudy. quite cool this evening.

Carly and Alex halled hay

George went to Sacramento to get presents for Minne Mardin

Put the Buck with the Sheep and turned them into the east field

Tues 31 May 1887

Finished haying to day noon

Worked on the header this afternoon. Worked haying 14 days

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville and called on Mrs La Rue. found her nicely fixed and Seems to be getting along finely

Wed 1 June 1887

South wind all day

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mrs Greene a call to day

found them all well as usual

they have began to cut Barly

Wattered tomatoes this afternoon

George attended Minne Mardin wedding

The bob Tail hieffer and the red hieffer that lost her calf last spring [bred]

Thurs 2 June 1887

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento to get a new bonet &c

George went to Davisville and Woodland to carry the report of the wedden &c

Sent John Harlegan [?] gethered the Hogs and drove them to watter

Wattered the Tomattoes and Oreng trees

Fri 3 June 1887

George is in Davisville and Woodland yet

Self and Alex mended fence along the road this forenoon. cut morning glory
and thisels this afternoon

The red hieffer that has a black Spot on her Shoulder

Sat 4 June 1887

South wind all day and quite cool for the Season of year

Mr Mastin got Six Sheep at \$2.00 per head Cut thisesl on the creek.
let Charly have \$5.00

Sun 5 June 1887

South wind all day

Mon 6 June 1887

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

Sold Mastin twelve head of hogs

Finished putting hay into cow barn

Dug potatoes in the gardin

Tues 7 June 1887

Mrs Pierce and Selrf went to Woodland and to C[a]sheville to Mill

Wind in all directions untill most night then it Settled in teh South and bleu quite Strong
George went to Davisville with the wool

Shipped it to the Graingers

Wed 8 June 1887

North wind most of the day

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville 22# Butter L& D

two boxes of Eggs to the Graingers. Halled manure out [of] cow correll

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George has gon to Davisville this evening

Sold Mastin 10 head of Sheep at 2.50 \$25--

Thurs 9 June 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mrs Greene a visit to day. went to Davisville got chicken of Mrs Martin

George went to loock for Sheep and drove Judes colt

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon

Fri 10 June 1887

George went to Davisville this forenoon to get the pump repaired. and again this afternoon evening to attend picnic

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mr Miller a call this afternoon

Northwind quite Strong this forenoon South this afternoon

Sat 11 June and Sun 12 June 1887 [No entries]

Monday 13 June 1887

Commenced harvist on the Barly. it Seems to be fair considering the dry wether and north wind

Went to Mr Russels to see about getting School for Miss Wright

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mrs Greenes to See if we could hear any thing more about Mr Jacksons death he had preached to us about one and a half years and was very well liked

North wind moderate all day

Tues 14 June 1887

North wind moderate this forenoon South quite Strong this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Davisville this forenoon to See if we could hear any thing more about Mr Jacksons deth(sic)

Wed 15 June 1887

Mrs Pierce and Mrs Greene went to San Francisco this morning. they got there just in time to see Mr Jackson buried [buried]. he died with hart disease was found dead in bed in the morning

North wind this forenoon and South this afternoon

Thurs 16 June 1887

North wind this forenoon South west this afternoon and quite Strong

Finished cutting Barly about noon. Commenced on the volunteer wheat this afternoon

The wheat is badly Shrunk

Fri 17 June 1877

George went to Currys to see the new harvisters and to Davisville and Dixon

North wind this forenoon east wind this afternoon and quite warm

Cut volunteer

Made lid to one of the water troughs at the horse barn

Sat 18 June 1877

Strong north wind and very hot. Left the volunteer and commenced cutting Somerfallow on act [account?] of wind

The warm weather is about using me up

The Hogs have the hog colery and have had for about five weeks. We lose about two a day

Sun 19 June 1877

Strong North wind and host

Mon 20 June 1877

North wind this forenoon

South west this afternoon and this evening quite Strong

The pump gave out at the windmill

Went to Davisville to Muller about thrashing he was not at home

Commenced heading the Somerfallow wheat north of the vinyard

The white fase hieffer [bred]

Tues 21 June 1877

North wind this forenoon

South this afternoon

had to pump watter at the horse correll to day

Wed 22 June 1877

Went to Davisville and Saw Muller about thrashing he is to be hear the last of the week or the first of next

Mrs Pierce went to Mrs Greenes to See Mrs Jackson

George has gon to Davisville this evening to attend picnic

I am not a bit well it hurt me pumping watter at the horse correll

Thurs 23 June 1877

Went to Davisville with two boxes of Eggs to California Produce Co

George went to Davisville and got 3000 wheat Sacks for L & D

Fri 24 June 1877

George and Alex made fence acrost the creek

And fenced in hay stacks

I am not verry well to day

Finished cutting the vollentier this afternoon it is quite light

Sat 25 June 1877

Strong South wind and quite cold for the Season of year. Mended fence at water hole where the Cows got out yesterday

Commenced cutting the winter Sowed wheat this morning

The light colored big rone cow had a Bull hieffer Just about the color (color) of herself

Sun 26 June 1887

Warm day

Mon 27 June 1887

Finished heading this afternoon

North wind and quite warm

Tues 28 June 1887

George went to Davisville with the men and paid them \$104-- Mowed along the fence north of the cow Barn and raked it off and plowed Some to keep the fire from the Barn in case it was to get Started

Dug potatoes

Commenced thrashing late this afternoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to See Mrs Marshal She has broke her arm. And to Davisville this evening

Warm day

Wed 29 June 1887

Finished digging Potatoes

Hauled wheat and piled it in the lot north of the cow barn

Warm day 106

Cleaned the grainry for chicken feed

Thurs 30 June 1887

Finished thrashing Barly and commenced thrashing Somerfallow wheat north of the vinyard

Went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat and Barly

Fri 1 July 1887

Halled wheat into the grainry for Seed and Barly for feed

Sat 2 July 1887

Finished thrashing this afterternoon

Commenced halling wheat to Davisville

Went to Dixon to See about Silling(sic) wheat

Sun 3 July 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self attended Church at Davisville

Mon 4 July 1887

George went to Davisville to See about Selling wheat

Made lid to one of the troughf at the horse barn

Warm day and hot this evening

Tues 4 July 1887

George and Self cut morning glory this forenoon

Went to Dixon to See about Selling wheat

Warm day

George went to Davisville to Sell wheat

Sold a portion of the wheat at \$1.60 per cwt to Sletten

Wed 6 July 1887

South wind all day and quite Strong most of the time

Commenced cutting corn

Hung gate in the cow shed

Received of Sletten for wheat \$400--

Thurs 7 July 1887

Finished cutting the west piece of corn

George went to Davisville and Sold the ballence of the wheat to Ligget for \$161 1/4

Received of Stelling \$100 on the wheat

Fri 8 July 1887

Fifty two years ago to day I arrived in Wisconsin and Stopped at Pike Creek mow Kenosha. Was marr[i]ed to Eunice French Sept 29th 1846

We Started for California April 19th 1852 across the plains arived in Weberville the fourth day of August

George went to Sacramento and paid \$100-- intrest on the mortgage on the land

Sat 9 July 1887

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland this morning

Halled Barly

Sun 10 July 1887 [No entry}

Mon 11 July 1887

Finished halling Barly

Mrs Pierce and George went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 12 July 1887

Mended Sacks to get Sawdust in

George and Charly went to Sacramento to get Sawdust and lumber for tank house

Mended Bran Bags and Wattered the tomatoes

Wed 13 July through Thurs 11 Aug 1887 [No entries. A total of 28 days]

Fri 12 Aug 1887

Sister Ann and her grandson George Started for Pacific Grove to day

Sat 13 Aug 1887 [No entry]

Sun 14 Aug 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self intend to Start for Pacific Grove to morrow

Mon 15 Aug 1887

[The elder Pierces go on a long trip to Pacific Grove. The diary is kept by George until the return of the elder Pierces on 7 September 1887.]

Started for Pacific Grove. Went on 6:30 am train.

George got his horses shod. Men are stacking straw on the island. Geo. drew \$25.00 from L & D and paid lumber bill of \$25.70 at Hampton's

Tues 16 Aug 1887

Geo. Went to Sacramento to make arrangements to get lumber for a stock barn.

Bought a new hand saw \$1.65

Wed 17 Aug 1887

George went to Davis for a load of lumber. Hampton has reduced his price to compete with the Sacramento yards.

Are having fine weather now. The wind blew quite strong this afternoon.

Thurs 18 Aug 1887

George got another load of lumber.

The men finished stacking straw

Built fence around straw stack

Worked on foundation to barn in the afternoon

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Aleck cut weeds and thisile that were coming up on the summer fallow.

Mr. Clark the sheep shearer came this afternoon to shear our band.

Fri 19 Aug 1887

Charley went to Davis for a load of lumber.

Aleck plowed morning glory and pumped trough full at lower barn.

Worted on the new stock barn in the afternoon

Got a letter from the folks also one from Annie French.

Commenced sheep shearing.

A little warmer than usual this afternoon.

Sat 20 Aug 1887

Worked on barn in forenoon

Went to town in afternoon for a load of lumber. Got all that Hamton has on hand of my bill. The lumber ordered is slow about getting here.

Joe Gallagher is goint to build a house next to Mrs. Smiths on Main Street for Plant in which to start a variety store

Ed McMillan is going to build a barn. Sanders has the job.

Got a letter from Father.

Sun 21 Aug 1887

A warm day

The bachelors had a chicken for dinner.

Curreys cattle and hogs broke the water gap down and got into our field. Shut up one hog and sent word to Currey to send for him.

Mon 22 Aug 1887

Currey got his stock this morning.

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Worked on the barn today. Have used up what lumber I had and must now wait until more comes from below.

Fixed for cleaning over the screenings from the threshing machine.

Tues 23 Aug 1887

Went to Woodland to get my tooth that is broken out re-mounted.

The lumber has not come yet.

The boys cleaned wheat screenings.

Got some steak, a roast, some canned corn beef and a watermelon.

Wed 24 Aug 1887

Cooking day.

Took up and fixed pump at house

Cleaned wheat and barley

Went to Davis in evening to find out about lumber. It has come.

Mrs Fred Klays died yesterday was taken to Sacramento and buried today. She died at Bartlett's Springs.

Thurs 25 Aug 1887

Charly hauled two loads of lumber from town today - four mule loads -

Worked on new barn a part of the day.

A[l]eck pumped trough full of water at lower barn.

Cool and cloudy-

The old red cow had a calf today.

Bull mostly red -- has ome white spots on it.

Fri 26 Aug 1887

Mr. Clark finished shearing sheep this morning- sheared 1565 head. Sacked the wool-

Boys finished cleaning the barley screenings. When moving the cleaner from our gra[i]n to the other [?] it fell from the wagon and broke a casting.

Sat 27 Aug 1887

Worked on barn. Put on siding and lower rafters.

In afternoon went to Davis and got 11000 shingles.

Drew \$200 and paid it to Hampton on account-

Took Johnny Hartigan home

He said school was to commence tomorrow. When he got home and found it was not he wanted to come back. Did not bring him

Got a letter from Pareul's- Charley and self went to Davis in evening

Sun 28 Aug 1887

A very cool and pleasant day. Quite a strong south wind this evening. Watered the tomato vines

Charley has gone "visiting" he was not here either at lunch or dinner.

Mon 29 Aug 1887

Cool and wind. Sprinkled a little just at night.

Worked on barn finished putting up raters.

John Krinmer[?] called today to let me know that the barley grinder would be here tomorrow.

Will Russell called to see Charley.

Tues 30 Aug 1887

Went to town this forenoon and took a box of grapes to Legget and one to Tuft. Got some steak and some bread and tomatoes for the grinders.

Worked on barn - put in ties for the hay carrier. Boys ar sheeting.

Barley grinders got here just at night - in time for supper.

Wed 31 Aug 1887

Have ten in family now.

Ground 350 sks barley weighing 98 pounds to the sack and 72 weighing 84 pounds. They finished grinding at noon. After dinner they went to Mrs. Greene's.

Had the crushed barley sacked and this afternoon put it back into the granary.

Quite a strong north wind this morning. Had the boys pick the pears. Watered the trees in front yard.

Thurs 1 Sept 1887

Took pears to oak Shade Orchard this afternoon. They are having trouble about shipping their fruit east.

Got order from Tuft for four boxes grapes-

took L & D one box grapes-

Picked grapes for Tuft-

Fri 2 Sept 1887

Delivered grapes to Tuft-

Got blank nuts and iron for hay carrier in new barn- paid \$1.10

Tuft ordered five boxes grapes and L & S two for monday- Brought back empty boxes.

Worked on barn in afternoon. - put siding on west end

Sat 3 Sept 1887

Worked on barn in forenoon- put in braces, fixed east doors got ready for shingling. put shingles all on roof and began shingling

In afternoon churned and did housework generally-

Strong north wind Sunny a portion of the day.

Sun 4 Sept 1887
Strong north wind

Watered the tomato vines

Mon 5 Sept 1887
Cloudy- looks very much like rain.

Took seven boxes of grapes to twon two to L & D & five to Tuft.

On my return found Adam Stiver and family here- They were just returning from a trip to the mountains. Thye took dinner with me.

Boys are shingling. In afternoon made hayhook and began making carrier for new barn.

Got Hamptons bill

Tues 6 Sept 1887
Set boys to hauling the baled hay from the field to the barn-

Sprinkled quite a number of times today- quite sharp some of the time.

Worked on barn some in afternoon- put up timbers for hay carrier.

Went to town to the 7.30 p. m. train to meet the fold on their return from Pacific Grove.

Wed 7 Sept 1887 [Note: Now the elder Pierce resumes keeping the diary]
Mrs Pierce and self retuned home last night thay all Seemed glad to See us. even the dogs.

The Boys halled bailed hay and put into the Sheep barn

North wind moderate

Mrs Pierce and Self did a big washing this forenoon

We wer verry glad to get home. had a good time

Thurs 8 Sept 1887
Finished halling hay this forenoon. the Boys went to Shingling this afternoon

George went to Davisville with grapes to [?] North wind moderate

Fri 8 Sept 1887

George and the Boys worked on the Sheep barn all day

Mrs Pierce and Self can[n]ed Tomatoes and made Catchup.

Went to Hexts to See the bulls that I have in their field

Sat 10 Sept 1887

Worked on Sheep barn

North wind moderate and quite warm

Geo and Carly attended picnic at Davisville

Sun 11 Sept 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville and went home with Mrs Greene and took lunch

quite warm

Mon 12 Sept 1887

Strong north wind come up Sometime in the night and played havoc with the pairs

The wind went down just before night

George went to Sacramento to See about Selling the hogs

The boys worked on Sheep barn, Went to Hexts and got four boxes of Peaches

Tues 13 Sept 1887

The Boys worked on the Sheep Barn

Helped Mrs Pierce about washing and can[n]ing peaches

Went to Davisville and met George he come from the City. he Sold Some of the hogs at about 4 1/4 or 4 1/2 delivered in the city

Got two bunches of Shingles of Hampton

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Wed 14 Sept 1887

George and Elix overhauled the pumps at the windmill and at the house

Went to Davisville and got the horses Shod and four wagon tier[s] Set

Warm day and I am not feeling very well

Thurs 15 Sept 1887

Got up the Hogs and Sorted them for market

Wm Montgumry was here to See the Bull. he thins of bying him

Went to Davisville with three boxes of Grapes to L & D and four to Tufts

Commenced ceaning Seed wheat

Fri 16 Sept 1887

George Started for Sacramento at twelve Oclock last night with hogs. Picked thirteen trays of grapes for ra[i]sons

Plowed patches of morning glory in the corn field

Sat 17 Sept 1887

George went to See Mrs Greene about her hogs for More & York and to Davisville and got Charly and his sister

Strong South wind most of the day

Sun 18 Sept 1887

Mrs Pierce, Miss Gibson and Self attended church in Davisville

Mon 19 Sept 1887

The Boys cleaned wheat for Seed

Helped Mrs Pierce about washing

Went to Davisville with 69 # Grapes to L & D two boxes to Tufts

Tues 20 Sept 1887

Mrs Pierce and self attended State fair at Sacramento

Saw Some fine Stock and other things as good as usual

Stayed with Mr Barber

Wed 21 Sept 1887

Mrs Pierce and Seof come home from the fair this afternoon.

not much pleased with our viset to the fair. we did not improve the time as whe Should

George has gon to the fair this evening

Thurs 22 Sept 1887

Little rain early this morning Clowd[y] most of the forenoon

The Turkeyes have not been home for Several days we fear thay are lost

Went to Davisville with 57# grapes to L & D and 12# Butter at 22 1/2 cts per#

Went to Mrs Greenes to See about gettin her wine press to make Some vinegar

Fri 23 Sept 1887

Went to Mrs Greenes and got the wind press

Elxander found the Turkeyes this morning in Mr Russels field near the Brig [bridge]

Commenced picking grapes for vinegar

George come home from the fair this afternoon. Went to Davisville too(sic) meet George and get Some lumber for wine press

Sat 24 Sept 1887

Commences making vinegar made one barrel will make more next week

Sun 25 Sept 1887

Stayed at home not feeling verry well

Mon 26 Sept 1887
Pick grapes for vi[n]egar

Help Mrs Pierce wash

George went to Davisville with Grapes to Tufts & L & D

We have been out of watter all day had to pump at the horse barn

Tues 27 Sept 1887
Mrs Pierce Miss Gibson and Self went to Woodland.

Paid Town taxes on the Woodland property \$15.36

Paid for grading the Street on the north end of the lot in Woodland
\$5.18

Called on Ann a few minets. She is not verry well. George and Eles made a barrel of vinegar

Warm day

Wed 28 Sept 1887
Went to Davisville with Box of Grapes to L & D.

Three Boxes to Tufts

George and Elex picked grapes for market

Sheared the Spanish Moreno lam[b] that we got of Mastin Hf[?][#] Harrowed Somerfallow

Warm day we have been out of watter for Several days

Thurs 29 Sept 1887
South wind quite Strong all day plenty of watter

George went to Woodland with Grapes to Culver & Co

Pumped watter into the trough at the Old Barn this forenoon

Picked grapes this afternoon for market

Fri 30 Sept 1887

Went to Davisville this morning to take George to the train for San Francisco to attend the Machanis [?] fair

Went to Davisville this afternoon with Mrs Pierce and Hatta Gibson

Picke grapes for market

One box of grapes to L & D 59# three boxes to Tufts
Pac[k]ed most of the raisens

Sat 1 Oct 1887

Picked grapes for market and for wine this forenoon

made wine this afternoon

Mrs Pierce whitewashed the kitchen this afternoon

South wind moderate this afternoon. it drove the mill a short time this afternoon

Sun 2 Oct 1887

Mrs Pierce attended church at Davisvill

North wind quite Strong all day and warm

Mon 3 Oct 1887

Went to Davisville with 60# grapes to L & D Three boxes to Tufts.

Mrs Greene and Ella made us a call this afternoon and got a fiew grapes to pickel

Pick grapes for market and the last of the Bugby grapes for wine

George come home this evening from San Francisco

Tues 4 Oct 1887

George went to Woodland with grapes to Culver & Co and got Bran at the Woodland mills at \$17-- per Ton

Picked a fiew grapes for wine

Finished making wine and vinegar for this year

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Strong west wind this evening

The Turkyes have not come home for Several days

Wed 5 Oct 1887

George went to Davisville with one Box of grapes to L & D 62# three Boxes to Tufts

South wind and loocks Some like rain

Finished harrowing in the east field. the land is in good Shape for Sowing.

Mrs Pierce went to Mrs Greenes this evening thay are going to San Francisco to attend the Sinod that is to be held in Oakland

Thurs 6 Oct 1887

Strong Norht wind all day

George put the Sowing Machiene on the waggon getting reddy for Sowing wheat

Went to Mrs Greenes with her wine press this forenoon

Started the windmill in the Hog lot and repaired the troughf(sic)

Fri 7 Oct 1887

Strong north wind all day and quite cold

Went to Davisville with 68 # grapes to L & D Three Boxes to Tufts

Sat 8 Oct 1887

Strong north wind all day and warmer than yesterday

George and Charly commenced Soaking Seed wheat this afternoon Wattered Orreng trees

The tanks are nearly full

Sun 9 Oct 1887

Strong north wind untill about three Oclock this afternoon

South wind the rest of the daytthis evening

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Mon 10 Oct 1887

Strong north wind all day it has been the reffest day of the Storm.

Alex come back last night. Went to Davisville with 59# grapes to L & D. Them [three?] Boxes to Tufts.

Sold Lizzy Funchion a cow for \$35-- am to deliver it tomorrow She is to pay for it the first of next month

Tues 11 Oct 1887

South wind all day and loocks like rain

Pickeled the wheat for Seed. George drove Mrs Funchion the Cow that I sold her.

George has gon to Davisville to meet his Mother from San Francisco

Wed 12 Oct 1887

West wind all day and quite Strong. Went to Davisville with on Box of grapes to L & D 54# three Boxes to Tufts.

Charly and Alex got the fence out of the creek at the lower wattering place and got the top off the Stack of barley Straw in the east field

Burnt Stuble in the field north of the vinyard it did not burn much

Went to Mrs Greenes to See about Selling her some Calvs

She thinks she will take three head at \$35-- each #105-- fine stock

Thurs 13 Oct 1887

South wind all day. Commence prepairing land of Oats for hay

Mrs Pierce and George went to Woodland this afternoon to attend lectur[e] of the young mens C. A.

Picked grapes for market this afternoon

Fri 14 Oct 1887

Went to Davisville with 68# Grapes to L & D three Boxes to Tufts.

Mrs Drummon and Mrs Croco made me a call this afternoon

Layed plank in the little field to run the whealbarrow on when I am getting beets. South wind and quite Strong

Sat 15 Oct 1887

North wind and quite Strong

Mrs Pierce and George come home this afternoon

Finished harrowing the hay ground the second time with Randle harrow

I am not feeling verry well to day

Sun 16 Oct 1887

North wind moderate all day. Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

I am not feeling verry well to day

Mon 17 Oct 1887

Strong north wind all day

Went to Davisville with one Box of Grapes to L & D

Tufts did not want any to day.

Commenced Sowing wheat in the north field

Tues 18 Oct 1887

Finished Sowing wheat in the north field.

Strong north wind most of the day. nor wing [wind] this evening. Drawed of[f] the vinegar and cleaned the Barrels.

The cows broke into the Stack yard

Wed 19 Oct 1887

Strong north wind the heaviest of the Season

Picked last of the grapes

Went to Davisville with 53# grapes to L & D

Two Boxes to Tufts

Finished harrowing in the north field

Thus 20 Oct 1887

Still fine day. light wind from the east

Commenced Sowing wheat in the east field had a Splendid day for Sowing

Finished racking off the vinegar

Fri 21 Oct 1887

North wind all day and quite Strong from 9 O'clock this forenoon until 3 O'clock this afternoon.

George Sowed wheat all day.

Cleaned out the tank house and worked around the Sheep barn

Sat 22 Oct 1887

Strong north wind all day

George went to Davisville with a Calf to Marston and got lumber for doors to the Sheep Barn

Mr Hapton come this morning and brought Matta Cole of San Francisco She has come to make us a visit

Watered the Tomatoes

Took the fence down that was around the Straw Stack near the Sheep Barn

Sun 23 Oct 1887

Strong north wind most of the day and quite warm and disagreeable

Mon 24 Oct 1887

Strong north wind most of the day.

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Mrs Pierce, Matta Cole and Self went to Woodland and to Mr Dopkings to celebrate Mrs Pierces 66 Burth day. had a nice time

Tues 25 Oct 1887

North west wind and quite Strong most of the day

George burnt Stuble on the land that he is going to sow with oates on for hay this forenoon. he went to Davisville this afternoon with Matta she went home we had a good visit with her

Wed 26 Oct 1887

North wind moderate most of the day.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland to See about renting the hosue and lot

Settled with the Town Truystees about the Street that thay have widened at the South end of our lot thay are to move the fence onto the fine of the Street and i am to give the right of way

George Sowed the wild Oats for hay

Thurs 27 Oct 1887

North wind moderate all day. George commenced Sowing wheat again this afternoon. Helped Mrs Pierce wash and did chores at the cow Barn. I am not feeling well to day. a little to[o] much ride yesterday

Fri 28 Oct 1887

Not much wind to day

George Sowed wheat

Worked around the Cow barn

Had a big hunt for the cows this afternoon

Sat 29 Oct 1887

Mrs Pierce and George went to Sacramento with teem to get Some things for winter

Fine day Sacrse any wind

Halled gravel out of the creek to take to the Cemetry to improve the lot with make it five feet long at each end

Sun 30 Oct 1887

North wind moderate most of the forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 31 Oct 1887 [No entry]

Tues 1 Nov 1887

Went to Woodland to See about renting the house and lot

Mr Williams is to have the house at \$9.00 per month. the lot is not rented yet. am to have bran at the Woodland mills at \$17.00 per ton. George and Alex sowed wheat

Wed 2 Nov 1887

Worked around the house and chicken yard

Thurs 3 Nov 1887

George went to Woodland after bran got a little over two tons at \$17-- per ton

Planted a few potatoes to try the experriment

Fri 4 Nov 1887

Finished Sowing wheat this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mrs McMahons to get Som Plymoth rock chickens She was not at home. Mrs Pierce and George went to McClures this afternoon to get Plymoth rock chickens they had none to Sper [spare] So they got Some of Tufts

Sat 5 Nov 1887

Ales halled durt into the horse Stable

Sun 6 Nov 1887

Mrs Pierce, George and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 7 Nov 1887

Drew off one barrel of wine

Had a great hunt for Turkeys they stray away.

George worked on the Sheep barn

Helped Mrs Pierce wash

West wind this forenoon not much wind for Several days

Tues 8 Nov 1887

Drew off the other barrel of wine this forenoon

George worked on the Sheep barn this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self called on Mrs Marshal this afternoon

George went to Davisville this afternoon

South west wind moderate

Mr Funchion paid for he[r] cow \$35.00

Wed 9 Nov 1887

South wind moderate and looks Some like rain

George worked on hog pen. Finished drawing off the wine. Halled dirt around the Sheep barn

Thurs 10 Nov 1887

George went to Davisville this morning with coop of chickens three dozen

Went to Woodland and got house rent of Mr Williams for the month of Nov

George went to Woodland this afternoon to attend the Teachers institute. Halled gravel from the creek to take to the Cemetery at Davisville to fix up ou[r] lot

Fri 11 Nov 1887

Went to the cemetery with two loads of gravel

George got home this forenoon, and worked on hog pen this afternoon

Four men hung at Shicago(sic) to day

Sat 12 Nov 1887

Went to Davisville and got load of lumber for the hog pen and Sheep yard

Strong west wind and verry dusty

George worked on hog pen

Sun 13 Nov 1887

Attended Mrs Sykes funeral at Davisville

North wind moderate

Mon 14 Nov 1887

Northwind as usual

Commenced Oiling and repairing harness

Finished the hog pen and Shut up 14 head of hogs

Tues 15 Nov 1887

Went to Davisville for the mail &c

North wind moderate

Wed 16 Nov 1887

North wind moderate and cloudy most of the day and verry cloudy this evening and dark.
looks verry much like rain. Worked on the harness and halled manure onto the Beet ground.

George went to Davisville to get some things for the harness

Thurs 17 Nov 1887

Strong north wind all day

This is my 73rd Burth day

Sister Ann and her grandson George Hopkins [could it be Dopkins?], Mrs Greene, Rev Mr & Mrs Sanders, Mr & Mrs Hampton made us a viset to day

We had a nice viset with them and thay seemed to enjoy it So much. thay all wished me meny more burth days

Fri 18 Nov 1887

Strong north wind all day

Mrs Larue of San Francisco and her daughter of Winters made us a visit to day had a good visit with them.

The wind went down just at night

Finished cleaning and Oiling harness

Sat 19 Nov 1887

Verry little wind to day light breese from the north untill just at night it turned to the Southeast and Shows Some Sines of rain

Commenced boiling wheat for hogs

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mr Miller a call this afternoon

Sun 20 Nov 1887

Not much wind to day a little frost this morning

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 21 Nov 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Cacheville to mill and to Mr Hatchers to get Some chickens

Come by Woodland and got hangers for Barn doore

North wind in the forenoon South this afternoon and loocks Some like rain

Tues 22 Nov 1887

North wind this forenoon and South this afternoon and loocks more like rain

George and Charly worked on the doors to the Sheep Barn

Wed 23 Nov 1887

Strong north wind in the forenoon South in the afternoon

Boiled three kittles of wheat for the hogs

George worked on the doors to the Sheep Barn

All Sines of rain has disapeared. One of the young colts got hurt in the lot Some how

Thurs 24 Nov 1887

Thanks giving day all Stayed home

Picked the Aples about two Boxes

Strong South wind all day but too much in the west to rain much

George finished the doors to the Sheep barn for the present

Finished halling manure onto the beet ground

Fri 25 Nov 1887

Strong north wind all day and quite cold

I Stayed in the house most of the day

Mr Dopkins and famely come this evening to make us a viset.

The sick colt died to day

Sat 26 Nov 1887

North wind moderate all day evry thing fose up tight this morning

Got the two Bulls home from Hext

Sun 27 Nov 1887

North wind moderate all da

Mr Dopkins and famely went home this afternoon

We had a good visit with them

Mon 28 Nov 1887

Burnt brush at the Woodpile and on the creek

Commence Sprin[k]ling about ten Oclock this forenoon and hss Sprinkled Sever[al] times during the day

Boiled wheat for the hogs

Turned old hog out

Got the Sheep into the new Barn for the first time

Tues 29 Nov 1887

South east wind all day quite a Shower about two Oclock this afternoon

Worked on correll at the Sheep Barn

got the fence out of the creek

George went to Davisville and got Some lumber

Wed 30 Nov 1887

South wind all day and cloudy and loocked like rain most of the time

George and Alex worked on the correll at the Sheep Barn

Mrs Pierce and Self Went to Davisvill this afternoon, and called on Mrs Jackson

Thurs 1 Dec 1887

Strong South wind all day with a ligh Sprinkle until 11 Oclock whean a hevy rain Set in and rained about three hours. The wind blowed part of the roof off the grainry

We have lost one of the young colts and there is two more Sick

Fri 2 Dec 1887

South wind all day moderate the Sun Shone most of the tim. a little clwdy and lookes like more rain

Alex and Self mended fence on the levy in the big field

George went to Woodland this morning to get a hors docktor for the Colts and has not got back yet

Sat 3 Dec 1887

Light Sprinkle early this morning. South wind untill about 9 Oclock this forerunner. then it turned to the north and northeast and blue moderate the balance of the day. verry cloudy and loocked like rain or Snow all day

The Horsdocktor come last night and Says the colts have had to[o] much Barly. thay are full of worms. George went to Sacramento yesterday for a Hors docktor

Sun4 Dec 1887

South wind and cloudy all day. heavy Shower about noon

Mon 5 Dec 1887

North wind moderate and clear all day

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland

George and Alex worked on the correll at the Sheep Barn &c

Charly went to Woodland with a pair of mules and carr[i]ed us over

Commenced milking the white face hieffer we are getting Short of milk

There was a Star in Sight about noon for nearly an hour that attracted a greate deal of attension in Woodland.

Tues 6 Dec 1887

Cloudy most of the day

Went to Davisville to get Boots mended and to get the male [mail]

Commenced plowing Somerfallow this morning

South wind most of the day. Paid Mr Drake \$3.00 on Cemetery act [account]

Wed 7 Dec 1887

Clear this forenoon cloudy this afternoon and looks very much like rain Strong South East wind

George went to Davisville and got an other man to plow

Thurs 8 Dec 1887

North wind moderate all day

Little rain last night

made fence in the correll at the Old Barn So as to turn the hieffers in

George got the Hors docktor out to See the colts

We are like to loose the third one I think. it has not been up for two days

A little rain last night

Fri 9 Dec 1887

North wind moderate all day

Run two gang plows on the Somerfallow

Drove five Calvs to the Old Barn

Halled off an other ded Colt this morning three died out of Seven. Killed a pig this afternoon

A little grain last night

Sat 10 Dec 1887

Strong North wind all day and blowing quite hard this evening

Worked at the old Barn this forenoon

I am not feeling very well this evening

George Seven years Old to day

Mrs Pierce hip is no better

Sun 11 Dec 1887

South wind and cloudy most of the day. loocks like rain this evening

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

Mon 12 Dec 1887

Strong north wind all day. heavy and dark clouds in the north and loocked verry much like snow most of the forenoon. Clear this afternoon

Run two gang plows on the Somerfallow. Boiled wheat for hogs. George went to Davisville this afternoon to get a man two(sic) start an other plow

A little rain before day light this morning

Tues 13 Dec 1887

Strong north wind and quite cold. Started the third gang plow this morning on the Somerfallow. the land plows verry nicely

Mrs Pierce and Self wint (sic) to Davisville this afternoon

Wed 14 Dec 1887

North wind this forenoon South this afternoon

Went to Davisville this forenoon to See about the price of Turkys they are down again we will not Send Ours yet. Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mrs Greene this afternoon

Run three plows

Loocks Some like rain

Thurs 15 Dec 1887

North wind moderate all day and clowd[y] part of the day

Went to Davisville this forenoon

Sold Muller 5 head of hogs 948#

Run three gang plows the land works verry nicely

Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary from UC Davis Archives and Special Collections

Fri 16 Dec 1887

North wind moderate clear and fine all day. not much Sines of rain Soon. the land is wet from three to five inches and plows verry nicely

George cleaned up the door yards this forenoon and worked on hitchingposts this afternoon.
Run three gang plows on the Somerfallow

Sat 17 Dec 1887

North wind moderate all day

Went to Davisville this forenoon

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Mr Esters and got some Turkyes for breeding. Called Mrs Green
Kate is at home on a visit

Sun 18 Dec 1887

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church at Davisville

North wind quite Strong

Mon 19 Dec 1887

Strong north wind and cold

Butchered eight hogs this forenoon

George went to Davisville this afternoon

Tues 20 Dec 1887

Strong north wind and cold

Cut the hogs us and packed the pork

Wed 21 Dec 1887

Strong norht wind in the forenoon more moderate this afternoon

Packed pork and made Sausage Boiled Sauce and made hed cheese

George went to Davisville this forenoon and got Salt

Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary from UC Davis Archives and Special Collections

One of his colts has a lame Shoulder

Brother Elijah come this evening from San Jose to make us a visit

Thurs 22 Dec 1887

Self and Brother went to Woodland and to Mr Dopkins

Paid taxes \$598.88

Drue on Barly \$612--

George packed the ham and Shoulders and Bacon

Fri 23 Dec 1887

Hard frost last night the hydrents foose up

North wind moderate and Some hopes of rain Some time

Made brine and put on the meat in the celler

George went to Davisville this afternoon Sent Mrs Cole a Turhey for crismass

Sat 24 Dec 1887

North wind moderate and cold.

Went to Davisville this forenoon paide Hampton \$40-- on lumber act [account]

Mrs Pierce Brother Elijah and George attended Crismas Tree at the church in Davisville

Sun 25 Dec 1887

Hevy fog all of the forenoon and cold the Sun Shone this afternoon

Mon 26 Dec 1887

A little rain in the latter part of the night not enuff to wet a mans Shirt

West wind quite Strong all day

Run three plows on the Somerfallow

George worked in the front yard this afternoon

Tues 27 Dec 1887

Still day and cold and chilly

Mrs Pierce and Brother Elijah and Self went to Mr Dopkins to celebrate his burth day. We did not have much of a celebration he had his horse and Buggy Stolen Sunday evening at the church and he was looking for it

Wed 28 Dec 1887

Commenced raining early this morning and has rained all day quite harde with Strong South wind

George went to Davisville this afternoon and got the Mail &c

Thurs 29 Dec 1887

Strong South wind all day and cloudy. Several light Showeres during the day

Tored down the Old Straw Stack at the Sheep Barn for the cows

George repaired plow and Boiled [?] the hams and Shoulders

Fri 30 Dec 1887

Clear most of the day

Sent the gang plow to Davisville to be repaired

We have had a nice rain this week that was much needed the land is quite Soft

I have not been feeling verry well to day

George attend[ed] Picknic at Davisville this evening

Sat 31 Dec 1887

Cleared and fine this forenoon

Cloudy this afternoon and loocks like rain this eveningCleared and fine this forenoon

Cloudy this afternoon and loocks like rain this evening

Memoranda [p.1]

Jan 19 L & D 40# Lard at 8cts
Feb 9 16 # Butter
" 29 14 " Bacon " 8 cts
March 1 104 " " " "
" 4 22 " Butter " 20 "

May 26 12 " " " 15 "
" 61 " Bacon 9 "
March Old rone Cows rone hieffer that we milk March 10th
" 18 Old white face Cow

Memoranda [p.2]

Feb 15th

Rone that we milk ron bull Star in its face and a little white on the front of both hind feet and left fore foot and about half of its tail
19 The Pet heiffer rone bull Star and a little white on the front of all of it feet and most of its tail
22 Crooked horn Cow Red Bull Star and white on rump and little whit just back of its left shoulder and a little on its lef[t] ham

25 dOld white face Cow Red hieffer little white on Shoulder and rump and the front side of its feet belly and hold of its tail
 27 Old ron Cow Red Bull Star some white spots on its left Shoulder left hid leg and hip
 28 Bob tail cow Red hieffer little white back of both shoulders and its belly
 29 Old rone Cows heiffer, Red Buyll white on rump little white on front side of right hand foot and on left forefo[o]t and verry little on right fore foot
 March 13 Kid hieffer that has a black Spot on he[r] right Shoulder, Hgad a red hieffer calf a little white on the back part of the brisket

Memoranda [p.3] [No entries.]

Cash Account. January [p.1]

Date		Received	Paid
4	Carlaw Broths balance		252.25
"	Lanterns and other Exspences		8.80
8	Paid pruner		9.20
"	Lodge dues		6.00
14	George Hopkins		31.00
"	Coffee &c at Woodland		6.00
20	Marston for Beef		4.00
	L & D for E. B. Pierce	32.80	
24	" " " Montgomery	60.00	
"	" " " Sam	24.00	

Cash Account. February [p.2]

Date		Received	Paid
6	Ligget & Ds	20.00	
"	Alexandr Zainni		20.00
9	L & D G	20.20	
19	" "	10.00	
"	Gibson		10.00
26	L & D	40.00	
"	Newingland Lefe Insherence Co		152.45
"	Paid man that quit work		5.00

28	Treet [?] for grafting pair trees	2.00
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Cash Account. March [p.3]

Date		Received	Paid
4	L & D G	20.00	
5	Marstin for Calf Y Sheep	14.50	
10	L & D	20.00	

Cash Account. April [p.4]

Date		Received	Paid
9	L & D	20.00	
"	Frank Hallock		20.00
30	L & D	40.00	
"	C. A. Gibson		40.00

Cash Account. May [p.5]

Date		Received	Paid
4	Mrs Albee		36.16
"	Mike Connell		10.00
10	C. A Gibson		20.00
"	Henry Stelling	200.00	
11	Hampton lumber bill		219.00
"	Exspenses in Sacramento		9.00
14	L & D		300.00
"	Henry Stelling	292.50	
"	Marston for Calvs	32.50	
20	L & D	5.00	
"	Frank Hallock		5.00

Cash Account. June [p.6]

Date		Received	Paid
4	Marstin for Sheep	12.00	
"	C. A. Gobson		5.00
28	Paid men for harvest		105.00
"	L & D	105.00	

Cash Account. July [p.7]

Date		Received	Paid
6	Sletten for wheat	400.00	

"	L & D		400.00
9	C. A. Gibson		20.00
"	L & D	20.00	
22	L & D	46.40	
"	Ellen		46.40

Cash Account. August [p.8]

Date		Received	Paid
3	L & D	75.00	
"	Ministers Salery		50.00
13	L & D	20.00	
15	L & D	25	
"	Hampton lumber bill		25.70
23	L & D	20	
26	Mr Clark sheepshearing		12.50
27	L & D	200	
"	Hampton on acct.		200

Cash Account. September [p.9]

Date		Received	Paid
3	Gibson		1.00
8	L & D	200	
"	H. K. Field (insurance)		63.70
"	Hampton in full		105.00
"	Stelling saltpetre &c		3.25
12	L & D	40	
"	Krummir[Creamer?] Barley crushing[?]		25
"	Alex Zanini		5
"	State Fair ticket		5
"	Mohr & Yoerk	170	
"	C. A. Gibson		40
"	Barber & Wise for seed oats		40
"	Pants, suspenders & expenses		10

Cash Account. October [p.10]

Date		Received	Paid
1	C. A. Gibson		40
Oct 3	C. A. Gibson		20
4	Bran		17
5	L & D	40	
4	Alexander Zanini [No amount entered.]		

Cash Account. November [p.11]
[No entries for this month.]

Cash Account. December [p.12]			
Date		Received	Paid
17	L & D	20.00	
"	C. A. Gibson		20.00