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D-022 2:7: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary and Accounts, 1889

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[After ceasing to keep his diary at the time of his move into town in September of 1888, George Pierce Sr. takes it up again in January of 1889. However, the entries become more and more sporadic and cease altogether from 8th November through 31 December of 1889.]

Tues 1 Jan 1889

Fine and clear all day the first fair day for a long time

Total Eclips[e] of the Sun this afternoon in Some parts of the State and nearly total here.

Trimed locus trees in the Street east of the house and cut the larger ones into wood and are burning the Small ones in the fierplace insted of wood thay make a good Sustitute if one will take the time and trouble to put them on

Mrs Pierce has had a lame hip for about two years. We are in hop[e]s that it [?] some better

Wed 2 Jan 1889

Cloudy all day the Sun has not be[e]n in sight to day.

Went to the ranch got five Sacks of chickenfeed two Sides of pork two ribs and back bone

South wind and loocks verry much like rain this evening

Mrs Rinedoller made us a call to day.

Sold Uncle Jerry a cow for \$45 -- This is me[a]nt for the 3rd [of Jan] George killed Six hog the first of the month

Thurs 3 Jan 1889

Cloudy most of the day

Went to the ranch this afternoon got plow and Scraper to fill[!] in old Seller that is on one of our lots. George killed Six hogs yesterday.

This has been an eventful year with us George our onely child got marr[i]ed and we gave him our home that was well furnished. all of the machienry and tools and two thirds of the horned cattle and Sheep and Seven hundred and forty four achers of land (744)

this is me[a]nt for the second

Fri 4 Jan 1889

Cloudy this forenoon clear and fine this afternoon

Went to ranch and got five Sacks of chickenfeed

Brother Elijah come home with me, tooock Mrs Hanshaws girl home that come down with me last night

Uncle Jerry paid me for the cow that he bought yesterday \$45--

We are in hopes that Mrs Pierce is Some better

Sat 5 Jan 1889

Finest day for a long time the Sun Shone all day.

George and Susie made us a good visit, and brought us Some Sausage of their own make that is verry nice.

Mrs Martin made us a call this afternoon

Settled with Tufts due him \$4.21

North wind moderate

Got the Saw filed and paid 50 cts

Sun 6 Jan 1889

Fine day north wind moderat. Brother Elijah attended church this afternoon

George and Susie tooock lunch with us to day. thay made Mrs Pierce a donation of \$30-- to bye a new Stove

Mrs Prouty , Brother and Self attended church this evening.

Mrs Pierce is not feeling quite as well to day

Mon 7 Jan 1889

Fogy all of the forenoon Fine and clear this afternoon

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento to See the doctor. he thinks She will be all rite in a Short time

George Ship[p]ed the wool to day 936 # and Sent Mr Gilmore a young Bull

Mended Sacks &c

Tues 8 Jan 1889

Cold and foggy all day

Brother Elijah, John Prouty went to Woodland tooock dinner with Ann. Elijah Stayed their to make Ann a visit. We found them all well as usual.

The roads are quite Soft part of the way

Got a new Spade new fauset for the hot watter in the kitch. Sack of midlens [?] for the pig

Wed 9 Jan 1889

Cold and foggy all day

Northwind moderate

Cut Locus brush for wood. Elijah come back to day

I am quite tired and some lame handling the ax so much with one hand.

Mrs Pierce has eight lbs of butter redy for market from a two year old hieffer with four in the family besides comers and goers

Thurs 10 Jan 1889

Cold and foggy all day

Went to market with eight (#8) of Butter at 50 cents per role [roll], and 2 1/2 Dpzen eggs at 26 cts cents per Dpz

Elijah went home this morning to San Jose. we had a good viset with him.

George and Susie made us a call this afternoon

Loocks verry much like rain this evening

Fri 11 Jan 1889

Fine day the best for Several days. north wind moderate most of the day.

All sines of rain has disapeared.

Repaired the pump at the windmill that takes watter out of the cistern

Mrs Prouty made three cal[ls] this afternoon. Called on Mrs Hampton, Mrs Drummond and Mrs Lillard.

Sat 12 Jan 1889

Strong South wind and cold. loocks like rain all day. a light Shower about three Oclock this afternoon

George commenced halling Wheat that was left over

Docktor Ruddock of Woodland and Mrs Greene made us a call this afternoon

Mrs Pierce Seems to be Some better.

Sun 13 Jan 1889

North wind moderat and quite cold

Mrs Prouty and Self attended church to day and Mrs Prouty attened this evening

Mrs George Tufts made us a call this evening

Mon 14 Jan 1889

Strong North wind and cold

Made doubletree to plow betweene the tree and fence on the west side of the lots norht of the methodist church

Traded a little at the Store and got my change in copper penn[ie]s, for the firs[t] time in the State.

Tues 15 Jan 1889

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Clear and fine all day quite cold this morning

The first ice of the Season made its appearance

Plow between (sic) the trees and the fence South of the Barn.

Mrs Hanshaw from the Ranch made us a call to day. also (sic) Mrs Hamel from the other Side of the Creek

Wed 16 Jan 1889

Clear and cold north wind all day quite strong

Washed this forenoon Sit by fire most of the afternoon

George, Susie and Mrs Greene made us a call this afternoon

Mrs Pierce let Mrs Green have a roll [roll] of butter, that makes 12# sold besides what we use ourselves from a two year old heifer

Thurs 17 Jan 1889

Strong South wind and very cold and chilly. looks like rain most of the day a light Shower just at night

Plowed around an old cellar on the lot South of the cow Shed, So as to fill it in. Spaded Some in the garden So as to plant Some pees

Went over in town to See about Selling a cow

Mr Tuson the Sewing machine man made us a call this forenoon

Fri 18 Jan 1889

Strong north wind all day and cold.

Went to See Mr Spark to Sell him a cow this forenoon. think he will take one.

Spaded in the garden this afternoon and planted three and a half rows [rows] of pees this afternoon.

Mrs Jenny Lillard and Mary Drummon made us a call this afternoon

Sold wool at 13 cts

Sat 19 Jan 1889

Cold and chilly all day.

North wind quite Strong

Self and Jony Prouty went to the Ranch and ground a new Spade, ax, &c George put fork into a new Stail[?], and new handle into the hoe.

Sister Ann and George Hopkins made us a visit.

The heiffer Spilt part of her milk to night for the first time Since I had her She did not doo it on purpus. I think it a pure axident

Sold the wool at 13 cts \$114--

Sun 20 Jan 1889

Cold and chilly all day. Ella Greene, and George a[nd] Susie made us a call to day

Sister Ann and George went home to day.

North wind and looks like Snow. a little Sprinkle of rain this afternoon

Mon 21 Jan 1889

North wind moderate.

A little cloudy all day.

A light Sprinkle of rain about noon.

Halled manure into garden with the express wagon, eight loads

Tues 22 Jan 1889

Clear most of the day. George and Susie went to Sacramento to get men to drive plow team mad[e] us a call both ways

Cold north wind and quite Strong

Whealed manure into garden

Wed 23 Jan 1889

Clear and fine all day quite warm. North wind moderate. Whealed manure into the garden

Mrs Prouty and Johnny went to Sacramento to See the doctor Johnny is quite Sick. the doctor thinks he can help him. Mrs Pierce is getting Some better she thinks.

George was down and took his men home that he got in the city yesterday

Thurs 24 Jan 1889

South wind all day Foggy this forenoon, hard white frost this morning and yesterday morning. Clear this afternoon

Dug up one of the almond trees west of the house. Will put a fruit tree in its place.

Miss Adams was here begin [begging?] for a poor Sick family

Mrs Pierce gave her \$0.50 cts and two glasses of jelly

Fri 25 Jan 1889

South wind this forenoon moderate.

North wind this afternoon quite Strong

Spred manure most of the day.

George made us a call this afternoon. also Mrs Gardner and Mrs Drummond.

Mrs Prouty and Johnny made Mrs Martin a call this afternoon

Sat 26 Jan 1889

Clear all day

North wind moderate

Went to the ranch with Mr Ludington to Sell him a cow

Found George burning Stubble.

Spent forenoon in town trying to Sell Some cows

Samuel French of Wisconsin come to day to make us a visit

Sun 27 Jan 1889

A little ice this morning north wind and quite cold

Mrs Prouty Sam French and Self attended church to day.

Mrs Pierce is no better

Mon 28 Jan 1889

North wind moderate, clear and fine all day.

Helped about washing in the forenoon.

Attended young Knights funeral at the Methodist church. Went to the cemetre (sic) with the procesion.

Spaded allong the north fence for a roe of potatoes, after we got home.

Sam French attended the funeral with me

Mrs Pierce is not much better. The boys loocked for ice this morning but failed to find any

Tues 29 Jan 1889

North wind moderate all day

Planted a fiew potatoes in the gardin near the north fench.

Samuel French and Self went to the ranch this afternoon to See George about Selling a cow to Dudington

Susie and George come home with us

Wed 30 Jan 1889

North wind moderate all day clear and fine

Set a man Spading in the gardin. Whealed in Several barrow loads of manure.

Mrs Pierce and Susie went to Sacramento to See their doctors

Mrs Wilegar made us a call this forenoon

Thurs 31 Jan 1889
North wind all day

Sam and Johny went to the ranch and got twenty Sicks (sic) roosters. We Sent them to San Francisco

Worked in the gardin in the forenoon.

Filled in the old celler that was on one of the out Side lots and repaired the fence this afternoon.

Mrs Hampton and Mrs Miner made us a call this afternoon

Sat 2 Feb 1889
North wind moderate [possibly crossed out.] clear and fine all day

George drove a cow to the Gafford House at \$40--
we are to have our pay about the Sixt[h] of march

Set out Strawberry plants

Spaded the garding and whealed in several loads of manure. Mrs Prout and the boys made Mrs Greene a call

Sun 3 Feb 1889
North wind moderate. Clear and fine all day.

Mrs Prouty, Sam French attended church

George a[nd] Susie took lunch with us

George Tufts and wife made us a call this afternoon

Mon 4 Feb 1889
Clear and fine all day.

Finished pruning this afternoon

Went to Mr Treets with the pruner, and got two prune trees

Set two Apricot trees two plum trees, two peach trees and two prune trees.

George drove a cow to Mr Sparks at \$40--

Mrs Brunson died to day

The Minister is moveing into the parsonage to day

Tues 5 Feb 1889

Clear most of the day a little cloudy just at night South wind and loocks Some like rain this evening

Attended Mrs Brunsons funeral to Fremont

I am not feeling verry well this evening

Wed 6 Feb 1889

Fogy most of the day and quite chilly

Sam French and Self went to Woodland and toock lunch with Ann

got Some blackberry roots of Stiner

Mrs Hide of Fremont made us a call to day

North wind all day

Thurs 7 Feb 1889

Fogy and chilly all day. Went to the ranch to Show Mr Shirl a cow. I think he will take one. Mrs Pierce Seems to be Some better

Mrs Tufts and Mrs Hoad made us a call to day

Fri 8 Feb 1889

Fogy all of the forenoon clear andfine this afternoon

Johny went to Sacramento to See his docktor

Sam and Self worked on the Barn doors

Mrs Pierce is Some better

I am verry tired this evening

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Sat 9 Feb 1889

George and Susie went to Sacramento to See her docktor.

Sam French went to Woodland to loock for a gob [job].

Cleaned out the Barn

Fogy in the forenoon clear and fine this afternoon

Attended Lodge for the first time in about Six mont[h]s

Mrs Pierce is not so will (sic) this afternoon

Sun 10 Feb 1889

Fogy all of the forenoon clear and fine this afternoon

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

Mrs Prouty and Self attended church to day.

Mrs Prouty and Sam French attended this evening

Mon 11 Feb 1889

Clear and fine all day and quite warm

Dug holes for fruit trees in the garden

Dug hole for walnut trees at the west end of the out side lots, and Set out Six trees

Helped wash in the forenoon, am quite tired and not very well this evening.

Tues 12 Feb 1889

Went to Sacramento with Sam French to Show him around and help him get into business

Clear and fine all day and quite warm

Mr Gilmore Georges Fatherin law come out with me and has gon[e] up to See them this evening

I have just heard that Mr Melvin got badly hurt and the depo[t] yesterday. his teem run away.

Sowed some lettice and turnips

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Wed 13 Feb 1889

Clear and fine in the forenoon and quite warm.

Strong norht wind this afternoon

Set four Apple trees, two Prune trees and two Pair trees this forenoon. Planted two roes of Potatoes, Six roes of Pees and one roe of Beets this afternoon.

Sam French wente to Sacramento to loock for a job

I am verry tired to night.

Mrs Pierce is about the Same

Thurs 14 Feb 1889

Strong north wind all day and quite cold. loocks like rain this evening. Clear most of the day.

Attended Mrs [blank] funeral at the Catholick Church

Mrs Martin made us a call this afternoon

Fri 15 Feb 1889

West wind and quite cold A little rain and hale this afternoon about four Oclock

John Prouty and Self went to Woodland to attend Mr Cooks funeral

Sat 16 Feb 1889

Strong north wind and quite cold.

Planted Several roes of Stock [?] Beets west of the house

George made us a call this forenoon

Mr Smiseners [?] daughter called to day

Sun 17 Feb 1889

North wind moderate and quite chilly. clear all day. harde frost this morning but Scarce any ice

A[ll] hands attended church to day. Mrs Pierce, Mrs Prouty and Sam French attended this evening

George and [Susie?] made us a call to day

Ella Greene made a call this evening

Mon 18 Feb 1889

North wind moderate all day Sun Shone most of the day

Made gardin wheeled five loads of manure into the gardin.

Mr Martin killed the pig for me

The Womans C. T. U. met at the parsonage to day and thay Speak at the church this evening. all of the folks have gon[e] to hear them

Tues 19 Feb 1889

North wind quite Strong cold and dry. Grain needs rain verry much, if we doo not have Some Soon ther will be a short crop.

Went to the ranch and got the Sausage grinder

Sowed Some Turnipp and Ruebagas in the gardin

Cut the hog open and toock out the lard, and cut up the head.

Lone S[a]m French \$20-- to go to San Francisco to loock for a job

Wed 20 Feb 1889

Clear and chilly. cold and cry little cloudy just at night. North wind all day

Cut up the hog and soaked the meet, and prepaired the Sausage meet.

Went to the ranch and got a pig and twenty chickens

Thurs 21 Feb 1889

A little cloudy all day Scarce any wind.

Sowed some Rutebagas and turnipps

Had a tramp Spade around the trees at the Parsonage

Made Sausage and repaired the doors at the tank house so that we can lock them

Fri 22 Feb 1889

Clear and fine this forenoon Cloudy this afternoon South wind quite Strong.

Winter Sowed grain will be light unless it rains Soon it is about gon[e] up by now.

Mrs Prouty and John went to Sacramento to See the docktor. Mrs Pierce is not So well as She has been.

Wattered the young Shade trees at the west end of the out side lots, and Set two Currents and two Goosberrys. George and Eva Gilmore mad us a call to day

Sat 23 Feb 1889

Cloudy most of the day. South wind and loocks Some like rain all day. a little rain this evening

Chored around this forenoon

went over in town this afternoon

Saw Mr Woods and rented his Shair of the lots in the field South of the tank house I am to pay the taxes on Seven lots for the use of them this Season

Mr & Mrs Parsons[?] called on us to day

Attended Lodge this evening

Sun 24 Feb 1889

Rained most of the latter part of the night and Some this forenoon, it has done a good deal [of] good.

George and Susie and Eva Gilmore called this forenoon. Eva went back to her School

Mrs Prouty and Self attended to day

Mon 25 Feb 1889

North wind all day A little cloudy most of the day.

George and Mrs Greene and Mrs Hanshaw, made us calls to day.

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Wattered Six of the fruit trees, Sowed a fiew peas, Set Six Tomatto plants and a fiew Onions.

John went to the ranch to take up one of the mens trunks

Tues 26 Feb 1889

A little fogy this morning clear the rest of the day and quite warm.

Plowed and cultivated betwene the trees and fence on the west end of the outside lots this afternoon. helped wash this forenoon.

Mrs Greene and Mrs Blackman mad us a call to day

Mrs Greene Set a man to diging holes in front of the church and parsonage to Set trees.

Mrs Pierce and Mrs Prouty made Mrs Drake a call this afternoon

Wed 27 Feb 1889

Little fogy this morning clear and fine the rest of the day

George and Susie went to Sacramento on the noon train, to get a female Servent

Planted potatoes betwene the trees and the fence on the Side lots

North wind quite Strong this evening

Thurs 28 Feb 1889

Strong north wind all day

Wattered the peach trees and other things north of the house

Mrs Martin made us a call this afternoon

Fri 1 Mar 1889

South wind moderate

Filled in around the peach trees after wattering them (South of the house)

Went to the ranch and tooock the chicken coops back

Mrs Pierce went to Woodland to hear Sam Jones preach

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Sat 2 Mar 1889

West wind moderate most of the day

Went to the ranch this forenoon with a man to get a cow. he bought one at \$30--, verry cheap

Toock a woman up to doo house work for George and Susie.

George come down this afternoon and brought Mrs Hanshaw. She has left for good. Hoed out four roes of peas this morning

Sun 3 Mar 1889

Clear and fine

Mrs Pierce attended church to day. Mrs Pierce and Mrs Prouty attended this evening

Mon 4 Mar 1889

Helped wash in the forenoon.

Made a Smokehouse this afternoon and freshened the bacon redduy to hang up

Rubed the ham and Shoulder

Sprincled the gardin this evening. George made us two calls to day. he bought a young Bull of Chiles at \$50 --

John Prout went to Sacramento See his docktor

Tues 5 Mar 1889

Clear and fine north wind moderate

Put the bacon to Smoking. Plowed the gardin

Went to Mr Chileses to See about a Bull.

Mrs Pierce put two hens Setting

Mrs Prouty and Johny went to Woodland to make Ann a visit

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South west wind and loocks Some like rain this evening

Made a chicken coop and Sprincled the gardin

Mrs Chiles was hear and went to the ranch with a man to See the young Bulls. George Sold him nine head

I am not feeling verry well to day

Thurs 7 Mar 1889

Clear and fine this forenoon, cloudy this afternoon, wind quite Strong in the South and South west, a little hail about two oclock, and a little rain about Sundown.

Sowed fore roes of Beets among the trees South of the house and planted two roes of snowflake potatoes at the Same place

Adaline and Johney come home to day from Woodland.

Mr Chiles was hear and left the Bull that George bought of him

George called twice during the day Sold Uncle Jerry a cow \$45 --

Fri 8 Mar 1889

Strong South east wind all day, a little rain Several times this afternoon, not enough to lay the dust.

Went to the ranch and met Stiner and Barber and Sold them the Old Bull and three two year old hieffers. \$125 -- for the Bull and \$100-- for the hieffers.

Fixed the gates and the Barn doors So as to lock them.

I ammost Sick this evening. have a harde cold I have not been feeling well for Several days

Sat 8 Mar 1889

South wind quite Strong most of the day

Freshened the hams and Shoulder and prepaired them for smoking

Set out four grape cutting[s] from the ranch that has them large bunches on

Mrs Greene and Mrs Drake called to day

Sun 10 Mar 1889

Strong South wind all day

Self and Adaline attended church

Commenced raining about five Oclock this afternoon and rained harde for about one houer(sic). it has done a greate deal of good

Mon 11 Mar 1889

North wind this morning moderat South the rest of the day, and loocked like rain most of the day.

Worked on the Side walk east of the house this forenoon, cutting up the grass.

Worked on the fence around the Shade trees South of the outside lots

Tues 12 Mar 1889

Strong South east wind all day. Commenced raining about ten Oclock this forenoon and it has rained hard most of the time Since, and it is raining at nine Oclock this evening.

Mae an other chicken coop to day.

I am not feeling verry well. am most Sick

Mrs Pierce is about the Same a little better if any thing

Wed 13 Mar 1889

Strong South east wind all day. Commenced raining about two Oclock this afternoon and rained harde for about two hours.

George and Susie made us a visit to day and toock lunch with us. We had a good viset with them.

Mrs Drummon made us a call this afternoon

Thurs 14 Mar 1889

Strong South west wind all day. Light Sprinkle of rain Several times during the day

The wier that throws the wind mill out of geer broke had Mr Leak fix it.

I am not feeling a bit well this evening

Had breakfast this at nine O'clock

Fri 15 Mar 1889

Strong South East wind Commenced raining about nine O'clock the forenoon and rained until about three O'clock this afternoon

Made a chicken coop this forenoon

Went over in town this afternoon. got 25 lbs of Butter beans of Bullard \$1.10 got two lbs of new peas of Tufts \$0.10

Hoed up some of the grass just at night on the Side walk

Smoked meat

Sat 16 Mar 1889

North wind about half of the forenoon moderate. South east the rest of the day. The Sun Shone this afternoon. it rained most of the night and until about 9 O'clock this morning

Worked on the fence around the Shade trees an hour or so just at night

Finished Smoking the hams and bacon.

Attended Lodge to night

Sun 17 Mar 1889

Mrs Pierce Mrs Prouty and Self attend church today. George and Susie was at church and come over and took lunch with us. It rained the latter part of the night and early this morning, and commenced again about three O'clock this afternoon

Mrs Pierce is not feeling quite as well this evening as usual but hope she will be better in the morning

Mon 18 Mar 1889

Commenced raining early last night and rained all night and until about nine O'clock this morning.

George drove down the young bulls that he Sold to go to the mountains got \$258 -- for them.
he took a calf home that we got of Uncl[e] Jerry.

Took the Bull home that we got of Mr Chiles, and Mrs Funchions [?] cow to keep a while at
\$1.00 per month. Got \$40 -- of Uncle Jerry for the last cow that he got of us

Tue 19 Mar 1889

Strong Southeast wind and looked like rain most of the day.

George and susie went to San Leandru to See Mr Best about the harvisters

George is to have the agency of them for Davisville, if evry thing goes of Satis[fac]tory.

Took down the Smoke house and cleared things waway

Cut the brush and bushed three roes of pees.

Sowed Some Alfalfa Seed at the tank house and under the close [clothes] lines

Wed 20 Mar 1889

Rained harde most of the foreparte of the night

North wind moderate all day

Bushed more peas

George and Susie come back this evening theay(sic) report having a good time

Helped Mrs Pierce wash in the forenoon. Cut brush this afternoon for pees

Thurs 21 Mar 1889

North wind moderate all day. Clear and fine

George and Susie Stayed with us last night and went home this afternoon

We had a good visit with them. Mrs Prouty and Susie visited the School this forenoon

Finished the fence at the west end of the out Side lots to protect the trees

Did a little work on the Side walk

Mrs Martin made us a call this afternoon

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Fri 22 Mar 1889

Clear and fine this forenoon cloudy this afternoon and loocks like rain.

Hoed in the gardin this forenoon. the land is quite wet for Stirring [?].

George was here to lunch evry thing is going along nicely at the Ranch.

Mrs Pierce and Self made Mr & Mrs Robson a call this afternoon

I feel the efects (sic) of my forenoons work. I am quite sore and lame this evening

Sat 23 Mar 1889

A little cloudy most of the day. a good cumfortable day for a ride. light wind from the north west.

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland. made Dr Ruddock a call.

Paid Stiner \$25.50 balance on note.

Got three Sacks of bran

Sun 24 Mar 1889

Strong north wind all day

Mrs Pierce Mrs Prouty and Self attended church.

Mrs Pierce and Mrs Prouty attended this evening

Mon 25 Mar 1889

Clear and fine all day light breese from the north

Helped wash this forenoon

Set Seven Cruthbert [?] Raspberry

Set cabage blants that we got of Dr Ruddock

Hoed in the gardin this afternoon

Mrs Prouty and Johny went riding this afternoon

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Mrs Martin made us a call this afternoon

Tues 26 Mar 1889

South west wind moderate in the forenoon. South east this afternoon. Set more cabage plants

Wint to the ranch this afternoon and ground the Spade and Scythe. Mrs Russell and Mrs Gardner made us a call to day

Wed 27 Mar 1889

South east wind quite Strong. Cloudy by Spells all day Several light Sprinkels during the day

Worked in the gardin.

Sowed Some table beets and carrets.

Hoed out 2 roes of Stock beets

Mrs Pierce worked among her flowers.

Mrs Prouty made Some calls this afternoon

George called on us this afternoon

Thurs 28 Mar 1889

Clear and fine all day

Mrs Pierce went to Sacramento to See the Docktor

Worked at the cemetry clearing the weeds off the lot.

Mrs Pierce come home this afternoon She is not much better

Mr Gilmore went to the ranch to day to make George and Susie a visit

Fri 29 Mar 1889

Clear and fine most of the day. South west wind

I am not feeling verry well to day. I worked to (sic) harde yesterday

Sat 30 Mar 1889
Strong North wind all day

I have not tried to do much to day

Mr Gilmore went home to day

Sun 31 Mar 1889
Clear and fine all day

Ella Greene and Eva Benett made us a call this morning

Mrs Greene called this evening

Mrs Prouty and Self attended church to day.

Mrs Pierce and Mrs Prouty attended church this evening

Mon 1 April 1889
South west wind quite Strong most of the day.

Help wash in the forenoon

Cut brush for pees in the afternoon, and chored around

Hoes eight rows of beets

Tues 2 April 1889
Strong South east wind all day and quite warm in the middle of the day. cool and cloudy just before night and looks like rain, quite a Sprinkle about Sundown

Cut a few more brush for pees this forenoon and bushed three rows of pees

John and Self went up towards the creek and got four Sacks of manure for Mrs Pierce to put around her roses

Mrs Pierce made Mrs Martin a call this afternoon

Wed 3 April 1889

Cloudy all day. Strong South west wind and quite cold. Mrs Prouty and John went to Redding to See and (sic) old friend.

George and Susie went to Sacramento. Susie got a new Sowing Machiene &c She made Mrs Pierce a present of a new dress

Transplanted Rutabages and turnips

Mrs Drummond and Mrs Gardner made us a call

Thurs 4 April 1889

Strong South east wind all day and quite cold. loocked like rain all day Several light Sprinkles during the day

Cut and packed the ham worked in the gardin

Set Some tomatoes and Spaded the Lima Beens

Finished hoing out the Beets north of the house

Fri 5 April 1889

Strong South west wind all day. Wed [weeded?] out the Turnips and Rutebages this forenoon.

George made us a call this afternoon.

A terable heavy black clud come up in the north about five Oclock this afternoon and it rained harde most of the time untill dark

Sat 6 April 1889

North wind quite Strong

Set out Some lettice plants near the Windmill this forenoon.

Went over in town this afternoon.

Mrs Pierce and Self went down to the cemetry just before night

George made a call this afternoon and left a mair and colt in the lot

Sun 7 April 1889

Mrs Pierce and Self attended church this forenoon, and Mr Miner chiled this afternoon

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George and Susie took lunch with us today

Mon 8 April 1889

A light Shower early this morning cloudy all day South east wind, and looked like rain
Several times a light Sprinkle just at night

Helped wash in the forenoon

Planted Sweet corn this afternoon

The two Mrs Hamptons made us a call this afternoon

Mrs Prouty and John come home today

Tues 9 April 1889

Strong South east wind and cloudy all day. looked like rain most of the time

Planted Bush lima beans and lazy wife beans

Mrs Prouty Mrs Pierce and self attended Social at Mr Nemons [?] this evening

Mrs Tuttle nee Katy Green made us a call today

Wed 10 April 1889

Cloudy all day and looked very much like rain

A light Sprinkle just at night.

Put a float [float] in the tank so as to see when it was full.

Went over in town this afternoon. Laid the draft of the new kitchen before Mr Hampton

Mrs Funchion made a visit today

Thurs 11 April 1889

Heavy Shower in the night clear and fine all day South west wind quite strong this afternoon

Mrs Enos Mrs Martin Mrs Drummond and Mrs George Tufts made us calls today

I am not feeling well today

Fri 12 April 1889

Strong South west wind all day and quite cool and cloudy. a light Sprinkle most of the afternoon. commenced raining quite Sharp early this evening and is raining at bed Time.

Mr Sharpe an old carpet merchant of Sacramento made us a call to day. he left the city about 15 years ago.

Mrs Greene made us a call to day. Hoed potatoes and cultivated Beets

Sat 13 April 1889

Strong West wind and quite cool

Planted Bayeu [?] Beens and Bush Limna Beans and corn. Hoes potatoes

Mrs Prouty and John Went to Woodland with the team. Mrs Martin called this morning.

Sun 14 Apr 1889

Strong South wind and cold for the time of year. Several light Spricles during the day and looks like a heavy rain before morning.

Mrs Prouty and Self attended church.

Mrs Pierce is not feeling quite so well as usual

Mrs George Tufts called to day

Mon 15 Apr 1889

South wind all day. clear most of the day

Repaired the wier[wire] doors. Bushed Som pees, and poled Some Beens

Hoed out the cabage. Cut Brush for pees, and poles for beenes.

Thirty nine years ago to day our little Henry died. he was on onely child being the oldest. I am not feeling verry well this evening.

Mrs Pierce Seems to be a little better.

Tues 16 Apr 1889

Scarce any wind this forenoon. Strong South wind this afternoon.

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Mrs Pierce, Mrs Hampton and Self [c]alled on Mrs Miner this afternoon.

Hoed out the beets South of the house this forenoon

Mowed thisels in the lot South of the house

Wed 17 Apr 1889

Strong North wind and quite cold.

George and Susie made us a call this afternoon

I have not done much to day I am most Sick

Thurs 18 Apr 1889

Strong north wnd in the forenoon. Still and fine this afternoon.

Mr Hampton [was] herre this afternoon to See about building a Kitchen

Mrs Prouty made Mrs Fuchen a call this afternoon. Seh is verry Sick two docktors are with her to night.

Fri 19 Apr 1889

Clear and fine all day Wind South east most of the day.

Mrs Prouty and Self went to the ranch this afternoon and to Mrs Greenes and got Soem walnuts to set out.

Thirty Seven years ago to day Mrs Pierce and Self left Kenosha Wisconsin for California with teems to cross the plains got to Plaserville the fourth of August 1852 had a long and tiresom journey. had about as good luck as any of the. there was a big rush for California that year

Sat 20 Apr 1889

Cloudy most of the day Strong west wind this afternoon Mr Croco Stayed with us last night

Spaded around Some of the Small trees. Set Some walnuts South of the outside lots.

Fifty four years ago to day I left Homer Courtland Co State of New York to got to Illinois. Stopped at Yankee Settlement near Jolliet the 18 day of May left there the fift[h] of July for Pike Creek, now Kenosha City arived there the 8th day of July 1835

Sun 21 Apr 1889

Mrs Prouty Mrs Pierce and Self attended church to day and this evening

Susie and George made us a call to day

Frs Funchion died this afternoon

Mon 22 Apr 1889

Strong west wind this forenoon

Helped Mrs Pierce wash this forenoon

Have four roes of beets. Attended Mrs Funchions funeral this afternoon

A man come to mow thisels and &c

Mrs Pierce and Mrs Prouty attended a funeral

Tues 23 Apr 1889

Strong north wind most of the forenoon. verry Still the rest of the day.

Commenced mowng thisels in the paster lat.

Thined out four roes of beets and hoed them

Hoed around the Currents and Gooesberry (sic) bushes, and Grape vines.

Sprincled the Lima Bush Beens.

Mrs Pierce is about the Same I am not feeling verry well

Wed 24 Apr 1889

Cowdly most of the forenoon clear this afternoon

Hnoed beets and worked in the gardin at different things.

George and Susie come after their mail

There is a woman Speaker at the church this evening. all hands have gon[e] to hear her.

I am not feeling verry well this evening

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Thur 25 Apr 1889

Cold and foggy this morning. quite warm in the middle of the day.

Self and hired man went to Woodland and cut weeds in the lot.

Toock diner with Ann, and went back at night and tooock Super and Stayed all night. the man Stayed at the Hotell

Fri 26 Apr 1889

Quite warm in the middle of the day. cut weeds in the lot at Woodland.

Comehome this evening. quite cold and chilly just at night

Sat 27 Apr 1889

Some Cloudy and loocked like rain Several times. a light Sprinkle just before night.

Spaded beets and Hoed the turnipps, Rutebages lettice &c

Went to the Ranch to See aobut getting some wood on the Creek

[Note: The remainder of this page has been cut out, although there is one vestige of writing that was once one this excised section.]

Sun 28 Apr 1889

Mrs Pierce, Mrs Prouty and Self attended church

Mrs Pierce is about the Same. I am not feeling verry well

Mon 29 Apr 1889

Strong west wind this forenoon. South this afternoon

Helped wash this forenoon

Hoed corn and pees

Spaded among the beets South of the house

Spaded among the roses and beens

George made us a call this afternoon

Tues 30 Apr 1889

South wind moderate most of the day

Worked in the garden

Mr Dopkin and family come just at night to attend the Centennial meeting at the church

George and Doctor Bates Spoke

I think both of them did very well

Wed 1 May 1889

South wind Self and man went to Woodland to pile the weeds on the lot

Mr Dopkins and family went home this morning

Cold South wind this evening and looks like rain

Thurs 2 May 1889

Went to Mrs Greenes with the man that I had to work for me. he expects to work there this Season.

Strong South west wind and quite chilly

Went to the Ranch to See about getting a cow

George made us a call to day.

Fri 3 May 1889

Strong South west wind this forenoon. Strong south east wind this afternoon. cloudy and cold. looks very much like rain this evening

George made us a call to day. Got Lime &c to whitewash the Barn and fences.

Mrs Pierce is about the Same

I am not feeling very well to day

Sat 4 May 1889

Strong South east wind all day and cloudy. quite a Sprinkle about three O'clock this afternoon.

Commenced raining about half past five this afternoon and is raining quite harde at bet time. it will log the wheat badly I think.

Slacked the lime for white washing. Spaded Some in the gardin. George went to San Leandro

Sun 5 May 1889

Rained moderate most of the night. nearly quite an inch of rain fall. it has loged the grain badly and has done lots of damage.

Adaline and Self attended church to day.

Mrs Pierce and Adaline attends this evening

George made us a call this afternoon

Strong South east wind all day, and cloudy loocks like rain again Soon

Mon 6 May 1889

Rained most of the day and Some of the time qute harde hevy rains all around us. Two feet of Snow at Tucky and three feet at the Sumet
It has damaged the wheat and Barly badly

George made us a call to day

Mrs Pierce is about the Same. I am feeling better than yesterday.

The ground Seems to be so Soft and wet as any time last winter.

Tues 7 May 1889

Strong South west wind all day and cloudy. a light Sprinkle a little before SunSet, and a little rain this evening, and loocks like more before morning.

I have not be[e]n feeling a bit well to day. Mrs Pierce is about the Same

Mrs Enos made us a call this afternoon.

The rain will about Spoil the wheat and Barly I think

Wed 8 May 1889
North wind all day

Prepared for white washing

George and Susie made us a visit to day

Thurs 9 May 1889
Strong north wind most of the day. it has helped the wheat and Barly to Staten up a good deal

George Shiped the wood to day

Spaded in the garden where the pees was taken out and did Some Some (sic) whitewashing

Fri 10 May 1889
Went to the Ranch this afternoon with a telegram from Mr Best to George

Did a little whitewashing. Spent most of the afternoon in town

Dockter Gardner made us a Short call this afternoon. I am not feeling verry well to day.

Sat 11 May 1889
Strong South west wind this afternoon

Did a little white washing

I am not feeling verry well to day

Sun 12 May 1889
Attended church to day

Mon 13 May 1889
Mrs Pierce and Self went to San Francisco. I went to attend the Grand Lodge. Mrs went to See a docktor for her lame hip

Tues 14 May - Fri 17 May 1889 [No entries.]

Sat 18 May 1889

I come home to day from San Francisco. left Mrs Pierce there being doctored for her lame hip. She thinks the doctor is helping her

Sun 19 May 1889

Attended church to day

Hevy Earthquake about three Oclock this morning

Mon 20 May 1889

Helped wash in the forenoon

Went to the ranch in the afternoon to see about getting Some Strawberries from San Francisco

we made up our minds to get a chest together

Got the Stepladder from the ranch

Tues 21 May 1889

Stron Southwest wind this afternoon. George, Susie and Eva made us a Short call this afternoon.

Wattered Some of the Tomatoes to day

Wed 22 May 1889

Worked in the gardin and went over in town two or three times to See about the Strawberr[i]es and made arrangements with Ralee [?] [Rulce ?] to bring them over when thay come

Thurs 23 May 1889

Whitewashed most of the day

I am verry tired to night

Milke[d] the Cow for the last time untill She come in

George sent me another to keep untill my cow come in

Fri 24 May 1889

Whitewashed a little this morning.

Mr & Mrs Stiner made us a visit to day

The Strawberr[i]es come to day noon. I went to the ranch with them this afternoon

Sat 25 May 1889

Went to Woodland found Ann and George have been quite Sick. They are both of them better

Sun 26 May 1889

Attend the Methodist church to day

George and Susie made us a Short call to day

Strong Southwest wind this afternoon

Mon 27 May 1889

Helped wash in the forenoon

Whitewash the rest of the day. am verry tired.

Cloudy most of the afternoon and loocks like rain. George made us a short [visit] this morning and this forenoon

Tues 28 May 1889

Whitewashed most of the day

George called on us twice to day

I am verry tired this evening, and am not feeling verry well. two (sic) much white wash

Wed 29 May 1889

I was quite unwell this morning did a little white washing during the day. Am feeling better this evening

quite warm in the middle of the day.

Mowed the Lawn and Sprinkle[d] it

Thurs 30 May 1889

Strong north wind most wind (sic) most of the day and quite warm

I layed off most of the day. Wattered the Laun and Some Beens near the gate this afternoon

Wrote a letter to Mrs Pierce. She is at San Francisco being docktored for lame hip She thinks She is some better

Fri 31 May 1889

Stong north [wind] most of the day but not as warm as yesterday

Whitewashed most of the forenoon. Wind South this afternoon and evening quite Strong

George, Susie, Adaline and Self attended the church festible

Sat 1 June 1889

Strong South west wind all day and evening

Wealed Some manure out of horse correll into the gardin

Attended lodge to night for the first time in three weeks

George made us two calls to day

Sun 2 June 1889

South west wind most of the day moderate

Adaline and Self attended church to day. quite war

Wrote Mrs Pierce a long letter to day. She is at San Francisco being docktored for lame hip

Mon 3 June 1889

Helped wash in the forenoon

Strong South wind most of the day

Got Mr Stones Boy to help whitewash I am So lame that it seems as tho I could not doo it.

Mr Houston Sent another [servant?] to day for George. him and Susie come down after her this afternoon

Mrs Neuious and her Mother called to day

Tues 4 June 1889

South west wind most of the day

Mr Stones [?] boy come this morning and worked about three hours and quit. he had a job of bailing hay

Went over in town and [got] an other boy and he was to begin tomorrow he come about dark and Said he could not come

Cut thisels in the cow lot this afternoon

Mrs Coven [?] called to day.

Wed 4 June 1889

White washed this afternoon and irrigated the Stock beets

Strong South wind most of the day.

[Crossed out passage: "George Sent me two loads of hay this forenoon"]

Thurs 5 June 1889

Strong South wind

Finished white washing the Barn. I am verry tired

Mrs Hall from the Ranch made us a call this evening. She had been to Sacramento on business

Hiered (sic) a livry teem and went home

Fri 6 June 1889

Strong South west wind most of the day

I have not done much to day

Sat 8 June 1889

Did a little white washing to day. Mrs Prouty has been quite unwell to day

Attend[ed?] Lodge this evening

Sun 9 June 1889

I am not feeling verry well to day. Mrs Prouty is better

I have written a long letter to Mrs Pierce. She is at San Francisco being dock[t]or[e]d

Mon 10 June 1889

Helped wash in the forenoon

Whitewashed the chicken hous[e] in the afternoon.

Warm day

Tues 11 June 1889

Commenced work on the cow Stable. it is so warm that I cant doo much

Wed 12 June 1889

Worked on the cow Stable South east wind this afternoon

Thurs 13 June 1889

North wind and quite warm

I have not don[e] much to day

Fri 14 June 1889

Worked a little on the cow Stable

Sat 15 June 1889

Not much done to day. quite warm

Sun 16 June 1889 [No entry.]

Mon 17 June 1889

Helped wash as usual this forenoon

Tues 18 June 1889

Worked on cow Stable part of the day.

I am not feeling verry well to day

The cow had a bull calf to day

Wed 19 June 1889
Went to Woodland

North wind Strong and hot 102 in the Shade.

Thurs 20 June 1889
South wind and quite cool

Worked on cow Stable a little to day

Fri 21 June 1889
Worked on the cow Stable

Sat 22 June 1889
Finished the cow Stable. have worked most of the day am verry tired and most Sick

Sun 23 June 1889
Had a verry harde nights rest am quite Sick to day

Mon 24 June 1889
helped wash this afternoon as usual.

Mr Everingham made us a Short call to day

Tues 25 June 1889
George drove the cow home that I had to mild untill my cow come in

She is a fine hieffer for mild, but not much for cream

Sold Martin [Mastin?] the pig for \$10.00

George paid \$100.00 for land rent

Wed 26 June 1889
Strong South east wind

Cleaned up the horse correll this morning. Worked on the cow Stable the rest of the day.

Johney Set the manure pile on fier and if wh had not had a plenty of watter I think it would burnt the Barn and Mr Usherwood house, and perhapp went acrost the Street as the wind was blowing Strong.

Thurs 27 June 1889
The fier Starte up again in the manure pile last night. we empt[i]ed the tank on it during the night

Cloudy this morning Strong South east wind Commenced raining about Seven Oclock and rained untill after noon

George and Susie went to San Jose and Stoped at San Francisco and Saw Mrs Pierce thay think She is better

Work on the cow Stable a little

Fri 28 June 1889
Finished the cow Stable mostly. Went to the Dept [depot] to meet George and Susie

South east wind

Got a littl[e] lumber to finish the cow Stable

Sat 29 June 1889
Went to the ranch and left the teem for them to work on the harvester

I will have a Single horse after harvist. finished white washing the cow Stable, and fin[i]shed diging the potatoes betwene the out Side and the Street

Sun 30 June 1889
Mrs Greene made us a call to day

Mon 1 July 1889

Strong north wind all day and quite warm

Tues 2 July 1889

Strong northwind and quite warm

Wattered Some of the Small trees, Berry bushes, and tomattoes, and the flower bushes this Side of the wood house

Heard to day that Anna French died Sunday night, at San Jose

Wed 3 July 1889

South east wind moderate most of the day

Made Steps at the backside of the tank house. quite warm

Thurs 4 July 1889

Did not doo much to day. Scarce any wind and verry warm 110 in the Shade. Thay had fier works in Town this evening

Did a little whitewashing just at night on the fence in [the] hors[e] correll

Fifty four years ago to day I hoed corn in Illinois

Fri 5 July 1889

Strong South west wind and quite cool. Wattered Some of the fruite trees

Fifty four years ago to day I Started from Yankee Settlement Cook Co Illinois to go to Pike Creek now Kenosha Wisconsin.

Sat 6 July 1889

Strong South west wind

Wattered Some of the fruit trees

Got Mr Lark to repair the wind mill

The wether is quite cool

Sun 7 July 1889

Attended church to day

Ella Greene made us a call to day

Mon 8 July 1889

Helped wash in the forenoon

Worked around the yeard in the afternoon, and got things redy for going to San Francisco to See Mrs Pierce

South west wind quite Strong

Fifty four years ago to day I left Homer Courtland Co State of New York [for] the west. Left there the 19-- day of April 1852 with Mrs Pierce for California across plains with teems

Tues 9 July 1889

Went to San Francisco and found Mrs Pierce Some better, but She had not improved as much as I was in hopes [to] find her.

I think She will be so as to get around quite well again

Wed 10 July - Mon 15 July 1889 [No entries. George was seeing Mrs Pierce in San Francisco.]

Tues 16 July 1889

Left Mrs Pierce in San Francisco this after noon at the docktors office. She is in hopes of returning home in two or three weeks quite well again

Found evry thing at home all right

Wed 17 July 1889

Went to Woodland to See about the assesment on the lot in Woodland they will rais[e] it Some I think

Wattered two of the Fig trees this morning and two of them this evening

Scarce any wind

Thurs 18 July 1889

Scarce any wind to day

Whealed four loads of manure out of cow correll

Paid for painting and repairs on buggy

Painting	10.00
Repairing top	6.00
Setting Tire	1.00
	\$17.00

Fri 19 July 1889

A little wind from the Southeast this afternoon So as to run the [windmill?] a little

George was hear this afternoon with Six Sacks of chicken feed

Sat 20 July 1889

South east wind moderate most of the day

Wheeled in two loads of manure and wattered two of the fig trees.

Warm in the middle of the day

Sun 21 July 1889

I am not feeling verry well to day did not g[o] to church

Q[u]ite warm in the middle of the day

Mon 22 July 1889

Cool this morning.

I am not feeling verry well to day. We did not wash

Tues 23 July 1889

Went to Woodland to See about hay

Stayed at Mr Dopkins over night

Wed 24 July 1889

Stayed with Ann untill most might had a good visit with them

Thurs 25 July 1889
Worked in the garden

hauled in Six barrow loads of manure and watered some of the trees in the forenoon

Worked in the cemetery Some of this afternoon

Fri 26 July 1889
Went to the ranch and Stayed most of the day had a good visit with them.

George is building a cow barn barn. Susie gave me Some things to Send to Mrs Pierce

Sat 27 July 1889
Worked around the yard Some I am not feeling very well to day. Mr Dopkins went to San Francisco with George and Saw Mrs Pierce he thinks She is getting better

Sun 28 July 1889
Attended church to day

Attended Lodge last night they installed their officers. quite warm in the middle of the day

Mon 29 July 1889
Helped wash in the forenoon. quite warm in the middle of the day.

Sprinkled the flower bushes and corn just at night

Tues 30 July 1889
Hot day 11 at one O'clock

Susie come to take the train for Sacrament[o] but was to[o] late

Stayed with us until about ten O'clock and then went home and is going to try it again.

Watered the tomatoes and the plum tree

Wed 31 July 1889
Cleaned and washed the Buggy. Washed and oiled the harness. am quite tired

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Warm day

Thurs 1 Aug 1889

Went to Woodland to See about hay. I get if of Mr Jenaes it is verry nice Alfalfa hay

Fri 2 Aug 1889

Got 3475 of hay of Mr Jeanes. Jacob Holdredge did the halling

Sat 3 Aug 1889

Mr Holdredge halled another load of hay

Sun 4 Aug 1889 [No entry.]

Mon 5 Aug 1889

South west wind and quite cool

Helped wash in the forenoon

Sprinkle the lawn and flowers in the afternoon

Tues 6 Aug 1889

Johnny let Lucy out of the Stable and She went to the ranch this morning

Wed 7 Aug 1889

Susie went to Sacramento and I tooock her home and Stayed over night and helped her make jelly and had a good vist with them

Thurs 8 Aug 1889

Went to Woodland paid Mr Jeans for the hay \$16.85

Had a good visit with Ann

Johny went with me

Fri 9 Aug 1889

Went to the ranch and Stayed most of the day. Johny went with me. George went to Woodland. he Sent his teems after bran

Sat 10 Aug 1889

At home all day. made cubbard to put caned(sic) fruit in. I am feeling verry well

Sun 11 Aug 1889

Self and Mrs Prouty attended church

Mon 12 Aug 1889

Helped wash in the forenoon

Went to the Ranch this afternoon

George and Susie Start for Glen Alpin[e]

Tues 13 Aug 1889

Wattered the Tomatoes and Some of the fruit trees and flowers

Wed 14 Aug 1889

Chored around most of the day. Went over in town and Saw [?] the new Machiene Shop

Thurs 15 Aug 1889

Got Mr Bradshaw to repair the wind mill

Scarce any wind this week. the tank is nearly empty

Fri 16 Aug 1889

Went to the ranch and got Some Grapes for Tufts & Ligget

Sat 17 Aug 1889

I am not feeling verry well to day.

There is not much watter in the tank. not wind enough to run the mill for a week

Sun 18 Aug 1889

Mrs Prouty and John went to church to day

South west wind quite Strong most of the day

Mon 19 Aug 1889

Went to the ranch and got Grapes for Tufts and Ligget

Strong north wind come up about Six oclock this morning andblowed harde all day. it blowed off a fiew of the pairs but not enough to doo much hert (sic)

I am feeling quite porly (sic) to day

Tues 20 Aug 1889 [No entry.]

Wed 21 Aug 1889

Went to the ranch got Grapes for Tufts & ligget

The men have broke the hay rope

Thurs 22 Aug 1889

Went to the ranch and got the rope to have it mended and got 15 Dox Eggs

Fri 23 Aug 1889

Went to the ranch and tooock the rope back

The pump has given out at the wind mill, at home

Sat 24 Aug 1889

Worked around the yard and got Mr Lark to repair the pump

Sun 25 Aug 1889 [No entry.]

Mon 26 Aug 1889

Helped wash in the forenoon

Worked in the gardin this afternoon

Mr Dopkins made us a call this afternoon to See how we were getting along

Tues 27 Aug 1889

Went to the ranch this forenoon and got Some Grapes for Ligget and Tufts

Wed 28 Aug 1889

Georges men halled two loads of hay

Worked in the chicken Store house laying a dirt flore

Thurs 29 Aug 1889

Went to Woodland this afternoon. hot and dusty

Wattered the Persimon trees this afternoon

Fri 30 Aug 1889

Come home this afternoon and wattered the flours and the rose bushes

Sat 31 Aug 1889

Layed flore to the chicken Store room and cleaned up around the yard

Sun 1 Sept 1889 [No entry.]

Mon 2 Sept 1889

Went to ranch got Grapes for Tufts s& Ligget

Tues 3 Sept 1889

Went to the ranch to let the men know that George & Susie was coming home Wednesday and have them at the train with teem

Wed 4 Sept 1889

Went to the ranch and got grapes for Tufts & Ligget

George and Susie come home to day. Went to the ranch with them and Stayed over night

Thurs 5 Sept 1889

Come home this forenoon with the express wagon to have it repaired

Fri 6 Sept 1889

Went to the ranch with the express wagon and got grapes for Tufts & Liggett

Sat 7 Sept 1889

Went to Sacramento to See Coleman about the interest on the last loan he lets it run until the other is due

Saw Dr Gardner about my trouble. he Said let it run awhile and See how it does

Sun 8 Sept - Mon 9 Sept 1889 [No entries.]

Tues 10 Sept 1889

Adaline and John went to San Francisco this morning

Wed 11 Sept - Fri 20 Sept 1889 [No entries. Ill.]

Sat 21 Sept 1889

I have not been very well for several days - am most Sick

Sun 22 Sept - Sat 28 Sept 1889 [No entries.]

Sun 29 Sept 1889

Forty three years ago today Mrs Pierce and Self was married in Kenosha Wisconsin

She has been a good woman to me and has been the cause of a great deal of enjoyment

May get granted that we live together a few years longer

Mon 30 Sept - Sun 6 Oct 1889 [No entries.]

Mon 7 Oct 1889

The first rain of the Season commenced about 9 O'clock this morning and rained most of the day quite hard

Tues 8 Oct - Sun 13 Oct 1889 [No entries.]

Mon 14 Oct 1889

Adaline and John come back from San Francisco this forenoon

Tues 15 Oct 1889 [No entry.]

Wed 16 Oct 1889

Mrs Pierce and Self went to Woodland and and (sic) Stayed with Ann over night

Thurs 17 Oct 1889

Come home from Woodland

Fri 18 Oct - Sun 20 Oct 1889 [No entries.]

Mon 21 Oct 1889

Rained most of the afternoon

Tues 22 Oct 1889

Some rain to day

The ground is full of watter

Wed 23 Oct 1889

Some rain to day

Thurs 24 Oct 1889

Went to the ranch betwene Showers and got grapes for Ligget and Tufts

Fri 25 Oct 1889

Light rain most of the day

Sat 26 Oct 1889

Light rain most of the day

the ground is very Soft and wet

Sun 27 Oct - Mon 4 Nov 1889 [No entries.]

Tues 5 Nov 1889

Mrs Pierce and Self went to the ranch this afternoon

Wed 6 Nov 1889 [No entry.]

Thurs 7 Nov 1889

Mrs Pierce went to San Francisco to the Doctors again

Fri 8 Nov - Tues 31 Dec 1889 [No entries.]

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Apple Trees

1 Yellow newton pipin, near the gate

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1 Red Astrichan, next West

1 Yellow Belflower " "

1 King Tompkins Co near the wood house

Prunes &c [has an unnecessary "o" next to the "c"]

The next one north not labilled

" " " " Jersey

1 german

[On first page of "Cash Account. January"]

Cash in Store with L & D

Wool	114.00
1 Cow to Uncl[e] Jerry	45.00
Feb 1 1 " to Gafford house	40.00
" 4 1 Cow to Sparks	40.00
March 2nd 1 " " Shirl	30.00
" 7 1 " " Uncle Jerry	40.00
" 8 Old Bull & three hieffers to Stiner and Barber	225.00
" 18 Nine young Bulls to go to the mountains	255.00
" Calf to Mastin	5.60
" Five Sheep to Mastin	17.50
May Wool	157.20

Wheat

Barly

Mr Miller for harvist last year	100.00
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[On fifth page of "Cash Account. May"]

		Received
24 Geo W. Pierce Jr. for rent of land	40.00	
" " " " " " " "	100.00	
		260.00

Aug 7	100.00
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Nov 4	50.00
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