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D-022 2:8: Transcription of George Pierce Sr. Diary, 1890

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[George Pierce, Sr. died on 24 February 1890. There is a note at the end, perhaps in the hand of Mrs. Pierce [Eunice] describing his last illness. The last entry in George Pierce Sr.'s hand is for Thursday, February 13, 1890. Mrs. Pierce has notes of the days after that until 24 February, the day of Mr. Pierce's death.

Pierce used a diary volume printed for 1889 and wrote in the correct day designations for 1890. Sometimes he changed the numbering of the days in a confusing manner, and in all cases we have reproduced the date as it appears in the text as it stands.]

Wed 1 Jan 1890

Clear and fine all day South wind quite Strong

Thurs 2 Jan 1890

Commenced raining early this morning and rained all day

Fri 3 Jan 1890

Several Showers durind (sic) cold south wind all day

Went to the ranch and Stayed over night

Sat 4 Jan 1890

Come from the ranch this morning

Miss Jonson come with me to take the train for Willows where she is teeching School. Miss Jane Gray come out to go to the ranch I let her have the horse and buggy to go up with

Sun 5 Jan 1890 [No entry.]

Mon 6 Jan 1890

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Repaired fence around the cow pasture in the forenoon

Went to the cemetery in the afternoon and did a little work around the lot

Tues 7 Jan 1890

Went to Sacramento to See Dockter Gardner about my leg

Got a Stove and Some fruit trees

Wed 8 Jan 1890

Got the frate [freight?] home and put up the Stove and repaired the dining room fine day

Thurs 9 Jan 1890

Cold foggy and cloudy all day

Wrote Mrs Pierce a long letter and sent her a blanket

Fri 10 Jan 1890

North wind moderate

Set four of the trees that I got in the city

Sat 11 Jan 1890

Strong north wind all day and quite cold

George made us a call today. Paid \$14.50 for Sheep that he Sold to the Butcher

Sun 12 Jan 1890

Rained all day and this evening

Mon 13 Jan 1890

Sunshine and cloudy all day North wind and quite cold

Tues 15 Jan 1890

Clear and fine all day

attended Mr Hindes funeral

Wed 16 Jan 1890

Cold and cloudy all of the forenoon with Strong South east wind rained all of the afternoon and evening

Thurs 17 Jan 1890

Rained all of the day Strong South east wind and Some rain

Fri 17 Jan 1890

Strong South east wind rained all day rained most of the night and all day to day

Sat 18 Jan 1890

South west wind and cold loocks like rain all day some rain this morning

Sun 20 Jan 1890

Strong South eas wind commenced raining about one Oclock this afternoon and rained the rest of the day

Attended church

Mon 20 Jan 1890

Fine and clear day all day

Sold Creamer [?] and Rose Calf or three cords of Wood and one cord of knots delivered

I am quite Sick with pain in my Side and a bad cold

Tues 21 Jan - Sat 26 Jan 1890 [No entries.]

Mon 27 Jan 1890

Helped wash clear and fine all day

I am some better

Tues 28 Jan 1890

Cklear and fine all day South east wind quite Strong and loocks some like rain soon. George made us a call and takes Doc Gardner to See Susie

Wed 29 Jan 1890

Cloudy this morning hard shower this afternoon and evening. Went to the ranch to day and Stayed over night

Thurs 30 Jan 1890

Clear and fine all day

come home from the ranch this afternoon loocks like like (sic) rain this evening

Fri 31 Jan 1890

Churned most of the day and got no butter and Set it away untill morning

Sat 1 Feb 1890

North wind quite Strong and cool. Worked on the lot in the Cemetry Some this afternoon

Sun 2 Feb 1890

Attended church to day

Mon 3 Feb 1890

Chored around and washed the buggy

Tues 4 Feb 1890

Went to Woodland to See about house rent the tenent had not paid any thing

Wed 5 Feb 1890

Staid with Ann to day

Thurs 6 Feb 1890

Come home to day had a good visit with them. Mr Dopking is having the rheumtism

I am not feeling verry well

Found a letter from Mrs Pierce She thinks She will come home Saturday

Fri 7 Feb 1890

I am not feeling verry well to day

Clear and fine all day

Sat 8 Feb 1890

Clear and fine all day. hoed out part of the pees

John went pedling boocks with the horse and buggy him and horse are well use[d] up

Sun 9 Feb 1890

Fogy and quite cold all day

Attended church

Mon 10 Feb 1890

Mrs Pierce come home to day. We are in hopes She is Some better tho she cannot walk much better tahn when she left home

Cold north wind

Tues 11 Feb 1890

Clear and fine all day

Adaline and John washed

Wed 12 Feb 1890

Clear and fine most of the day

Mrs Pierce and Self went to the ranch to see the baby

Cold and cloudy this afternoon

Thurs 13 Feb 1890

Strong north wind and quite cold. I am not feeling a bit well have not been off of the place to day

[Note: A sheet of paper inserted in the volume and written by someone else [Mrs. Pierce?] accounts for the days until the death of George Pierce Sr. on February 24, 1890]

14 was poorly

15 was no better but not very Sick no pain except a soreness in the right side with hot applications it seemed much better did not wish a Doctor sent for did not get up much

16 did not feel like getting up felt weakness and faint when up but sat up in bed much of the time

17, 18, 19 Seemed about the Same

20 did not seem quite as well

21 Sent for the Doc

22 Came again then told me there was no help for him the Heart was all worn out

23 Seemed better all day untill about 4 in the afternoon when taking him up he seemed Smothered and did not fully recover from that untill he was taken with another Spell at half past twelve Monday noon the 24 when he passed away with but a Moments struggle