Transcriber's notes:

[Note that Geo. Pierce, Sr. kept a diary through part of 1890 until the 13 of February, his death occurring on the 24th of February.

Note: In the "Memoranda" and "Cash Account" sections at the end of this volume Pierce has included what amounts to a summary version of this diary. At the end of the "Bills Payable" section of the volume are records of calving, a brief of account of boarding a man, a record of foals born to various mares on the ranch, and a record of horse shoeing of various of the Pierce horses.

On inside of the front cover of the diary is G. Pierce Jr. wrote in pencil: E.[?] S. Houghton

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Also glued on the inside cover is a Guarantee Card for a copy of "In Darkest Africa" to delivered in July from A. L. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco. It is signed by David Heron, Agent.

The elder Pierce died on the 24th of February of this year.

First Pierce Jr. child died March 5th.
Wed 1 Jan 1890
Made head cheese & saus. Pickled jowls

Boys finished moving fence on lower place- brought up gate-

Harby came for mutton sold him 16 sheep @ 2.75 and 3 goats at 2.50

Went to Davis. Sent Floberg $8.50 got medicine for baby, salt, pepper flannel cotton shells &c.

Thurs 2 Jan 1890
Rained all day. Helped sew some -

finished carving for meat- have 100# leaf lard and about 50# other- three pans head cheese 110# sausage that is prime.

Fri 3 Jan 1890
Rained at times throughout the day

-had one hail storm

The mountains are covered with snow.

Father came with the mail
Miss Kate Johnson came for a visit

Both staid over night-

Sat 4 Jan 1890
Father took Miss Johnson to 11 o'clock train. Rained much of day.

Miss Jennie Gray and Roy Galt came this evening in Fathers buggy

John rubbed meat over.

Lee went to Sacramento.

Sun 5 Jan 1890
Snowed some last night. The mountains to the west are all white.

John & Dick went to Davis- took Father's buggy home - Dick drew $5.00

Alfred Russell got back.

Mon 6 Jan 1890
Very hard frost last night.
John commenced pruning again.

Lee is chopping wood on the creek.

Alfred took me to Davis to train 3.30 p.m. went to San Francisco - saw Mother - staid at Grand Hotel.

15 doz eggs L & B 35c drew $40

Mastin sent collector for meat bill $16.00

Tues 7 Jan 1890
Went to San Leandro at 8.30 Mr Best was not at home. Met Lew Morehouse and wife. Took 3.30 p.m. train for Davis. Drove home in Father's rig - very cold.

Wed 8 Jan 1890
Took Mrs. Richardson to 3.30 train - Paid her $100.

Drew $100 of L. & D. - deposited cheque for $17.00

Settled with Wright & Harvey $51.50 due me.

- got steak and celery
Went down in Father’s rig. Roy drove Flora in cart for me. Saw Dick settled with him -

Thurs 9 Jan 1890
A large red bull calf was killed in the corral last night.

The goats got out - Alfred and I hunted them - found them out at school house -

John Muller came for hogs - sold him four for $35.40

Sent Roy to town for medicine and mail he got neither

Boys are pruning and chopping -

Fri 10 Jan 1890
Went to town Drew $20 of L & D - paid Father $14.50. gave Yen [Chinese servant] $30.00

Got medicine - some fresh oysters for Sue and a single harness

John finished pruning and is burning brush -

Sat 11 Jan 1890
Was very sick last night with a cold - lying down much of the day.

John finished burning brush and prepared wheat for bluestoning
Sun 12 Jan 1890
Rained last night and today - not hard - hard wind -

Yen went to Sacramento -

Am feeling better. Sue is not so well -

Boys late & wet in getting home.

Mon 13 Jan 1890
Sue is better. We took a short ride today in the cart with Flora. I am feeling better.

It rained hard early last evening

- there was a strong southeast wind until about 11 o'clock then it stopped and turned cold there being a hard frost - This forenoon a heavy fog arose - clear & bright in afternoon

Boys did not work. Yen washed late in p.m.

Tues 14 Jan 1890
Very hard frost. Boys went to town. Sue and I took ride to county road with Prince in cart. Later I went to lower stock barn -

Charley Haines of Davis was buried today
died Sunday of heart disease -

Mr. Fellen was buried Sunday

Wed 15 Jan 1890
Rained early this morning and most of afternoon.

Boys did not work - fixed the broken ties in new barn -

The baby has had a restless day.

Thurs 16 Jan 1890
Rained much of the day

Went out little while shooting - got nothing

Fri 17 Jan 1890
Rained at times throughout day.

Went to Davis in p.m.

- got goods from Aunt Myra. Apples ads.[?] from D Best steak, &c. medicine
Sat 18 Jan 1890
Boys went to Davis to stay until Sunday

Rebuilt wheelbarrow -

Sun 19 Jan 1890
Rained at times

Boys got back at night.

Mon 20 Jan 1890
Cloudy & chilly  Am not feeling as well as usual.

Tues 21 Jan 1890
Rained hard last night  cloudy today.  Boys went to town in p.m. for medicine for Mrs P & baby -

There is still much snow on the Coast Range.  No trains have gone overland into Oregon for many days

Wed 22 Jan 1890
Very stormy day - rained hard most of day.
Thurs 23 Jan 1890
Rained night and day -

Put cows in sheep barn as hay is getting low at cow barn -

Fri 24 Jan 1890
Rained night and day - creek is rising rapidly to night is in slough -

Sat 25 Jan 1890
Last night was a rough one - at 2 a.m. got up and found water pouring into yard.

- got boys up and partly stopped it.

Water began to fall at 3.30 fell 14 inches in 1 hour

My new fence north of barn went out and same up the creek. Lost some wood - caught much flood wood - many fence posts and some the Stephenson bridge which went out last night.

Put horses in horse barn last night. Went to Davis today took 15 doz eggs 27 1/2
John stayed - got steak and mail.sd

Knight’s Landing train was ditched at Cecil's - two men were killed - No trains either way today- 4 feet of water in the Brigg’s dryer[?]. The water ran over the bank in front of our house. 26 in rain to date.
Sun 26 Jan 1890

Fine day - took Sue and Jean riding on creek -

Mon 27 Jan 1890

Another good day. Went to Sac on what should have been the 11.10 train

- it got off a little before 1 p.m. It was the first train to cross the break since the accident. Drew $15 of L & D. Paid Dr. Briggs' bill $15.00. Saw Dr. Gardner - expect him tomorrow.

Tues 28 Jan 1890

Went to 7.20 a.m. train for Dr Gardner

- but he did not come until 3.30 p.m.

- took him out and back at 8 p. m.

- got 10 peach trees of Treat

Got medicine for Father that Dr. G. prescribed.
Wed 29 Jan 1890

Set out trees in morning - Rained at intervals through day -

Father came in p.m. with medicine from Dr. Gardner.

Thurs 30 Jan 1890

Looked like rain in a.m.

Took baby out for walk for first time.

Sue took a walk and ride too Are feeling better.

Fri 31 Jan 1890

Nice day. John finished pruning -

Lee chops wood -

Big white band cow calved -

Let sheep into field.

Went to Davis. Drew $20 of L & D.

Looked for girl to care for baby - got oysters steak, etc.
Sat 1 Feb 1890
Took Jennie and Boy to 11 a.m. train

Got mineral water, coal oil syrup &c.

Sun 2 Feb 1890
Baby restless - Boys went to town.

Took ride through lower field to see whether or not it would plow.

Mon 3 Feb 1890
Boys filled in stalls. brought the harrow up from lower field sharpened the teeth-

Went to town in p.m. to look for girl - got graham flour cabbage steak and haim hooks.

Took 15 doz eggs to L & D 25c.

Lee went fishing. one fish -

Old "Jane" died.
Tues 4 Feb 1890

Nice day. Began sowing barley where we left off Nov. 28 1889. two teams.

Took Sue & baby out for ride to barley field - first ride for baby -

Went to school in p.m. paid Miss Steltz her Jan. salary.

Lee went fishing again caught 2 fish.

Alfred is pulling beets.

Wed 5 Feb 1890

Went to Sac. on 11.10 train

Drew $20 of L. & D.

Saw Dr Gardner got medicine for Sue.

Bought buggy for baby

Got some trees of Strong &c.

The nurse whom Jean employed has failed to put in an appearance.

Finished sowing barley.
Thurs 6 Feb 1890
Went to town for freight - got a man to drive team - Baby carriage did not come -

Tried to get girl to help Mrs P but failed

Set out 8 fruit trees and a magnolia

Fri 7 Feb 1890
Started team to plowing on the summerfallow in east field that is still to sow. Boys finished harrowing the barley - began plowing - We had to quit plowing in east field as it was too wet - Began summerfallowing east of house - plows hard. Put hams to soaking.

Baby laughed aloud for first time

Fri 8 Feb 1890
Hung up hams - soaked shoulders -

Plowed small field where I had beets -

Went to Davis in p.m. Drew $20 of L & D -

Got baby carriage and groceries -

Paid Chronicle subscription. Sent to Jos. Hahn for medicine
Sun 9 Feb 1890
Cloudy. Got up horses to put in teams -

Fixed Lee’s plow.

John went to town

Mon 10 Feb 1890
Very strong north wind -

Put sheep in lower field - two lambs came

Had Randall brought up and put in house-

Began plowing again in my summer-fallow grain land in east field.

Sowed beet field to barley- Alfred harrowing-

Burned stubble in middle field.

Tues 11 Feb 1890
Put cows with sheep in lower field

Worked at odd jobs
Took Sue & baby riding to N. E. corner of ranch.

Got up goats - killed a kid - or watched Yen killed it.

Wed 12 Feb 1890

Sue and baby slept late this morning. Went to Davis took 20# Butter @ 17 1/2c 92# Bacon @ 10c. Got medicine from Jos Hahn and picture from Harting Portrait House, butter cloth shells &c

Took Father 6 pieces of bacon.

Father and mother came out today for a visit. Mother uses a crutch. Cloudy toward evening - strong north wind now 8 p.m.

Fri 14 Feb 1890

Began sowing in lower field in afternoon.

Mrs Greene spent the day with Sue.

Sat 15 Feb 1890

Cloudy in morning - sowed wheat in lower field - 56 acres all told -

Sprinkled at times - rained toward evening - had it all harrowed -
Went to Davis in p.m. took 15 doz eggs 16c L & D. Got pipe for plunger.

Fixed John's plow

Sun 16 Feb 1890
Hard wind and rain most of night.

Bright and nice today

Boys went to town -

Baby sick.

Mon 17 Feb 1890
Sprinkled at times - hailed.

Went to Sac on 11 a.m. train

Took 15 doz eggs to L & D. 16c

Drew $20
Got medicine fruit trees garden spade and nursery lamp.

Stopped to see Father - he is quite sick.
Tues 18 Feb 1890
Rained most of day.

Boys turned out Flora Saltie & Baby.

Fixed pump at windmill

sharpened harrow teeth - fixed stretcher &c.

The Coast Range are covered with snow

Wed 19 Feb 1890
Rained hard most of night

Rained all day long.

Thurs 20 Feb 1890
Rained at intervals - hailed

Went to Davis in afternoon -

Took Yen to be shaved. he drew $5 -

Father is quite sick.
Shot a duck in slough - first of season.

Fri 21 Feb 1890
Tinkered about home. Fixed oil cans for meat - household tin ware &c.

Went shooting got 12 doves and a hare - 9 birds at one shot.

Sat 22 Feb 1890
Went to town. Took 20# butter 35c & 15 doz eggs 14c Took parents some birds and graham bread -

Found Father very sick

Sun 23 Feb 1890
Went to town to see Father. Staid until after 7 o'clock Dr Gardner came twice. Father had fainting spell toward evening. It was with difficulty that we got him back to bed - I feared he would not regain consciousness. After some minutes he came to himself.

Mon 24 Feb 1890
Went to town early - very cold

My poor dear Father ended his suffering today. He died at 12.30 p.m.

Sent for L. O. Stephens undertaker - he came and took charge - the Odd fellows and others have been very kind.
Mrs. Drummond   Aunt Ann   Mother and John Krimmer sat up last night.

Tues 25 Feb 1890
Went to town early. Took Dick Jones out to dig the grave.

Wrote to H. K. Field of the New England Ins. Co.

Jean came today at 3.30 p.m.

Sue and I sent for pillow of flowers with "Rest" on it for funeral.

Wed 26 Feb 1890
Very cold - wind north.

Funeral today at 10.30 a.m.

- large attendance. Miss Ruggles and Mrs Patterson came from Woodland to sing. Mr. Nevin preached sermon

- Odd Fellows took charge at grave

Mr & Mrs Stiner   Dr Ruddock   Mr Wyckoff   Willams   Ed Gallup and others from Woodland
Susie was sick and unable to attend the funeral - she has not seen Father since his sickness began.

Thurs 27 Feb 1890
Went to Sacramento to see Judge McKune for Mother

- Got some chains & lantern tablets - &c - trees -

Eva came today.

Drew $20 from L& D.

Boys began plowing summerfallow again - in field north of house.

Fri 28 Feb 1890
Went to San Francisco on 7.15 a.m. train to see Field of New Eng. Ins Co.

Went to San Leandro to see Best.

- back through Oakland and arrived at Davis at 7 p.m. -- home 9 p.m.

Miss Stiltz and friend Miss Ball called this evening.
Sat 1 Mar 1890
Snow still on Coast Range.

Got hogs up from north field to feed them. Put out trees blacksmithed &c

Sun 2 Mar 1890
Took Eva to 11 a.m. train on her way to Fresno - stopped at Mothers Aunt Ann and George were there.

Sproule was short - loaned him $15.00

Tried to get a Chinaman to take Yen's place

Mon 3 Mar 1890
Got goats into sheep barn - have 7 Kids -- lost two -- killed blind ewe -

Began planting potatoes

Wright & Harby sent quarter of beef 145# @ 7c 10.15

Sold 19 hogs to W & H @ 4 3/4 c.

shot duck for Sue.
Tues 4 Mar 1890
Rained most of day.

Tinkered in shop a little -

Baby was very sick this evening. Sue became excited and was sick too.

John and I fixed wagon to haul hogs on.

Wed 5 Mar 1890
Baby had a very bad night -

Sent Lee at 4.30 for Dr. Gardner.

Dr came at eight. Pronounced the baby bad off. Took him to 11.10 train

Got medicine in Davis 2.00

Drew $10 of L & D. - Sent Alfred back after Turpentine

Boys took 19 head of hogs to Wright & Harvey 3725# 4/34

They got stuck and had bad time. Sent 15 doz egg
Thurs 6 Mar 1890

John sick - did not work today - went to Davis with Lee -

Rained at times from 10 a.m.

Lee chopped wood a while - then sent him to Davis for Dr. Gardner - He took mules and spring wagon - took 15 doz eggs to R. F. L. -- took mohair to him & got 200# flour.

Dr. came on 3.30 train and back at 8-

Fri 7 Mar 1890

Bad night for baby. Mrs. Greene came and staid all day. Sent for Dr G by Lee - went myself and telephoned to the Dr. - he came a 3.30 Lee took him back at 8. Drove to Davis in 37 min in awful wind.

Got Mrs. Maddox to nurse baby for a while Mrs Russell & Will called.

Sent to Hahn for medicine. The Davisville medicine is a fraud.

Shipped 209# Mohair to McNaughton’s sons N. Y.

Sat 8 Mar 1890

Our darling little boy [Gilmore Wellington] left us today at about 2.15 p.m. Precious little child, he was a most patient little sufferer. a beautiful child and a great blessing and joy to our home.
A great hurricane came at about 10 a.m. that had a very depressing influence. Mr & Mrs Schmeiser came. Mrs Green[e] and Mrs Schmeiser staid over night

Sent to Sacramento for flowers.

Sun 9 Mar 1890

Sent to Woodland by John to Mr Stephens the undertaker.

Sent Alfred to train with wagon - he brought back Eva and Paul Gilmore.

Mrs. Greene went home today.

Mon 10 Mar 1890

Our little darling was consigned to the grave today. Funeral at 11 a.m. He had a beautiful white casket and many flowers - chiefly the offerings of friends.

Susie and Mother were neither of them able to attend. We took the casket into Mother’s house and let her view the remains.

Mr. Gilmore saw it there too.

Some of us took lunch with Mother.

Mr & Mrs. Currey came over in a boat and went to cemetery.
Tues 11 Mar 1890
Very strong north wind

Went to Woodland to see Aunt Ann

- She is dangerously sick. George is sick a bed but is getting better.

Got school trustees books straightened out.

Got wire nails - a dress for Jean &c.

Mrs Maddux went home - John took her & took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L.

Wed 12 Mar 1890
Began plowing summerfallow again

Eva & Paul went to Sac on 7.15 a.m.

Went to Davis - had Mother got to Woodland to see Aunt Ann - went to cemetery got flowers for Sue. Chinaman (Yen) did not come until 3.30

Deposited $100 with B. F. L.
Thurs 13 Mar 1890

Got hogs and goats out of lower wheat field

Mr. Miner came today to make arrangements for standing his Jack here.

He is to give me one colt - I to pay him $17.50 each for all the rest. His man is to be boarded for $4.00 per week and his stock (2 head) to be furnished hay for 50c a day.

Mares bred to horse to insure for $15 -

Fri 14 Mar 1890

Boys are plowing in middle field beside the road as far north as road.

Went to train at 11 a.m. took Jing[?] the extra chinaman - Found that Aunt Ann was still in a dangerous condition so went to Woodland on train. She is easier. Alge is coming Monday to see sheep.

Tried to find Stephens to talk engine to .

Settled with Wright & Harby for hogs - 19 head 4 3/4 c.

Sat 15 Mar 1890

Miner's man came with Jack in forenoon.

Went to Woodland in forenoon to see John D. Stephens about buying a traction engine. Took Paul Gilmore with me - Left pictures with Kredenberg to be framed. Got

Sun 16 Mar 1890
Boys went to town Nice day

Bred Sally, Gay, Fannie & Dixie.

Mr. Currey and Jake Holdrick called.

Mon 17 Mar 1890
Cloudy, looks like rain.

Mr. Gilmore went home. Paul went to Sacramento and Jean went to Sac. shopping.

Sowed 12 acres wheat in lower field and began plowing there.

Dick Alge came bought 51 head sheep @2.50

Bred Flora.

Cut up six hams. Goats got in barley field.
Tues 18 Mar 1890
Rained most of night.  Rained all day

Had Alfred cut up hams.

Bred Blinkie.  Goats got into Hext's field.

Wed 19 Mar 1890
Went to Davis - took 15 doz eggs to L.  13C

Deposited cheque  $66.78 of Wright & Harvey.

Took Mother to train & waited for her and took her back to house.

Got boots - left to be half soled $1.00

Paid Dick Jones $2.50 for digging grave.

Thurs 20 Mar 1890
Went to see Mrs Greene about harvester

Got Dictionary for school. Saw several men about harvesters.

Bought 5000 sacks of B. F. L. @7 1/2 c.

Boys went to Davis.

Fri 21 Mar 1890

Shipped bull calf to Mr. Gilmore

Helped Mother about planting and pruning. Got cabbage and Tomato plants.

Set boys at work on fence in lower field at washout.

John is fixing up harvester.

Sat 22 Mar 1890

Sprinkled at times. Boys worked on fence and harvester - Alfred set out Tomatoes & cabbage plants.

Jean went with me to Mrs. Greene's

Took Mrs. G's order for harvester.
Sun 23 Mar 1890
Boys went to town.

Nice day Sue Jean and I went for walk on creek.

Mon 24 Mar 1890
Jean went to Sacramento shopping.

Went to Mr Hexts in forenoon.

John broke landguage(sic) to plow - went to Davis telephoned to Sac. got extra on 3.30 train - Jean did not come until 8 p.m. waited for her.

Boys worked on fence about windmill and on knoll.

Tues 25 Mar 1890
Started other two team plowing.

Had John plow space west of vineyard

Went to Woodland on 11.40 train back at 3.30 - Got advertising pictures -
Wed 26 Mar 1890

Not very well today. Went to Davis in a.m. ordered another choreman from Sac.

Killed yearling mutton.

Miss Haggerty came from Sac. to make some dresses for Jean and Mrs. P.

Thurs 27 Mar 1890

Started for San Francisco and San Jose. Three trains were only ten minutes apart. took Oregon Xpress - got off at Benicia walked back to Agricultural Works. Met D Hays and L. B. Adams. - crossed straits in small boat - walked to Crocket - saw engines - walked to Vallejo Junction - took 5.10 train for S. F.

Stopped at "Grand" Called on Aunt Myra.

Fri 28 Mar 1890

Went to San Jose on 7.25 - Found Uncle Elijah in very bad condition. Left on 12.55 train via Niles. Sprinkled from San Leandro. Got home at 8.15 New choreman came yesterday. Mrs P. set him to work.

Sat 29 Mar 1890

Rained much of the night and most of the day.

Set some hens and took off some chickens.
Sun 30 Mar 1890
Sprinkled at times

Alfred Russell left today

Larney foaled mare colt.

Mon 31 Mar 1890
Had men plow orchard and vineyard - tramp stayed over night.

Moved bee hives

Went to Woodland with Mother

Father's will was presented for probate.

Saw Stephens in regard to engine.

Mr. N. Wyckoff is to be buried tomorrow

Mother stayed to funeral.

Got Drummond's bill for breeding mares last year $73.50
Tues 1 Apr 1890

Tinkered about place in a.m.

Went to Davis in p.m. to meet Mother at train from Woodland

Mr. Wyckoff had large funeral.

Wed 2 Apr 1890

Went to San Francisco for Mother to settle life insurance business. Lunched at the Bohemian Club rooms with Mr. Field.

Got Mother a dress - Saw Henry Reddington about their land in Colusa.

Got Sue a copy of Longfellow. Home at 8.45 - Brought Lucy & colt from town.

Thurs 3 Apr 1890

Boys all late to breakfast. Began plowing again in lower field for grain have 50 or 60 acres yet to put in.

Planted peas and beans.

Went to school - took dictionary and stand. Paid Miss Stiltz for March.

The mares are coming back too often.
Fri 4 Apr 1890
Nice day. Marked lambs and kids - 100 lambs 65 weathers[?] 35 ewes 12 kids.

Sat 5 Apr 1890
Took Miss Haggerty to Mother's

Larney's colt got cut today

William and I sewed it up -

Sun 6 Apr 1890
Rained last night and at times today

Sue Jean and I went to Mr Hext's this evening - Sue took cake over.

Mon 7 Apr 1890
Sowed wheat ground I had plowed in lower field to barley 43 acres -

Started three harrows -

Took Larney to Davis to Nevada -

- got chicken trough - collars, pads, panes [?] &c
Took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 13c

Set incubator.

 Tues 8 Apr 1890

Strong north wind. Went to Madison to see Stephen's engine start.

Mr La Rue & Jean also went. Mr. Best had a break down and did not get started - was late getting back home.

Wed 9 Apr 1890

Went again to Madison. Got started late. Mr Stephens had nothing in readiness. Mr. Best and I stayed at Mrs. D. Q. Adams' - sold her a complete steam rig

Sold LaRue a traction engine.

Called at Tadlocks

Thurs 10 Apr 1890

Interviewed Tom Lowe on harvester business. Left Mr. Best at Madison

Dined at Winters - Sue and Jean went to Davis. Uncle Elijah is worse.
Fri 11 Apr 1890
Castrated three colts - 1- 3 year old - 2- 2- year

Went to Sacramento with Sue at 11.10

Selected picture frames- wall paper &c

Went to Dr. Gardner's- got Sue hat & Jacket.

Mother & Jean went in at 3.30

Came out at 8.15 - stayed at Mother's

$10 of Mother  $10 of BFL  $20 of Sprouls[?]

Sat 12 Apr 1890
Drew $100 of B. F. L. - Got library books "Best Tonic" codfish stewpan cocanut &c.

Came home at 10 a.m.  Found that one colt had bled badly

William finished plowing vineyard.

Yen killed a sheep.

Strong north wind.
Sun 13 Apr 1890

North wind

Yen went to Sac. drew $20 cash John $20 order

Yen did not get back on time

Sue and I got supper and then went to Mother's. Yen came at 8 o'clock

- took him in buggy to our gate and then went back to Mother's

Mon 14 Apr 1890

Mother, Susie, and I left on 6.35 a.m. train for San Francisco.

Mother and Sue went to San Jose on 10.30 a.m. train - I to San Leandro on 10.30 - back to S. F. on 11.50. Dined - shaved - got shaving tools for boys & went to San Jose on 2.15 p.m. train. Went to Uncle Elijahs at 14th and St John - met Homer - took Sue in evening to see Uncle

Tues 15 Apr 1890

Went to see Uncle Elijah again to help him straighten out his business.

Took 10.20 narrow guage (sic) train for Santa Cruz. Flora met us at depot -

Sue and I took drive along beach in afternoon - called on Mrs Kron[?] and went through tannery. Henry Kron is not at home.
Wed 16 Apr 1890

Took 7.45 a.m. train for San Francisco. Met Mother at San Jose

Took her to city and went to San Leandro to see Mr. Best. - he was not there - Mr. LaRue was -

- Back at 2.38 to [word?] home on 3.30

- got home at about 8 p.m.

Thurs 17 Apr 1890

Found everything going along nicely -

Went to Woodland to see Mr. J. D. Stephens not at home. talked up harvester considerable. Mrs Adams' harvester is under question. Sprinkled a little

Had a breakdown near Plainfield - bolt in shaft came out - nothing serious.

Fri 18 Apr 1890

Rained considerable last night.

Lee & Columbus sacked wheat at lower barn found it musty -

They plowed in afternoon
John took 70 sks wheat to Davis

Rained considerable this p.m.

Drew $80.00 of B. F. L. - Deposited check of MacNaughton's sons for $5468

Received the $5468 for Mother

Got freight from Whittier Fuller 7 Co.

Sat 19 Apr 1890
Sewed mice eaten sacks - fixed gate post eaves trough - made open links[?] and drove Mabel for first time.

Finished plowing in middle field and both teams began in field in front of house.

John hauled grain took down 24# butter & 15 doz eggs - got lumber - salt, syrup coal oil spuds &c - got letter from Sue.

Sun 20 Apr 1890
Had quite sharp sprinkle about 1 p.m.

Lee and John went to town.

Went down to Mr. Miller's line[?] to look for Mary's colt - found it dead -
Drove Mabel in cart out on road

Mon 21 Apr 1890
Things went badly today - John broke harness - got it fixed - then Lee broke down - got him going then John broke landguage(sic) ratchet - fixed that at shop and went to Davis telephoned for another at 3 o'clock got it - Got side leather & hames of Hoffman Kickingstrap of Drake

Tues 22 Apr 1890
Blacksmithed in a.m. made open links

Took books to school in p.m. and went to Davis expecting a letter from Sue but did not hear from her - have not heard from her since Friday

Sold Ligget the wheat I hauled last week 210 sacks 31390# @ $1.22 1/2 $384.54

Wed 23 Apr 1890
Did considerable blacksmithing

Got mowing machine into shop

Had orchard plowed -

Marked out new lands on summerfallowing.
Thurs 24 Apr 1890

Blacksmithed in forenoon -

Drove Mabel to town in afternoon took William with me - Had Mabel shod - Paid Bates' drug bill $118.15

Received 3 letters from Sue - wrote one

LaRue's engine came.

Fri 25 Apr 1890

Went to town in morning took Larney to Nevada and Dick to have shoes put on - took mower knife to shop -- 15 doz eggs to F. F. L.

Met new choreman brought him home.

In p.m. took Barney to get him shod.

Took Mr Best to Davis from LaRue's He got hurt today. - got Graham flour & plow shares also mower knife. Marked out new lands for boys.

Sat 26 Apr 1890

Went to Capay to I. O. O. F. picnic -

Talked harvester continually - Have a fighting chance on G Mast L. G. Ewell and Fred Miller. Went to see C. Eakle he promised to see me before buying
- called at George A. Pierce’s was entertained most cordially.

Met Mr. Miller of Hay press fame - had long ride & dined with him. - got home at 10.15 p.m.

Sun 27 Apr 1890

Took William Marshall to 11 a.m. train

Drove Mabel.

John took Maj & cart for ride in p.m.

Mon 28 Apr 1890

Rode out into field in morning.

Started to take Stump and Blinkie to have them shod. They pulled me off the cart - took the back of the seat with them.

- had to leave Stump - Went to Sacramento to see Dr. Gardner about Sue - Paid Hahn.

- got oiler & socks - changed Yen's pants.

Sue came home - Mrs G's folks brought her.
Tues 29 Apr 1890
Drove Mabel - took Sue riding -

Wed 30 Apr 1890
Took up pump at windmill

Went to Davis. Drew $100 of B. F. L. $20 for Mastin

Went to Woodland - dined at Aunt Ann's

Paid Stephens & Bear $112 Yolo Mail $10.25

Went to Blacks arrived 9 p.m.

Thurs 1 May 1890
Went to Mr. Masts in Hungry Hollow.

Mrs Adam's Duncans Campbell's &c Took supper at Madison got home at 9.30 p.m.

Fri 2 May 1890
Miss Hatch of Fresno came. Johnny drove her out. Hired Tauzer to help me plow - 3 teams - 2 days.
P. S. [?] Chiles called for sheep -

Wrote to R. Ashburner Baden Station

Sat 3 May 1890

Took Miss Hatch to 7.10 a.m. train.

Lillards team quit about 10 a.m.

Tauzers teams quit at night.

Went to see John Kicthle [?] - found that he was in Sacramento sick -

Took up pump at windmill.

Sue and I rode into plow field with Mabel.

Sun 4 May 1890

One sheep died - went out to bring it in and found it dead.

Yen and other boys went to town -

Went to Henli’s[?] and Guili’s -
Mon 5 May 1890
Went to Mr. Miller’s to get mowing team

- he had not got it.

- Plowed among trees near beehive and plowed potatoes. Drove Mabel.

Went to school - took blank for teacher’s report - election notices - and census blanks.

Saw Ed McMullan - got him to act as census marshall.

Tues 6 May 1890
Took Sue to Sacramento to see Dr. Gardner. Got pictures framed.

Home on 3.05

Drew $100 of B. F. L. -- Sent it to Homer B. Pierce San Jose.

Wed 7 May 1890
Rained last night and much of today in light showers -

Blacksmithed and took up the windmill pump. There was a stick in the valve.
John Drummond came with horse
- tried all the mares - found none in season.

Thurs 8 May 1890
Blacksmithed some in morning -

Boys went out to plow but gave it up - too wet - sprinkled, - plowed in p.m.

Dan Guili came for sheep to graze - cannot let him have them.

Sue and I went to Sac. on 11.10. Went out to Ridge Home, 22nd & R. had room engaged by Dr. Gardner. Pleasant location -

Drew $50 of B. F. L. - sent it to Homer Dr Williams the Davis dentist was run over and killed by cars at depot Tuesday eve - buried today.

Fri 9 May 1890
Started at 5.30 to go to Hungry Hollow -

Had Henle [Henli, Huele?] sign warrants for school.

Went to Mrs. Adams' & Mast’s. also to Wm Mardi’s - he had bought a "Holt".

Home at 7.30 p.m.
Sat 10 May 1890

Went to Sacramento on 7.10 a.m. to be present when Sue is treated by physicians. They did not come as they had intended to. I drove Mabel and left her at the livery stable.

It rained very hard while I was going in to town and much during the day.

It hailed very hard in Sac. Sue and I took walks on railroad track.

Sun 11 May 1890

Sue and I took walk of 16 blocks on railroad track this morning.

Dr's. Gardner and Cluness came at 11.45 a.m. and operated on Sue. The operation continued about 15 or 20 minutes and was very painful. I staid until about 6 p.m., then went home on the 6.50 train.

- called at Mother's - and got home at 8.45

- all the boys were in bed -

Mon 12 May 1890

Started three harrows on roughest of summerfallow - Went to Woodland on harvester business - wrote to Mrs. Ira Dopking about harvester.

Saw C Eakle and Fred Miller who thought of buying but both have backed out.
Tues 13 May 1890


Picked up things about place. cut thistles

- Had William cultivate vineyard and orchard

Went to Henle's [Heule's?] to see about grain to cut - he is going to get a machine - Engaged to cut Schmeiser's grain, 150 acres, and McMillan's 100 acres each at $2.00 per acre.

Took library books back to school.

Wed 14 May 1890

Went to Sac. to see Sue 11.10 6.50

Mother went in on business. She transferred $2500 in Sacramento Bank to me -

- Got wool sacks.

John was sick and laid off this p.m.

Guy Muir came with horse and took Lottie home with him.

Finished harrowing.
Thurs 15 May 1890

Began mowing and plowing-

Homer came today  Johnny brought him out

Am not well today - A very warm disagreeable day -

Fri 16 May 1890

Very warm last night and today. Am not at all well

John finished mowing small pieces at house and raked a little. Had Columbus bring his plow.

Sat 17 May 1890

Set Columbus to raking hay.

John began mowing in north pasture -

Lee finished plowing summerfallow

- tried Randall on creek - not much good.

Homer and I went to Sacramento. Paid him $400 - Life insurance $150  Mrs. Burton $20  Mr CW Clark $24  Ah Yen $10.
Deposited cheque for $110 with B. F. L -

Homer went East.  Got coat & vest

Sun 18 May 1890
Got breakfast at state House - went to Catholic church.

Drs. Gardner and Cluness examined Sue again and think she is doing well.

Got hat for summer.

Yen went to Sacramento on 11.10  John took him down.

Went out on 3.05  took Yen out-  got washing.

Mon 19 May 1890
Boys bunched hay around vineyard -

John began mowing in east field.

Sacked wool  3 1/2 large sacks  2 small sks of lambs wool.

Lee went to town in p.m. took 48 sks wheat  7120# to B. F. L.  Shipped wool 1220# to G. B. A. S. F.  took 15 doz eggs 14c -
- got 2 bbls sugar coal oil Black oil, soap nails chocolate, lemon, ham,[?] straps &c. lumber for Harvester. John broke down machine slipped cogs - got fixed

Tues 20 May 1890

Fixed mower. Boys broke buncher -

made new one. Had wagon washed.

Got two headed beds out to repair

Began feeding hogs on creek.

Put hay carrier in cow barn - had cow barn cleared out - hauled fencing to upper creek crossing. Killed a chicken to take to Sue tomorrow.

Wed 21 May 1890

Worked on wagon bed until train time.

Went to Sacramento on 11.10 train.

Took case eggs to B. F. L 14c.

Drew $150 from Bank- Paid Mrs Burton $20.

Had dinner at hotel. Took Sue a lot of things and she could not eat anything. - chicken bread, cake, preserves, jelly, lemons &c-
Drs Gardner and Cluness performed operation on my darling wife. She took ether and suffered much from its effects. She rested only fairly well - I staid with her.

Thurs 22 May 1890

Sue looks better. Got soda for her.

Went to Davis on 10.40 train - took out crate of strawberries. Got home for dinner. Went to show John about mowing around sloughs. Finished mowing today.

Fri 23 May 1890

Hard north wind - one of the worst

Temperature 92 degrees air stifling -

Boys bunching and cocking hay.

Sent letters to Sue & Eva by butcher.

Am not feeling well today - taking quinine.

Mr. Heron called today canvassing for Stanley's "Darkest Africa" subscribed for a copy. "library". Fed hogs grain

Fixed header beds for hay hauling. Had thistles cut on creek "another variety"
This was a dreadfully lonesome day to me.

Yen washed - for Sue's benefit.

Sat 24 May 1890

Strong north [wind] - boys finished bunching hay this a.m. - hauled one load

- too windy - quit - 15 doz eggs 15c Went to Davis with Mabel - got sack spuds - case strawberries 3/8 bit Jars - letter from Sue. Boys hauling hay in p.m. from north field - Went to Sac on 6.15 train to see Sue.

Sun 25 May 1890

Sue rested very well - got very nervous and tired today. - got her some raspberries - she enjoyed them.

Got breakfast down town - dined with Sue. Dr. Gardner came - got medicine for ague - Went home on 6.25 train.

Mon 26 May 1890

Nice cool day - Boys finished hauling from north fields - filled cow barn - began on horse barn -

Marked 25 pigs - fixed hay rigging.
Tues 27 May 1890

Cool, cloudy & pleasant.

Drove 95 hogs to north pasture in a.m. Went to Davis in afternoon - took William to do some shopping - Called at Mother's. Fixed fence about pasture

Drove LaRue's cattle home. Found 5 head of hogs on creek - drove them out north. shot bird for Sue.

Got shoes that I had left with shoemaker $1.25

Turned mules & horses into creek pasture 30 head all told 6 yearlings.

Wed 28 May 1890

Blacksmithed some for hay fork - spliced rope - mowed hay -

Went to Sacramento on 11.10 to see Sue.

took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 15c

Paid Mrs Burton $20 for week ending tomorrow.

Paid Mrs Greene $7.00 for funeral flowers.

Home at 8 p.m. - brought Yen some cherries. Had cart tire set - fork tine fixed. Letters from Best, Humphrey, school marm & others.
Thurs 29 May 1890

What a lonesome day! It seems a month since I saw my darling wife

Have been pretty busy today - worked in yard some - went out north to see hogs and hay, fixed mowing machine plow singletrees, stretchers and tinware

Blinkie's yearling colt got hurt - John Collins came to see about getting job of fixing up the old Bets' wagon - offers to do it for $100.

Fri 30 May 1890

Very strong south wind all day -

Went down creek looking for hogs - none.

Fixed harness - Went to Davis to mail letter to Sue - Got 2 bx. strawberries 1/2 doz bananas 1 box cherries 1/2 doz pint jars -

Home at 1.15 Boys late to dinner

Fixed fork - harnessed Mack - shot dove for Sue - watered shrubs and vegetables.

Sat 31 May 1890

Tinkered in forenoon - mended buckets fork harness &c - Went to Sacramento on 3.35 train - took Sue shortcake - cake limes, bananas raspberries graham bread - found her better -

Lee drew $10.00
Sun 1 June 1890
Sue had a very nervous spell last night - is better today - Dr. Gardner came at 12.30 - dressed wound - says it is doing well - expects to perform final operation soon. Went out on 6.25

Called at Mother's a moment, Home at 8.15 - John was up to Mr. Russell's and found our horses in R's corral - came home and he and I got them.

Mon 2 June 1890
Took old Bett's wagon apart and to town to have rebuilt.

Helped unload Mrs. Green's harvester.

Got sack coal of J. P. C. - iron of Harwood 30c

Engaged 2 tons of hay of Sparks for Mother $7.00

In p.m. got cattle home from up creek and built fence across creek above house - Boys finished hauling hay from north Tuscany field and small lot in front of house.

Tues 3 June 1890
Put wires across creek at east line -

- had tramp who was begging breakfast help me - Boys finished hauling in to horse barn at 11 a.m. Put hay carrier into west end of sheep barn -
Went to school election in p.m. Wm. Oeste was elected trustee to succeed D. B. Guili -

two of the bulls got into Hext's field. Wm got them home.

Wed 4 June 1890

Fixed plows. Went to Sacramento on 11.10 train to see Sue - expecting that the doctors would operate on her today, but she had failed to make the proper appointment with them so nothing was done today. Had them change the time for tomorrow for 3 1/2 p.m. to 10. a.m. Paid Mrs Burton $20

Thurs 5 June 1890

Sue and I had a bad night. We moved our bed during the night across the hall as Mr. Lucie whose feet were cut off by cars groaned so much. At 10.25 doctors came, administered chloroform and made what we hope will prove the final operation.

Sue was very sick after it - Could not leave her so remained over night.

Fri 6 June 1890

Had a bad night - Sue was sick

Went home on 6.15 a.m. train - walked to 7th & K - breakfasted at Dahm's restaurant.

- got potatoes, egg box and package of clothing from Mother's

Went home and then to Mrs Greene's to start harvester - got good start -
Sat 7 June 1890

Lee laid up today- Helped put two loads hay into sheep barn and clean it up. Finished haying- took off header beds- got in Randall- got teams ready- began replowing north of house- plows well- Went to Sacramento on 7.05 p.m. train- Found Sue suffering badly from a too strong wash of bi chloride of something given by Mrs Burton.

15 doz eggs to B. F. L.  15c

Sun 8 June 1890

Cool - strong south breeze -

Got breakfast at State House -

Miss Edith Smith & Mr Humphrey called. Out on 6.25 Woodland train. Sent $1.40 for Blue and Gold.

Miller wants span of cheap horses -
Mon 9 June 1890

Put four yearling bulls out north in windmill field also Larney & Jake.

Put Yolo in windmill field near house

Fixed fence about " " " "

- raised wire and set extra posts.

Went to Tauzer's and Davis in p.m.

Got harvester out - put it together and moved it to shop. Deposited cheque for $193.59 with B. F. L. Drew $60- paid Mother $54.

Tues 10 June 1890

Went to Woodland on grand jury.

- was made secretary of " "

Viewed public buildings & hospital

Took dinner at Aunt Ann's -

Mr. D has rheumatism.
Stopped at Mrs Greene's saw harvester.

Hired Stiner's boys to tend and sew sacks on harvester. Got goods of Diggs

Wed 11 May 1890
Went to see barley - many weeds in it - Went to Schmeiser's his grain is still pretty green. Shot quail for Sue - Went to Sac. on 11.10 train.

Got mule collars plow bolts &c.

Got extras from Mr Best. Letter from Mrs D. Q. Adams. - she wants to start the 18th -

Thurs 12 May 1890
Worked on harvester all day

Boys finished replowing in field north of shop - the mayweeds were immense.

Mrs. Lee Marshall and Mamie Morrell were here this evening

Mamie Morrell applied for our school.

Fri 13 June 1890
Worked on harvester.
Had Columbus plow around wheat in lower field to prevent fire spreading - The late sown barley is coming out nicely

John had been sick all day -

Shot four doves to take to Sacramento

North wind and a good many gnats.

Sat 14 June 1890
Worked on harvester in forenoon

Put Dixie in plow team

Went to Sac on 3.30 train.

Took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L 17c.

Took Sue bread, cake & birds and Mrs B. a box of raisins.

Got rice tapioca collar Clips &c-

Took bolster to Collins for repairs -

Paid Dr Bates $60
Mrs Greene was here selling tickets for Church concert - took two.

Sun 15 June 1890
Sue is gaining I think nicely

she sat up quite a while yesterday and again today. Eva came on 11.45 train - went to meet her.

Home on 5.50 train - late left at 6.20

- found Yen in Davis - took him out home with me - Got ironing 40c.

Mon 16 June 1890
Got harvester ready - Began cutting on barley - very weedy

Miss Ball of Winters with Mr. Grunig[?] called on school business as also did Misses Dryfus of Woodland.

Very strong south wind.

Tues 17 June 1890
Went to Dixon for extras for harvester - did not get them sent to Woodland. Sent John to Davis for 3000 sacks and two bales twine -
John and I went to McMillan's and Schmeisers to see about grain to cut - none ready.

Stiner boys went home -

Began plowing again with 2 teams.

Wed 18 June 1890

Strong cold north wind in morning - hot in midday cool, strong damp south wind in eve - John and I went to Mrs. Adam's place - to see steam harvester.

Was sick and could do nothing

Came back by way of Plainfield - saw Mr. Waldorf about buying goats - he is coming to see them. Got out two bridge timbers to move header on. Got letter from Sue at Madison was opened by mistake.

Thurs 19 June 1890

Got harvester up from barley field

loaded up in forenoon and went to Schmeiser's in p.m. Got set up and started about 5 p.m. Grain light - Steiner[?] boys came last round. I sewed and filled sacks until they came -

Went to Davis for mail and extra cylinder clutches - drove Prince and Johnny in cart.
Fri 20 June 1890
Painted dining room floor in a.m.

Went to machine in p.m. Found them doing well. Went to Davis took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 17c.

Got letter from Sue - she wants to come home.

Sat 21 June 1890
Went to Sacramento on 6.50 a.m. train

Got Lee's watch - ague medicine $250 of Sac. Bank.

Sue came out on 10.40 train. Had easy hack to train. Prince and buggy home.

She stood the trip nicely -

Yen painted kitchen floor

Sun 22 June 1890
Sue not up today, is unwell

The boys came home today - report doing well - Mr. Schmeiser sent for straw dump
Mr Miller called, is anxious about his grain cutting, wants feed - made satisfactory arrangements with him.

Mon 23 June 1890
Went to Schmeiser’s in p.m.

Boys finished west field and moved into east at noon.

Had a few under 600 [sacks?]

Tues 24 June 1890
Put second coat of paint on dining room floor

Painted wagons

Wed 25 June 1890
Strong north wind.

Painted wagons in shed

Went to Schmeiser’s in afternoon

- took Jim - brought old Billy back.
Fixed trough at lower barn

Thurs 26 June 1890
Strong north wind. Waldorf came for one goat to kill-

Went to McMillan's to see machine. Boys moved from Schmeiser's this morning-

Went to Davis took 15 doz eggs 16c.

Paid B. F. L. $217.50 for 3000 sacks @ 7 1/4.

Fri 27 June 1890
Painted wagons and did odd jobs

Went with Sue to MacMillans in evening - Boys had finished cutting were loaded and ready to come home - Went back to get supper ordered - killed a young goat -

Sat 28 June 1890
Fixed up machine and got started at 9.05 in north field of Tuscany. had a good run.

Started William to hauling grain into pile with Lucy & Flora wages $2.50 per day

Sorted out, or rather Sue did, nine head goats to keep
Very warm day

Sun 29 June 1890
Drove goats to windmill pasture

Lee, John & Yen went to town

Yen drew $10.00- Sue gave it to him

Yen went to Sacramento - got shoes  China vegetables &c  and a nice China fan for Sue.

Mon 30 June 1890
Nice day for harvesting -

Mr Andrews of "The Equitable" was here

Sue and I went to Mrs. Greene's in the afternoon -- went out to their harvester - staid to tea -- Judge and Mrs McFarland were there.

Worked on wagons some & painted

Mr. Schmeiser paid me $200 on acct.
Tues 1 July 1890
Helped Sue arrange pictures &c

Blacksmithed some. Tom Maxwell and Mr Eugene R. Breakey called in the interest of the Manhattan Life Ins. Co.

Went to Davis - took 15 doz eggs 16c

Deposited $180 with B. F. L. got oil paint rope & fruit - Paul Gilmore came out with me -

Wed 2 July 1890
Boys finished cutting north field at noon. Wm covered wheat pile -

Had break down and did not get away from house until 4 p.m. Went to Mr. Miller's had more bad luck and got but little done.

Sue, Paul and I went out to see the harvester in the morning.

Thurs 3 July 1890
Went to Davis in morning got boiled oil & machine oil

Paul Gilmore went to Sacramento

Went to Mr. Miller's and staid with the machine till night - the grain is badly lodged and very weedy.
Mr. Waldorf's man came to see about goat trade.

Fri 4 July 1890
Went to Waldorf's traded goats for filley - gave $15 to boot.

Sue and I went to Mr. Miller's
- after went shooting in north field
- got 2 ducks - shot cat at house that has been killing chickens -

Saw fireworks at Sacramento.

Sat 5 July 1890
Went to Davis in a.m. got Flora & Lucy shod in front - got new wagon 20 1x8 24 ft fencing - keg syrup bolts &c. Telegraphed for extra for harv[ester?]?

Went to machine. Charlie Greene came for me to go and see his machine

went- back & Sue and I went to see Tauzer's machine

Sun 6 July 1890
Mr. Waldorf came brought the filly I traded for and got the goats 50 head -
Mon 7 July 1890
Went to Mrs. Greene's - fixed their harvester- dine there.

Our boys are doing well on that hard grain of Miller's

Went to see Mr. Currey about building a fence across creek.

Tues 8 July 1890
Built fence across creek near line

Boys had trouble just at night and sent for me -

John came up for teacher and got supper here

Wed 9 July 1890
Went to machine early. Finished creek fence. Opened fence into Mr. Miller's

Went to Davis at 10.30 for mail

Boys finished Mr. Miller's grain about 4 o'clock -- threshed 104 sks barley on creek.

Cleaned out granary put old barley in sheep barn -
Thurs 10 July 1890

Went to Davis for Miss Anna Murphy

- she did not come - engaged horse and Johnny to take her out. Went to Woodland to Grand Jury -

Paid Mr. Waldorf $15 balance on goat trade.

Fri 11 July 1890

Did not do much today -

Fixed fence out north and helped Mr. Miller put up gap in last field.

Old Jim horse is sick tonight

Sat 12 July 1890

"Old Jim" died this morning

Went to town for meant

- got tire on cart mended -

Boys finished cutting barley this forenoon and began on wheat -
Sue  Anna & I went to Davis this eve - Anna took 7.05 train.

Sun 13 July 1890
Dixie, three year old mare got most horribly cut on barb wire above house

Mon 14 July 1890
Began putting barley into corral at middle barn.

Fixed sacks for barley -

Tues 15 July 1890
Patched sacks. Mrs P and I went to lower field in buggy.

Finished hauling barley 950 sacks.

Fixed barley screen that was injured

Miss Morrell called today look for a school.

Boys got about 284 sacks wheat today.
Wed 16 July 1890
Went to Davis in a.m. took 15 doz eggs to B. F. L. 16c

got rice beans oats strawberries &c.

Went to school election or meeting of trustees in p.m. Miss Vesta Hall was chosen teacher. I was again elected clerk of the District.

About 280 sacks today

Thurs 17 July 1890
Work on harvester this a.m.

Got wagon ready - horse up & fixed gate hinges to corral gate.

Charley Griffin came with cow.

About 230 sacks today.

Fri 18 July 1890
Went around sloughs again with harvester in a.m. The wagon William was hauling grain on broke down - took front part of running gear to town got axle fixed

Sue went with me. Mr. Miller's girls came out to our corner with us
Sat 19 July 1890
Helped William haul wheat today - four horses - two wagons

Hauled to pile next Miller's vineyard about 610 sacks -

Boys got about 190 sks - east of barn.

There was a photographer in the field today.

Sun 20 July 1890
John brought grain draper up today to fix - he drew $10.00

Mon 21 July 1890
John sick today. Lee ran harvester

Wm hauled grain with four horses -

Went to Sacramento with Sue at 11.10 a.m. Saw Dr. G.
Drew $500 of Sac Bank - Deposited $450. with B. F. L.

Got 500 sacks - John was down in cart and took 300 home. I 200 in buggy

- got berries  beans &c. Paid Hahn $400

Left John's watch at Flobergs

[In pencil]: 160 sks today -

Tues 22 July 1890
Mended sacks. fixed fence &c

Boys finished club wheat near Middle barn 1950 sacks on about 180 acres. Began Tuscan at gate east of here - very light.

Wed 23 July 1890
Turned 12 head of stock horses from small vineyard lot into north pasture.

Counted sacks in lower field - straightened out grain hauler- he left 5 sacks

Mended sacks - put the two pet kids out north -
Charley Griffin came with Hext's cow again

Thurs 24 July 1890
The caster wheel on harvester bothered[?] today. Sue went with me to field while we were fixing it.

Mr McMillan came to find out when we would be at his place

John Griffin came looking for barley.

Fri 25 July 1890
Went to Tauzer's to get guards for sickle bar - got but one - out of bar.

Fixed corral around wheat near Mr. Millers.

Sue and I went to Mrs. Greene's to get sickle guards - got four.

Sat 26 July 1890
Sue went to Sacramento on 11.10. to see Dr. Gardner - she met Gussie Wilger at Western - out on 6.50 train.

Boys finished harvesting today at about 9.30 a.m. - loaded up and got away at 10.45 going to McMillan's. Went to M's after dined in wagon. Prince & Ned.
Have about 3200 sks. wheat  1200 barley.

Speared nice carp

Sun 27 July 1890

Wm Liddy the choreman left this morning   $103.25

Quite strong north wind.

Put cows in lower field.

Yen drew $50 and I gave him $5 more

Sue and I took him to Davis in evening

- he is going to city for a few days.

John came home today sick.  drew $5 and went to Davis -  is going to see Dr. Gardner.

Mon 28 July 1890

Sue and I went to machine at McMillans in forenoon.  Tauzer called to find out about wages.

Took off hen with 5 turkeys.
Tues 29 July 1890

Boys finished harvesting for season and got home at dusk.

Went to Davis and made arrangements for storing wheat.

Ann not at all well -

Wed 30 July 1890

Put harvester in shed. Fixed up wagons and began hauling grain.

Columbus life. Arthur Steiner & Lee are driving. Charley Steiner is doing chores -

Paid Columbus $176

Thurs 31 July 1890

Went to Davis took 13 rolls butter @30c

15 doz eggs 16c. got screen, pans &c.

Mr. Rogers and Mrs. King came today

Mrs. K. to visit Sue.

Dixie is not as well as usual.
Took fish caught last night to Mother.

John came out for clothes & drew $5.00

Fri 1 Aug 1890
Cleared out barley granary.

Put sink under hydrant west of house.

LaRue's folks had fire in barley field. Charley and I went to it. damage not great.

Sat 2 Aug 1890
Went to Woodland in spring wagon

Attended County Convention on J. F. Duncan's proxy. Was appointed delegate to Congressional Convention to meet in Sacramento on Aug 12th.

Bought buck of Bullard for $410.00

Charley fixed fence on road and sewed at house.

Sun 3 Aug 1890
Boys all went away - Lee to Davis

Steiner boys to Woodland
Mon 4 Aug 1890
Went to Davis in a.m. Drew $40 of B.F. L. - got bread  peaches  melon &c

In p.m. took Mrs. King and children in spring wagon to the Garner [Garnet?] & McCune ranch  Sue going

Charley neglected his work badly.

The mare Dixie that was cut so badly with wire on July 3  died today

Tues 5 Aug 1890
Went to Sacramento on 11.10 train

Drew $500 of Sac Bank and opened an acct at D. C. Mills - deposited $450. Got paint of Whittier & Fuller for barn roof $54.50 clothing 3.25

Paid Jos  Hahn $6.00. Called at Mother's

Got 2 bxs blackberries-  Sue canned them.

The roan bull I loaned Mr. Miller got back among the stock.

[Pencilled note in margin]: J. P. Collins $50 on B. F. L-
Wed 6 July 1890

Am not feeling well.

Helped Sue can 26 cans tomatoes

Charley got horses out of windmill field and put them on creek. Little black mare lame.

Irish tramp called for breakfast.

Thurs 7 July 1890

A very bad day for me.

Charley picked pears near tank.

Charley Griffin drove his heifer over again.

Fri 8 July 1890

Sue and I went to town in afternoon. got blackberries and peaches 50# peaches and 4 boxes blackberries.

Settled with Charley Steiner

Took washing to On Lee - 3 rolls butter 30c & 15 doz eggs 17 1/2c to B. F. L.

Yen came home.
Sat 9 Aug 1890

Helped Sue some about putting up fruit - Settled with Arthur Steiner.

Finished hauling grain.

Steiner boys went home.

Have no choreman now. Lee brought in 62 sacks wheat from out north and remaining barley. Fixed up barley

Went to Miller's. Red cow had red bull calf.

Sun 10 Aug 1890

Went to Davis with Sue in afternoon - was late about chores.

Mon 11 Aug 1890

Went to Miners in p.m. for John Allen whom I expected have stay at place while I was away. He backed out - Hired Leonard Grady for a few days -

Tues 12 Aug 1890

Went to Sacramento on 11.10 train.

Went to Capitol in p.m. Saw Convention organizer - looked about for watch -
Wed 13 Aug 1890
Took bath as did Sue at Dr. Cooks -

Went to convention saw nomination for Governor H H Markham -

Got watch of Kenneth Floberg.

- gave old watch and $100 [?]

Sue did shopping - home on 7.30 p.m. train

Thurs 14 Aug 1890
Sent Leonard for Mother’s cow to pasture.

Went to Davis in p.m. took Leonard home. Sue went - took her to cemetery

Got 57# peaches, watermelon and 2 doz jars - also Mother’s jars.

Drew $50 of B. F. L.

Miss Kate Johnson came for visit.

Fri 15 Aug 1890
Fixed some things for painting barn
Barley grinder from Winters came for job.

Sat 16 Aug 1890
Went to Davis in wagon with Sue.

Took Mother nine sks chickenfeed and some grapes -

Got Lee to come home and help me as I am sick

Got washing bluestone flour &c.

Sun 17 Aug 1890
Lee & Yen went to town -

Am feeling very badly today.

John Wright came out today.

Mon 18 Aug 1890
Lee went to Chas Coils for wood -

[In pencil]: Drew $300 of B. F. L. $40 to F. Bullard. 88.25 A. Steiner
Afternoon we started for our vacation.

Kate Johnson and Sue rode in buggy

John and I in wagon - Left buggy at shop to be painted

Reached San Francisco at 7.30

Stopped at Grand Hotel No 3.

Tues 19 Aug 1890
Sue went to see Aunt Myra -

Went to see Regan Vaper? Engine.

Called Holcom’s office

Wed 20 Aug 1890
Went to Golden Gate Park and Cliff House.

Anna Murphy and Mr. Chester called -
Thurs 21 Aug 1890

Went to San Leandro on 8.30 train. Sue stayed at Mrs. Morehouse's - had lunch there

Saw Mr. Best - got statement of my acct.

Stopped at Oakland. Sue went visiting with Anna -

Fri 22 Aug 1890

Took steamer "Eureka" at 8 a.m. for Monterey. Had a "rolling" trip. Sue very sick - got to Monterey at 6.30. Hired bus to take us to Pacific Grove

stayed at Hotel El Carmelo.

Sue not able to go down to dinner.

Sat 23 Aug 1890

Went this a.m. to secure place to stay - Called at Miss M. E. B. Nortons and engaged quarters at $10.00 per week.

Visited beach and moved to new place this afternoon.

Sun 24 Aug 1890

Had bad night - an "off" bed.
- got up early and took walk to lake Majella

Mon 25 Aug 1890
Went fishing at Monterey

Sue and I fished for an hour or so - had good luck caught 23 mackerel.

Tues 26 Aug 1890
Took long walk early out to lake Majella.

Took dinner at Gosberg House.

Wed 27 Aug 1890
Broke up housekeeping

Keep room at Miss Nortons and take meals out.

Called at Mrs. Barber's -

Thurs 28 Aug 1890
Went to Del Monte. Sue and I took baths at Bath House and lunch at Del Monte.

Had very pleasant day -
Fri 29 Aug 1890
Lifeless sort of day

Sat 30 Aug 1890
Sue went into surf for first time at Monterey - I did not go in.

At 1 p.m. a party consisting of the two Mrs. Galt, Miss Mastin Master Galt Sue and I took carriage for the 17 mile drive. Had a pleasant time and returned at 5.15

Went down to see the high tide.

Sun 31 Aug 1890
Went to Methodist Church in a.m.

Minister from Oregon preached -

Mon 1 Sept 1890
Helped Miss Norton fix stove shelves, &c - in forenoon -

Took walk along beach with Sue in p.m. got shells -

Tues 2 Sept 1890
Did not feel well today - strolled about beach in a.m. Took long walk with Mr. Barber in p.m.

Sue and Miss Norton went calling in p.m.
Wed 3 Sept 1890
Took long walk to chinatown

Sue and I went into surf today

'Twas very cold for me.

Thurs 4 Sept 1890
Took 9.30 train for Lake Majella

Walked to Moss beach on wrong trail - had long walk - gathered great quantities of moss. a lady and child from Monterey accompanied us -

Caught train on the fly to return on. Very tired.

Fri 5 Sept 1890
Went to Del Monte Baths on 9.57 train - nice bath - back at 1 p.m.

played croquet on Gosbey grounds -

Sat 6 Sept 1890
Got breakfast early - took 7.35 a.m. train for San Francisco.
Took lunch with "Aunt Myra"

Concluded to stay until Monday to see celebration of Native Sons -

Saw parade and fireworks this eve - Rooms at 425 Bush St.

Sun 7 Sept 1890
Went to hear Dr. McKenzie preach this morning.

Went to Golden Gate Park to hear grand music by a band of 40 pieces and two echo bands artillery, musketry &c - very fine. Sue and I both very tired.

Mon 8 Sept 1890
Went home on 7.30 a.m. train.

John met us a Davis with wagon. Got home about 1 p.m. Found things going along very well -

Sue brought boys jewelry presents and gave Mother a black shawl.

Tues 9 Sept 1890
Boys finished putting straw in sheep barn and began hauling hay from east barn into horse barn.
Sue and I went to vineyard and to east field to see stock.

Wed 10 Sept 1890
Went to Currey’s to see about grapes - no one at home.
Began putting out more muscats.
Got colts up to wean - caught Prince and Ned - Sue went to town with me - I to Woodland on 11 a.m. train - back at 3.30. Paid for wood -
Paid Drake. Saw Alge about hogs and cattle.

Thurs 11 Sept 1890
John put out poison for squirrels
Lee made trays for drying raisins -
In afternoon worked on the barley granary. - Many weevils -
Helped Sue put up grapes and pickled figs -
Hank Marvin called to find work for one of his boys.
Fri 12 Sept 1890
Boys picked grapes in forenoon

Hauled two loads hay in p.m.

Sue put up more figs.

Sat 13 Sept 1890
Boys began again to dry Muscats

Put them on papers on boards -

Went to Davis in a.m. Took Yen to train for fair at 11.10 - he drew $10.00 cash

Drew $40.00 of B. F. L. - got bill for Aug.

Gave Mother draft for $50 on B. F. L. -

Took up one sweat box of raisins.

[In pencil]: Drew $40  Mother 50  Yen 10

Sun 14 Sept 1890
Boys went to town
Mon 15 Sept 1890
Sue and I went to Sacramento to State Fair on 6.55 a.m. train.

I to help make exhibit of Traction engines. We secured fine rooms of Mrs. Eseridge[?] #1116 9th St.

boarding at Mrs Foote's K bet 9th & 10th

Sue and I went to pavillion in evening.

Tues 16 Sept 1890
The contest at plowing began on Stockton road 3 miles out

Wed 17 Sept 1890
Plowing match again today.

Thurs 18 Sept 1890
Finished plowing. Moved from Upper Stockton road to lower in search of softer ground for the Price machine Beat him badly on his own ground.

Fri 19 Sept 1890
Sue and I went to pavillion for a few minutes - Sue got strayed - Went to park for a few minutes -
Sue and I went to park in p.m. and the pavillion in evening

Mr. Damurow[?] was at pavillion this eve -

Best's Engines got first premium and Gold medal.

Sat 20 Sept 1890


Left Sue's watch with Floberg -

Went with Sue to park - saw stock, balloon ascension &c -

Back to town for lunch - went to park to see Mr. Best.

Went home on 3.05 train

Sun 21 Sept 1890

Staid last night with Mother as boys did not come

Went home in evening.
Mon 22 Sept 1890

Got up hogs - Dick Alge came for them separated them -

Fixed up hog racks on four wagons -

Went to Davis at noon for Mrs. Blanchard - got case of Bartlett water and box for raisins

Gave Collins check on B. F. L. for $96.65

Tues 23 Sept 1890

Boys got off for Woodland at about 6.45. 71 head hogs 11658# 3 3/4c

They came back by Davisville and brought the bran I bought in Sac.

Wed 24 Sept 1890

Sprinkled at intervals throughout the day. Pile up raisins

Put away hog wagons got out Randall. Fixed water wagon rack

Worked in p.m. on barley granary -

Lee cut and hauled thistles.
Thurs 25 Sept 1890
Lee finished cutting thistles

Boys then went to lower barn and bluestoned 90 sks wheat -

I went to town in a.m. took 4 rolls butter @ 40c and 30 doz eggs @ 26c to B. F. L.

Got rice, spuds, tea, egg plant beans & staples 1 gal oil of Clarke

Fri 26 Sept 1890
Barley grinder came at 10 a.m.

Sue and Mrs. B - went to school house.

Sat 27 Sept 1890
Took Mrs. Blanchard to 11.10 train

Sue and I went to Woodland on train. Called at Aunt Ann's

stayed at Byron's - lots of mosquitos

Heard Markham, Republican candidate for Governor and Morehouse of San Jose spoke at Opera House.
John went to town. Lee burned stubble and fence in north field.

Sun 28 Sept 1890
Went home. Called at Hext's

Yen walked to town.

Mon 29 Sept 1890
Rained last night

Took Lee to town. Pail him off. Got shafts to buggy.

Tues 30 Sept 1890
Sprinkled. John want to quit.

Went to Sacramento on 11.10.

Got two men to work on ranch -

Mothers windmill is broken -
Wed 1 Oct 1890
Started two teams to breaking down summerfallow.

John and I helped clean house

Strong north wind.

Thurs 2 Oct 1890
Strong north wind

Burned stubble in north field

Helped clean house -

Mr. Clarke came and began sheep shearing -

Fri 3 Oct 1890
Put on wagon

Burned stubble in north field &c.

Sat 4 Oct 1890
Took up some grapes and raisins. Got up team to sow with
Went to town in p.m. got buggy from paint shop

fixed Mothers windmill.

Sun 5 Oct 1890
Sue and I went to Sunday school and dined with Mother.

Mon 6 Oct 1890
Began sowing wheat on north end of middle field -

Tues 7 Oct 1890
Strong north wind came up in forenoon - sowed a little in morning.

Started John with the Randall on the barley ground on creek.

Sue and I went to the school house to take supplies -

Wed 8 Oct 1890
Strong north wind. John and I hauled raisins and dried grapes to tank house.

Went to town took 5 rolls butter 40c 15 dozen eggs 27 1/2c & 27# grapes 54c to B. F. L.
- got citron spuds & quinces.

took lunch with Mother.

Thurs 9 Oct 1890
Strong wind in forenoon - John gathered thistles in middle field -

Picked pears

Sowed in afternoon about 55 acres.

Boys harrowed in forenoon in field north of house.

Fri 10 Oct 1890
Sowed in forenoon in middle field and in p.m. in north volunteer.

Sat 11 Oct 1890
John started out with Randall but broke down before going far.

One of the plow's harrows broke the connecting rods and it took until 10.30 to get it going.

Started for town at 1.30 met John who had broken Randall again - got him started
took grapes to Mother & Mrs. Maddux - washing to On Lee.

- got spirits quinces &c

Sun 12 Oct 1890
John & Yen went to Davis horseback

Yen rode Lucy - says the shoes to the saddle were too long.

Mon 13 Oct 1890
Nice day Sowed all day in middle and north fields -

Welded shaft to Randall -

Tues 14 Oct 1890
Quite strong north wind - Sue and I went to Davis in buggy took 3 rolls butter to B. F. L. and one box grapes 27#

got oats & cabbage. Drew $40.00. Called at Mrs. Geo Tufts with Sue - no one home -

Did some blacksmithing after supper.

Mrs. Clarke finished shearing - He marked 23 lambs 17 bucks & 6 ewes.
Wed 15 Oct 1890
Sowed most of day. Sowed down to cross road in middle field -

Sowed in north volunteer field and fixed Randall in afternoon.

Settled with Mr. Clarke $24.50

Thurs 16 Oct 1890
Sue went to Davis to take Mother some things -

Fri 17 Oct 1890
Fixed Randall finished sowing in volunteer field -

Sat 18 Oct 1890
Fixed new hinges for harrows -

Sun 19 Oct 1890
Sue and I went to Davis to attend church but there was none -

John rode Job to town -
Mon 20 Oct 1890

Tom Hext called - Sue and I went to Mrs. Greenes looking for roller - Mrs. G not at home -

Went to Mr Russell's in p.m. Can get roller of him - called at McMillan's

- he is sick in bed - went to school house with some supplies -

John broke down -

Tues 21 Oct 1890

John broke down again-

Went to lower field - got watermellon

Went to Davis in p.m. took some things to Mother - she was away - got Prince shoed and iron shaft for Randall -

Sue called at Mrs Placet's[?] -

Wed 22 Oct 1890

Fixed new shaft for Randall -

Painted some on roof of barn
Hauled load of wheat from lower barn for sowing -

Thurs 23 Oct 1890
Sowed wheat in north end of 130 acre field north of house.  Some of the land is very rough -

John went to Mr. Russell's for roller that Will agreed to let me have  but they had loaned it to the Marshall's

Fri 24 Oct 1890
Sue and I went to Sacramento  -  She to see Dr. Gardner. -  his examination eased her considerably -  We took some things to Mother and she insisted on our staying to dinner with her as it was her birth day.  She is sixty-eight years old today -  Were quite late getting home this evening -

Sat 25 Oct 1890
Went to find roller -  Engaged Dan Guilis

Painted on roof of sheep barn.

John finished Randalling volunteer -

- he had gone to Sacramento tonight.

The man came today who is to break colts.
Sun 26 Oct 1890

Sue and I went to Mother's - took Yen.

We took Aunt Delia to the cemetery where we strewed flowers on the graves.

Mon 27 Oct 1890

Mr. - Swaby came last night to break colts - got up four for him - Don, Vic, Mack and [name not noted]

Sent John to Mr. Guili's for roller

- began rolling wheat land -

Sue and I went to Davis to speaking of Republican county Candidates.

Circulated petition for road gravelling - 5 rolls butter to B. F. L. 50c

Tues 28 Oct 1890

Overhauled dried grapes and found some needing more drying - put them on shed roof.

Wed 29 Oct 1890

Painted some on barn roof - got grain from lower barn and had Dave help sow 60 acres on creek
John finished rolling it this morning - is now rolling north of shop -

Thurs 30 Oct 1890
Took raisins and grapes to Gould’s

- had to put them out on trays to dry -

Fri 31 Oct 1890
Took . . . [Does not finish the entry for this date.]

Sat 1 Nov 1890
Finished hauling grain from lower barn.

Began sowing on last piece of summerfallow - north of shop -

Henry broke his harrow -

Sun 2 Nov 1890
Took John Wright to town.

Settled with him - paid him by cheque on D. O. Mills $410.
Mon 3 Nov 1890

Went to Woodland to attend Board of Supervisors' meeting to present petition for gravelling - the board did not meet today -

Got curtains for school house  boiled oil  vegetables &c.

Swaby got through driving colts - paid him $18.00

Tues 4 Nov 1890

Election day- State election.

Sowed grain and sacked wool in a.m.  Paul took wool to town in p.m.  Got grapes and raisins in a Gould's - a little less than a ton - Deposited $200 & $12.17 cheques with B. F. L.

Sold wheat to Legget 4400 sks @ 1.20  2700 @ 1.24.

Took tea with Mother

McMillan paid me $200 on act. [account]

Wed 5 Nov 1890

Am not at all well -

Bluestoned 5 sks wheat - finished sowing summerfallow.

Painted - got raisin trays &c -
Thurs 6 Nov 1890
Had Paul haul a load of kindling to Mother - he brought back a load of fence posts -

Went to town - drove colts - blacks,

got 10 gals. boiled oil- drew $50 of B. F. L.

Fri 7 Nov 1890
Painted on roof in forenoon.

Took Yen to town in afternoon

- he is going to San Francisco on a visit - He drew $50.

Sat 8 Nov 1890
Painted some - helped Sue who cooked today until she was sick -

Sun 9 Nov 1890
Very cold night -

Helped Dave fix roller.

Cows late about coming home tonight -
Mon 10 Nov 1890
Went with Dave early to see about rolling - rode in with butcher - Fixed three sections of harrow together for Henry to use on volunteer -

Went to Davis with blacks - Got draft on Pioneer Milling Co for $3000 from B. F. L. Ligget -

Paid Interest at Sac. Bank $1669.25 - Dr. Gardner $257.50. Sent $1055 by draft in registered letter to H. B. Pierce - Antioch Lake Co. Ill [Illinois] payment on note. Got screw plate blank nuts & celery-

Yen telegraphed probable return Wednesday.

Brought out $1000 for B. F. Ligget.

Tues 11 Nov 1890
Finished painting sheep barn roof - Painted roof of barley bin -

Strong north wind -

Wed 12 Nov 1890
Went to Davis for lumber for fence - distributed it along line of burnt fence.

Moved Mother's stove for her to her dining room -

Got boiled oil
Gathered lumber about vineyards

Thurs 13 Nov 1890
Took lumber to north fence -

Sue and I went to school house - put up curtains- went to Henle’s - got order signed -

Fri 14 Nov 1890
Had Henry plow out drainage ditches. Then fixed up wagon and had him haul manure from horse corral -

Sue and I went to Davis in p.m. and found Mother sick - has had Dr. Gardner.

Took 5 rolls butter to B. F. L. 55c

Sat 15 Nov 1890
Went to town in a.m. with Jack & Daisy for lumber got 10 fence
5 - 2x4  8 - 1x4  1  8x8

Sent Mr. Guili’s roller home.

Mother is better today -
Paul fixed up old gun and went hunting -

Yen re-telegraphed his probable return today -

Sun 16 Nov 1890

Mr. N. Gilmore came this morning walking out from town.

Settled with Dave Stephenson this morning -

Went to Davis with colts in cart - got Yen.

Mon 17 Nov 1890

Fixed grade to creek and got ready for gravel hauling

hauled one load -

Sue and her father went to town to see Mother - they found her much better -

Tues 18 Nov 1890

Fixed new grade to creek -

Sue took her father to 11 a.m. train.
Got ready to go to Sacramento with wagon.

Wed 19 Nov 1890
Went to Sacramento with span of mules for supplies took pears, soap grease pelts & hide -

Got to Sac at 12. m.

Sold pears @ 6c 7.62 grease 3c 5.90 pelts 1.80

Got stove for Mother at Lewis.

Sue went in on 11 a.m. train.

Thurs 20 Nov 1890
We got upholstered chair for Mother.

Left city at 12.30 got to Davis at 5.10

Stayed at Mother's

Yen sent 5 rolls butter to B. F. L 55c.
Fri 21 Nov 1890
Put up stove for Mother and arranged other things for her.

Left 2' sks spuds  case coal oil  corn, oysters, &c -

Paul came for Sue but took the mule team and left buggy for me

Had Henry get Mr. Guili's roller -

Sat 22 Nov 1890
Sue went to 3 oclock train for her cousin Milly Page and daughter.

Painted granary roof

Sun 23 Nov 1890
Henry Siebert went to town.

Mon 24 Nov 1890
Went to Davis - helped Mother some - Drew @20 of B. F. L -

Yen killed calf for veal -
Tues 25 Nov 1890
Went to Woodland - took Mrs Greene and Aunt Ann some veal -

Paid Father's note at Bank of Yolo.

Paid Taxes on Mother's city property.

Got meat    citron    Apples    corn and Kidney wurst?    wort?

Wed 26 Nov 1890
Went to Davis - got some things for Thanksgiving dinner -

Found hogs and sheep in LaRue's field - drove sheep out.

Thurs 27 Nov 1890
Went to 11 a.m. train for Mr. Humphrey and Miss Edith Davis who are to spend the day with us -

Went strolling along creek and took gun - Mr H. using it.

Fri 28 Nov 1890
Took visitors to 3.30 train for San Francisco.
Telegraphed to Homer on account of not hearing from registered letter.

Sat 29 Nov 1890
Got sheep and hogs from LaRue's field and fixed fence.

Marked 3 pigs-

Sun 30 Nov 1890
Sue and I attended church

Mr Scroggins of the Theological Seminary preached

We took flowers to cemetery.

Mon 1 Dec 1890
Got up rest of hogs. Saved five for fattening - hauled them to pen and three old sows to barley field. Marked 3 pigs.

Have 21 shoats 3 old sows and 7 hogs 31 all told

Tues 2 Dec 1890
Sick today. Paul went to Sacramento to see dentist
Sprinkled

Hauled water for sheep barn.

- got in sheep tonight

Wed 3 Dec 1890

Went to Sacramento on 11 a.m. train - Got wet going in - drew $2610.11 of B. F. L. Deposited it with D. O. Mills. Got draft for H. B. Pierce $1846.25 - got pants fruit &c. Home at 3.30 rained hard all the way out.

Thurs 4 Dec 1890

Began hauling gravel to corrals

Took Sue to ladies' meeting at Mother's. Sent draft to Homer

Collected $67.17 of Gould for raisins

Deposited with B. F. L.

Sent 30 doz eggs to G. B. A.
Fri 5 Dec 1890
Blacksmithed some - washed buggy and tinkered about place.

Sat 6 Dec 1890
Marked six pigs that belong to the sow driven in from down creek.

Went to Davis with colts.

Yen went to Sacramento to see a doctor - drew $20.00

Sun 7 Dec 1890
Did not go to church today

Went for Yen at 3.30 train.

Mon 8 Dec 1890
Started Henry to plowing in lot near barn.

Went to Yolo with 5 sks - wheat to mill - got 4 sks flour

Came back by way of Woodland

- got churn & plow points -
Tues 9 Dec 1890

Henry finished plowing -

Sowed 5 1/2 sks barley on the piece - brought up the gate from in middle of place for repairs.

Wed 10 Dec 1890

Today is my fortieth birthday and my wife had made it my happiest. She quite surprised me with her gifts and fine dinner.

Among my presents were a fine lamp waste paper basket, picture of
Santa Barbara Mission and slipper case

Started Henry to plowing barley ground on creek.

Thurs 11 Dec 1890

Went to Sacramento with Susie on 11 a.m. train - she to see dentist

- got things for Christmas -

out on 7.30 train - stayed at Mothers.
Fri 12 Dec 1890
Went home at 11 a.m. left Sue at Mother’s - she expects to go to the dentist’s tomorrow morning.

Found things all right at home

Fixed crutch for Mother and sharpened harrow teeth -

Sat 13 Dec 1890
Finished sharpening harrow teeth and put them in frame -

Fixed wrenches &c -

Went to town in p.m. for Sue

took 14# butter to B. F. L. - got starch.

Yen went in. Fixed Mother’s pump.

Paid Hampton $49.09. Diggs $40.25.

Sun 14 Dec 1890
All staid at home.
Mon 15 Dec 1890
Worked in shop.

Bought gate from lower field for repairs.

Tues 16 Dec 1890
Worked in shop in forenoon

Went to schoolhouse in afternoon

- drove colts - got dictionary

Sue went to town to attend a Christmas tree meeting. 4 rolls butter 50c.

Very foggy and cold.

Wed 17 Dec 1890
Worked in shop and made gate for lower field.

Moved Dan Guilis roller to north end of buggy shed -

Paul plowed garden in front of house.
Thurs 18 Dec 1890

Sowed garden seeds.  8 rows peas  2 turnips  5 beets  2 radishes & carrots

Rained at intervals throughout the day.

- quite hard in afternoon.

Took new gate down into field.

Fri 19 Dec 1890

Rained considerable last night.

Henry and I hung gate in middle field - one in sheep barn and put in post for another north of sheep barn -

Henry hauled 3 loads gravel.

Marked one lamb.

Mrs. Curry sent invitation to Christmas tree.

Sat 20 Dec 1890

Helped Sue in forenoon.  Went to Davis in p.m. with Sue.  Took 5 rolls butter 50c.  Called on Geo. Hoag who is sick.

Mr. Galt of El Dorado died this morning -
Drew $20.00 of B. F. L. Sent subscription to Rural Press. Got beef, cheese, apples &c.

Sun 21 Dec - Tues 23 Dec 1890 [No entries]

Wed 24 Dec 1890
Heavy fog.

Sowed barley in afternoon and went to Davis in evening - acted as Santa-Claus at the Christmas tree.

staid at Mothers -

Sue gave me a fine locket with diamond, her picture

Thurs 25 Dec 1890
Paul came down with wagon.

Aunt Ann, Mr. Dopking, Mrs French, George Hopkins and Mr Scroggins rode in wagon. Mother and Susie rode in Mother’s buggy.

I staid until 11 o’clock train waiting for Eva. She, Mrs Jurnegan and I rode in my buggy. Took them back in evening - Had fine dinner and pleasant time.
Fri 26 Dec 1890
Finished sowing barley on creek.

Sat 27 Dec 1890
Went to Sacramento on 11 a.m. train

Deposited Best’s cheque - Sent $10 to N. Gilmore $42 to H. B. Pierce. Paid Mother $30.95

Got sewer pipe $27.85

Eva went to meet Miss Royce at 11 train.

Sun 28 Dec 1890
Heavy fog again. Let out sheep for first time for quite a while -

Yen went to town on Maj -

Mon 29 Dec 1890
Fixed plow - tore up gate -

- got ready to butcher.
Tues 30 Dec 1890
Rained last night.

Butchered Five head of hogs. - Through at noon -

Henry plowed strip along fence east of yard near barn and small piece in north east corner of 130 acre field -

Wed 31 Jan 1890
Paul and I went to town. He with mules for sewer pipe - I with colts. Mules ran off and broke 3 pieces of pipe. took Mother some meat.

Sowed barley on small pieces

Henry plowed north west corner of 140 acre field.

Memoranda [p.1]
Jan 6th Heavy snows in mountains a little here -

" Went to San Francisco and San Leandro on Harvester business

" 8 Aunt Myra left -

" " Bull calf killed.
24 Creek ran over banks at 2 a.m. in front of house.

Stephenson bridge went out last night

Knight’s Landing train was wrecked at Cecil's - engineer & fireman killed -

4 ft water in Griggs drier.

30 Baby was taken out doors for first time for short walk -

Feb. 3 Old Jane mare died

4 Baby was taken out to ride in cart with Prince for first time-

4 Began sowing barley -

5 Bought carriage for Baby.

7 Began plowing summerfallow

7 Baby laughed aloud for first time.

10 Began third plowing of summerfallow for wheat sowing in east field.
" 12    Father & Mother came out. Mother saw the baby for the first time

" 12    Sold 92# Bacon @ 10c

" 18    Coast Range covered with snow.

" 20    "     " again "     "     "

Memoranda [p.2]

Feb 24    Father died at his home in Davis at 12.30 p.m.

        Aunt Ann, George Dopking Aunt Adaline & Johnny and Mrs Greene were there with Mother and myself.

Feb 26    Father's funeral took place today at 10.30 L. O. Stephens undertaker.

        There was a strong north wind - very cold -

Feb 27    Went to Sacramento to see Judge McKune for Mother

" 28    Went to San Francisco to pay insurance for Mother.

Mar 3    Sold 19 hogs to Wright & Harvey at 4 3/4 cents per lb.
8  Our dear darling little boy died today at 2.15 p.m. He had been sick but a short time. Dr. Gardner attended him

Pneumonia caused his death -

He was a beautiful child and a patient sufferer.

Memoranda [p. 3]

Mch. 10  Our little one was buried today at Davisville cemetery.

11  Aunt Ann & George both very sick -

23  Sold Mrs. Greene 14 ft. Harvester.

27  Went to San Francisco & San Jose to see Uncle Elijah -

13  Went to Woodland to attend court matters connected with Father’s will.

Apr 4  Marked lambs today - 65 weathers 35 ewes - 12 kids -

5  Sold J. D. Stephens traction engine

9  Sold H. M. LaRue a traction engine

10  Sold Mrs. D. Q. Adams a full Steam rig - engine & harvester.
"14 Mother Susie and I went to San Jose to see Uncle Elijah

"15 Sue and I went to Santa Cruz - left her at Flora's for a visit.

"19 Drove Mabel for first time.

"28 Sue got home.

May 1 Uncle Elijah died.

May 5th Began shearing sheep -

Memoranda [p.4]

May 5- Went to school with blanks for reports &c. Sue went with me - we called at Mr. Henle's

6 Sent Homer B. Pierce $100

"8 Susie went to Sacramento to "Ridge Home" - private Hospital to be treated. Went with her - saw her located. She has a pleasant room.

" " Sent Homer $50 - making $150

"11 Drs. Gardner and Cluness operated on Susie at "Ridge House"

Poor child! her suffering was intense but she bore it bravely.
14 Went to visit Sue. Mother transferred $2500 to me -

19 Hauled 48 sks wheat 7120# to B. F. L.
    Shipped 1220# wool to G. B. A. San Francisco.

17 Finished sheep shearing.

    Paid Homer B. Pierce $400 making $550 all told. He has
    my note now for $3450.

    Paid $150 Life insurance Equitable Co.

Memoranda [p.5]

May 21 My precious wife was operated on again today by Drs.
    Gardner & Cluness -

    - She took ether and suffered from the effects of it for
      some time.

May 22 Sent Wm Carey Jones $50 - for the LeConte Fellowship fund -

" 22 Finished mowing.

" 23 Subscribed for "Darkest Africa"
24 Began hauling hay.

26 Cow barn full.

" Marked 25 pigs.

27 Put 100 hogs into north pasture.

28 Went to see Sue - Paid $20 board to date.

29 John Collins here - wagon business-

June 1 Went to see Sue. She is doing better.

2 Took Betts wagon to Collins to have it rebuilt.

Mrs. Greene's harvester unloaded.

3 Horse barn full of hay.

5 My precious wife was operated upon again today by the surgeons. This, it is hoped is the final operation - she was very sick after it. She took chloroform this time

Memoranda [p. 6]

June 8- Spent day with Sue - she is better.
" 9- Received cheque $1359 for wool -
    Paid Mother her share -

" 10 Went to Woodland on the Grand Jury.

" 7 Began replowing summerfallow.

" 16 Began harvesting - quit too green.

" 19 " " for Schmeiser.

" 26 " " McMillan

" 27 Finished barley " "

" 28 Began at Home.

" 21 Sue came home from Ridge Home Hospital where she been between 6 & 7 weeks.

July 2 Began harvest for Mr Miller

" 9 Finished " "

" " Began on my own barley
" 12 Finished Barley & began on wheat.

" 10 Grand July - Anna Murphy came

" 12 Old Jim died

" 13 Dixie got badly cut on wire

" 16 Miss Ball elected teacher of Fairfield school.

" 26 Finished harvesting at home 3200 sks wheat 1200 barley.

Cash Account [p.1]

July 29 Finished harvesting for the season

" 30 Put harvester in shed and began hauling grain.

Aug 4 Mrs King & children went home.

" " Dixie (mare) died.

" 5 Opened an acct. at D. O. Mills

" 9 Finished hauling grain. Have at Leggets 21658 sks
new crop and 4428 old wheat    458 sacks barley.

Sold barley at $1.25 per cwt.

"   " 18- Started for vacation.

"   " 22- Took steamer "Eureka" at 8 a.m. for Monterey. Arrived at Pacific Grove about 7 p.m.

Sept  6   Started homeward at 7.30 a.m.

"   8    Arrived home about 1 p.m.

Two years ago Sue and I returned home from our wedding tour -

"   15    Sue and I went to the State Fair - I to help Dan’l Best make his exhibit of Traction engines

"   23    Sold to Armstrong & Alge 71 hogs 11658# @ $375

        $437.17

Delivered them at Woodland -

"   26    Barley grinders here.
Cash Account p.[2]

Oct 1st Began harrowing summerfallow -

" 2 Began sheep shearing -

" 6 Began sowing wheat.

" 15 Finished shearing 306 head
Marked 23 head 17 bucks 6 ewes - 325 all told.

Nov 27 Mr. Humphrey Miss Davis here today

29 Got up hogs -

Dec 1 Shut up 5 hogs to fatten Marked 6 pigs - have 31 head outside all told.

" 2 Sprinkled a little.

" 3 Rained hard

" 4 Sent Homer B. Pierce $1750. and $96.25 interest to date
On Nov 11 sent $1000 and $55.00 interest.

" Marked 6 pigs making 39 head with the sow -
8 Began winter plowing -

18 Planted garden.

25 Aunt Ann, Mr. Dopking, George, Mother, Aunt Delia, Mr. Scroggins, Eva and Mrs. Jurnegan dined with us today

Cash Account [p.3]

Dec 30 Butchered 5 hogs -

We have had but little rain so far this season - less than 4 inches.

Crops were only light and prices for wheat low - barley high

Sue has been sick a great deal of this year - she was at Ridge Home hospital two months -

I have not felt well this fall

Father died on Feb 24th.

Baby died on March 8th.
Bills Payable  August  [Calving records]
Jan 20th  Old red cow - 3 teats - calved and lost calf across creek.

    "    " Bob tailed red cow calved across creek.

    "    21 White faced heifer calved-

Jan 28  Nice looking little red cow calved -

Jan 30  Big white faced red cow had red heifer calf.

Feb 1  Roan cow

Mch 8  Red cow

Aug 5  Red and white 2 year old heifer had red & white heifer calf.

    "    5 small short horned red heifer had red heifer calf.

    "    9 All red gentle cow had deep all red bull calf.

    "    18 small red heifer.
Bills Payable   October

N. Miner's account

Board of man  $4.00 per week.  Hay for stock 50c per day

Mch 15th to Mch 19th  4 days

" 24 to " 27  3 "

Apr 8 " Apr 12  4 "

" [in pencil] 1 meal

" 18  " 19  1 day

[Pencilled note in center of page:]  Agreement made on March 13th where it is recorded

Bills Payable   November   [Foaling record]

Mch 7  Baby foaled mule coat [?] [meant "colt"?] horse

" 9  Flora "  mare horse colt

19 Clara " " " "

27 Lucy " horse mule "
30 Larney " mare horse " Nevada.

Apr 13 Lotte " " " " Black Ralph.

Mary " colt lost

Bills Payable. December
Horse shoeing

Prince 2 shoes

" 2 "

Apr 28 " 2 "

Maj 2 "

24 Mabel 2

25 Dick 2

" Barney 2

28 Blinkie 4
[On back endpaper, the following pencil notation]:

Monday 17th  1 load

Tuesday 18th

[This is apparently related to diary entry for Nov. 17th and 18th.]