

# PURVINE - WALKER

PAPERS

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## INTRODUCTION

This collection of papers begins in 1844 with the account book of purchases made for the overland wagon trip of 1845, made by Claiborne Campbell Walker, his younger brother Wellington Bolivar Walker, and their cousin Andrew Jackson Doak and his wife Rebecca.

These pioneers began their trek from Pike County, Missouri (on the Illinois border) -- traveling across the Plains to Oregon on the old route of the Oregon Trail to Dr. Whitman's Mission and The Dalles. They traveled down the "Wallimett" River to Polk County and settled in the area known as Spring Valley.

After much correspondence between Claiborne, Bolivar and their brother, Walter Montgomery Walker (who had remained behind in Missouri) -- Bolivar returned to Missouri to assist his brother in bringing his family to Oregon in 1848. Walter Walker also settled in Polk County and Walker Jr. High School in Salem bears his name.

Traveling in the same 1848 wagon train was the family of John and Mary Purvine, from near Jacksonville, Illinois. They, too, traveled down the Willamette Valley and settled two Donation Land Claims in Marion County, between the present sites of Woodburn and Hubbard.

The overland trip to Oregon was not to be the last contact between the Purvine and Walker families. In 1850, Claiborne Walker married Louisa Purvine and Bolivar married her sister, Catherine.

In 1864, Joshua Purvine (the tenth of John Purvine's twelve children) married Mary Virginia Walker, one of the five daughters of Walter Walker. Elmer Walter Purvine, author of the 1893-1897 Diary included in this collection, was the first child born of that union.

All of these Oregon Pioneers are buried in the cemetery of the pioneer Spring Valley Church in Zena, Polk County, Oregon.

-- Eleanor Purvine Miller  
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Written By Claiborne Campbell Walker

Oct<sup>th</sup> 12. 1844. C. C. Walker's. Book

Whole cost to McGinis P.d. By C.C. Walker	
For Doe of McGinis . . . . .	11'00
One of G.W. Brown for . . . . .	18'00
Interest in YoKe of Browning	10'00
Paid to Hughs for Ironig on Wagq	15'00

November

1844,, A. J. Doak Paid for Repairing Waggon to Ramey	\$6.00
his Int,, in YoKe Cattle got of Browning	\$15.00
Paid TowarS PlanK for Waggon Bed	.\$00.50

March the 7.1845 to J.W. JenKs  
C.C.&W.B. WalKer Spent for clothing  
and ButtonS

Cloth for Shirts 6 in number	4	00
25 yds. of OSenburg @15¢ and thread	3	87.
For 2 pair Pants 6 yds@50¢	3	00
Buttons & Thread for Same	"	25
For 20 <sup>us</sup> Iron Bar @4/2x . . . . .	"	92
15 <sup>us</sup> do of Rod @8¢ . . . . .	1	28
1 Bootchin Knife for 47X . . . . .	"	47
PlanK for WaggonBed . . . . .	2	10
Apl 2" For Hat in clarkSville	1	25
2 Coffee SacKS @ 12pX. . . . .	"	25
To Johnson for Tobacco 5 <sup>us</sup> @20X	1	00

in Louisiana to Wallsworth for Boots	2	75
one Pair coarse Shoes 9/ - - - -	1	50
To Doct <sup>n</sup> Gorin for Gun \$5.00 in cas	5	00
and a 20.00 Dollar note on SpireS	20	00
Tranfered to page 3 . .	\$	48 56

March the 24 1845 ----- on his note		
One Small YoKe Oxen of Rees Doak	\$	19.00
The Balance to W <sup>m</sup> SimonS for Herage	2.59	
	\$	21.59

For YoKe of Oxen Bought		
after Starting . . - -	\$	25.00
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1845 Apl <sup>3</sup> C.C.&W.B. Walker Spent		
in Louisiane . . . .	\$	
To JohnSon for Repairing Gun	2	25
To Kenady for White Lead . . . . .	1	00
To Draper for BruSh . . . . .	"	37
To W <sup>m</sup> Since for Osenburg 3 yds.	"	38
To Tinker for Girting 1/6 . . . . .	"	25
To ParkS for Leather . . . . .	1	00
To McQuey for Shaving UtenSils	1	00
To Draper for Iron & Needles . . . .	"	68 1/2
Iron coSt 56X . . . . .	"	"
To BrySon for pencil . . . . .	"	6
Cash pm'd for Oil to paint Waggon&a	"	68
Oil & Paint in ClarkSville . . . . .	"	50
For 2 PowerS of Attorney . . . . .	1	50
To EcKknowledgeDeede to farm . .	"	25
For Medacine of Edwards	"	75
Dride Fruit 1 y - BuShels . .	1	50
	\$	11 98 1/2

To Henry for Bill	\$	2 00
Whole CoSt ef for Equipmen		
nts for C.C.&W.B. Walker for		
Oregon BeSideS Bacon Ol		
Telower & Co -	\$	286.03

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1845 Apl., the 18 A.D.

Amt. of Provision	
Flower from Home	838 <sup>lbs</sup>
Corn Meal . . . . .	354
Bacon found By A.J. Doak	320
Sugar 100 <sup>lbs</sup> By C.C. Walker	100
" By A.J. Doak . . . . .	60
Coffee By C.C. Walker . . . . .	50
By A.J. Doak . . . . .	85
Dried Fruit, 1, BuShels	
Bought 112 <sup>lbs</sup> Bacon on the Road @ 5½X.	112 <sup>lbs</sup>
Flower at Blue Mills @ 1X pr lbs	155
Paid for By C.C. Walker -	

Whole Cost for Equipm-  
-ents for Oregon By C.C. & W.B.  
Walker \$286.00 Besides Bacon  
& Flower.

Apl. the 20 1845, To First night miles  
 Left WalkerSville to ASHlyS 18  
 21" To Middletown . . . 15 miles  
 Expences at this place . . 66X  
 For Crooking Logchain hooks.. 12½  
 22 To Rees HughS 22m.  
 Paid CaSh here 12/2 Traded for 2 Bushe  
 23 To Prices in Prairie 17 miles from Hughes  
 Paid CaSh at this Place .62½X  
 24 to Columbia 16 miles - 16 mi  
 Paid CaSh at this Place . . . 1.16 2/3  
 25  
 To Roach Port - - - - 14 miles  
 ForVeils at Roach Port 37½  
 Sallaratters 12½X Soap Shaving 6¼ } 18 3/4  
 (26"  
 From Roachport BoonSville 10 miles  
 3 miles weSt of BoonSville Encamped 25  
 For Jug 25X CornS at this place 30. 30  
 For crossing Stock at Missonn 3.50 55

Apl the 26, 1845 .50  
 Paid for Hay for Cattle \$.75.  
 Loaned to A. J. DoaK 50X at Roachport  
 27 For PaSturage 75  
 For Ferage across the Samine 60  
 The 25 PurchaSeD yoKe Oxen \$25.00  
 The 27 Bot Roan Mare for \$ 32.50  
 Same Evning for corn 12½  
 28 Encamped in Priarie D Travel 19  
 29 do in Prairie in Saline Co.  
 For Corn 18 3/4<sup>the</sup> for corn 18 3/4X  
 Encamped 14 Miles East of Lexington  
 in Lafayette County -  
 May the 1 X4 Miles West of Lexington  
 for Corn 18 3/4  
 2" do for corn 18 3/4, 3 do 18 3/4. 37½  
 4 12 miles East of Independence in prairie  
 For Bacon 112<sup>11s</sup> @ 5½X \$6.16 -

May 5. Encamped  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles West of  
Independence,, night of the 5. 12 miles

West of Independence

Spent in this place for Sog Chain	2	38
Powdr Canister 6/-	- - - -	\$ 1.00
Hat for Self 1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	- - - -	1.12
2 gallons WhisKy @ 8/-		1.00
2 BittS & Scabbards for	- - -	1.37X
2 BlanK BOOKS @ 9	- - - --	"25
1 Doz BoxeS & MatcheS . . . .		.25
1 Candle StICK - - - - -		13
2 Cow HideS 9 - - - - -		12
For Pasturage here - -		1.00
For Corn 1/6 . . . . .		25

Whole Destence from Walkersville to  
Independence 225 miles traveled in  
15 Days

Morning of <sup>the</sup> 6 of may. Paid for {Shoes  
Horse-75  
For Branding Iron 2/3 37 $\frac{1}{2}$   
For Linch PinS for Waggon . 37 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Encamped 26 miles West of - \$10.37  
Independence night of the 6

May the 6 1845 } the 6th 1845

Came up with the Company ~~on~~.

7 Encamped at the Lone Elm  
9 Miles from Indian Creek  
8 Encamped at Blackjack Point  
18 miles from Lone Elm.  
9 Encamped one mile West  
of the WaKrusia River  
10 miles from B.J. Point

Garded Cattle for the first  
in the Shawnee nation

Here we Saw Some of the  
Caw IndianS & Dellawares

10 Encamped in Prairie 16 mi  
from the Wacarusia River

11 at Campbells Creek  
Days Travail 16 Mi

12 Travailed 4 miles to  
Caw River the Balance  
of the day and half of  
the next Spent in Crossing the  
this River Which waS  
Very Low Frenchman  
had a flat Boat which

we crossed the WaggonS  
~~with~~ the Cattle forded  
 the River Very EaseY.  
 Plenty of Indians here  
 Beging the Kansas on  
 Cows.

13 Traveled 2 mileS from  
 the River in Prairie  
 and Encamped for the  
 Day and to hold an  
 Election for Pilot

Candidates G.M. Adams

~~Brown~~ & MeaK

MeaK waS choSen Pilot Blang<sup>Major</sup>

14 Remained at Turkey Creek Electiong  
 Pilot and other officerS to organiSe

15 Left this place at 2 o clock<sup>5½ mi.</sup>

Encamped at SoldierS SpringS

16.at SoldierS Creek . . . . . 18 mile

17. at Owls Creek . . . little - 10 mil

18. ~~at~~ 5 miles WeSt of Vermillion River  
 Travilles this day                      9 mi

Maried on the night of the 18 of May

Miss Spoonover

W<sup>m</sup> MeeK to performed in Prairie fine  
 fun here tonight, Indians dancing  
 the War dance, Fiddes playing Some  
 a Singing Spritual SongS.

19 Monday. Engaged in dividing the  
 Company into 3 Divisions 40 WaggonS  
 in Each Company. Left this Encamp-

ment at 2 oclock Traveled one  
 mile and Encamped                     

20 TueSday. First Company Left the Others  
 Remaining. Traveled. - <sup>Big</sup> 15 mileS

WedneSday 21 Traveled 6 mi. to Vermillion  
 River. Crossed at 12 o. clock 7 mi. Farther  
 that Evning and Encamped Days travel 13 mi  
 at Bee CreeL 7 miles from the vermi  
 llion 1 mile WeSt of Vermillion Saw the  
 Grave of James MarShall of St. Louis

ThurSday 22 Travled 12 mileS  
 Crossed the Big Blue at 12oclock  
 Friday the 23 Traveled 10 mileS

~~Encamped Without having wood~~

Bad Watter and Scarce of Wood  
 Wood Planty But one mile from the Road  
 Saturday 24 Traveled 10 miles to horse  
 Tail Creek Encamped 7 miles  
 West Bad Watter and very little

Wood 4 lone Elms all, ~~the~~  
 25 Sunday Traveled 8 miles  
 and Encamped for to Wash  
 26 Engaged in Washing Repairing one  
 thing or other. A Company of 250 Dragoon  
 ns Passed us this morning Commanded  
 By Coln. Carney of St. Louis.  
 they had 19 Waggon<sup>s</sup> the Fines Mules I  
 Ever Saw, to there Waggon<sup>s</sup>. and Fine horses.  
~~There was~~ Fitzpatrick there Pilot  
 27 Still Remaining drying cloths at Sandy Creek  
 Tremendous Rains and Wind the night of 26  
 28 Left Sandy Creek at 2 oclock Traveled  
~~2nd Branch of~~  
 8 miles to the Blue 29 Remained  
 at this place During this Day on  
 account of the Sick <sup>Mrs</sup> Hardson  
 30 Left and traveled 6 miles  
 and Encamped on account of  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hardson

Plenty of Wood and Watter on a  
 Branch of the Big Blue Indians  
 around in the Evning the Otous.  
 31 Traveled across to the Big  
 Blue <sup>4</sup> miles and up the Blue Good  
 Grass Days Traveled 20 m  
 1 June Traveled up the Blue Good  
 Road Some 3 or 4 Indian<sup>s</sup> Ran  
 Fulton 3 miles when he got  
 up Days Travel 16 mi  
 Encamped on the Blue  
 2 Traveled 16 miles and Encam  
 -ped on old camp Ground  
 Scarce of Wood During the  
 Day Crossed the Blue in Two  
 places Branches<sup>3</sup> of the Blue 3 from  
 the head of the Blue to the Platte  
 Encamped on the Platte Without <sup>18m</sup>  
 Much Wood Scarce on the South <sup>4</sup> mi  
 of the River

June the 4 Traveled up the Platte mean 18 miles  
 and Encamped Without much Wood the River  
 very Muddy. BroaK 2 WaggonS and  
 let a Waggon Run over a child Which  
 hurt it very Much W<sup>m</sup> Allens child  
 5 Still in the platte Scarce of Wood  
 FirSt Rate Road days travel. 20 mi  
 6 up the platte Scarce of Wood  
 Still the River Watter very muddy 20  
 7 up the Platte come in the BuffaloS  
 Country planty of Sign. not Seen any  
 in the Pawnee nation Seen planty of  
 them returning from Hunting. 20 mi  
 8 up the River to Cottonwood Point  
 Encamped Grass Poor. 20 mil  
 9 to Ash Point and Encamp 2 mil  
 Rained the night of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 22 Oxen missing in the morning  
 Six of ourS,, Hunted all day

and Found them about 10 miles  
 on the Road Back got to camp  
 after DarK about an hour. Rained  
 during the day very hard Tremendi  
 ous thunder - & Lighening one cow  
 WaS Killed With Lighening and  
 Severel Men Shocked consider  
 -able MySelf Amonnt the ReSt.  
 10 ~~to~~ Traveled up the River 20 mi  
 and Encamped Without any Wood Ex-  
 cepts what WaS hauled from ASH Point  
 plenty of Watter and tolerbly good  
 Grass 3 companies JuSt ahead  
 11. about 12'oclock came to the lower  
 Ford of the Platte. Where BrownS company  
 crossed and one of our DiviSionS Parm-  
 -er crossed,, The HunterS of our Company  
 Killed the FirSt Buffaloe and Saw  
 ThouSandS,, Encamped about 5 oclock

With Good Grass and plenty of  
 DayS Travel 12 mi  
 Green Cottinwood & Willow.  
 in three miles of Welch'S company  
 and 3 other companies on the other  
 Side of the River We Stopped to WaSh.  
 12 all HandS Engaged in WaShing.  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Stevens very Sick Expected

to die ~~the~~ during the night.  
 HunterS went out to Kill Buffaloe  
 Not Maney Getting in untill next  
 Morning the Principe part of them  
 Went out a foot and could not Bring  
 in any Meat When they Killed Plenty  
 Killed But not Mutch Brought  
 in to Camp on that account  
 13 Remained at the Same camp on account  
 of M<sup>rs</sup> Stevens. Whoo Died at 12 oclock  
 The Funerol Servised Being perform

By the Rev<sup>m</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Boon She WaS inter  
 ed on a high Monn Not far from  
 the Road and Some 3 Hundred YardS  
 from the River. Some of the HunterS  
 that went out on yesterday Having got  
 LoSt WaS not heard off utill  
 about 2 oclock When 2 of them  
 came to camp the other two Still  
 Behind one of them Sick and all  
 of them nearly gave Out Having  
 for one & half DayS Without Eating  
 any thing Except a Small piece of  
 Buffaloe ting Having Killed a Buff  
 Bolliver Being one of thoSe that WaS  
 Left Behind. We got HorSeS and  
 Went after them and met them about  
 4 mileS from camp down the River

June the 14 1845 Saturday

Left at half paSt 8 oclock  
 and encamped in Prairie With  
 out any Wood dayS Travel 15 m.  
 15.. 8 mileS & cross the South ForK  
 of Platt called the upper ford  
 4 mileS & Encamped No Wood 2 Elms  
 about one mile above the ford <sup>mi.</sup> 12.  
 16 up the River 3 or 4 mileS and Left  
 for the North ForK Days trav 20 mi  
 and Encamped one mile from the River  
 on ASH Creek Planety of Wood Watter  
 Grass not very Good Between the Bluffs  
 17 Overtook BrownS Companie & Passed  
 Days travel up the north forK 18 mi  
 WaggonS Runing Heavy on account of  
 the Land. Killed one Buffaloe  
 So Poor not fit for anything.

No Wood Has Brought from  
 ASH Creek So that With What  
 Wood We had and Buffaloe Chips  
 Done very Well for Fire.  
 Whether ben Cool 16.17.&18  
 Cloudy With Som Rain the 18.  
 18 Encamped With Good Grass No  
 Wood days travel . . . 20 mi  
 19 Encamped Without Wood  
 Good Good Grass days travel 18 mi  
 8 miles East of the firSt Chimney in Site  
 of Scots Bluff FirSt Rate Road  
 20 Encamped 3 miles north East of the  
 Round top mound Which is 250 feet high  
 Some Six or Eight of the Company viSited  
 it in the Evning and With conSiderable toil  
 assended to the top days travel 10 miles  
 21 Encamped at the Ice Spring Which

Comed out of a Bluff Some 200 Hundred  
 feet high 6 miles from the River Called  
 Scots Bluffs. Left the River after  
 traveling 6 miles travel 12 to the Spring 18  
 Plenty of Pine & Cedar at the Spring.  
 Grass not very Good Very Warm in the Evning.  
 22 to HorSe Creek Plenty of Wood 12  
 Grass very Good. 2 other ComplanieS  
 Camped JuSt above on the Same Creek  
 23 ~~to~~ Traveled very Good on the River. 20 mi  
 Plenty of Wood & Watter Grass not -  
 24 one mile above fort Laramie 8 mi  
 and Stopped to WaSh and make Some  
 new Regulations  
 25 Remained at Same place to WaSh  
 26 M<sup>r</sup> Vickers child died in the  
 Evning With Inflammation age 16 months  
 Was Buried on the morning of 27.

Left about 12 oclock traveled 10 mile  
 to the Spring the Watter of Which is  
 Warm Plenty of Wood. ~~and~~  
 Grass only moderatly . . . 10 mi  
 28 Traveled 12 miles and Encamped  
 came to forKS of the Road took left hand  
 Grass very Good Plenty of Wood and  
 Good Spring Watter... 12 miles  
 on Bitterwood Creek . . .

29 To HorSe Shoe CreeK 15 mi  
 Plenty of Wood & Spring Watter  
 our cattel  
 Grass very Good,, 30 We Lay by to Rest  
 July 1 To the Big ButeS Wood & Watter  
 Grass not good on account of So  
 many campS there Before us 15 mi  
 July 2 ~~to~~ Traveled to another CreeK 18 mi  
 Wood & Watter Plenty Grass Scarce  
 We Passed Watter During the day Spring  
 The Road the 1 & 2 of July WaS very Hilley and  
 Rough,, Rocky & RoadS

July the 3 Lay By to Fill Waggon  
 3 Wheel Which Broke another 9 mi  
 Traveled 9 Miles to another creeK and bly  
 Encamped Wood & Watter Plenty Grass Toler  
 4 to another CreeK and Encamped  
 Traveled 8 miles Stopped to celebrate 8m  
 the day 2 OrationS delivered By Ever-  
 -ett & Colwell and then procee  
 ded to dancing Grass not Good  
 5 Days Travel. Encamped on the River 15m  
 Grass not very Good Being Eating off  
 6 Sunday Traveled to 1 mile of the ford  
 and Encamped for the Night - 10 m  
 Grass Tolerbly Good Wood Plenty  
 7 to Sage CreeK . . . . . 12 mi  
 No Wood ~~Pl~~ Grass Tolerbly Roads very  
 DuSty Plenty of Buffaloe here  
 8 to 15 miles to Sage Branch 15 mi  
 Watter no Wood not much Grass  
 Watter BrackiSh

9 to another CreeK on Sage Branch  
 Encamped one mile from the Road Grass  
 Tolerbly Good No Wood having to uSe  
 the Excrement of the Buffaloe for fuel  
 Crossed Watter plenty during the day 15 mi  
 Roards very Sandy and Disagreable  
 10 to Independence Rock By 12 oclock  
 and Stoped to noon Many EnScribed  
 there nameS. traved 2 miles and Enca  
 ped Grass Tolerbly Some Drift Wood  
 DayS Travel 8 mi Day  
 11 traveled till noon and Encamped for the  
 Good Grass on Sweet Watter 6 mi  
 No Wood

12 travel 5 miles up the Bottom and  
left the River for 10 miles all Sand  
Hard Pulling Days trav 14 m

13 Traveled 8 miles and Encamped 8 mi  
Good Grass Watter & Wood By going one mile

14 Lay By to WaSh on Sweet Watter

15 Traveled 8 miles 8 miles

~~Wood~~ Watter Grass & Wood 1 mile

16  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles and left the River for 16 miles  
and there came to the River again

Grass Not very Good Plenty of Willow <sup>Wood</sup> for

Days travel 18 miles

17 Traveled 5 miles and Encamped 5 m

Plenty of drift Wood Grass very Good on

With a Small Seine caught in 2 Hours 800

Fish Rocky Mountain Luckens Feast on Fish

18 Traveled 3 miles up the River and Left it  
for 20 miles very Rough Road in places

Rocky & Hilley 8 miles Passed Spring

Good Watter Crossed 2 Small CreeKS

one 15 miles the Other 10 miles

Encamped on Sweet Watter Day Tra { 23 m

19 Traveled to Spring that Flows into  
the pacific in Oregon Days trave 15 m

Good Grass Sage for fuel Road Good

20 to Little Sandy - Good Road 20 mi

Plenty of Dry Willow for Wood Grass Tolerbly

22 Lay By to Recruit Cattle & WaSh

23 Left Sandy Across the cut off Left at 7 ocl  
ck and arived at Green River at 12 OclocK

on the 24

A destence of 40 miles Without Watter —

Wood or Grass. Crossed over River and Encam

ped Good Grass and Wood. Cattle Took very

Bad. Day 40 mi

25 traveled 4 miles down the River and camped

for the day to ReSt Cattel Good Grass & Wood 4 m

26 to Branch of Green River — 12 mile

Good Grass Beautifull Stream

Wood Wood

27

July ~~28~~ to Traveled 15 to a Spring  
 Grass Tolerbly Good Plenty Wood 15 mi  
 28 travel. A bout 12 Miles to a Spring  
 Rough Road Both Days through the  
 Pyute MountainS Day 12 miles  
 Wood Grass Tolerbly Good ———  
 29, Traveled Over 2 Tremendious MountainS  
 at least one mile High. Days Travel 15 mi  
 Encamped 2 Miles EeaSt of Bare River  
 Plenty Grass & Watter Sage for Wood  
 30 2 miles to Bear River Struck  
 Other Road and 4 from that to SmithS  
 forK. 6 to camp on Bear River.  
 Grass Wood & Watter, total 12 Mi  
 31 Crossed Bear River Good ford 8 or  
 9 miles & cross it the Second time —  
 traveled ~~3 mi~~ 4 Miles to camp —  
 FirSt Rate Grass Wood, 12 mi

August the 1, 1845, A. D.

Down Bear River to camp 18 mi  
 Good Grass Wood ———  
 2 Still Down River. Camp 6 Miles EaSt  
 of Soda Fountain. Days travel 18 mi  
 Wood & Good Spring Watter Grass  
 3) to Soda Springs — — 8 miles  
 on Beard River  
 4 From Soda SpringS 3 mi. Down Beare  
 River RoadS forK took Right hand  
 .8 mi. to Spring. Good Grass 10 miles  
 to portniff ~~6~~ 7 mi. up Prortniff Road  
 up the River Very Good. Before Rough  
 in PLaces RocKey But Level, total 25  
 5 Crossed Over Portniff took moutainS  
 Road Bad Plenty Wattr SpringS. Camp  
 on Spring Branch at the other Edge Mounte  
 Grass Scarce Wood Plenty Willow  
 Days travel ——— 12 Mi

AuguSt the 6 1845

Down Branch to Noon 7½ Miles, left  
 Branch Over Sage plane Into Sand in  
 Evning hard Putting to large Spring  
 Neare a Branch of Snake River Good Grass  
 (and Wood Days travel ——— 15 mi

7. to Fort Hall 6 Miles. Encamped  
 3 Miles South West Good Grass and Wood  
 on Neare Snake River. Days travel. 9 mi  
 8. Lay By to Wash &  
 9. to Banarck Creek 7 Miles ~~to~~  
 thence 3 miles to Camp total. 10 mi  
 10 to Bluff 1 mile Over Sage plane 5 mi. Into  
 Bottom agane. Down Bottom 2 miles leave Bottom  
 agane to large Spring Noon. Grass not Good at  
 Spring. Thence to a River 12 mi. to camp 20 mi  
 Passed no Grass after leaving Bottom above  
 Spring 3/4 of a mile. Bad Road very  
 No Grass of account at Camp

11 to <sup>levy</sup> ~~Cassia~~ Creek 3 Miles Bad Crossi  
 -ngs. No Grass at ford up the creek one mile  
 Tolerbly Good Grass Encamped for the Days 3m  
 12. to CaSSia Creek Encamped - 10 mi  
 Good Grass up the Creek Road Tolerbley —  
 13 to Large Grassey MarSh - - 15 mi.  
 Grass Not very Good More Flag than Grass -  
 Sage for Fuel. Cedar one mile on Bluff -  
 Road very Rough RockKey —  
 14 to GooSe Creek Grass Tolerbley — 15 mi  
 Road Good Some Rock But few 6 miles to  
 Grove Creek to noon Watter But no Grass  
 or very little - 3 — — —  
 15. Over Sage Plane to Snake River 8 mi  
 (and Encamped for the Day Poor Grass -----  
 16 Over Sage Plane to Dry Run 12 mi. Watter  
 Standing in holes Grass Bad. Thence to Rock Creek  
 8 mi. for 4 mi. in morning Road very RockKey  
 and all Day DuSt very Bad Tremendious" <sup>Total</sup> 20 m

August the 17 1845  
 From ~~Rock~~ <sup>Camp</sup> on Rock Creek Down the  
 Creek to crossing about 10 miles thence  
 Down on Other Side 2 miles Difficult Banks  
 of Rock Hard matter to get Stock to Watter  
 Camp on South Side among the Sage and dust  
 Road very Rough and DuSt awfull. 12 m  
 18 Down the Creek about 2 miles thence over Sage  
 Plane to Snake River. Camp on Bluff on the Sand  
 1/2 mile from the River high Bluff. No Grass Some  
 few Willow along the Edge of the River. Crossed no  
 Watter During the Day. Road Rocky and very Rough  
 in Places. DuSt tremendous Death on Everything  
 a light Soil IntermixKed with Sand. Days travel 20 mi  
 19. Down the River over the Bluffs 3 miles  
 thence across through Bluffs to Salmon Creek

Road Tolerbly Good Sandy for the firSt three mile  
 Passe the Warm Spring" Days travel" 5 mi

junction

20. Down Salmon falls creeK to ~~Crossing~~.thence

Salmon of S.River

Down Snake River to falls^ 5 miles. thence across

Bluffs over Sage Plane to Snake River 15 m

Encamped on Bluff on the Sand 1½ miles from

the River Tremendious High Steep Bluff

to Carry Watter 1½ miles, Days Travel, 20 mi

21 Over High Steep Bluffs about 5 mi thence

Good Road for 7 mi" to River agane turn -

off Down Dry Branch to camp 2 miles after

leaving Road" Tolerbly Good Grass, through

Sand all Day, Dust very Bad. - - 12 mi.

22 Day off to ReSt Cattle.

23 Down River to ford crossed and

Encamped 2 miles on Dry Run Watter

Only Standing in holes. Dangerous and

Difficult ford Watter Came into WaggonS

BedS in one or two placeS. clothing got

wet in a good many WaggonS

Days travel 7 miles

24 to camp on Branch 6 or 7 miles Day 7 mi

and Encamped for the Day. Long hi-l to clime

and <sup>SOME</sup> Rocky and Sandy, Good grass 1½ miles

up Branch form Camp Days Travel 7 miS

25 moved 2 miles up Branch to grass and lay

By for the Day to Rest cattle 10 mi

26 Over Sage Plane 5 mi"to Branch Good

Watter no Grass or very little"thence to other

Branch Road Rocky Grass Good and

Encamped for the Day"Sage for Full, Days trav

27 Day By on Act" of HavinS Being Sick 10 mi

Cold on Lungs very Bad 7 mi

28 Day By"HawKinS WorSe Expected

to die"

29 Z.Hawkins died 20 minetS after

Seven Oclock, Leaving a Wife

and 5 children,Left camp

at 12 Oclock and traveled to hot

Spring 3 miles, thence 4 miles to

a Branch and Encamped.total. 7 mi

Watter Good, Grass, tolerbly,Plenty Wood

Road Rocky" Days travel 7 mi

30 to Banrell creeK 8 miles Road Rocky

fom Barel CreeK 4 miles Sage gives Out

Rock ceaSed" Crossed Dry Run Small Spr-

-ing down Branch affording very little Watter

Encamp on <sup>Dry</sup> Branch <sup>no</sup> Watter got Watter

to cook with By digging Good Grass and Wood  
 at Barel creek no Grass <sup>11</sup> Eaten off By Stock  
 to Barel creek and to Where the Sage  
 Ceased Very Rocky" Days travel 16 mi.  
31 from Dry Creek over S Granite Hills to  
 charlotts forK 8 miles ~~no~~ Grass Poor Eaten  
 off By Emigrants ahead Good Watter

From charlotts forK about 2½ miles  
 to Duss Hollow Firstrate Grass and Wood  
 Watter Scarce Some Standing in holes and  
 Got By Diging" Passed no Runing Watter  
 from Barel Creek untill We Struck  
 charlotts forK 16 mi" Grass Poor at Each Place"  
 Distance Traveled the 31" Road Good <sup>11</sup> But 11 mi.  
Sept 1 - to Boisia River Road Hilley and  
 Some Rock. Encamped Good Grass 16 mi\_  
2" Down River Road Good But very DuSty  
 Plenty Wood on this River Cottonwood" 18 mi  
3" Day By Waiting for companie to come  
 up to Joine us \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Day By \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Down the River to ford of Boisia River 9 mile  
 1 mile and camped met Doct White and 3 other.  
 Gentlemen from Oregon" Days travel 10 mi  
6 Still down River Days travel — 14 mi  
 Good Grass all the Way So far"

7) To Boisia 4 mi" to ford of S. River Back  
 to South Side Watter deep about 4½ feet  
 Good ford otherwise crossed & Encamped 1 mi  
 from ford Grass Good on an Island" 5 mi.  
8 from Boisia Over Sage plane to <sup>M</sup> creek passed  
 no Watter untill Creek — 15 mi  
9" to Sulfer Spring 10 miles no Grass on Wood  
 to Spring Branch 10 miles Good Grass  
 Road Good Some Hills But no Sand  
 Road Soled" Days Travel — 20 mi.  
10 from Branch over Bluffs to Burnt River  
 about 6 miles and camped Days travel 6.  
11 up River Road very Bad Waggon unSett  
 Encamped Early on that Act. Days trav 8 mi  
12. traveled 8 miles & Encamped Waggon Broke  
 Down" Days Travel — — — 8 miles

13. for 2 or 3 miles Bad crossing & Recrossing River  
Road narrow"thence up Spring Branch

and Over mountain Back to River & Left  
River & up Branch to camp Days travel 12 mi  
Whole Distance up Burnt River . 28 mi  
14) From Burnt River Over mountain up Branch  
Cross Branch to noon"thence over mountain.  
Struck Spring Branch to Where you Leave it. 12m  
Thence over mountain Divide to Lone tree valley  
13 miles Days travel" 25 mi  
Very Bad Watter Here Grass Good Down the  
Valley 3 or 4 miles & Better Watter. 4 mile  
15. Down valley 4 miles X Encamped Oxen missing  
Days Travel - 4 mi  
16 to Powder River 5 p mi to noon over mout  
to River 1½ mi crossed"to 2<sup>nd</sup> fork 1 mi" & crossed  
thence to 3 fork of Powder 1 mile crossed  
Encamped. Good Grass Wood & Watter <sup>trav</sup> 9 mi  
17. 8 miles to Spring Branch to noon thence  
Over mountain to Small Valley" Watter & Grass  
thence over mout" Grand Round mout" —

Very Bad going down Rocky and Sideling  
to little Grand Round River in the Grand Round  
Valley 6 mi"thence 2 mi. in valley to Spring  
Near foot of mountain" Days travel" 16 mi  
18 up Valley to foot of Blue mount"to noon  
6 mi. Spring Branch"thence over mout"  
to Big Grand Round River Road Rockey  
and tremendous mout" to go down to River  
Very Steep and Some Rock" Days travel 16 mi  
19 crossed River and up mount" Song & Steep  
2 or 3 miles & up another Stil Steep no Rock  
1 or 2 miles & down mount" Steep Encamped  
in hollow at foot of other mout" Still  
a Small Seep of Spring none for Stock  
Days travel - P.S. Up Branch, 8 miles  
About ¼ of a mile we found a Sufficiency  
of Watter for our Stock,""

Sept.

20 up mout. A over Rocks a great  
Part of the Road very Sideling & through  
timber Road narrow & very Crooked in places  
Got to camp at dark 8 WaggonS the  
Balance not getting to Watter till next  
morning. Days Travel Lecd Encampment 14 mile

21 Lay By on Act. the WaggonS not  
Getting Up the Hill in morning

22 from Lecd Encampment to the Utilia  
River Road much Better down Song  
Hill to River 3 miles Not very Steep to  
Grass all Eaten off By IndianS Horses  
6 Days travel 14 mi

23 Down River Road good crossed it  
and camped Grass Tolerbly Days trav 12 mi

24 Down River 1 mile and assended Bluff  
over Loong Plane Passing no Watter till  
River Road Good Days trav/ 16 mi

25 Down River Road good Plenty  
Indians to camp - good Grass 10 mi

26 Assended Bluff 10 miles to the  
Utilia agane Sand all the Way  
Camped on Same no Wood gitting of  
the Indians Good Grass 10 mi

27 Crossed the Utilia Near the mouth  
and down the Columbia to noon 8 mi  
Left River throug Sand 6 miles and Cro-  
ssed 1½ mi. from River & up Grass none  
at River Days travel 14 mi

28. 2 mi. Struck River down the Same  
to Camp About 8 miles Sand very Bad  
Good Grass and cand Some Drift Wood  
Days Travel 8 mi

29 Down River Good Road 8 miles to  
Noon Struck Sand Still Down River to camp  
6 miles No Grass But Dry Branch Some little  
Drift Wood 14 mi

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Down River 2½ miles to Dry Run Some  
Watter in Holes Good Grass Some Small Willow  
for Fuel. Assended Bluffs and over

Plane to River 12½ miles Road Good after  
 Getting on Bluffs. Days Travel --- 15 mi  
Encamped on River Dry Grass no Wood

Oct., the 1 - Up Hollow ascended Bluff  
 - thence Down River 2 miles  
 Back to River 3 miles, A thence up A Bluff and to River  
 again 5 miles and camped Grass Tolerably  
 Good. Drift Wood, Days travel --- 10 miles

2 Down River 6 miles to noon thence up  
 mountain Long Steep Hill Round Bluff  
 Road Rocky in places Down Long Steep  
 Hill to John Days River 4 miles "Days trav 10 mi"

3 Up Long Hill and Over Plane Road  
 Good to Camp in Hollow Grass Good But  
 No Watter nor Wood "Days trav" 12 mi

4 up the Hill Down Hollow about 2 miles  
 to the Right of the Road Down Same Hollow  
 to a Spring and Some Wood. Over  
 plane to River 5 mi a ½ mi. to Watter  
 from Road thence Down River to the  
 Shutes River 3 mi "Days travel 10 mi"  
 Cross firing the Waggon in Canoa  
 Dangerous ford Swift Current,

5 Lay By till all got across

6 Up mout and over plane to  
 Small Creek 6 miles thence up  
 Hill to Spring Branch 1 mile  
 Good Grass to the Columbia 3 miles  
 Down River to the Mission 2 miles  
 Days travel --- --- --- 12 mi  
 Here to take Watter  
 3 or 4 miles Below the  
 Dalles

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Letter to: C.C. & W.B. Walker or A.J. Doak  
Oregon City Willimett Valley  
Oregon Territory

By the politeness of Mr  
Brown of Lincoln Co Mo

from: Walter M. Walker

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

Pike County Missouri April the 6th 1846

No.1

Dear Brothers & Cousins. I take this oportunity to in form you of the ocurrences of the past year, as it is allmost 12 months Since you took leave of friend & relations in this country and took up the line of march for that distent land of Milk & Salmon, which is exciting So much intrest in the States at this time. Their has been little else done in Congress this Winter than the debating the Oregon notice to terminate the joint ocupency now existing between the two countries and has been for years, The resolutions or notice posed the house by a majority of three to one, Vote And thus Democrats for 120, against 16, Whigs for 38, against 37, Nativs for 5, against 1, Democrats who voted against the Notice was 8 from Virginia 6 from South Carolina - 2 from Alabama, all from the South, Whigs for it was from New York 6, Pennsylvania 8, Ohio 7 K.Y.6, New Jersey 2, North Carolina 2, the balance Scattering So you can See how parties Stand on that Subject, the great mass of the people in the west go for the whole of Oregon, those that are opposed are Whigs generly. The Notice has not pased the Senate the last accounts. which was March 21, and from recent ocurrences I think it was doubtful whether it will pass or not, The Champions in the Senate for Oregon are Mr Allen of Ohio & Hannegan of Indiana they are a host, Benton has Said but little on the Subject I am not positivly certain whether he goes for the Whole or to the 49 parilel - I hope the Notice will pass - In Texas the question is Settled by Texas being admited as one of the States of this Union. She has formed a constitution Elected a State Legislature, United States Senators & Congressman. Govenor also - Emegratian is pouring in to Texas vary fast from the Southern States generally. Samuel Schooler went to Texas last Summer likes tolerably well. William Linsey I understand has gon there latley, report Sais that he got his hand in to Somebodys pockect, and 78 dollars Stuck to it. which he was forced to give up - then ho to Texas to join the rest of the villans it is a great pittty that Silver will have Such attraction - I have not heard of any person going to Oregon this year from Pike all those who talked of going have declined untill next Spring, Some of them may go then,

I think it uncertain, A great many persons want to Sell their lands and go to Texas & Some to Oregon F J Callis Joseph Scott A. Hoff J A Norton Some others are vary anxious to Sell all for Texas where game is plenty, their lands are dull Sale, Benjamin Gibson has Sold his farm and is gon or will Soon go to Texas. Lands are low, all though there has been two tracts Sold for good prices Benson Bailey Sold his farm or a part of it at privet Sale 40 acres to Stadly for \$500, Thomas Stark bought the remaining 80 acres at Sheriff Sale for 10\$ & 12.1 & per acre Bailey has moved to Pike Co Ill, John C. Henry Bot Gehu Sinklers Farm 80 acres last fall. paid for it 1200\$ got possession 1 March, Sinkler is going to Pike Co Ill, near John Venable, Old lady Trimbls farm was Sold last fall at Sheriff Sale \$4,67cts per acre. I doe not recolect of any more Sales beinf affected, Yes. Thos J Baird Esqr of Louisiana Sold his Lincon farm which he paid 2000\$ for. for 1500\$ and Sell its him Self in Louisiana, he has brick burnt to put up a large Hotel 48 feet by 68,- a number of other building going up this Season. Hardin & Bryson put up a large Brick House on the lot formerly owned by Wm. H. Carrole, E. D. Drapers put up a large Brick. Wm. Burbridg a good Frame House. Several others was put up, Byers Carroll is appointed past master at Louisiana, Draper resigned Joseph Richison & Kenedy the Grocer, petitioned boath failed one being a Soft. the other Keeping a grog Shop - considerable excitement about town a bout the appointment. Yes. B.H. Boon Son of the Hon. R Boon was a petitioner also, he was one of them Softs too, Robert Watson has put up a Steam Saw mill at Louisiana,-Old John Sidwell & little Jack Sidwell have give up their part of the mamoth Saw & grist mill on Buffalo. John S McConnell Still holds on, None of them doing any good more than usual - Your Old friend Patric Conaughty is one of the gretest Oregon men of the present day. Oregon, yes the whole of it, he is tickled with the Idea of war with England then is the time for the Irish Lads to gain their freedom, Shake off the Brittish Yoke dade J. blood & nouns but the Irish boys would play a Smashing game with John Bull declar to go Patrick Sends his wishes to you all, for your Health, prosperity, and hapiness, from the vary bottom of his Sole, a warmer friend You have not in all America, he has been broking hemp for me at Mr Jumps, he is vary much pleased with the family - pat Sais if the time ever comes that he can, he is for Oregon certain I have recd fore letters from you Since you left one from Independence one from Caw River, One from fort Laramie which come to hand about August One from 320 miles West of fort Hale brought in by Docr E. White which was written on the 4 Septr was recd. 1 Decr, which brought us the glad tidings that you had got on, without much difficulty, and enjoying good health when it was pened, we anxiously look forward for the time to role around when we expect another, You are equally anxious to hear from Missouri I have no doubt. The letter which you Speak of in your Septr lettr, written by A.J. Doak to his Father has not come to hand, Aunt Lydia at our house now & 4 days ago

Uncle John & Family are well except cold, have been well generly Since you left. Aunt Lydia Sais She believs Uncle John would Start to Oregon if he could fix and git the family in the notion Daugherty & family are well, Cousin Caroline was married in October last to Mr Waggoner, formerly from St Charls county Mo. he is a man of Some property. & Steady fellow - it is thought She has done well. the rest are Single. Reese left Home last fall no person knew whar he was going or whar he was gon. report Said at one time that he was drowned, in Feby last I recd a letter from him ritten on the 31 day of Decr 1845 at a place called Stillwater lake St Croix Wisconsin he wrote that he was vary Sick & was in the room with a phisician he also wrote that the year was nearly gon & So was he. the Docr wrote that their was ten chances for him to die to one to live. by the first of March he also Stated that he would bee down on the first Boat this Spring if he lived I have not heard of any Boat returning yet. the Docr Said he would wright if he got worse but I have heard nothing of him Since his parents are vary uneasy about him.

W.M. Walker

April 12th 1846

No.2, Aspects, Weather, Crops etc - From the 20 Apl untill the 10 of June was vary fine for farming purposes & crops of corn & wheat looked promising 10 June comensed raining vary hard - rained 13,14.15.16.17.18 heavy & rained 19-20,21. 22 cleared in evning warm, 23 heavy rain 24 Rain - (25 no rain but it thundered) 26 Sorter clear & cloudy. Rained 27 all night 28 R.in morning- 29 rained at night, 30 clear & pleasant, July 1 rained vary hard Some hail 2 rained hard in evning Shower. 3 cleared off and turned vary hot, Vary dry & hot bout last July & first August. Wheat ingered Some with the rust. corn ingered by the drought. after the wet Spell the ground baked hard, the weather wastremdious hot about 1 Septr murcury Stood in the temometer on the 4 Septr at 92 degees in the Shade & 115 in the Sun - turned cool Soon, contine fine wether untill the 23 Novr with the exception of Some little cool at night. 23 Winter commenced in earnest continued Snowing freezing blowing & Sevearly cold to Decr 1 Murcury Stoo 20 degrees below Zero in moring the coldest that has been for 5 or 6 years - winter continued till the 20. moderated & got pleasant fine winter weather till the 20 Jany Snow fill 10 Inches deep Snow thawed off muddy disagreeable rainey to the first cool of Feby good wether to 12.13 Snowed wintery to 15 Snowed 19 Snowed all day and part of night 20,21,22, Snowed, to March 1st Sevearly cold Snow 8 inches deep from first to the 10 March good weather from that to the first of April was Cold Snowey freezing Blowing

Rainey muddy disagreeable weather from the 1st Apl to the 6th fair fine groing with this day rains & blows all day warm Comensed Sowing Oat, 30 March, have 2 acres to Sow yet.. the wheat crop looks better than I have any recollection of Seeing it at this time of the year - I made a bout 200 bushels wheat last year it was Some ingered with the rust also about 500 bushels Oats was vary good, meadow tolerable good, plenty of corn and Some to Sell after fatning 45 head of hogs 20 which averaged over 200 lbs. Pork was worth from three to \$3.50. I got 3\$ for mine I Sold 4600 lbs. Bakened about 1200 lbs more than we will use in the pork I comensed feeding in Septr and fed on till about the first of Jany 1846. Fruit was Csearce no peaches of consequence the Old apple Orcheds failed in to, to, the young Orcheds had a good many apples I Sold apples at \$2.50 per barrell - I sold about \$110 worth we has Some green apples yet, wish you had a fiew just over thar I moved on the 23 day of November to the Todd farm I had the new house fixed So that we are living in it I got it chinked daubed Brick Chimney lower & upper floors the passage is not finished I could not git plank, I had the Small Cabbin finished of nicley I have the upper bottom field Sowed in wheat & Oats & Sowed down in clover & timothy I have Sowed about 4 acres in Oats & clover below the house the poor point Some body broke the door off the Old House Stole the lock. Box of cloths left for Mary. and evry thing (Box & Barrell) that was left. there is roges a bout - I did not plant Tobacco last Spring plants failed - I Sowed 6 acres in hemp ground in good order the rain drowned it out I have it all broke out a bout 100 lbs to the acre and that with \$2.50 per cwt. great crossing that There was Some fine Tobacco made last Year. by those who had plants and roling or dry land, Tobacco is Selling at from 2 to 5 Dollars delivred at Clarksville AG Gourley Sold his crop round for \$4.38 Lugs and all. Gourley has been Sick all most half the time Since you left, The Sickness of this country has been truly distressing Spring Summer fall & this winter, all Sorts of diseases, all most, in the Spring Lung fever. then the Hooping Cough, then a bowel complaint followed which proved fatal with a great many children, then chills & fevers or billious fever, then come the Slow but Sure typus fever. then to close the Seasons & distresses of winter, the measels, in their most malignant character, You may think that these are all hollow afflections, without the realities, but when you look over the list of those who have paid the debt we all have to pay Sooner or later ( to Say nothing about those who recovered) you will feel Satisfied that I am not wrighting to fill up Space - or to add alarm to your all redy prejudiced mind against Missouri -. the whole Story in Sad realities to a certanty -

Birdoin H. Carroll who had just moved to Bowling Green for health took the the Billious fever vary Sudently & Sevearly died in about 50 hours after the atact on the 9th

of May, his family moved to Illinois not far from Jacksonville last fall but Robert he is working a bout Louisiana I Seen Reas a fiew days a go, the family was all well at that time Old Hines C. Washam in May of Lung fever or pluricy - the widdow would marrie if a good chance would present its Self- Mrs Cuningham dies of Lung fever in May, Claiborne your little black Girl Minty died on the 5 of June of Lung fever & Hooping Cough unighted took the fever first then the Hooping cough when She was vary week & just Smuthered in a Spell of coughing She was perfectly a war that She was going to die a Short time before her desolution She called all the family up that was by, and sent for those that was out and bid them all a final & everlasting farwell and told them not to grieve after her, but to prepair to Meet her in Heaven for She was going home, told the other children to bee good that She could Stay no longer with them here. then closed her eyes in eternal Sleep - all the children was taken about the Same time Anderson was bad, Betsy I did not expect her to recover at all, Little Elen was taken with the lung fever at the Same time, we got the fever broke & her appetite returned with the fever then took the Hooping cough. She coughed & Spit & Strained untill She was the poorest human beeing I believe that I ever Saw, and on the night of the 15 June. She took a bad Spell of coughing & coughed as long as strenght & breath lasted & closed the Seen for ever, with her, She told us all the time after minty died that She would never get well but would go to join her little Siss - Louisa was vary bad for a long time but recovered & is a healthy child. Little Mary Virginia took the H. Cough at the time the rest took it & She was as near gon at two different times as She ever can bee Not to die, I gave her out the last time, the Doctor kept working with her and finally brought her too again - She recovered after a long time of coughning & She also took the bowel complaint at the Same time and was vary low with that - which disesease proved fatal to a number of Small children -Thomas Allison lost one of his children, D.W. Hemphill one John Cuningham two, Ell Holland One, & a great many black children all with the Hooping cough & Bowel complaint, August 3 John Burns was Drowned in the Mississippi River him & Reese Carroll was in a canoe to gether (Burns was Drinking) he turned the canoe over Reese held on to the canoe with one hand & paddled to Sore with the other all most gon, Burns Swam about after his hat & paddles, took the cramps & Sunk,- Aug 19 Jesse Shaw Son of Old Billy Shaws become dissatisfied or Deranged took two pistols hunted a Secluded place in the woods & Shot him Self in the mouth, it was nine days before he could bee found, and then only by the Smell as it was loud. Septr 14 Mr Grimmetts Old Black or Yellow woman of Fever - Septr 17 Hope Allison of liver complaint - Septr Mrs Miles Washam - of fever, George

Burns of fever, he had moved to Illinois - Old Mr Holland of fever, George Pitzers wife Octr 30, in child bed 8 hours after taken Gad Chapen on 2nd Novr of consumption, Old Henry Lyter of of clumet of or from the use of Alcahol-, Miss Izetta McQuerry of typus fever on the 29 Octr, Mr Alex Norton on the first day of Jany 1846 of his old dises, which was his birth day, Capt Vaughan on the 8 Jany of an absess in the Side, Henry Porter the Lawyer of conjestive chill - 6 Feby, after being tight, Mr Samuel Ruby lost two of his children in the winter died vary Sudently; taken just with pain in the head in the evning & died next morning a number of young people died with the Same disese in the neighborhood of Frankport. Alexr Allison's wife died about the first of Feby - the 10, Old lady Trimble, of fever & palsy., vary Sudently Frank was in Kentucky at the time Frank was attending the Lectures & Jane K.Y. Ladyism for MBrans

April 12th 1846

No. 3, Miss Nancy Smith died on the 26 Feby. of Cold and Measles. Miss Deany McQuarry after a long & painful Spell of Typhus Fever. She died at Garrett Goodmans. Jane McQuay was lying vary low at home, at the Same time with the Same fever. She has recovered, John Washams oldes Son lay Some 6 weeks with the Same fever at the Same time he was vary low, all the family had it I believe but John himself - Mr Harrison Price on the 17 March of Cold & Measles, I could name a number of others who have died in the county Some you was acquainted with and Some you war not, Doctor Mulbery died last Septr at Middletown Mrs Merywether lost 6 or 7 negroes, Shaw Some 2 or 3- a good many more died in the county round, A great many war Sick that recovered, Old Billy Brown was Sick Some 2 months with fever, not Stout yet, Henry Schooler was vary low George Brown was vary low. William P. McCune lay for 6 weeks with the fever last fall, he was vary bad, Old Jo. Scott, 4 of Robert Fullertons family was all bad with fever, Old Lady Norton has had the chills & fever all fall & winter, at times She Sais it Seams to her that you are not gon yet, She cant tell the cause though She has not nor cannot See you, Billy Norton is Still Single - So is the widdow, Ben Gibles is living there yet, he Sais he is Sorry he did not go with you last Spring, Old Man Jump talked & worked till he took the chills & fever he talked it a way again, he had a Sevear Spell of the rheumatism this winter Miss Rachel Walker has had the chills & fever Since they moved down I am well pleased with the family the Old Lady is one of the fines old lady that I ever become acquainted with, I have been there a good deal this winter braking hemp gitting out wheat & oats gethering corn etc - the Boys are fine fellows Samuel Spires is living in the House where Ambros Fryer lived on granneys-branch,

he talks of moving up to Macon county this Spring Venably & Hughs are Still at law, their fighting Scrap was tryed last fall the jury hung. it was tried last week again Jury hung again 6 to 6 - Old Andy & Peter Minor took a little cuffing match yesterday at court Peter hounded his ghost Some Peter was not Scratched nether bad hurt - Claiborne I Sold your Horse to Adelty Pharr for fourty Dollars, on Six months, - I consider him vary good. I could not cash him at all, Bob Browning paid \$19.50 on his note last Jany, I think he will pay the balance, he is Still living with Mr John Smith. Old John lost his negro man Lewis last winter of Cold & fever I suppose - Rob McCay has not paid the money fir the wood yet I intend Serving him Soon if he dont pay it, he is Said to bee good but Slow I did not Heigher out Sam & cash last year, as it was late in fact no wether for Shipping tobaco untill the wet wether in June, May was vary dry except Showers which did not bring tobaco in order I delivered your tobaco to Luke as Soon as it was Shiped 1300 on Some fiew pounds good, about 400 lbs Lugs - I took my tobaco to St Louis about the 8th of Septr, One Head brought 3.50 one 2.90 Lugs 2,25-per hundred - I could have highered them by the month to Brake Hemp during the warm dry wether at about 8\$ for Sam & 6 for Cash, but I would not doe it as it was vary Sickly, and could not git any thing for them by the year. from then to Christmas worth naming McCune had Anderson a while in the Summer & fall after he got over the Hooping cough, I had to bring him home twist during the time he was thare on the account of Sickness he Seemed to bee So Stuped & dull that I concluded not to let him McCune have him a gain, as he was not disposed to give much for his work besides his clothes I have him at home, I heighered Sam to Amos S. Griffith for 65\$ for the year he to cloth, pay doctors Bills & looz time, Sam was taken on tuesday March the 24, with a chill & Shake then with pains and bad cough. Sam thought he was going to die directly. Sent for me at One o clock in the night of the 25, also Sent for Doctor Harvey he gave him Some medicine which gave Some relief, then blew him he got better. on Sunday he rode home, Monday evning got vary bad Sent for the Doctor again

#### Marriages

May 1 Destrill McClure to Miss Helen Daughter of Edward Emerson all of this county Aug 5 Mr James Grimmitt to Miss Amanda Tillitt, Capt James Anderson to Miss Meducia Edwards, Septr 4 Jack Disonuke to Miss Zennetta Jourdan. Septr 25 William Tanner to Miss Lear Kennedy of Louisiana. Mr Abraham Griffith the widdows son to Miss Elvira Warmsley, they lived to gether 3 or 4 months & She had a child full grown & he left her, She is living at Old John Jourdans Esqr, abe at Palmyra - Sept, Capt Marshall Allison to Miss Martha Jackson of Louisiana, Novr 18 Mr Thomas McElroy to Miss Luticia Daughter of Alexr Henry,

on the 20, James Mackey to Miss Susan Givens - Decr the 4 Mr Josiah Grimmitt to Miss Milley Tillitt, on the 11, Bartin Griffith to Miss Elizabeth Jewel, Decr 3, L.A. Welch to Miss Ann Jane Pepper on the 18 Decr, Edward Elgin to Miss Polly Estice the coldest day perhaps - it was a vary auspicious time to close in with Such an arrangement - on the 8 Jany 1846 James Templeton to Miss Sarah Wilson daugh of Thomas Wilson on the 3 Feby William Kelley to Miss Emily Pickens. on 19 March Jack Triplett to Miss Francis Muse, Same day Harrison or Hat Fry to Miss Matilda Hughs the Queen of the west, on Apl 1 William H. Carroll to Miss Polly Stark, they was married at night nobody thar but Marshall Allison a Sneaking business this, Apl 2 Mr Alexr Miflin to little Fanny Peay, on the Same day Guss Easton Son of Col Easton to a daughttr of Henry Porter Dec.. I could name a good many more, but I will drop that Subject. A great many more wish to Marrie there is one more big John Fry to a daughter of Old Amos Thomas at the Lick - Old Mother McCardie & all her Daughters are enjoying a State of Single blessedness & no prospect of a change, Bluddy Ben goes about & looks like a mule B l with no tail p they all Speak to me but Ben, Jam is living at old widdow Wesham, report Said that they would git married I think not James Muse has rented her Farm & is living there too, Frank is at home he is more washam than ever he talks of Piloting Boats on the Mississippi.

I recd a Letter last fall from James Ward which in formed me that he was married to a Miss Williams of Ryvally on the 11 Aug. 1844, he has bought a farm in the Same Vally - & gone to hard work and doing well, our relations in Tazwell are or was all well Uncle John Thompson Aunt Poley was Still living Walter Thompson was barly making a living he was married to a daughter of Wm. Thompson, they had 1 child, Aunt Marthy Buchanan is no more She died last Summer, he did not State the disease - John Buchanan & his wife had a Sevear Spell of fever August is was doing well. James Davis who married Margaret Ward died last year of conjestive fever, Newton Ward is living on the old farm with his mother, he is a Strong Methodist, & James Ward has turned to bee Whig. Old Johney Doak & his wife of black lick was Still living. Edley married to a Strapping big Girl & have 2 or 3 children - Joseph King & Schooler are Still Selling goods an hard Scrabble amikng Some money Sanford & Henry Crow have opened a Grocery Store at Willis Sidwells, they Sell Whiskey @ 31./4 per Gal, King @ 25 great oposition. there will bee a geat many goods in Louisiana & Clarksville this Spring coffee is worth 9 to 10 cts Sugar 8 to 9 cts, Salt 2.50 for Sack, wheat is worth 50 to 55, corn was worth 25 Shelled Sacked & delivered last fall but it has declined to 15-cash. 20 cts in goods I ingaged Some at 25/. cts Oats are 15 & 16 cts in goods. hemp \$2.50 per crat, goods generally about as they was when you left,. Horses are vary low. good Horses Such as Old Baute Sell for a bout 30\$ on twelve months credit.

Cattle have risen Some Milk cows Sold during the winter from 8 to 12 Dollars. beef was worth in St Louis 2./2 to 3 cts per lb, work Steers have not risen much There has been a great demand for Stock Hogs as always is when pork is up - Pork has declined Since in the four part of this winter in bbarrells considerably it is thought that those who bought large quantities must brake, G.W. Jenks also bought more than all the other merchants in Pike county. O. C. Tinker has quit the Sadling business & comensed Selling goods, in partnership with Doctor Wise of Clarksville they are in Louisiana -

There is a great uncertainty, what the Senate will doe with the Oregon Notices I fear there is too many Tories in the Legislature of this nation to maintain the just rights of this Country, to the northern part of Oregon, I have Some fears of James R. Polk, the president, he is not Old Hickory. We need just Such a man as Genl Jackson Way at the head of this Nation at this particular time,. though my fears may bee ungrounded about Mr Polk, he may prove to bee equal to the task and maintain the honor of the Nation at all & evry hazzard, I hope hope he will, I believe all that is required is a firm and unbinding course, The president recomends the establishing Stockad forts on the Rout to Oregon & the rasing of mounted Riffle men to Gard the Emegrants. through the great American desert & Sahara of the West, also to establish a monthly mail to Oregon Citty. God Speed the improvement or the carrying to all the recomendations. of the President, So that we can comunicate the news from one country to the other So much quicker, than we can now and The Slow mode by Emegrants - - Bolivar Sam is getting better fast.. There has been a great many enquerries made about you all, great interest felt for your healths and prosperity, by a number of your old acquaintances, a great many wating with anxiety for your Opinions and descriptions of the Country, which will Settle the future course of a good many of them in relation to emigrateing to that country or not they are dissatisfied with this country - You must wright evry instruction to me about your property in Mo,- May God bless and protect you all, through this life & the trying Seans through which you may have to pass, is the earnest and Sincearest prayres of Your Brother & Sisters. We hope to See you either in Oregon or Missouri a gain before we are called hence from this world of troubles - I cannot hardly Stop wrighting at all. I must close at last to Brothers & Cousins

W.M.W.

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Letter to: C.C. & W.B. Walker or A.J. Doak  
 Oregon City  
 Willimett Vally  
 Oregon Territory

By the politeness  
 of Mr Brown  
 of Lincoln  
 Co Mo

from: W.M. Walker

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

April 12th 1846

No 4 I think Sam will get well he is able to walk a bout though he coughs a great deal, his lungs was vary much affected he Sais he is gaining Strength fast, Harvey has been my Pysician Since you left, he has as good luck as any of the Doctors Anderson has lost nearley half of his patients, last fall & winter thar was Sevearley attacted - Sindy is well She gave birth to a fine big Savage looking boy last August. She cals him Smith, he is large of his age & healthy, we have not had the measles in the Family. yet, no person has had them near us now. Amos Griffith traded Sams Ols roan Horse off to Old Will Shaw, for an Old Sorrell mare and got \$15 in cash difference, he has Since traded twist & has a horse about the age of Old Rone & worth near about the Same and thirty two Dollars to boot Sixteen Dollars in money & the balance in trade @ cow Set of chairs & 28 yds of calico got that of Kinney Tom Mackeys partner, Sam & Sindy Says if you like that country & Settle there, they wish to go with you if you come to this country again & move there, & if you doe not come and I should move to Oregon they beg to go with me. to you and live the ballance of thair days with you & work for you, they want to live with Some of us. Bollivar Sam Sais that you promised him that if you Settled in that country, he Should go also Sam professes to bee a Christian Now, Sindy Sais he wants to See you all So bad, that She would quit Missouri to Morrow for Oregon. they Send their united & fervent wishes for your health & happiness untill they can See you a gain they confidently believe that they will See Oregon Yet if they Should live. Claiborne Thurmon has Cash this year at 50 Dollars Cloaths pais Doctors Bills, & looses time & returns him with good winter clothing & a good blanKett, Cash was at home to day he is in good health & looks well, & well pleased with his home he Sais he would like to See you all also again, and if you Settle in Oregon he wishes to go also he prefers going there to Staying here only way it can bee fit

April 14th. The wether has been vary cold & wet Since the 6 of this month, I could not plough any from the 6 untill the 13 the ground beeing to wet frost all most evry night & cool through the day, warmer to day & clear I was in Louisiana on the 13,

I lerned there that, Cousin William Doak was lying vary low with the Lung Fever, he has been working with a Mr Stars up the River all winter, Rafting Saw logs, he was brought down a fiew days ago in a SKift So low that he had to bee caried from the River to the House in a Sheet or BlanKett it is thought that he cannot recover, his family are well. McClure is waiting on him, Robert Gordon was well the last time I Saw him he is Building a fine Fraame House for Old Amos Griffith he is covering it in at this time I think he gits 300, or 350 Dollars for the Job he will finish it this year, he Says he will go to Oregon So Soon as he hears from you if you give the right Sort of a discription Such as One as Soots him Old Mr John Turner & family are well, the Old man asks me evry time he Sees me, about you also, Joseph Brown talks Strong of going to Oregon Next Spring if Your account of it Suits him he has had the Chills and fever prety near half his time Since you left he is vary anxious to hear from you all, Sanford Crow wishes to bee remembered to you all,- G.W. Dunham is living on the Old place where you left him, he wishes to Sell, asKs 15\$ per acre cant git halp that amt for it his family have the measles at this time Dunham & his wife boath have to have them, & about 9 children they have an other little Daughter Since you left, they doe not trouble Old man Jump at all, for any thing. Dunham & the whole Griffith tribe are at war a bout the Old man Griffith Estates Young Noah is to bee married to morrow the 15th to a daughter of Steve Mulherren, Miss Eliza Griffith Daughter of widdow Griffith marries to Morrow also to a man by the name of Wilcox, John H. Griffith is doing as he was only more So gits drunk evry time he can git Whiskey enough his family increases - he is on the ridg yet, Miss Ursula Daughter of John Hughs was married last Saturday Night to a Lawyer by the name of McConeha, James E.W. Brown is living about his fathers as usual Single yet, Mrs Unas Mubbery is living at her fathers, She has 2 children. The Democrats held a meeting on the 6th of this Inst, and nominated candidates for Legislature, County Justice, Sheriff Peter Miner for the Legislature Samuel Pepper, A.F. Trainer & Enoch Martin for county Judges. James A. Robbins for Sheriff it will bee a close race beetween Finley & Robbins, it is the impression of a good many that Robbins will beat It occurs to me vary Sensibly that I will See Oregon in less than 3 years if live & your account corispons with that of others as I am disatisfied with Missouri, Jane Says She will go if I am not Satisfied to live elsewhere. I am troubled with a pain in my left Side this Spring gives me Some unesiness, the Same pain that I have felt for Several Span onley worse I think, I am doing as well as I can, work hard and git but little for it, hemp has fallen in a fiew days to 2.00 cwt Cash or 2.25 in goods. I intend planting Some Tobacco. & Sowing Hemp this year, Sam & Jim McCardies talked last Spring of bringing Suit for this Todd Land & Crows, but, Crow Swore that if there ever

was an other law Suit comensed for it the Land Some man had to die, Soon, I have heard nothing of it Since, Sam McCardie is living at Sam BurKses cropping there, he Says he is going to Oregon, he comensed cropping with Gourley they fel out & Gourley drove him off, they quarrelled, Sam drew a chair on Old A.G. drew his Knife, they told each other how mean they was & had ben. Your Money is in Good hands at interest I believe I have written evry thing I can thinK of, I thar fore must come to a close. Jane joins me in my most fervent wishes for your Health & prosperity & hapiness through life I now close by Subscribing my Self your afectonat Brother & Cousin To C.C. & W.B. Walker, A.J. & Rebeca Doak

W.M. Walker

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Letter to: C.C. & W.B. Walker  
Oregon City  
Willimett Valley  
Oregon Territory

By the politeness  
of Mr Brown  
of Lincoln  
Co, Mo

from: John D. Henry

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

April the 13th 1846

Pike County Mo

Dear Brothers and relatives I take My pen in hand to Candle that flame of love and frenship that ought to exist between So near relations. We are all tolerably well at preasant I Still have not first rate health My Self. Our friends and relations are generally well as far as I know. We hope these lines May find you all Well and in the promised land of Milk and honey and eating the fine fish of the great Columbia beathing the pure are of the Clime with a full prospect before you of a fine country. We have had a great Many Deaths in our County Since you left among the No. of Our friend Miss Parsons and Coln Boon also others of your acquentance. Your two little girls Minty and Ellen died Some time in June after you left their deaths was cased in My opinion by the Whoopingcaugh Dr Harvey was caled in but Could not check that disease. its Supposed by Some that Reace Doak is dead Walter received a letter from a gentleman in Wisconsin Stating that he was there Sick and had about ten chances to die to one to live Aunt Doak was to See us a few days agos. She Said their all well and doing the Best they Can for them Selves Caroline is Married to a gentleman by the name of Waggener Dorothy Says She has got the Waggon and he does not know whether She has got the teem or Not. We have MOved Since you left I have bought Mr John Sinklenn farm I gave him twelve hundred dollars for it we moved in last March Mr J Sirklenn is going to Illinois. We have another daughter two weeks old it waed nine lb when it was born and we call it for both its grand Mothers Mary Margaret the balance of the children are well and groing fast they make manny enquiries after you. Nancy is in good health and is well Satisfied with our move. She Sends her best love to you all. We would be verry glad to See you to hear the narrative of your travils politicks generally is about the Same as when you left James K Poak was elected under the head of Texes and Origon. Texas is taken in to the union but I think its doutful whether there is anny thing done towards Seteling the Oregon question as Some of the Southern Members appears to not bee of the pure grit - Times in this Country as it regard Money Maters is about the Same as when you left Money is Scarce but what we have is good. the Case of Venable and Hause is not decided yet. the Sate against Hused. the jury Stood 6-6 the

the Grand jury acquitted Venable - there has been Some Marriages  
Since you left. Sister Laticia to Thomas McIrvy James Makey  
to Miss Givins James Templeton to Miss Sarah Wilson William  
Carroll to Polly Stark Amanda and Willa Tillitts to Jones and  
Josiah Grimits Hat Fry to Matilda Huse and others making preparation  
the emigrants to oregon this Spring and few take our best respect,  
and rite to us every opertunity and I remains yours -  
to CC Walker WB Walker

John D Henry

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Letter to: A. J. Doak or C.C. & W.B. Walker  
 Oregon City  
 Willimett Valley  
 Oregon Territory

by the politeness  
 or Mr Parker of  
 Clahoun County  
 Ill.

from: Amos S. Griffith  
 Walter M. Walker

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

April the 13- 1846

Dear brother and Sister I now Take this oper tunity to in form yew That we ar all well at pres and hoping Tose few lines may find yew all enJoing The Same blesing your father and mother Are well and famely Caroline is maried to A man by the name of grean waggonner Tha ar living in one mil of your father Jane and liddy is Single Reas went alone The mines last September and was taken sik The doctor rote a letter to walter that he Stood nine chances to one to die Tho i Cant in form yew enny thing more About him at present tha has bin A great menny deaths in the County of pike Sense yew left We want yew to rite to us the first oper tunity we wowed be glad to hear from yew once more Samuel Spiers is living Whear Ambers frien lived tha ar all well At present Susan Sed yew might look for hur in too years if yew doant Come back but i can tell more a bout it When we hear from yew how yew lik i want yew to rite all the good and bad qualities of your Cun try give our best respects to Clabern and Bolaver Walker We under Stood that yew rote to your father but he did not recieve your letter i want yew to rite to Me the first opper tunity yew Must exCuse my bad Speling and Wrighting i did not have time to Wrigt half that i wanted to nothing more a presant but Still Re main your afectinate friend Amos S and Susan griffith to A.J. and RebeCa Doak

Amos S griffith 1846

Apl 15th 1846

I have concluded that I would fill this Sheet Amos requested me to fill it out, Sam is Still on the mend he coughs considerable yet I am of the impressian he is out of danger, I have enjoyed vary good health not Sick more than one or two days at a time Jane has been well generally, we are all well at this time, but Sam little Mary can talk pretty plain, She is a fine child - we have no prospect of any more - We have to feed our cattle just as much now as at aney time during the winter No grass in the woods. Vegetation is back ward -- wheat does look fine in deed, I Send those letters by a Mister Brown from Lincoln

County how is Sayed to bee a man of respectibility & verassity - You will recieve Several news papers which will give you the political News in General more than I could tell you in a dozen Sheets - Royalty is living whare he was when you left - doing a bout as usual no good I doe not pay any attention to him William Luce will Start to Texas in about ten days to look at the country, if he likes he will move this fall, JohnFaulk is going also John Fullerton is going too, Malvill Sterns gits as drunk as a baboon, and as Crazy as a June bug drives all hands he drove Old manParKs and family off in the night. to garrett Goodmans hous whar Wm Browning lived, Browning is living on the Finslay Farm - The Democrat printing press has been moved to Louisiana this week Sam Miner & Will Shaw are in parternerShip Selling goods at Prairieville - Apl 18th Since the fifteenth I went to See Mr Brown who I expected to take they letters out, but he was gon, he Started on Saturday the 11 of this Inst, I heared of him the 10th, through Mr Parsons he Started Several days Sooner than Parsons expected, when he told me about him B-I Start to Gilliad Colhoun Co Ill, to See a Mr Parker going by Water to Independence, his family left with Brown, was detained untill court to Settle Some business - he is Said to bee a man of respectibility and Standing, Sunady the 19th. Mr Walls Calhoun County Illinois, we have had four days with to day of the finest & most pleasant King of wether, grass is up considerable in this low Prarie under the Bluff, great cuntry this for Stock. I came here last evning at dark on my way to Giliad to See Mr Parker, But learn here that he is up at Pittsfield at court. I there fore cannott See him by going I Send this Letter to him by John Stark Esqr Brother of James Stark of Pike Mo who will See Mr Parker this week, certain.- I would bee vary Glad to hear from you. Wright evry oportunity and I will doe the Same in the conclusion I Say to you that if Your are pleased with the Oregon that I feel that I will See that county if I live. I remain Your brother & Cousin untill death. Farwell - To C.C. & W.B. Walker & A.J. & Rebeca Doak -

W.M. Walker

I have written evry thing that I can think of you will excuse bad Spelling & wrighting as I have been flustrated in meeting with a chance of Sending these letters as I expected to doe. I was Some time in great doubt whether I would meet with a chance Short of Independence Mo

W.M.W.

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Letter to: C.C. or W.B. Walker  
 Oregon City  
 Oregon Territory,  
 by the way of  
 Independanc  
 Jackson County  
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The S M will  
 please commit  
 this to the care  
 of some of  
 the emigrants  
 to Oregon  
 Territory

from: W. M. Walker

Calumet CreeK. Monday April the 27th 1846

Dear Brothers & Cousins I again take up my pen to address a few lines to you, fearing that Some thing may happen, that the letters, which I have Written & Started to you, may not reach you. I wrote evry thing in those letters that I could think of at that time but there has been Some Occurrences Since I closed them, that may bee interesting to you. Our Old & near neighbor George W. Dunham has bid a dieW to all earthly things & taken up his abode in a world of Spirits from whence there is No return, but a few Short days a go, he was pursuing the usual course of his life, toiling & labouring to support his large family of children, cussing & Swaring & ripping, a bout as usual, he tooK the measles, they Settled on his lungs, on the 25th he was able to Set up, on the morning of the 22, his Earthly existence was closed for ever, they have 9 Children Parker looks as Sloomey and lazy as ever. Sister Nancy Henry was taken with cold & was quite Sick last weeK, She has recovered - John is unwell at this time he was taken last weeK with apain in his Side Something like the pleurisy, the doctor applied a blistering plaster which relieved him in a great degree - I Should not bee Supprised if he was not a living man by the first of next March, he has been Sick frequently Since you left, if they could bee healthy they could doe well on the SinKlin Farm - Sam has got well or So that he has gon to work - Capt George Tillitt Sais he is determined to go to Oregon Next Spring Benjamin Gibbs Sais he is also Coming - a great maney talk of going, I think it doubtfull whether many go or not. 28, Rained all day ground vary wet has been a wet Spring So far warm now I have Sent two other papers, the Louisville Journal which contains John C. Calhoun Speech on the Oregon Question, he is with the Whigs, Tom Benton is ditto - on that Subject; The other papers is the right Stripe the weeKly Times which has Mr McClearnands Speech on the Oregon Notice which is one of the best and most interesting that have been delivered on that Question, according to my reading, a good many have left St Charles & Warren and also from Montgomery for Oregon this Spring. Some from St Louis

Some from Alton Illi, I am told that Some have left Montgomery County with out Selling their lands, left them to bee Sold at 1.25 per acre, the county beeing Sickley & poor. The widdoow Trent Daughter of Maj John Traggs dies last September of fever an other young amn died at Traggs this last winter - ,

Louisiana April 29th 1846, I learn here that William DoaK has got So that he can Set up, a little, and the probability is that he will recover now, he is living where he was where you left him on the River. Ed D Draper are in their new Store here Louisiana is improving considerable & if it continues a year or too it will bee a Smart City - there is a good deal of corn planted, Some up, Some fields of wheat is Knee high, it all looks better than I ever Saw it at this time of year. Corn is Selling here at 15 to 17 cents per bushel in goods, Hemp is as low as \$1,75 in cash Bacon 4 to 5 cts per lb, - , the Whigs are Sceared prettey bad a bout war with England or Some of them, I called at Mr Jumps this morning, & he faught the Bottles counted the wouned & Slain give up Oregon in to to I left him in a low State of mind, got to town & got the last news and recovered, The chances for War is better with Mexico than England a little prospect with boath We are anxiously looking for a letter from you I would bee truly Glad to hear from you all & a general Acct of the Country Climet & productions - Patric Conaughty was at my house last night he can talk about nothing else hardly but, You & Oregon, he Sends his warmest wishes for your health & happiness, he thinks the day is coming if he lives that he will See Oregon, Cousin Reese - DoaK has not returned home yet, no account of him -- I can think of nothing else of intrest I thare fore must come to a close as the Boat will bee here in a fiew mintes, that is to taKe this Letter, by the way of St Louis from thence to Independence. Jane Joins me in my most earnest and heart felt wishes for your Healths, pease and happiness through life Your affectonate -

Brother & Sister

To CC & WB Walker  
& AJ & Rebecca DoaK

W.M. Walker

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Letter to: C.C. Walker, W.B. Walker, A.J. & Rebecca Doak  
from: Walter M. Walker

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Calumet PiKe County Missouri March the 10th 1847

Dear Brothers & Cousins I take the present time to commense a letter for the purpose of informing you of events & occurrences of the last year, as I intend to give you a general history of matters and things so far as I can recollect. Your letter of the 14th Feby 1846 arrived safe at St Josephs on the 10 or 11 of July, and was rec'd on the 27th of the same. It lay in the office at Clarksville several days. It found us all well but my self I was labouring under an attack of the Billious or some sort of Missouri Fever I was taken on the 21st of July called in Dr Harvey he gave me some nauseous smashing big dose of Calomel Quinine & which broke the fever in 8 or 10 days I was about again, on the first Sunday in August, I felt stout enough to go to Old Capt Mackey's to witness the union of Judg Tillitt and Miss Elizabeth Mackey, in the holy bond of matrimony, the next day being our Election to elect Congressmen State Senator from the district (Pike & Ralls forming one district) a member to the Legislature Sheriff and other offices & I went to Clarksville voted early in the day and set out for home quite unwell, when I got home I could scarcely get to the house, took a relapse and was worse than at first, sent for Harvey again he came with a long face & saddlebags well supplied with drugs I took several doses which broke the fever the second time I got a bout again I had a tremendous appetite, exposed my self by being out in the hot sun hawling oats, eat too much and relapsed the second time, Harvey and his drugs again but the fever was not got clear of on as good terms this time as it had been before, I was confined to the house & yard for about 8 weeks, then commenced riding about but very weak, I continued to gain strength and improve slowly until the 12th of November I took one of those common and distressing followers of Billious Fever, the Chill and fever, which I thought was very severe, I commenced taking Pills so soon as the fever cooled and had no more until the 25th day of Decr Christmas I took a chill about 8 o'clock A.M. It was not so severe as the first one Pills succeeded, no more chills for 3 or 4 weeks took them again had them 3 days chill every day with fever,

following this time I sent for Harvey he gave me medicine that broke it, about 15 or 16 days it was back again worse than ever, took 2 Bores Dr Baaggs Pills Stopped it again for Some 17 days, it made another and the last attact that I have had on the first day of this month took Sapingtons Pills broke it a vary cold morning this time,

March 18, 12 o'clock I have not had a Chill since the first of this month Sapington Pills I believe is the best remedy that I have tried, I have got to work again. Making a new fense today on the line bee twein me & Crow. This is the first day that has had the least appearance of Spring for the last 4 weeks we have had desperate winter very cold very warm very muddy & very wet Some of the Sevearest and most Suden changes from hot to cold that I recolect off allways on extreams, I will give you a full account of the Seasons Summer & fall & winter - Jane had the chill & fever for about one week in August, Broke them with Baaggs Pills. She has had good health Since little Mary Virginia has enjoyed good health Since She got clear of the Wooping cough. She talks quite plain - and a goodeal of Company - J.C. Henry and family are all well, he Sends a letter to you also, which will give you the particulars of his family. The last summer was not So Sickley as the three or four last years diseases were not so fatal in the fall a graet many cases of chills & fever it was worse out through the country by far than it was on the river a good many deaths from various causes I enclose a list of Deaths & Marriages also, There Seems to be a greater Scaarcity of grain and more particularly corn and roughness for Stock in maney places in this and Some other counties, than I have ever seen or heard of, Some Neighborhoods have plenty in consequence of having more rain then others, from the first of may untill the 10th of July, I doe not recolect to have Seen a better and more growing Season it reained evry time it was needed, the crops of corn looked more promising than I ever Seen them, Wheat crops was very good Oats good meadows good, the last rain that fell on Calumit was on the 7th of July the weather was remarcably hot and drying the Murcury in the Themometer in the Shade Stood at from 90 to 102 degrees for Some 8 or 10 days no more rain to doe any good at all untill the 4th of August, a good Shower fell, and hard but Short, lasted just 7 minutes I was in the House sick and consequently noticed the clock & the length of the Shower, the next evning I could not tell

that it had rained from the appearance of the ground, no more rain untill the 19th to doe any good on the 19th we had a very heavy rain raised the creek quite full, the corn crops in a great maney places dried up Some Stalks had a good ears on them, others none at all a bout one third had no ears at all, though fine large Stalks Since the 19th August we have had a great deal of rain, the fall was warm and wet. and the Pastures better than they have been for Several years in the fall untill frost came, corn is very scearce in this Neighborhood all hands will be out of corn by the middle of April unless the weather continues very warm So that the grass will put up a few days Hay is in great demand, I understand out on Indian Creek and on west Currie the Stock is Starving to death for the wont of food, their crops way burny up with the drought much worse than on this side of the Prairie Corn is very Scearce in this Neighborhood Hay also Scearce no corn blads taken at all, as they was all dried up in August, Wheat at this time is plenty I have not got out any of my lasy years crops, I have Some 30 bushels of Buckwheat on hand, Not Much corn, The wheat has been very much injered by the freezing and thawing This late winter Sowed wheat is ruined I think I will plough up part of mine, unless it improves very much, I did not git it Sowed untill very late, inconsequence of Sickness, and having Some tobacco to take care off which took the boys all the time to attend to that Filthy Weed From the present prices, and the future prospect for a demand in Europe, I am of the opinion that inferior and common Tobacco will not much more than pay expencis, I have one house part of which is a very pretty yellow and fine, Small also, the rest of the House is large & coarse, and a bad colour, Tobacco crops was light any crop Since 1842, lint is light, but the Stock of good lenght, I raised none of the Stuff, it has been very low untill a bout the first of this month it took a rise Say to 3,00 per Crot, it had been down to \$1,75 per cut, and 2.00 in goods, I will Send in company with this letter Several News Papers which will give you the markett price of evry article of Produce goods and, as much news in relation to the war with Mexico as we have here, you will See by those papers that we have many oponents

or in plain terms Tories in the United States as in the revolution or the last war with England, and Strang to tell four fifths are modern Whigs, Shame upon them for Such base conduct and oposition to their own cointry - Old Man Jump is a mong the most prominent opposers of the War Dr Harvey and a host of Whigs, also, Harvey is doing tolerably well, Jumps have not mde any improvements on the old farm cleared no land but a turnip patch, made no improvement on none of the Buildings nor no repairs, he mde a tolerable crop of corn & Hay last year, his wheat only moderate Some of his Jumps Family had the chills last fall & Winter; G.W. Dunham Died about the time I wrote to you last Spring, which I in formed you of, in a letter written and forwarded to Independence to the care of the Post Master to bee handed to the Emegrants for Oregon. he died of measles very Sudently the sickness, A few days Mrs Dunham remained on the farm untill last fall when She moved to Iowa to Old Mr Dunhams with her little brood of children 9 in number, Jack Sidwell rented the farm, Parker Dunham perhaps proved to be one of the triflingest boys that I have ever met with her claimed to bee Sick with Some lingering disease, which I doe not doubt laziness will Kill him if there is not Something done for him, he Sometimes talked of going South and at other times of going to Oregon, Old Mrs Griffith is Still in the land of the living and well as usual Noah got married and is living with his mother he married a Daughter of Steve Mulherrins a very tidy and neat little woman Noah is awfully lazy, Jesse rented his house & land to Mrs Elizabeth Shellhouse and moved to Illinois, Settled near Old Man Sinkle little John H Griffith Sold 40 acres of his up land to Joel a few days ago for 180 Dollars he moves down and Settles imediatly under the Eye of Old Mordica Amos John gets tight every time that he can get liquor enough, has done no good Since you left, Joel is making money in a Small way, Old Jim Moor Spins him along, Mrs Griffith has a Sevear Spell of Sickness last fall, Joel bought a likely Nigro fellow last fall paid 500 Dollars he was cheap Old Moor his banker and gardien furnished pat of the money, Amos S Griffith and family are all well Amos had a Sevear Spell of fever last fall Susan also was quitee Sick for Some time, all three of their children William Anderson & Mary had the chills in the fall all at the Same time, Ame is doing better than he has done for years, he sold the lots that he got from the estate of his father and traded in horses untill he has paid all his debts but took one of them is for the Higher of Old Sam he is paying interest on that, he will bee able to pay that off by fall if nothang happens, there is no danger of loosing the debt, his land is no or will bee in his own name Shortly he does not work much him Self, he has a boy highered this year from Illinois. Thomas Shepherd is not making much on the Old Farm, they was all Sick last Summer, he wishes to Sell, Lewis Baandon is Still living with Shepherd & James Jonatham & John Spaires Bought the Sam Allison Farm and are making lots of Tobacco & corn & Jim & John say they are resolved to go to Oregon in 1848, the Girls are all Single yet, So are the boys a real den of Old Bachelors & Old Maids - Old Nicholas Grimmett is Still on the Stage of action the Same old nick his finger & thum has not wore out yet as he Still continues to brake little Sticks John S. McConnell is Still lingering at the point of bad luck (the Old Mill) he is jest living and all Said, Old John Sidwell and all the long leged young Sidwells are on the creek

all together where you left them, Aunt drusy is Still living but very much afflicted with disease, Old Kelley Smith got tight last fall - lay out all night and got his toes all frost bit has had one or two of them cut off, Old Jacob & Keley had a fight Jacob bruised on of Kelleys fingers So that it had to be cut off - So he has been a cripple all fall and winter Kelly has moved up to the Peay place and Robert Browning moved to the house that Kelly left Old man Gourley Sir Sold his farm to Mr Benjamin Humes whome he bought it of lost 100\$ on it done well at that, Gourley he had a greatdeal of Sickness, he moved near Ashley. John A. Norton is Still on Mr Crenshaws fam he is thought to be the easiest and best contented man in the country, he has the largest wife. makes less grain and lives easier than any body else - Mrs Norton & Sam Burks had the Shangue last Summer at the Same time, Burks Sent word down to Norton for the Sake of the quiet of the Neighborhood not to Shake at the Same time or on the Same day that he did least the people bee allarmed Suposing it to be the affects on an earth quake - William Norton his mother & Mrs Crenshaw are all living together and all Single Billey is doing very well You instructed me to Sell your Negroes to good masters. I accordingly endeavored to doe So by Selling Anderson to Billy about the first of January last for \$425. Cash or which was better, he paid One Hundred down the balance he gave his note for drawing ten per cent Interest I lond 50\$ to J.C. Henry. the balance to William Brown Sanford Crow Security Anderson has a good home, Claiborne Thurman has cash this year again at the Same price & terms - he is paying ten per cent on the last years higher cash is very well pleased with the place and treat-ment I. rather think that I can Sell cash to him this next fall, it is mearly Suposition, Cash has e ed good health Since you left - Though Thumon his wife and all his children was Sick last fall chills and fever he is doing well he has a bout 1000 bushels wheat to Sell at this time wheat is worth in Louisiana 65 cts Cash - I recd instructions in your letter to Sell Sam Sindy & children all to gether and let them select their master, one that they would bee willing to live with, which they found to bee difficult undertaking as five men wished to buy all of them, I could have Sold Sindy to a half dozen persons but Sam Seemed to be rather a drug the children also, as men when they buy a negro wish to git one that can doe Something imediatly - I finally Succeeded in making a Sale of the Whole Family Sam Sindy Louisia with her youngest child for 900 Dollars half cash & the other half on the 1st day of January next, that is all the best that I could Doe. unless I had have Sold them to negro traders which would have been a positive violation of instructions as well as a violation of humanity and any own feelings I could not reconcile it to my own feeling to Send Sindy & the children down the river I could not think you would justify Such an act in use for the difference in the price - Sam is gitting Old and had a very Sevear Spell of Sickness last Spring - and frequently has Spells of the Plurisy which injuered the Sale of him they was very anxious to go to James McWatson to whome I finally Sold them. he had Sold prime last fall to Charls Bacon - Paine got So Self important that Watson could doe nothing with him, Watson paid me 180 Dollars and is to pay the balance of the Cash payment next week at court when I will make him a bill of Sale -

I have not loned all of the 180 dollars yet no person applying as yet I could lone it very Soon if I would let Some folks have it, So the first of January next Bolivar your Negroes will or the proceeds of them will be near 4000 Dollars with Sams higher last year I traded with Watson in Feby last, The Negroes all wish to bee remembered to you all - all of them very anxious to See you in this county again, Sindy has bee quite Sick Since She has been at Watsons, old Diller as Stout and harty as usual, Mrs Watson wife of James M Watson Died on the 6th day of March of her old disease - Old Man Joseph White died in Septr I be lieve Mrs JOnes Daughtr of Ann Turner died of Congestive chill this winter, Several Negro Fellows run a way last fall & winter Robert Allison's Jack formerly the property of Hope Allison's left last fall took a fine horse of Joseph Allison's Saddle & Bidle, went to palmyra all night at the tavern left next morning with out paying bill rode right in to Marion City tide his horse up to the corner of a Ware House, watched his oportunity Stole a Skift crossed the river and has not been heard of Since - Jo Allison got his horse & rigging on the night of the Sixth of Feby Migaman Templetons too. men Isaac & Charles, & Capt Mackeys Jourdon all in company crossed the river at Louisiana on the Ice and made about 80 miles in Illinois they was all taken up by Some Suckes brought back, they payed a reward of One Hundred Dollars a piece for them, Templeton Sold his two imediatly to C Bacon for 1,150 Dollars, the old Capt concluded to try Jourdan longer, as he Said he would not try an other trip of the Same River as long as he lived he says he come pretty near Starving - Young negro men from 18 to 30 years of age are worth 600\$, the traders dont want old negroes they make little or nothing on them, Horses are Still low unless fine riding & they Sell for fair prices, Say from 60 to 80 Dollars - comon horses are too Bolivar I swaped your Sorrell filley off last fall for a large Sorrell Horse 5 years old and an excelent work horse very gentle and the filley was most an excelent animil, She got in to the practice of Kicking in the harness, She could Kick harder & longer and louder than any animil that ever I Seen Kick She become very daingerous I tried to Sell her but could not doe it, for any thing like the value of her the horse will Sell for a fair price when there is a demand for that Kind of horse. I think I can Sell him for 55 or 60\$ - I have 3 other Horses I still keep Kit & old Brutt - Robert Browning has paid part of his note, I would have Sued him but he has been living with old John Smith and I could not learn what property really belonged to him he has moved to him Self this Spring, I will bee after him with a Sharp Stick Jackson Martin his Security lacks about from 500 to 1000 Dollars of being any body at all - Rob McCoy Paid off his note in August last, McCoy is making money now wood is worth 2,12 per cord he has been paying 50cts per cord for chopping - Henry Schooler & Henry Crow are Selling good, at the crossroad near Andrew Traemers blacksmith Shop, Joseph G King is still on top of the flint hill, he Sells more goods than the other firm at the cross roads William G Gooch moved to Linn county last Spring, rented out his farm here to Mr Jewell, we have a report in circulation that Gooch is dead, which I Suppose to bee corect, and the rest of his family all daingerously ill, with winter fever, Robert H Allison Esqr is very low with consumption or Some kind of breast complaint he cannot possibly live long unless a providential interfearence on his behalf he may bee dead now I have no word from him for Several days. I will now give you a list of those who have been caled to another Existence Since my letter

to you last year from various diseases and causes May 2 William Patterson Son of John, about 18 years of age of Lung Fever Samuel Patterson had a very Severe Spell of the Same disease but recovered May 2nd Mr Dammern a young man was Drowned. when Fishing in the goos pond below Clarksville his Horse also, Mr Reed of Clarksville the Ventrelquest also Kept a kind of Fishery was Drowned in the Mississippi River Montgomery Bell of Clarksville had a child of 15 months old Drowned in in a tub of Water, May 2" Old Joseph Walker of Lung Fever & August 9th Mrs Smith Consort of Old John of Fever & Distress, on the 10. Old John Hughs of inflammation of the lungs & fever very Sudently, Little Son of Old Jim Browns Some 2 years & Some months old, fever, (27) Aug William Mc Connell Son of Robert, taken Sick on one day & died the next of congestive fever blood Settled in the head, Old Mrs Kenedy of Louisiana of Palsey B. F. Burnett on the Island of Fever July 1847 John Burnett of Fever - in Septer Old William Shaw Died when in Virginia on a visit, Oct 12th at his residence Major John Fagg 71 years of age - Claibourn remember his parting words to you and proffit there by - at His residence Old William Patterson who fell in to the fire off of his chair & was burned to death as he was all a lone, Novr 6 at His Residence Joseph Mc Cune of Some Sort of fever, he had two negro women that died also, of the Same Disease. Decr 13 Thomas J Bairce of Louisiana Esqr of Inflammation of the Lungs from cold and exposure. January 5th 1847 John Washam of cold and inflammation of the lungs taken very Sudently he was well and harty and Split rails all day took a pain in the left Side at 8oclock that night Six days after he was a corpse - he had Sold out his Old horse mill and his interest in the land and bought George Brown out, give 500 Dollars & George cleared it out of the office George talked very Strong of going to Oregon this year, though he will not go now nor hereafter - he has not the nerve, I believe he is going to Illinois - Jany 15th Mrs Crow James Crows wife of Some Lingerig disease 24, Mrs Watts consort of William Watts of Bowling Green on Feby 14 Old Mrs Widow Watts, Mrs Isabel Consort of Old E. D. Emerson - Sickness Mrs Polly Templeton had a very Severe attact of chill and fever which reduced her very low for Some 3 or 4 weeks, Mrs Goret Goodman lay Some 8 or 10 weeks with Some Sort of fever and other disease they boath have recovered, George Mc Leod had a very Severe Spell of fever last fall,, Miss Sarah Jane Mc Cardie was very bad for Some weeks with fever, She has the chills and fever at this time - Emit Mc Cardie has chills & fever, has had them a bout a week the rest of the Old Ladies family are well, and Single, the old lads had the Oregon fever last fall, I think it has wore off by this time - Samuel Mc Cardie is walking a bout the country doing about as usual Jim left last fall for Kentucky. he Started on horse back no Saddle Walleth of clths & umbrella spred over him, it is Said he has gon to Ky - for the purpose of Studying Divinity I Suppose he will bee back this fall coming to Spred the glad tidings of the Campbell rite doctrin, to this benighted land would not bee a bright star in Oregon from the East, cant you make room for Such a Hetrogenious mass of congloberated material as he is composed of in Some of your Indian Tribes in Oregon as a Missionary if it bee So.

I will tell you now who has and has had the Oregon Fever for a long time and has been increased very much by having had an attack of the Missouri fever, and that is your humble Friend the writer of this letter I am positively resolved to go, to Oregon in 1848 if I live, and learn from your letters, which I expect to receive from you this Summer, that you are all enjoying good health and are as well pleased with the country as you seemed to be when you wrote your letter in the Spring or winter of 1846 after remaining there and seeing the different Seasons, Spring, Summer, fall, and a second Winter with the Production of the country which would enable you much better to determine whether the country would suit you or not I also wish to know whether you all have determined to make that your future and permanent home or not, I should have liked to set out this Spring in company with the company from Pike County of Illinois, If I could have been prepared and my business so arranged, and been satisfied that you all would remain there so that I might have found you there this fall, but not being satisfied of that fact I did not try to prepare for the trip this Season I hope your next letter will be recd in time this Summer for me to prepare every thing for the route to Oregon in 48, if it gives me the satisfaction that I hope it will do, if you are all pleased with the climate Productions and are settled to remain there I then say you may look for me in the fall of 1848, If I can make any disposition of this farm and other property so as not to make too great a sacrifice. It is a difficult matter to sell land for a fair price or any thing near what it is worth unless it is a small tract and adjoining some person that wants it, Old Garret Goodman offered Dewil James 500 Dollars cash down for his 90 acre farm, which he bought of John Mackey more than it is worth he, asks 600\$, James is living in Louisiana, Goodman has as few friends as usual, I would like to leave here very much I am not satisfied with the country nor the people, I do not have reference entirely to the people of this immediate neighborhood, all though there is some of them as mean and trifling, here as dare to be anywhere, for instance Wieth Royatty he is doing no good he made a bout 5 Barrells of corn last Season, he wintered his horses on straw this winter his hogs has been laid out to bacon hode and all with out salt, he has been sneaking round and trying to get friendly with me Old Mother Mc Cardie and all of her house hold have got as friendly as somany pupeys, they borrow lots - Wm Mc Cune and family are all well, Billey is a good neighbor, Sanford Crow and family are all well, Sant is a very good neighbor him self, but take care of Mrs C - Sant talks of going to Oregon in 1848, if he can sell his land, he seems to be in good hard earnest, he sends his respects to you all and says he would like very much to see you all - Mrs Crow and all the children has the chills & fever lasr fall his yallow Girl Sarah has a right white nigger boy, white as any of the little crows

Table Showing the different Kinds and the changes in the weather from the first of November, In October we had some severe heavy frosts and some very cold days - with 8 days or nights of rain, the month of September was very warm & wet,-

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I will now proceed to give you a list of Marriages in the last 12 months or Since I wrote to you of Such persons as Some of you or all have recollection of On May 14 Mr. Robert Steel to Mrs Elen. Widow of Francis Watts Esqr Decd, Mr James Muse to Miss Jane McQuerry all of this neighborhood, July 9th Mr John Smith Son of Old John to Miss Mary Ann daughter of Wm Browning one of the Hottest days of last year Johns head looked as though it would take fire we was at the wedding I also at the in fair Mr Jas Tillett on the 2nd of August to Miss Elizabeth Mackey, On July 23th Mr Amos Griffith comonly Known by the name of Ball to Miss Maria McCardie all in Sight, it was a Selfish transaction not any person act, July 30th Mr Lewis Roberts to Cousin Lydia Doak all of Illinois, Aug Mr John c Beasley to a Daughter of John Hughs, 13th Mr Asel K Boyd to Miss Eliza Daughter of Widow Griffith, Octr 8, Mr Robert B Price to Miss Phebe Daught of Nicholas Grimmett, - Alexr Allison Old Jimes Son the Preacher to a Miss Carroll of Tennessee ar own cousin, Oct 22th Dr Wise of Louisiana formerly of Clarksville to Miss Susan McLeod Daught of Wm McLeod Esqr Cousin Jane Doak was married in Septr to a Mr Isaac Zeumatt all of Illinois Novr/2Mr Williamson Shaw To Miss Martha A. V. Daught of Old William Shaw Decd cousin Novr 16 Mr William Peay to Miss Mildred Daughter of Digs Luck, Decr 3th Mr Old, James Wiggington to Miss Lucy eldest Daughter of Cannon Johnston Mr Newman Eubanks to Miss Caroline E Cannon late of V.A., Decr 10th Mr Joseph Nelson of Lincoln to Miss Rachel Walker Jumps, Decr 10, Mr Samuel Givens to Miss Melinda Ann Daught of Capt John Mackeys - Decr 10 Doctr Gorins of Louisiana to Mrs Sarah Oaks from K.Y. Decr 10th Mr Josiah Hains Miss Ann Elizabeth Daught of Capt Thomas T. Johnston Decr 17th Mr Abraham McPike to Miss Margaret Morris of Bowling Green Decr 17th Mr John Tribble To Miss Agnes Daughter of Dr F. B Leach all of Spences Burgh Mr John Browning Brother of Wm & Robert Browning Jany 14 to Miss Elizabeth Daughter of the Celebrated & well Known Luke Haff - boath cheated each married for a fortune or property, Abe Haff is as big a fool as ever, Young Luke as worthless as usual, Blan Haff doing no good I Sued him and got my money Jany 14 Mr James Falwell to Miss Cathrine Daughter of Chamness T Smith, Jany 14th Mr James Baxter Son of Jacob to Miss Jaley Daughter of Old Mr Kelsaw in March Mr Franklin Hemphill to Miss Jane McConnell, Mr Will last fall to Miss Sarah Ann Daughter of Cyrus Mackeys - Cousin Jane Caroline and Lydia have all moved to them Selves & are all well as usual Caroline has a fine Daughter Calls it Sarah Jane Waggoner all commencing the world with a pampton Starts for Small family Andrew Kramer has bought 40 Acres of Land of John Kelley Joining Jas McLeod he paid 500 Dollars and moves there about the first of May John Kelley has moved to Watsons Since the death of Mrs Watson Dandy Bob Allison & James W. Campbell has a heavy law Suit on hands Allison made out a charge of lying a gainst Campbell in Wrighting and hand it to Mr C. Campbell had either to clere up the charge or git his pasports from the Church, and bee Stopped from preching, has brought Suit a gainst Mr A for 20,000 Dollars Damages, Allison must loose the Suit I think no matter if he does, - William Doak is on the Island yet he had a very severe Spell of Fever this winter thoug he has recovered So as to bee about a gain, him and his Family enjoyed pretty good health during the last Summer & fall - he is doing about like he was when you left he talked of going to Oregon

when I last Seen him, next Spring if I go, I have has no account of Coisin Reese Doak Since I wrote to you last Spring, I am pretty well Satisfied that he is dead or he would have come home before this time - Robert McLaughlin is very anxious to Sell his land in Ill, and to go to Oregon Joseph McLaughlin is living with Bob, he is not married, he is taking the World as easy as usual, they doe not enjoy any good health at all, Some of them have the Summer feaver Some the fall & winter fever. So they doe not have any Satisfaction at any Season of the year, John W. Griffith has had a wonderful Oregon fever for some time, Mrs Griffith is exceedingly anxious to go to Oregon I dont think She will hardly Survive if She dose not git off next Spring, Griffith Sais he can git 15 Dollars per acre for his Farm, but he is not willing to give it away for that price - I doe not believe that he can git 10 Dollars when he comes to Sell Because there is better farms inland offered for 10\$ per acre and no person disposed to buy that has the money, The Carroll Moss Farm with ot with out the Section Joining it is offered and has been for Some time for 10 Dollars per acre (the Robert Allison Quarter) which is a much more valuable Tract of land than Griffiths and the improvements a bout as good,- I have had no news from Virginia Since I wrote to you,- I Sowed the bottom field above the house in Clover last winter or the winter of 45 and 6 - the drought last Summer Kiled it on the dry parts of the field, on the more damp parts of it I never have Seen a better Set of clover & timothy - this winter has drawed the clover pretty near all out by the roots. I am Sowing clover & timothy Seen on it a gain - The Sevearity of the Winter has destroyed my prospects for a Summer pasture - or very nearly So - April the 1st the last week of March has been very fine weather, the mud has dried up in the road, and, the Ground is in good plough order. My Oats Sowed yet, Oats is Scearce and worth 25/pr bu Cash - corn has got to 1.75 per barrel,- I have finished of the New house and it is quite comfortable I moved the Old house or Irish fort - also the lower Tobacco house but it a Stable & a Lumber house out of there I have a bout all of the bottom Joining Mrs McCardie Cleared out and Some on the hill towards Crows

Jane wishes to bee remembered to all of you, She is not very anxious for the trip to Oregon though She professes a willingness to go if I think or Should conclude from the tone of your next letter that we could doe better live easier and have better health than in this country, She dose not wish to Start to Oregon untill one of you come in, or boath So that She could have all of the particulars in detail a bout the country rout, and have the benefit of your company back a gain as you would bee well acquainted with the rout, and all the difficulties which we would bee likely to encounter on the way. Mr Samuel Spires is living on the Miss Hope Allison farm, he rented Alexr Henrys part of if the farm belongs to Henry Joseph Allison & Alexr Allison - Sam Spires talks of going to Oregon next Spring thay are all well I doe not think that he is making much clear Cash if any, little Jack Sidwell Swars that he will go to Oregon next Spring if he can posibly git ready or fixed he will Starin a point, and then fail all most to a certainty Last fall at Sanfords J Heny Crows Grocery at willis Sidwell Mr Stephen Hunter, and Several other persons was emploid or amusing them Selves pitching Dollars, it beeing very warm, Hunter threw off his coat and waist coat, on a Barrell, when he went to Start he found that

his poskett Book was missing with 45 Dollars in Cash, which he has never got or heard of, Strangs to tell an the Same evning Some person Stole a Sack and a Quarter of mutton from Sanford Crow which has not been recovered that I have ever heard of, there was Some 5 or 7 persons there and of course none of them took it as they were all engaged in the evning amusement, I will have you to know that I was not thare not never have been at any of their gatherings, which took place every Saturday they were a high and tight set of fellows - Louisiana has inproved consderable the last year E & C Deassers put up a large Barch on the corner where the Old Stow house Stood, Plock put up a very good Brick dwelling house, Thomas J. Baird put up the larges and decidedly the best looking house in town, Glasby put up a large Brick Black Smith Shop, Near the Branch below the Tan Yard Several other Small houses but Last year Clarksville has not i,proved any at all only two dry Goods Stores in Clarksville - Two Groceries & one cham Shop - Samuel Minor moved to Paarievile & Smith from there to whear RC Brewington was living on the Gooch place Smith is Selling Goods - there and carrying on the tanning business largely.- Capt Billey & Melville Sternes are Still living on James farm they are going to leve this Spring - Old Pearks & Sterns Sols their Negroes a bout the first of March to Charley Bacon for 1200 Dollars Parks leavs for St Louis in a few days money plenty as long as it will last Old Billey Stern gits as tight as ever and makes as much fuss as usual - Melvin is more rezerved and does not make So much nois. he Still has bull the Short tailed.

In last June a difficulty rose between Geore Buckner and Doctor Glover of Palmyra, which resulted in the death of Boath, they met erly in the morning on the Street, very few words if any passed between them Buckner Drew a revolving Pistol Shot Glover through the body, Glover rushed on Buckner in the agonies of Death rested the Pistol from Buckner and Shot him B through the heart, B died imediatly Glover lived Some 2 or 3 Hours - thus ended the tradgy ---

Martins Burgh PiKe County Ill, April 3rd 1847

Uncle John & Aunt Lydia are well for old folKS they are gitting frail with old age crawling on them, aunt is quite weakly they are left all alone none left with them but Little John T, who is large enough to Plough - Aunt had a very Sevear attact of Measles last May took cold and it came very near terminating her earthly existance. She lay untill the last of Septr - She is very lean - Cousin Jane had the measles She is quite lean - and doS not enjoy good health - Caroline & Lydia are Quite healthy - and enjoying good health - the Girls are all living in the neighborhood of MartiS Burgh - Uncle is enjoying a bout of good health as he has done for Some length of time

Martains Burgh Apl 4th 1847 Ill

Jackson I am requested to Say to you by Uncle John that he was Garnishied By Samuel SpireS Jr mistake it was Thomas Shephead & and that your Father had to pay \$128.00 Dollars Principal Interest & Cost, in Cash which come very near

ruining him, he had to Sell a portion of his Land for the purpose of meeting one of the payments due on it consequence of having the Spires debt to pay he has all the papers in the case properly authenticated by Certificates of the proper Offices, he wishes you to make Some arrangement with Claiborne or Bolivar through me to pay the amount or if any of them comes to git them to Settle it for you or make Some arrangement to pay the money, he is determined to trade the Debt, to Some person going to Oregon for what It will bring here unless you make Some arrangement to Settle it other wise ---- as he said he is very needy or will be in the course of next year Uncle has had no definite account from Reese - every account goes to confirm the belief that he is not amongst the living - Uncle talks Some times like he would go to Oregon if I go next Spring, Daugherty and Some others, I have no Idea that he ever will attempt it, I must Close, receive my best wishes for your health prosperity and fortune happiness far well Your affectionate Brother & Cousin untill death  
To C.C. & W.B. Walker & AJ & Rebica Doak ---

W. M. Walker

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Letter to: C.C. & W.B. Walker or A.J. Doak  
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from: W.M. Walker

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Martins Burgh Sunday Morning Pike County Ill. April 4th 1847

Dear Brothers & Cousins

I am at Uncle John Doaks - & about Starting home I have had no chills Since the first day of March feel better than I have done Since last July - I am not entierly well yet - the friend here in this town are in moderate health at this time -

I have Sent by Mr Charley Hubbard a compleat file of the St Louis Union Since the 3rd of Novr last also Some other papers - Only one Whig paper I dont like them and Democrats doe not like to bee bothered with them - I also Send a map of Texas Oregon & California Also a Book called Monument to Jackson which is a very valuable Book - I wish I could meet you this fall on the Banks of the Wallamet this fall, or that I was Starting to Oregon in Sted of Starting from Illinois, to Missouri I am anxious to get to a more healthy country than this I and evry body that seen the Sample of Wheat which you Sent in your letter was wonderfully pleased with it - far Superior to air Missouri Wheat, a great anxiety to See your next letter by a great many persons, or one of you - I must close & Start, I must Subscribe my Self your affectionate Brother & Cousin untill death  
CC & WB Walker & AJ & Rebeca Doak

WM Walker

Our Old friend & Neighbor Mr John Venable wishes to bee remberd to you all with his wishes for your health prosperity & future prosperity

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Letter to: C. C. & W. B. Walker or  
 A J Doak  
 Oregon City Wallimett Valley  
 Oregon Territory

Independence Mo

Recd the 15 Day of  
 Sept. 1847

from: W. M. Walker

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Calumet Creek Pike County Mo April 5<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear BrotherS & CousinS. I embrace the oportunity of a mail Sent by Government from Independence to Oregon City to in formm you of MatterS & things here, Your Letter bearing date of Feby 14 1846 recd on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July. which we was anxiously looking for and which was a Sorse of heart felt Joy to learn that you had all arrived. Safe at your destined home - and was enjoning much better health than whhen you left Mo, and also that you all Seemed to bee well pleased and Satisfied with the country - I cannot Say that your letter found us all enjoying health I was taken Sick with Some Sort of Bilious fever on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July I called in Dr Harvey and got the fever broken in a few days, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August I relapsed and was worse than at first - Dr Harvey again broke it, again - got about the Second time took too much exercise & relapsed again, this time I was confined to the house and yard for 8 weekS, then comensed riding a bout improved Slowly untill the 12<sup>th</sup> of Novr I took the Chills & fever. and had them off and on untill the first day of March which was the last Chill that I had I have been at work for Some 3 WeekS though I am not restored to health yet, my Doctor Bill was 22 Dolers 25 cts and have lost allmost all the time Since the time that I was taken beSideS the Suffering = Jane had the chills & fever a few times in August, She took Some pills which broke it and has not had any Since She has enjoyed good health Since, little Mary Virginia has enjoyed good health, She Can talk quite plain and is a great deal of Companey to us we have no increase in our family - no prospect, the Negroes all had good health through the Summer fall & winter, There was not as much Sickness last Year as the year before the deaseases was not So fatal, in the fall there were a great many cases of Chills & fever A goodmany deaths from one Cause or other. Old Major Hagg. Old William Patterson Young W<sup>m</sup> Patterson Sons of John Boath the Burnetts Frank & John W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Connell Son of Robert MConnells, Malchom and Sally Gordon, John Washam, Old Billy Shaw

Old Mrs Widdow Watts, W<sup>m</sup> Watts's Wife - Mrs Emerson's Wife of E.D.E, Mrs James M Watson of her old complaint. Mrs Smith Old John's Wife - of fever Old John Hughes, little Son of Old Jim Brown's. Joseph McCune & 2 Negro Woman Thomas J. Baid of Louisiana, James Crow's Wife, Mr W<sup>m</sup> Damern and Horse was drowned when fishing, Reed the Ventreloquest & fisher of Clarksville was Drowned in the river, M<sup>c</sup>Bell had a Child drowned in a tub of Watter George W. Buckner and Doctor Glover of Palmyra fell out, Met on the Street Soon in the morning Buckner drew a revolving Pistol & Shot Glover through the Body, in the agonies of death he rushed on B. Wrested the Pistol from Buckner and Shot him through the heart he died instantly Glover died in 2 or 3 hours, Mrs Jones, Died of Conjestive Chill She was Daughter of Ann James - William Goodman had a negro man to doe of fever this winter Garrett Goodmans Old Negro Woman died last Weeks. Marriages Robert Steel to Mrs Watts widow of Frank, James Muse to Miss Jane McQuerry, John Smith Jr to Miss Mary Ann Browning. Judg Tillitt to Miss Elizabeth MacKey - Mr Amos Griffith Son of Jesse to Miss Maria McCardie Mr A J Boyd to Miss Eliza daught of Widow Griffiths, July 30 Mr Louis Roberts to Cousin Lydia Doak, in Sept Mr Isaac Zewmallt of St Charles Mo John Beasley to a Miss Hughes. Robert B Price to Miss Phebe Grimmett, Doctor Wise to Miss Suson McLeod; Little Will Shaw to his cousin, a Miss Shaw, William Peay to Miss Luck. Old James Wigginton to Miss Lucy Johnston daughter of Cannons. Joseph Nelson of Lincoln Co to Miss Rachel Walker Jump, Samuel Givens to Miss Melinda Ann MacKey Doctor Gwin to to Miss Sarah Oaks of K.Y. Josiah Hains to Miss Johnston daug of Thomas T. J. John Browning Brother of W<sup>m</sup> & Bob, to Miss Elizabeth Hoff; James Falwell to Miss Catharine Smith, Franklin Hemphill of Ill to Miss Jane McConnell of Mo, George Bailey to a Miss Galoway all of Ill, Mr Joshua Zewmallt to Miss Nanney Venable all of Ill - we had a very fine growing & warm Season last Spring untill the 7th of July & that day was the last rain that fell to doe any good untill the 19th of August, it was a very Sevear drought Corn all most burnt up in many places from that time on till in Octr the wther was warm & wet. which improved late corn very much, Wheat Oats & Hay Crops was very Good Tobacco was not So good we have had a very long and bad Winter very Sevear on Stock and has taken a great deal of food corn is very Searce in many places So much So that a great many hogS have perished for the want of it Cattle in Some Neighborhoods look like they would hardly last untill grass comes. Corn is worth 37½ Cts per bushel and in great demand, there is the greatest demand in Europe this Spring that has been for a long time for all Sorts of Bread Stuffs - Wheat at Louisiana is worth from 65 to 70 cts per bushel, Oats 30 cts, I have more for Sale this Spring. Pork last fall was worth 1.50 per 100 lbs in Louisiana, in the country it Sold

for 2.00 per hundred - I could not Sell mine at 2\$ however I did not take any pains to Sell it, I had 10 HogS to Spar I made Bacon of it. Bacon is worth 5 cts per lb. Hemp is worth \$3.50 per cwt, it has been down to 1.75 to 2 Dollars per cwt, I raised none last year, I raised one house of Tobacco one position of the House is Very pretty Tobacco, the rest is not good, I do not intend to Sow either Hemp or Plant Tobacco I have my last years crop of wheat on hand yet, though it was small. The present growing wheat Crop is not So promising as the crop of last year was at this time of year, The wheat has been very much ingered the last winter by the frequent & Suden Changes. late Sowed wheat is half Killed in many fields. I have Some that I will plough up. a great deal of my clover froze out in the winter. My Stock all looks very well I have 60 head of HogS - including a few pigs I have four head of Horses with BolivarS mare or the Horse that I Swaped her for. Beef Cattle are high Cows are in demand a bout 25 per cent higher than in the Spring of 45. Oxen are worth from 30 to 45 DollarS. Cows from 6 to 9 DollarS. Mules are high. HorseS are a little higher then they have been..not much demand Just now for them, Tobacco is Selling from 8 to 8.25 per Hundred-, according to the instructions you gave me in your letter I have complied in part (that is in relation to your Negroes) I Sold Anderson on the first of January to Mr William Norton for 425 DollarS, he paid 100\$ down the balance he gave his Note for at 10 per cent Intrest, he has the money Coming or owing to him to pay the debt with, I have loned what I recd out in good hands with Security I sold Sam Sindy & the 2 little Children in Feby to James M Watson for 900 DollarS half down and the balance on the first day Jany next, it was the best that I could doe unless I had have Sold them to Negro Traders which would have been a positive violation of instructions. they was very anxious to go to Watson, they could not find any person else that would buy them all, that they would live with, Watson has not paid all of the Cash payment yet, I suppose he will pay it this week. Robert Cash is at Claiborne ThurmonS this year again Same price & times as last year he has been well and Seems to be very well pleased. Thurmon is paying 10 per cent on his last years higher, I think that I can Sell to him this fall coming Amos S. Griffith is paying 10 percent on the higher of Sam for last year, Amos is doing better than he has done for years, they are all well at this time, though Ame has a very Sevear Spell of fever last year, Susen was Sick also, all the children had the Chills & fever, we have a number of persons who talk of going to Oregon next Spring if I go, I will give you a list of Some of them. Elijah Sidwell. W<sup>m</sup> Miner, Sanford Crow, James Muse, John W. Griffith Robert & Joseph McLaughlin, little Jack Sidwell Thomas Shry. I have not determined nor cannot untill I receive your

next letter which I expect to recieve this Summer, If you are all well pleased with the Country Climate Soil and productionS after you have remained there one year and are Satisfied that the country is healthy and an easier one to make a living in and you doe not aprehend too much difficulty with the IndianS and I can Sell this Farm for any thing like what other land Sells for, and Some other land & property I Shall make a Strong effort to git off next Spring I doe not like this Climate at all, it is too Changable. and uncertain a bout making crops of any Kind of Grain. Waller and Mills too Scarce and never Can bee any better than it is now. I feel very desirous to See Oregon I will write by the monthly Mail during the Summer and Keep you in formed of the State of my Mind & my feelings on the Oregon Subject or at least in relation to my moving operations and fixings, or the probability of gitting my business So arranged as to Justify me in making the Start, if your accountS Suits me. Jane Still Sais She will go if I wish to go. Though She does not like it much, it is a long road and a great maney IndianS, Such thingsS Sceares the most of woman of this country very much, Land is low, though Some pieces are Sold Some times for a good price Andrew Kramer the dutch Smith bought 40 acres of John Kelley paid 500\$ for it, George Brown Sold his Precomption to John WaSham for 500 Dollars Brown cleared it out of the Offices, A.G.Gourley Sold his farm to Mr Benjmin Humes for 300\$ Gourley moved near to Ashley. a great many farms offered for Sale, Joseph Brown is very anxiously to Sell to move to Oregon, he cannot git his price he asks 25 per acre and cant git 15 Dollars per acre, So he will not go. The Moss Farm and Bob Allison Spice Quarter Joining it is in markett at 10 Dollars per acre & does not meet with a purchaser, Samuel Spires & family are well he is living on the Moss or Hope Allison Farm, Sam Sais he is going to Oregon next Season Jim and John also talk of going. I returned home from Illinois this morning I Seen Several men that are going to Oregon this Season Some 6 waggons Crosses the River to day at Clarksville, Mr Charles Hubbeys, Mr Collard & others near fair field. I have deposited a file of News Papers with them and Letters A map of Texas Oregon and California also a book title Monument to Jackson, & 2 other Small packages - they are ging to the Wallimett Valley. Some 15 or 20 familieS goes from Pike county Ill. this Season Uncle John Doak & family are well at resent Aunt Lydia was very low last Sumer and fall with Measels - She is quite Weakly, The girls have all moved to them Selves all in the Neighborhood of MartinSBurgh, John T is a healthy boy, James Daugherty lives with them John T & James D. are large enough to plough, Cousin Reese Doak has not returned his friends have all gave out all hope of ever Seeing him a gain as he is Sertainly dead - William Doak has been very Sick this winter though he is able to bee about now,

though he is not well & the probability is that he never will, his family has enjoyed tolerable health he has proved a preemption on his improvement and has the money owing to him to endeavor I am informed by good men, Daugherty has quit Drink has not drank any Since 1 of Jany last, Cousin Polly D. is rather bad health She has a bad cough and quite lean, they have 8 Children the youngest cannot walk yet, -Cousin Caroline Waggoner has a fine daughter, Daugherty is waiting for your next Letter, if it gives him Satisfaction a bout your country he intends going next Season, he has the wood work of 2 waggonS on hand now bought for that trip and Iron paid for to Iron one of them, John Daugherty is very Small of his age though he can help his father considerable in the Shop. Daugherty intends having two waggonS if he goes to Oregon. The Government has established or a bout establishing a monthly mail from Independence to Oregon comensing or Starting on the 15th of this month, I Suppose that another mail will Start on the 15th of May If So I will wright to you by that and all Subsequent mails this Season, I hope to here from you more frequent after the mails are regulated, we have a war on our hands with Mexico Genl Taylor has been Successfull in all the engagements that he has had with the enemy So far, the last Battle was a very Sevear one about 20,000 MexicanS & 5000 AmericanS, MexicanS loss 4500, Killed & wounded TaylorS loss 700 Killed and wounded, it is upposed with Knowing onS that peace will bee concluded Shortly We have Some TorieS in the U. States at this time as well as in the revolution & the last war with England and all of them WhigS, Shame upon them - W<sup>m</sup> McCune and family are well, he is a good neighbor, Sanford Crow is also a good neighbor, Mrs Crow is not considered So good, Old Mrs McCardie & all the family have got very friendly with me I will let them remain So, two of her family has the Chills and fever at this time - Old Mr John Turner, and family are well Robert Gordon is well he talks of going to your country next Season - Robert McConnells family are well JohnS also, I Seen John to day I could fill another Sheet and then not tell you all that I wished to, but I have not time, as I did not Know that there was a mail Sestablished un till to day - I have written Some 4 SheetS of paper and Sent by the Company of EmegrantS from Ill - A number of your acquaintences wishes to bee remembered to you also John D Henry and all the family are well and doing well, John is Stouter than usual I must close Jane joins me in my wishes for your health and hapiness through this life to C.C. & W.B.Walker & A.J. & Rebecca Doak

W M Walker

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Letter to: C.C. & W.B. Walker or A.J. Doak  
Oregon City Wallimett Valley  
Oregon Territory

From: W.M. Walker

(undated)

Old Uncle John Turner and family are well I believe he bought a Negrow Man from James Shelton Henry formerly owned by Old Man Tomey MacKey. the Old lady was Sick laSt OcTr with the fever, but recovered She was very low Robert McConnell and family are well the Old Man is not making much clear cash he sold Harry to Mr Byers for 600 Dollars Byers Sold his Boy Volney to Bacon, Robert Gordon I beleive is living at Mr TurnerS he finished Old Amos GriffithS fine House last fall him and Fiending Estice took their tools and went to the South to Spend the Winter. but returned in Some 3 or 4 WeeKS Gordon was very unwell when they got back. and lay for Some time, but he has recovered & gon to work again. the last time that I seen him he told me that he Still intended to go to Oregon either this Spring or next - I have Not Seen him Since last Summer - I think W<sup>m</sup> Tillitt<sup>m</sup> will Start to Oregon next Spring Elijah Sidwell and W<sup>m</sup> Miner and Peter Conder all Says that they will go if I doe - Conder Sold his land last fall To Thomas Page for a bout what the land cost him, he would have went this Spring if he had have Known of the company going from Pike County Illinois he is living in the Washam Houses - Old Polly Washam had a beau to See her from Linclon Some two visits She under Stood the Old fellow to Say that he was coming back at a certain time to Marry her. She is living at Spearses they prepaired a dinner for the Weding & ast the hands round, but he came not. She Still looked for him two weeKS afterwards he Still absented him Self from his dulcry, She gave up all hopes of his return and now threatens him with bloody destruction if She ever Sees him again - Jas E.W. Brown is as Singular as Single and as long nosed as ever he is doing no good and perfectly law proof. Old Mrs Brown is Still on the Stage of action and as a natural consequence her tring still moves a head Calumett Creek Stops and dont run but her She clatters a head - Old Billey is like the IrishmanS horse he is there - Old Squire Bogges is Still on the moves & walks as wide as a cart - John Alover's head is as red as ever Big John Griffith is not married yet - he is making money JumpS Negro Man DicK was married to Rachel Girl that I Sold to old Amos Griffith about Christmas Griffith

gave them a big Dinner - Old Jump gave them an in far also it was a Brilliant but a dark affair - both families well pleased Salley Gordon died in March lost at Old Mr Turners - She has been living in Lincoln Some time She was taken Sick there got on a Steam Boat, came to Clarksville the next day She was hauled out to Mt Ts where She dies the next day - Little Sam Carroll is also dead or reported to be. Reese Carroll enlisted in the regular Army and gon on to Mexico in all probability he will find his resting place - Robert Corroll has been living in Louisiana - I doe not Know whether he is there or not at this time - George Bailey was married last winter to a Miss Galloway all of Illinois - Miss Nanney Venable was married last month to a Mr Zuematt cousin to the man that Married Cousin Jane Doak, Mr Venable & family all well - they was pretty near all Sick last SEason - James Venable went to Georgia last fall and has not returned yet - Old Mr Sinkler has bought a farm in Illinois and is well pleased with the country his family are well but the old man is complaining of pain in his Side at this time - I have written all that I can think of - and more in all probability than will be worth reading I may have forgotten Some things that you would like to have heard a bout.

Mr Hubbard-Collard Harpole & the bearers of theS letters & papers are all Men of Respectibility and families I lern going this Spring from Pike County Ill, Daugherty & family are well he is working at his trade gits a good deal of Custom - he talks of leaving next Spring for Oregon if he learns from your next letters that you are all well pleased & feel that you are settled there to remain in Oregon - The wheat crops have Sufferred very much in Illinois - from the Sevearity of the Winter. Corn Searce & Sells for 35 to 37 or 9 Cts per bushel Stock is very poor, as well as in Missouri. Cattle are in demand Stall fed Steers are high very few in the country Cows are redy Sale at from 5 to 8 Dollars - Oxen are in demand also at from 30 to 45 - Dollars - hogs have Suffered very much this winter from two great and fatal Causes Sevearity of the Winter & Screacity of Corn I have a very pretty lot of young hogs - I have lost none but a few right young pigs - gone in the deep Snow - No grass yet in the bottom Praries for Stock we have had fine wether for a few days --

To CC. & WB Walker AJ & Rebeca Doak

WM Walker

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Letter to: WB Walker  
Orrigon Sitty

Recd on the 18 Nov 1847

from: John D. Henry

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

Pleasant Hill  
Pike County Mo

Dear brothers I imbrase the prasant opertunity of riteing You a few lines I have nothing of importance to rite to You but I feel My Self duty bound to rite you Somthing as You have been So good to rite to us

the Most important thing is the health of our Country once more restored with a few exceptions Walter has had a great deel of Sickness Since you left. Nancy and the children enjois first rate health I have better health than I have had in the last ten years. Walker and Laduska makes Manny enquiries after you We should be glad to See you and hear your tell Some of your tallest Orrigon yarns there has been a great manny deaths in this country Since you left your friend Washington Dunham died with the measles his wife and family has moved to Ioway Some whare near bendington. there has been Marriages past calculation in my hurra I must mention one an two for instance Samuel Given to Miss Malinda Mckey and the judg Tillitt to Betsy Mckey all off this county times in this country as it regards money maters is tolerable god and a fair prospect for better cotten is worth from twelve to fifteen cents per pound hemp three and four tobacco from three to ten according to quallity wheat Sixty five and eighty Corn thirty to forty, Oats twenty five to thirty per bu. there is a great quantity of pork taken to market this Spring and money is geting plenty I Shall be able to git Some Six or eight hundred dollars for produce this Spring I Should like to See your country but I do not know when I Shall I have got a tolerable good home and I believ where a person is Satisfied they can make a living anny where uncle John Doaks family has all married and left him but JS they was all well when we herd from them last John W Griffith is Still talking of going to Anna Sais him girls Shal not get married in this country that you ar making farms in Origan for them and he is bound to go We at preasant have a nationshal difficulty with Mexico our troops are now in Mexico we have had considerable fiting the American have been universally Victorias it is report that Santaanna has defeted General Taylor but there is nothing official the principle Cause of this war was the anexation of texas to the united States and other depradestions cmited by them at various times and the way they are going to get a flaking well bet

a Sin the davy Crocket Waltan has Sam and his family to James M. Watson and anderson tho William Norton More news from Mexico to day. Seven hundred Americans kiled and four thousand Mexicans the Mexicans refuse anny negotiations with us and its hard to tell the Consigunce Nancy Sends her respects to Jackson Doak and family tell Jack I am a bout rite and I want him to rite to me

Nothing more at preasant

You will rite to us on evry opportunity

To CC Walker

BB Walker

March the thirtieth

Yours resptifully

John D Henry

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Diary of 1848 Overland Trip from Missouri to Oregon  
(including Purvine and Walker families)

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

From Laramie Across the Divide

	Wood	
to Rock Springs ..	10 miles	
up Sandy Creek ..	Wood 12	
Through the Hills across to Horse Shoe Creek ..	Wood	
to Dabonts Old cabin on platte	26	
Up Rige to old Trail and along		
Old trail to Rocky Creek -	18 mi	
Across Borelder Creek through		
the plaSter Hills to Borelder No.2	8m	
Through Hills to Bend of platte River		
10 miles Below Red Buttes.	21	
ford of platte near the		
Upermost <del>point of mountains</del>		
point of mountainS Cross over	10	
From platte to Spring BRanch		
Little MarSha Mongahu Hills	12	
Up Gorge of Wilow by Sulpen Springs		
Tracing to Side of Ridge Facing Indepen		
-dence Rock -	22	
to Indepndence Rock -	30	
up Sweet Watter through Devels gate		
to camp on Sweet Watter	14	
Pass Round Kennien and REach Sweet		
Watter for noon.pass Round Kannien		
No.2 camped on Sweet Watter	22	
Leave South Side of Sweet Watter and		
camp in Small marShy Branch	17	
Reach Sweet Watter to noon	6 miles	
Cross over River and over low point of		
MountainS Back to River -	16	
Here iS a pass for Buffaloe from powder		
River across to the new pass also to		
Sugar loaf peaK to the Granate		
Mountain,,, no Wood Here..		

Leave River and pass up into Hills  
Noon at ponds 10 miles thence to camp  
on Branch Runing South EaSt 9=19

Thence to North forK of Sweet Watter  
 4 mileS thence to Salt camp on Sweet  
 Watter - Wood Here.- 16-  
 Cross and leave Sweet Watter to  
 Watter Grass Branch - 5 mileS thiS 5miles  
iS the Great Divide Between the OceanS.  
 Cross over to Little Sandy 15 mi  
 Down Little Sandy to itS Junction  
 and across to Big Sandy to camp 7  
 Thru across to Big Sandy 12  
 Thence to Gran River - 10  
 Cross Green River Good ford  
 Down Right Bank to camp 12  
 Cross from Green River to Black forK  
 Up BlK forK to the mouth of HumeS  
 forK - 11  
 From the mouth of HumeS forK to  
 Bare River iS about 80 mi  
 There are Several RoadS from Green  
 River to Bare River One DayS BlK,,forK  
 By Brigin and BasqueS forK, Another  
 up HumeS forK and Down the North forK  
 of Bare River,,Another from Green  
 River to SmithS forK of Bare River,,  
 The One firSt mentioned iS the MoSt  
 Level But LONGer the One Hertifore  
 traveled,, Then from the mouth of  
 Mudy Down Bare River to SmithS forK  
 4 mileS, to GateS on Bare River 11  
 7 mileS,, From GateS to Crossing of  
 Bare River 6 mileS,, -

Thence to foot of mountainS - 8 mileS  
 Over MountainS (very Bad) go on if 14 Miles  
 possible to Big timber on Bare River at  
 the outlet of Bare forK 11 mi  
 Down Bare River - plenty of Grass  
 camp on Soda SpringS - - - 45  
 Down Bare River 9 mileS Round  
 foot of mountainS on the upper  
 portencess - Total - 19  
 Up port Bec DayS travel Day 15 Miles  
 - To Fort Hall about - 37  


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 The DiStene from Independence  
 to Vancouver May be called aS FolowS  
 From Independence to Laramie 645 miles  
 from Laramie to ford of north forK of  
 Platte - - 95

Thence to Independence Rock	45	
To LaSt Camp of Sweet Watter		80
To Green River -	84	
Thence to Bridger anS BaSqueyS		
Fort -	105	
To Fort Hall -	175	
	<hr/>	524 miles
From Fort Hall to Fort BoiSia	347	
Thence to Walla Walla -	295	
Thence to the DallaS	155	
To Vancouver -	15	
Total from Fort Hall	<hr/>	852
Total from Independence to		
Vancouver		2021 Miles

#### Fort Hall

To Bannark CreeK	10 miles
Then to falls of Snake River	18
Along Snake River to Ind Rock	9
To Cassia CreeK -	1
P.S. California trail turned off	
to the South alps Cassia	
From Cassia to Large Grassy MarSh	
Camped at the WeStern Edge Where the	
Branch Watter comes out.	15
Cross Grive CreeK	6 miles and over
long Plane to Snake River make	
to the middle of the River	21 mi
Traveled over Sage plane Back to River	
4 miles thence to day CreeK	9 miles
thence neare the head of Rock creeK	
Total -	20
Down Rock CreeK	7 miles thence
across Sage plane top of Bluffs on	
SnaKe River -	19
(Bad Camps)	
Salmon and FiShing falls of Snake	
River -	12 miles
two campS on SnaKe River Bluff	
(Bad CampS) -	16
To upper crossing of S. River	14
Difficult and DangerouS Ford	
-WhitmanS plan of fording-	
left S. River and assended Bluff	
numerouS Branches & campS to Boiling	
Spring -	17
A long under Bare of MountainS	
Road Rocky camp on Branch	
Sage gives out -	16

To pond passing then Granite Hills	12
to BoisSia Creek	14
to Fort BoisSias, two DayS to on Down	
BoisSia Creek -	42
Cross Snake River Back to South	
South Side, N from Fort BoisSias to	
MathewS -	15
Camp on S. River	20
to Bivort River 6 mileS -	6
P.S. the Road up the Burnt or Brule	
iS the moSt Difficult and troubleSome	
of the whole Road to Oregon	
We conSumed 4 DayS in traveling	
28 mileS -	28
From camp above the ford of	
Brule over the Divide to Lone	
Pine Tree -	19
to Powder River third forK of	
Powder -	13
to Grand Mud -	9
across the Grand Round to the foot of	
Blue MountainS -	13
to Grand Round River -	8
to Spring Branch Over Mountain	
Divide -	19
To the Willa C	20
to Dr., WhitmanS -	23
to Walla Walla	25

(the following are penciled entries in the diary)

Sept n the 11 1848  
 Up Burnt River Road Tremendous  
 Wagon upsett Encamped to  
 12) Wagon Broke Down Encamped 8  
 13) trav. up River 2 mileS very  
 Bad Crossing - ReCrossing thr  
 there up Branch & ovr mountain.  
 Back to River up and  
 then Branch and camped.  
 DayS travel 12  
 The Road up Burnt River iS  
 WorSt yet, Whole distn  
 up Burnt River 25m  
 12, From Burnt River over  
 MountainS. Struck  
 Spring Branch up the  
 Same to Where you leave A

12 mi. thence over mountain  
 Divide to Lone Tree. 13  
 - - DayS trav. 25"  
 very Bad Watter Some little  
 Willow for Wood c-  
 16 to Powder River 5 fr mi.  
 to noon over mount. Back to  
 en ½mi. crossed. to 2 forK 1 mi.  
 & crossed to 3 forK 1 mile. & En  
 In N Camped. DayS travel  
 Good Grass 9 miles

17, 8 miles to Branch to noon  
 thence over mount. into Small valy  
 Spring Watter Good Grass. thence  
 over mont. Round Grand Round  
 mont. .very Bad going Down  
 Rocky and Sideling to little  
 Grand Round River in the Grand  
 Round valley 6 miles and 2 miles  
 in valley to Spring near mountains  
 DayS travel - - 16 mi  
 18 up valley to foot of mout  
 Blue Moutain to noon 6 mi  
 Spring Branch. then  
 over mountain to GRand Round  
 River Big Road Rocky  
 and tremendious mout. to go  
 Down to River - 10 miles  
 DayS travel 16 m

20 from Dry Bun over mout  
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Letter to: C. C. Walker  
Oregon Sitty

Oregon City, O.T.  
October 5th, 1849

from: J.D. Henry  
N. Henry

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

Pleasant Hill Pike County Mo

Dear Brother

With due respect to you I take my pen in hand again to rite you a few lines, notwithstanding that you have been gone Some four years and we have never received a Sillable from you I supose you have ritten but they have never come to hand We are all enjoying the blesing of good health we have five children three boys and two girls We call our youngest boy Walter M Henry Laduska and Walter can read and Spell quite well My greatest desire is that my children Should all have agood education which I verry much lack my Self. the friends in this country is well so far as I know I Saw Giles Daugherty a feww weeks ago he Said they ware all well in Succan Times in this country is verry good produce of all kinds is in demand at good prices negroes is verry high there was Sale of negroes in January belonging to the estate of McPike Anjaline Sold for Seven hundred and twenty dollars, men braught from eight hundred to one thousand first rate crops of hemp Tobacco Wheat and Corn and a man that cannot make a living here now aught to Starve to death but there is Some that wonnt work there has been great improvement in this country since you left in farming as well as other things, the town of louisiana now Sity is quite a buisiness place there is now Some eighteen or twenty drygoods Stores and three Steem Mills foundry & population one thousand Clarksville has one Steem Saw Mill in operation also a large flowering mill building land in this country is advancing in value verry fast good land is worth from ten to twenty dollars per acre the Boyd farm will bee Sold Some time this Spring I think it will bring twenty dollars per acre. A.J. Boyd took the management of his fathers estate in a private maner he did not administer on the estate according to law and his bad conduct has caled for the propper authorities the court has appointed an administrator in his plase and the once long and respectable family of Abner Boyd is now Scaterd threw the country nearly upon

the charity of the World. A.J. Boyd has become one of the most drinking worthless vagabonds of our country the excitement now existing in this country is allarming that has been produced by the gold in California. Men of evry discription farming doctors Lawyers and Mechanicks are Seling out. Some taking their familys others leaving them to the Mercy of the World to goe to a distent land to look for the hidden treasures of the earth I beleave it will bee a great disadvantage to our country it in a great maner destroys the improvements and industry of our land which alone is the magnum bonnum bone and Sinew of the land Spare once the bested nations of the earth in point of agriculture comense and improvements from an averricious thirst for gold is now one of the most degraded nations of of the earth Dear Sir I am one of those that believe that hapiness is not confined to anny particullar Station in this World in my umble opinion it is not the vast amount of wealth that a man can possess that makes him happy I have a good little farm and a darling little family and I would not leave them and goe to California if I was Sure that I could get in to the Same querry that Solomon workes when he bilt the Temple. the emigration to Origon has entirely Stopped if you ever get this it will bee by the way of California you must rite to us freaquently at least evry opertunity Give our respect to AJ Doak an family and take a portion to your Self and family if anny. Nothing more at preasant but we remain Yours Truly

To C.C.Walker

J.D. Henry and  
N.H. Henry

Last Will and Testament of John Purvine

(from original owned by Eleanor Purvine Miller)

Filed this 22<sup>d</sup> day of September AD 1852

E.J. Harding  
Clerk

Duly Recorded in Marion County Records in Book  
of Bonds and Wills Page 23<sup>d</sup> this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
September AD 1852

E.J. Harding

In the name of God Amen!

I John Purvine of the County of Marion and Territory of Oregon being weak in body but sound in mind and memory do make Ordain and establish this to be my last will and testament here by revoking all others by me made and confirming this alone to be my true last will and testament in the words following to wit First to my wife Rosaline Purvine I give and bequeath one cow known as Reddy also a year old heifer of the same cow and one yoke of steers one a Spanish and the other an American steer also a plow a bell and a strap also one sow and eight shoats also seventy five bushels of wheat in the barn also all the poultry on the farm also all the soap and butter in the smoke house also all the pots kettles and furniture belongin in the kitchion also one bed and bedding all the chairs and chest and its contents and finally it is my will that all my property of every description after paying my just debts and funeral expenses be equally divided among my heirs with the exceptions of the items above named and also one hundred and forty dollars now in the hands of Samuel Brown for safe keeping

and also a due bill of seventy dollars also in the hands os said Brown It is my will that these be expended in repairing the fencing around the farm And also it is my will that my wife have her dower in my farm

Given under my hand and seal this eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Lingned by Neill Johnson at the request of the said John Purvine

John Purvine

Signed in the presence of Neill Johnson and Samuel Brown who signed the same as witnesses at his request

Neill Johnson  
Samuel Brown

Having forgotten one item I add the following Codacil to wit I give to my wife Rosaline Purvine two good pork hogs for her first years meat

This date above written

John Purvine

Witnesses

Neill Johnson  
Samuel Brown

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Letter to: C.C. Walker  
 Louisa Walker

from: J.D. Henry  
 N. Henry

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

May the 10th 1852 -

Dear friends and relatives

it is with pleasure that I take my pen to rite you a few lines, being the only way in which we can have anny communication, with great pleasure I imbrace the preasant opertunity of riting you an answer to your kind letter of Febuary the 5-52- which was received about the last of March we were glad to hear of your good health and prosperity I must say to you that my health never was better than it is at preasant we all had the measles this Spring which amounted to considerable Sickness as we have only 13 in family now they ware the real California measles I never was Sicker in my life with anny thing Nancy is in firstrate health probably as good as you all have in Oregon She would like to be in Oregon I have no doubt to See you all but we are dooing verry well here and it is too fare to go a visiting it makes me verry happy to See her So well contented you rote to me to not get mad about your neglect of riting to us (no no) not atall we ware just reminding you of your duty, we just supposed that you ware So taken with the gold fantom and So intent on making a fortune that you had forgotten evry thing else, Well So far as money matters are concerned we are doing tolerably well we do not expect to make a verry large fortune nor do I desire it our income is from eigh hundred to a thousand dollars per year and we do not quite get threw with all of it

You rote in your letter that you had changed your manner of doing and had joined the Cumberlin presbiterian Curch Well that is all well enough if a man thinks that he is right he ought to go a head you will be verry apt to have plenty of preaching to Suit you as James P Campbell is goin to Oregon to get Some of your dimes, you know my opinion regarding camp meetings they will ware out in Oregon like they have done here there has been the largest emigration Started to Oregon and California this Spring that have been ever left the State, Giles Daughty and Isaac Sumatt are boath gone John W Griffith and family and maney others of your acquaintace are on the way to the land of promise one at least Some of them think that it is & we herd from them near St Joseph they ware all getting along well I have Sent Some thre hundred dollars by Daugherty to Walter that I received from James A Mackey, being a part of his fathers estate that he instructed me to draw over

and above a certain amount that he expected to exchange with J.C. Bell Walter also instructed me to Send the money by Daugherty, had he left that part of the transaction with me I would have Sent the money by Some one else as Daugherty has to Spend considerable of it to make an outfit for the trip and may not be able to pay the money when he gets threw I have done more in the mater than Walter required of me I have taken a lean on mis Wagons and teams and Sent it to Walter by J.W. Griffith now I do not wish you to infer from the above that Daugherty is dishonest by no means, I only doubt his being able to pay but Walter is well acquainted with him, Daugherty is one of my best friends and I woush him great Sucess in his undertaking his worst fault is to himself and family he uses too much brandy a practice thank God I am clear of and hope that all my friends in Oregon are. Our money circulation is not what it was when you ware in this country we have verry nearly a Metalic . currencey principlly gold. twenty dollar gold pieces is as plenty a Mexican dollars, the last Winter was as cold as has been here in Some fifteen or twenty years this Spring is verry wet and bacward verry few persons done planting when looks fine, we will have no peaches this year for the first time Since we have been living on this place thare is none in the country above St louis, there is appearance for a fine crop of apples at preasant, the river has been rising Some two weeks and is now within four feet of last years rise, there is great fears entertained by Some of another overflow this year, Dear Kin it now becomes my painful duty to record to you the death of my mother - She departed this life on the tenth of aprile with umonia or lung fever a verry fatal disease in this country Caroline Waggoner died this Spring the health of the country is verry good at preasant no colera this Spring you will please give my respects to all that may enquire after us and receive a goodly portion of our best woushes to your Self and Louisa as we give her all the credit for your riting to us. remember letters only cost ten cents

Yours

J.D.Henry  
N. Henry

To C.C.Walker  
Louisa Walker

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Letter to: C.C. Walker  
Louisa Walker

from: J.D. Henry  
N.H. Henry

(from original owned by Byron J. Purvine)

January the 8<sup>th</sup> 1854

Dear Sir I have delayd answering your letter untill the preasant as I have just Started one to Walter that contained about all the news of much importance in the neighbourhood but as I answer all your letters I will try to make it as interesting as possible We all continue to be blest with the best of health You would be Surprised to See our family of children a Stouter healther family of children is not found in any country Laduska is as large as her Ma Walker and Dudley are large enough to plow Old Silden is as peart as a pink Jackson weighs 199 lb and is one among the Stoutest of men I could Sell him anny day for \$1200 I was at a Sale of negroes at Crows Cross Rodes on Thewrsday Men brought from one thousand to twelve hundred dollars one Small boy brought four hundred and twelve dollars three or four year old negroes belonged to the estate of William Bogas the Old lady Bogas is Still living the great excitement that has prevaled for Some time past was caused by about this the Old gentlman gave to all the heirs a Small portion of his estate the mane bulk of the estate was left to the old lady her lifetime and then to be devided between the heirs in no verry equal portions for instanse Gooches children a mere trifling Sum and to Bosman he left an equal portion of his estate with the other heirs his lifetime as he Bosman had no children the old lord Magann as he thought himself made provissions in his will that Bosmans estate Should fall back to tha noble blood the Boggess heirs the old lady wishing to give Schules and Goodman evrything Made a deed of convaince of all the property to Schuyler and Goodman the Same as if She had been dead, and they concluded to conseal and defraud Bosman out of evrything never made anny record of the propperty So that when the old lady died there would bee no estate to devide but Bosman braught them up before the Sercuit Cort the court decided that they Should Sell all the property and go on to Settle up the estate as if the old lady was dead. Bosman has got his full portion of the estate in Spite of their rascality and the old lady has nothing to do now but to look to her pets Schuyler and Goodman for living. William Norton and family are well and making a

fortion fast by raising Mewls and cattle the Jump family  
 is doing well they Still live on your old farm I think  
 that it would Sell for at least \$30 per acre, there was a  
 peace of land Sold this Winter adjoining me that belonged  
 to the estate of Thomas Stark it brought twenty Six dollars  
 per acre it was bough by James Stark Jun, great excitement  
 is prevailing in all parts of the States about the pasofic  
 rail rode which has caused a great rise in land in many  
 places in the upper counties in this State near the hunible  
 and St Joseph railroad land is Selling from \$50 to 100  
 hundred dollars per acre, it is my opinion that this road  
 is Shure to be made threw to California and if it ever is  
 the Western States will be among the formost in the union.  
 We have had a remarcable dry Sumer fall and winter Verry  
 warm up toCrismass it has been verry cold Since that time  
 and if you ware here you would be in no danger of getting  
 your feet mudied if you ware to walk out as the Snow is  
 about Six inches deep and is as dry as flower, the river  
 is verry low not more than two or three feet on the bars  
 and has a Solid bridg of ice over it So Strong that people  
 are crossing with teams of horces and cattle, for the  
 political news I will refer you to the paper that I Send  
 Walter he is Sending me the Statesman they come verry  
 irregular I have not got one for five weeks they freaquently  
 come in packs of two or three together, You note in your  
 last that you had been dieting yourself and bathing for  
 your health, I will just Say to you that my health was never  
 better and the only medicine I take is plenty of hog and  
 hominy, the health of the country is verry good at preasant  
 there has been Some caces of tofoid or winter fever I rote  
 to Walter about the death of Noah Griffith his wife and  
 children ware sick with the Same disease his wife has Since  
 died, the children are all mending the colera is again  
 making its appearance in the Sothern States and if it goes  
 it has cominly went we may expect to have it among us again  
 next Sumer, I have been reading a letter in the patten office  
 report from umpqua Vally Oregon from a M Applegate hee  
 Seams to give a verry poor account of the country, the great  
 tide of emigration to California and Oregon is about to  
 change to Texes and Nebeska territory. You can tell the  
 Dunham boys that their Mother is well give our respects  
 to those that may enquire after us and espsily to Daugherty  
 and A.J. Doak and tell them to not be So fraid of their  
 paper and ink, Nancy Joins me in our best woushes to you  
 and family

To C. C. Walker  
 Louisa Walker

J. D. Henry  
 N. H. Henry

P.S the ring you Sent Nancy She constant in remembrance of  
 you She had it on when our house was burned

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Diary of:

Elmer Walter Purvine

(from original owned by Paul L. Purvine)

1893

Wednesday, Aug. 30! A warm & sultry day. We made an early start and hauled three loads each of wheat to the warehouse. Maud wished to go home and help her mother, so Pa hitched up the "Black" & drove over to McCoy in the afternoon. We weighed no wheat today - the first day we have missed since beginning. About 50 loads were expected at the warehouse.

Thursday, Aug, 31! Another warm smoky day. Read a few minutes in "Chatauquau", subject "Socialist & Lover," the chapter beginning with the visit of Mary Quinlan & Mrs. Withers to Mrs. Morgan. The story shows the poverty of the laborers and the seeming indifference of the rich - shows that social position is largely determined by the bank account.

Got a wire sack needle at the store this morning. Mr. A.- being public spirited enough to give them away. Replaced broken needle at warehouse. Pa visited Uncle Jack & Dudley H- on business. Sent the scales to Uncle Jack for weighing wheat.

Sept. 1st Cooler this morning, wind from West and South. Finished "Socialist & Lover" last night, the story ending in the formation of two partnerships, one with "Miss Clara Quarles" & one with her father in the mill, both by "John Morgan; the mill runs on profit-sharing basis and all work men are prosperous and happy. But little is said of the result provided there be losses. Delivered out three loads of wheat as usual and on the way home at night, Lynn met a salmon pedlar and purchased a few pounds of fish - something we all like. Read in Telephone Register that the Mt. Hood ascension party returned to McM- last Tuesday; the party including Prof. Fargo and Amasa Sanders of McM-

Begin reading Conquest of Peru, by W. H. Prescott. Look over "Cosmopolitan".

Sept. 2nd Clear of clouds and mostly of smoke with wind from north & west. Placed our 3 loads of wheat at the warehouse, having to wait on the second load on account of accident to elevators. Pa spent the Day at Salem, on business concerning "wheat weights." Emma & Gertie gathered a sack

of corn & took it home to be used as roasting ears.. Read in Chaut. mag. a sketch of the life of "lady Blessington", a celebrated patron of letters and art. She lived in London, enjoying wealth, the society of eminent men & women & the pleasures of authorship. Continue the "Conquest of Peru."

Sept. 3rd. Sunday. A cool breeze blew and made it pleasant for going to Sunday school, at which there were about 44 present. Mr. Duncan announced services for next Sunday perhaps by Rev. Gwynne.

Frank came up by bicycle & spent a few hours. Jordan came also for a little time. In the evening Aunt came for yeast and Mr. Gholson came to tell us that he would take 25 sacks of wheat Tuesday morning. Read in "Chaut." Buckley's article on Methodism, which in a few words gives one a good idea of that denomination. Grazed a little in "Conquest of Peru." Did not attend Christian Endeavor, Last Sunday the class was asked to look up prophecy concerning the resurrection; but Miss Clark alone gave a verse from Hosea that indirectly spoke of the subject. The subject was continued for next Sunday.

Sept. 4th, Monday. Smoky, with some clouds. Hauled wheat to Lincoln and put one load in the barn, to be cleaned and weighed before sending to the warehouse. Pa and Ma went down and gathered Berries at Uncle Claiborne's. In the evening they packed bartlett pears to be sent with the "Wallace" fruit to Chicago. Mr. Miles spoke for 28 or 30 sacks of "Kinney" wheat. He would take it in about 10 days, on condition that he remained an McLench farm. Read in c. of p. including the massacre of the Inca's attendants and soldiers. The Spaniards were amazed at the superstitious conduct of Peruvians, but the cruelty of the Conqueror in behalf of the Catholic faith, to my mind, represented a deep superstition.

Sept. 5th Smokey & cloudy with a few drops of rain just afternoon. Dudley & Lynn each took a load of pears to Salem for Chas. They report a shower of rain in town, sufficient to wet the streets and sidewalks. I took wheat to Lincoln. On the way met a gentleman & a lady going to visit Mr. Miles. They said they were at one time neighbors to Mr. Miles in Kans: but now they live in the Mts. of Southern Oregon, 275 miles south of Salem. Pa cleaned 25 sks. of wheat to take to warehouse. The agent delivered "Signal Lights", a book for which Ma subscribed about July 1st. Upon hasty examination I find it to be a very interesting and useful work. Rev. John H. Vincent furnishes the introduction to the book. The photograph of each contributor is given and these include men and women eminent in professional and literary ranks. Mr. Gholson came and hauled away his 20 sacks of seed wheat.

Sept. 6". Cloudy with sprinkle of rain. Finished hauling wheat. Dudley and Lynn hauled 2 loads each of bark and stakes. The bark to be burned in cold weather and the stakes to be used in mending fence on the hill. Hauled two loads of straw up overhead in the barn, and cleaned screenings for chop. Mr. Jennings brought a load of screenings to be chopped. At night we burned the straw in the fields. Go on with the "Conquest of Peru". Read in Oregonian that the Chinese are driven from Butteville hop yards so as to make room for "white" hands.

Sept. 7". Showery all day. Sacked, and hauled screenings and wheat up to the chopper; then hitched up and chopped the rest of the day. Henry B- came and got a wagon to haul pears. Wille Jennings and --Hamilton were callers. Sam Phillips came to swap wheat for chop. He said he would sell his wheat today.

Sept. 8". Cloudy with slight showers. Mr. Jennings came and cleaned his screenings and in the evening we chopped them. Mr. Duncan came and rec'd the "Money" on "note". Continued reading of "Conquest of Peru."

Sept. 9th. Cloudy and cool.

-October-

Oct. 8" After one month's delay begin this record anew. Not so rainy today as it was yesterday. Attended Sunday School and church service A.M. Mr. Robinson preached. After sermon there was held a meeting of Presbyterian members. 40 present at S.S. Dudley & Hannah came to dinner. 4 P.M. attended Christian Endeavor: four members present only, but held a meeting. Emma rode with me to meeting, seeking some one to write her monthly report. Read in "Review of Reviews" the article "Civic Church" and the "revival of the Pilgrimage in England". The first makes a plea for an intelligent and fraternal co-operation of all people in earnest about making men and things better than they are today. The second, a description of visit to different places of historical interest in old England.

Oct. 9. Rainy, with the river rising rapidly. Brought Hanna's piano from Lincoln. Emma and Bert came at night and we were favored with music - Harp and Piano. Reviewed the article: "Irrigation" in "Review of Reviews". The author thinks farm life would be made more & more pleasant and attractive on the small irrigated farms of "Arid America": that many city advantages would be enjoyed where the people live on small tracts of say ten acres.

Oct. 10". Showers, but not heavy.

1893

Monday Dec. 18." Mr. Butler, surveyor, came at noon.

Surveyed the two small tracts of land in after noon. Mr. Burley & I carrying the chain.  $2\frac{3}{6}$  acres in Mr. Burley's tract and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in our piece.

Tuesday Dec 19"- Chained from rock at N.W. corner of Walker Henry place to N.E. corner of same. The surveyor there moved the corner post about 1 foot west. Then surveyed to S.E. corner of Mr. Burley's land: then west to S.W. corner of his place. Noon. After noon surveyed from S.W. corner to N.W. Corner; then from S.W. corner of P.E.S. D.L. Claim to N.W. corner of Mr. Burley's land: then chained from N.W. corner to Rock at N.W. corner of W.A. Henry place, the distance being 17 chains and 95 links.

Dec 23". Cloudy, but no rain. Drove to Salem for flour and groceries. Sugar: granulated, \$5.25 and extra "C." \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Many people in town; probably buying Christmas presents and other things to lend cheer to that day. Purchased for home use one "secretary" at \$13.<sup>00</sup>

Dec 24". The weather similar to that of yesterday. Sunday School well attended. The Sermon by Mr. Robinson was on the subject "The Character of Christ & its Example to the world." Time set for beginning of Christmas tree exercises was 7:30 oclock sharp. Mr. Jamieson led Y.P.S.C.E. meeting Several being present.

Dec. 25", Christmas day, misty in the morning & clear and cold after noon. Went to the church at 8 & worked till 12 on Christmas tree. Messrs Phillips, Penrose, Cooper, Marsh, Duncan, Higgins, Shepard, Jamieson, Bros. Robins (Grant), Bert Purvine, & Misses Purvine, Clark, Ingram, Higgins, Page, Phillips, Shepard and others took part in this exercise. Frank brought Dudley & Hannah from Lincoln & at 11 oclock went to McMinville leaving Jennie & Ruth here. 7:30: house crowded at church and exercises being carried out. Mr. Jennings acted as Santa Claus & the presents from tree were distributed, making many a little boy & girl happy.

Several business houses of Woodburn were burned last night. - Loss estimated at \$50,000.

Dec.26". A clear cold day. About 20 young men and women met at the church about 9 oclock and gave the house a thorough cleaning, leaving it in as good or even better condition than it was before Christmas. All seemed to know just what to do and did it in short time. Visited Grandfather, eating dinner there; father, mother and Jennie went to see him after dinner. Saw D. Henry's chop mill. Uncle Smiley came to dinner.

Dec.27. Dudley went to help Charley kill his hogs. Ground

11 sacks wheat for Mrs. Phillips. In the evening prepared the house for the social; and at 6 oclock guests began coming in & so continued until the house could not well accomodate' more.

Dec.28" Cloudy with slight rain. Prepared and butchered 13 hogs: 12 for ourselves & 1 for Uncle Smiley. Charley, Mr. Gholson and Uncle Smiley helping. John Adlin received chop for Mrs. Phillips. (13 sacks) Ladies Home Journal was received (January number). Loaned money on note to Mr. Duncan.

Dec.29". But little rain; very pleasant. Cut meat and rendered lard. Lynn brought fruit press from C.C.W's to be used in pressing lard from cracklings. Henry Burley received "bones" for breakfast tomorrow. Bert Hamilton took away 4 heads & side of "ribs". Lynn attends party at A. J. Purvines. Literary Digest received.

Dec. 30". Fog and mist. Lynn sick; earache. --- Smiley Purvine went to Salem - Mr. Gholson & Mr. Sohn came and took away 9 hog-heads. --- Dudley & Hannah sent to Mrs. Chase a small box of spare-ribs, back-bones and sausage. Expressed to Frank 1 box fresh pork.

Dec.31st. A drizzling rain. Sunday School well attended. Sermon by Rev. Robinson; his remarks being suggested by the closing of the year 1893 and the near approach of the new year. They were addressed to parents, children and young men and women, and if given heed will lead all to greater usefulness. Paid to J.L. Purvine \$10 in gold sent by W.B. Duncan. -- Y.P.S.C.E. attended by eleven persons. 4 active members present.

#### 1894

-Jan'y 1st Considerable rain. Did no work. - Dudley, Hannah, & Lynn attend the hard-times party at Lincoln. Rec'd 26 V. Pocket Quarterly.

-Jan'y 2nd. Clouds, with no rain. Dudley and myself went to Grandfather's, and helped to kill 6 hogs. Mr. Hanvil came and took away his lantern - Sick, of a severe cold. Lynn unable to work on account of same.

-Jan. 3rd. Rain with snow. J.L.P. went to Dallas on business. Dudley helped with the hogs at grandfathers, salting the same. Three of us housed up on acct. of "colds". Rec'd copies of "S.S. Times".

-Jan.4th Fog in A.M. Sunshine in P.M. We did no outside work because of sickness. Pa and I classified and filed

away business receipts, arranging them in bundles, each bunch containing all the receipts of a given year. - Hamilton boy has his hair trimmed. - Bert brings the scalding vat and its pipe home this P.M.; he receives lard cans.- Rec'd sample copy of Public Opinion, from Wash.D.C.

Jan.5th. A.M. - Clear. P.M.-Cloudy. We did but little work - Took three hogs to pasture on wheat.- John Adlin called in A.M. - "Oregonian" day - No paper. -

Jan.6". One inch snow this A.M. Weather wet. Snow mixed with rain. Sent interest notices (increase of rate from 8% to 10%) to the following named persons: Jordan Purvine, Cyrus Purvine, Benj Winsor. Wrote letter to "Oregonian Co," concerning subscription; also to "Capital Journal Co."

Geo. Hamilton here considering land buying. - Charley P- brought Calendar. Received check from Jordan Purvine for \$318, on Capital National Bank, Salem. Recall letters to Jordan & Cyrus. - Started Mrs. Phillips hogs home.

Jan. 7" Sunday, - Clouds but not very cold. - Remained at home. Make out, half-yearly report for the Sunday School. - D.G. Henry visited us a short time. Prepared lesson in part for next S.-

Jan.8". Clear and frosty. Mailed "Note" of July 1", (4 mos.) to Jordan Purvine, Salem. - Purchased 50¢ worth stamps. - used 15¢ worth of stamps. Withdrew from office the letters mailed to Jordan & Cyrus Purvine on Saturday. A.M.- Dudley cuts engine wood. Grubbed stumps in P.M. - Reread "Merchant of Venice".

Jan 9" Clouds with rain. Made sled 30<sup>in.</sup> x 44<sup>in.</sup> to haul beets & carrots. - Made 2 double-trees for 3 horse rig. - Lynn made 1 double-tree. Lynn goes to Charley's to put threads on double-tree bolts. - Brings in small load beets. - Prepare and rule secretary's book for the Sunday school. Dudley sick this morning. - Read "Richard III."

Jan.10"

Sacked 48 bushels wheat and hauled it to second floor of barn. Dudley makes a maul. Mrs. Hamilton washes our clothes. P.M. We ground 48 bus. wheat and made corn meal.- Moved and cleaned sheaf-oats of fern preparatory to cutting. J.N. Skaife takes the remainder of his chop, paying for grinding 50 sacks, \$5<sup>00</sup>. The minister and his wife call for a short time. Finish "Richard Third", and begin "Richard Second." John Adlin & Charley each bring a hog.

Jan.11."

Clouds, slight wind but warm. Dudley cuts house wood this A.M. Lynn and I bring in beets.- for cow feed.- P.M. Dudley

takes Pete and Blacky to have shoes put on. Lynn & John Chase go duck hunting. Finish "Richard Second". - Brought the gopher-gun from the garden & took the load from it.

Jan.12"

Very rainy. - Did but little work. Loaded wagon with chop and beets to send to Frank, but rain prevented Lynn from going. -Went to the office in the evening and brought the papers.- Learned there that Mr. Davis Gibson was dead. John Chase remains with us.

Jan.13"

Worked but little on acct. of heavy rain. In P.M. went to Zena to attend funeral of Davis Gibson, but arrived too late for the sermon.

Jan.14".

Heavy rain in P.M. Water on both ends of Phillips bridge. Attend Sunday school and church. Good attendance. Sermon by Rev. Robinson, Text, Luke 16:8. The minister spoke somewhat of the pleasures of the Christian and the worldly man. P.M. attend Y.P.S.C.E. limited attendance but had good meeting notwithstanding the storm. Study next Sunday's lesson.

Jan.15."

Clouds, sunshine and rain. Prepare to cut oats and hay. Make 5 single trees for plow double-trees. Lynn makes a rocker for the old rocking chair. Lynn goes to Lincoln and gets one package Arbuckle's coffee (30¢). Invite Charley to help cut oats and hay tomorrow. Mr. Murton requests us to chop ten bus. grain for him sometime this week. Mr. Hamilton borrows crosscut saw and Benj Winsor comes for his pulley.

Jan.16".

Get ready and cut hay for the cows & oats for the horses. Charley helps us.- We clean up the barn and clean some oats. Make two short double-trees. Mr. Hamilton makes a maul for use in splitting wood. Receive card from A. B. Pub. Society saying that catalogues had been sent. - Rain and wind.

Jan.17".

Windy and some rain. We burn brush and clean up ground for potato patch. Little Miss Hamilton comes to dinner and takes Polly, the cat, home with her - Bert Hamilton gets the two geese that Dudley & Lynn killed last night. - Bert comes by on his way for geese.

Jan.18".

Showers of snow. Split wood in A.M. Dudley goes to the woods and gets out runners for a new sled to be used in clearing the potato patch, and for general use on the farm. Uncle Smiley comes to remain overnight.- Receive catalogues from A. B. Pub. Society. Emma, Gertie and Bert came in the evening and some time was spent in singing and story telling.

Jan.19".

Blowing and snowing. Uncle Smiley works on Hannah's teeth. We work on the sled. Mr. Merton brought 6 tied sacks of wheat to be chopped.

Jan 20"

Growing warmer but considerable rain.- We put in most of the day working on the sled and it almost finished. Uncle Smiley starts for Goose Neck. Albert comes to stay over night.

Jan.21.

Fog and clouds, but little rain. Attend S.S. Church and Y.P.S.C.E. Rev. Russ preached in A.M. and Rev. Robinson in P.M. Officers were elected at business meeting of Y.P.S.C.E. as follows: Pres. E. W. Purvine, Vice Pres. W. B. Duncan, Sec Miss Emma Purvine, Cor. Sec. Miss Gertie Purvine, Treas. Miss Addie Clark, Visited with Grandfather's and at D. G. Henry's. Read "Baptist Flag" and Pacific Baptist.

Jan.22".

Clouds, but no rain. Lynn takes load of cow feed to Frank at McMinville. We work at the brush on potato patch.

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Feb.19". Showers of Snow and rain. The ground being too wet for plowing, we, Lynn & I, went to the lower place and cut down oaks and firs for next winter's wood. We cut so that there will be no shade on the garden patch next summer. P.M. Lynn took Jennie to McCoy to board the train for McMinville, while Dudley went to Lincoln and had irons made for a small grain truck for barn use. Ellis and I continue the wood cutting. We received a business letter from F. G. McLench; also one from M. D. Coulter of Perrydale, in regard to a horse that he has for sale. The hose splicers ordered from Montgomery Ward and Company came in this evening, and were as represented. They will be very useful in mending hose.

Feb.20".

A few clouds in the morning but clear and cold in the evening with indications of a cold night. Four of us cut wood on the lower place until noon. After dinner we all went to the hill to plow. "Dick" became sick and stiff and Ellis brought him to the barn to rest and get well. He then plowed with two horses for the rest of the day (about 1/3 of a day). Pa went to see Frank McLench but found him gone from house. Receive sample copy of Baptist Union, and also the first no. of the Examiner (Feb.15.) subscribed for some two weeks ago.

Feb.21".

Every thing frozen; water in wash room; facets, hose and trough. Wind blowing cold and strong from the North. Dudley cuts wood in the A.M. Lynn and I haul manure for berry vines also for early garden patch. Mr. Plum comes and stays for dinner. He brought subscription paper for securing pledges for road work on the road leading from his farm to the Wallace road. No subscriptions were secured here. Four

of us went to Lower place and cut wood. We took 12 or 15 apples along and took nourishment between heavy pushes of work. When one becomes tired he enjoys sitting down and engaging in conversation with his comrades. Ellis and Lynn chop to see who can first fell a tree, Ellis being successful. Ellis gave us a few tunes with his violin before retiring. Bert came for a few hours this evening, but he brought no mail.

Feb.22".

Clear and cold, but not so cold as it was yesterday. I did some soldering on one of the "barn" water pipes.

Feb.28"

Last day of the month and one of clouds, wind and light showers of rain. Dudley went to Mr. Macauleys farm near Independence and brought home some hogs. Lynn, Ellis and I plowed on the hill, finding the ground just a little too wet for good work. Had some trouble with my plow on account of fern roots gathering between share and mouldboard. Took the plow apart to remedy the defect but was not successful. Will try leather cushion tomorrow. (for plow not for myself). Mr. Jennings and his man were out plowing. We came to dinner when they stopped plowing for noon. Wrote letter of advice to Frank at McM-. Learn from "Independent" that the chosen orator of Willamette University won the gold medal at the state oratorical contest held at Eugene. Lyman Latourette represented McM- College at this assembly of orators.

March

Plenty of wind and some rain. Four of us plow on the hill. Read review of the late published letters of Sir Walter Scott. This notice appeared in "Examiner" and in "Literary World". In these letters the novelist and poet expresses the high esteem in which he holds the Great Writer of Early American literature, Washington Irving.

April 23rd

Sunshine with clouds. Planted potatoes on sod ground at lower place. Assessor Clyde Beckett spent the night with us.

April 24

Nearly clear; warm. Finished planting potatoes and clod=mashed the ground. Lynn went to Lincoln and had some harrow=teeth mended. Pa and I sorted potatoes in the cellar.

April 25"

Plow and prepare land for tomatoes, cabbage and beets but rain prevent us from planting. Lynn harrows on the hill. Sheep buyer from Portland comes and takes 80 head of sheep - 75 old ones and 5 lambs paying for them \$161.25. Dudley puts his buggy together after having painted it. Mrs. Fred Hosford visited here. Thunder, lightning and rain.

April 26"

Cloudy and warm. Hoe the grass from around the trees in the

prune and pear orchard; also cultivate with a shovel around the young prune trees. Dudley begins to prune the trees in prune orchard. Pa and Lynn wash and oil the buggy harness. Hannah goes to Lincoln to board the boat for Salem, on a visit to her mother. Read of the visit of Jacob's sons to Egypt in time of famine, of their reception by Joseph and of their trials and troubles. "St. Nicholas" & "Ladies Home Journal" came to hand. Received Beecher's "Lectures to Young Men" and "Thoughts of Epictetics."

#### Friday, April 27"

Showers with cold winds. Pa went to Jamieson's grub patch to look for wood for house use.- finds it not very thick on the ground and still fast to the roots. Dudley prunes trees and oils the wagon harness. Lynn & I move slat fence and set 15 posts for same. This move fences chicken yard and leaves duck pond in the garden, the berry patch and young orchard being thrown into one enclosure. Sprayed the two chicken houses with slacked lime. Mended fence on the hill. "Oregonian" and the book: "The Choice of Books", by Charles F. Richardson, received. Uncle Claiborne and Aunt Louisa came for a few minutes and discussed the question of tomato raising for this season.

#### Saturday April 28"

Windy and rainy. We sack and chop 50 bushels of wheat. Learned last evening that the Sunday School delegates, or at least Gertie, Ada Clark and Mr. Cooper took boat at Lincoln for Independence. Bert Hamilton comes and takes away with him a bundle of papers for his father. Dudley went for Hannah in the evening. She brought pictures of the Misses Lownsdale. Charley brought us 4 pounds of coffee and 2 pounds wire staples from Salem. Learn to-day that Rev. Cairus is holding revival meetings in Baptist Church at Salem. Emma comes for some eggs. Read larger part of the "Choice of Books", & a lecture by Beecher. Write to J. B. Alden for an "Ideal Binder" for use in binding Elzevir pamphlets.

#### Sunday, April 29"

Clouds, rain and sunshine. Got up and built fire about 5:30. Put 13 cents in stamps in letter to John B. Alden, for "Ideal Binder". Birds singing this morning; the clowns in God's circus, as Beecher indicates in one of his lectures. There were no services at the church, as Mr. Robinson was absent at the Sunday School Convention. Learn by Itemizer that Rev. Russ has returned to his home in Medford. The delegates returned from the Sunday School Convention and reported a splendid time spent there. Spent part of the day with Grandfather's and attended society afterward, leading it in absence of the regularly appointed leader. Took a collection amounting to sixty-six cents.

Monday, April 30".

Cloudy with few light showers. Received from David Jennings a receipt for \$3<sup>00</sup> sent him in a letter under date of April 16", 1894. This money was sent in payment of acc't in full, on part of Y.P.S.C.E. of Zena. Rec'd "Examiner". Wrote letter to Sheriff Wells, enclosing in the same a check for \$181<sup>30</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars. This amount pays the taxes of JL & Mary V. Purvine. Taxes of the former are \$135.80; & of the latter \$45.50. Mr. Wait came down bringing a petition with him. This petition calls for a division of Polk Co". The petitioners pray that a portion of Polk Co" lying immediately west of the Willamette River and 4 miles in width extending from northern boundary of Polk Co. to the La Creole, on the South, be annexed to Marion Co". He seemed to be successful in his canvas, no one yet refusing. Charlie gets our rolling harrow. Dudley sick tonight. We harrowed and clod=mashed the field near the barn. Mashed clods and plowed the prune orchard. Lynn cut wood at Mr. Jamieson's place.

~~April~~ May 1"

Cloudy with some light showers. Lynn mailed the letter to Mr. Wells as he went to his work. Worked on the garden patches till, noon then harrowed on the hill with Dudley. John Johnson came early this morning and took home with him the black & white bull that has been bothering us by pushing gates open. On his way home he met a little girl who became so much frightened that she tore her clothes on a barbed fence, in her efforts to escape the danger. John gave her a dollar to put her in spirits. This shows good traits in this man.

Thursday, May 3rd Cloudy and some wind from South. We prepared the beet garden and planted corn and beets. The soil was not in such good condition as it was last year. There is more moisture and more sod. A gentleman passed this way late in the day, saying he wished to but hogs, chickens, ducks and hay, the same to be delivered to boat or cars. Said he would pay \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  for dressed pork. For shoats weighing 60 & 75 lbs, 5¢. Hay, timothy, \$10 per ton. Received tax receipts from Sheriff Wells.

Friday, May 4"

Rainy in the fore part of the day, but windy in the after noon. Did no work in the forenoon. Went to Salem after dinner & Purchased garden seeds: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. of beet seed for Uncle Jack, replacing those we borrowed from him yesterday. Price 40¢ per lb. Brought home 1 lb. Late Sweet Peas and  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. Evergreen Sweet Corn, 1 packet Early Turnip seed & two packets of Water Melon seeds: Mamoth Iron=clad & Cuban Queen. Saw Geo. & Oliver Wait learning from them that Mr. Porter and Mrs. Anna Cavitt were married on May 3", & that John Holmes had recently lost his house with contents by fire. Charlie comes after supper and pays off a note against C.C.W.

Saturday, May 5"

Cloudy but no rain. Lynn goes to cut wood while Dudley pulls kale & afterwards he & I spilt rails. In the after noon we mend the steps in the walk in front of the house. Receive copy of election laws from the County clerk, for Pa's use; he being one of the judges of Election for this coming June election. Receive first copy of "Daily Oregonian". Learn from Itemizer that Miss Emma Riggs is Pres. and W.B. Duncan one of the vice presidents of S.S. Convention for the ensuing year.

May 9"

Went to Salem but did not cash two checks on C. U. Bank as that house was closed for the day. Intended to leave for Corvallis by boat, but on inquiry found that the boat was uncertain for this special excursion, so returned home to take the train tomorrow at McCoy. Bought 1 package G.D. Washing Powder; 50¢ worth rice; \$1 worth coffee; 200 lbs. Liverpool salt. \$1 worth Gingham for Hannah.

June 18"-

Wrote to D. Jennings to discontinue Quarterlies. Wrote to Fred Gardner, McCoy, in regard to Union meeting.

July 3"

Trains discontinue on acc't of the strike. No trains on the west Side, & no overland train on East side division.

July 4"

Beautiful day. Pa & Ma & Winette go to McMin. for celebration. Lynn goes to Independence while the rest of us stay in this neighborhood.

Thursday, July 26"

Weather pleasant. Few clouds that kept the day from being too hot. There was a good sized crowd of people at Mr. Merten's sale of stock, machinery and house hold goods. The different articles brought good prices. Pa bought a sled containing a good wagon tongue which will be of use to us as our wagon lacks a good tongue. Mr. Woods was there and discussed the question of threshing with Pa and Uncle Jack, saying that he would likely charge 4 & 5 cents. Dudley, Lynn & I harvest wheat. Mrs. Burnam Southwick ate dinner here. Look up some scripture references bearing on the divinity of Christ. Read in Taine's Eng. Lit. and in "review of Reviews". Hannah went to Salem to purchase music for Miss Shepard. Grandpa takes "Oregonians."

Friday, July 27"

A bright clear day. We cut no wheat in the fore noon but after dinner we worked at it as usual. Lynn brought the sled from Mr. Merten's. Dudley and I took the cow and two calves to the lower pasture. John Johnson & W. Jennings drew hop poles from the timber near our lower gate. Picked the last mess of raspberries.

Thursday, Aug. 9"

Clear and warm. Finish hauling seed wheat from Sam Phillip's field. Go to Dudley Henry's to get team to help us haul grain to the barn. Mr. Toner, contrary to expectations, did not go there to thresh, so did not remain long. Pa went to Lincoln & McCoy to look after sack market. Concluded to get sacks at Lincoln. John & Zenas Chase came for a short hunt, and went away before supper. Hannah & Dora visited Toner thresher & on the way home stopped at Mr. Page's. Mrs. Page gave them a mess of clams for supper. These animals or bivalves or "something" were mixed with flour & other ingredients & finally came to the table as clam fritters. Mrs. Hamilton called and returned some papers. She also took away others. Lynn on his return from Mr. Mathew's machine reported that it would be here Saturday at noon.

Aug. 17" Friday.

A very warm Indian Summer day. Mr. Wait ate dinner with us. He had just returned from Chas. Mathew's machine at Mr. Jennings'. Mr. Magee died yesterday and was buried today at 3:30 oclock, at Zena. Attended the funeral. The congregation was large, considering the fact that so many were away with the threshing machines. There were some present who gave evidence that time is fast passing with them & that in days soon to come, they will be taken from the door of our common meeting place never again to enter there. Placing flowers on the grave recalled to mind Irving's description of the beautiful customs in England among the farm people there. Several strangers were present. They were acquaintances of Mr. Magee & all spoke in kind terms of the friend gone from them. His failings were plain to all & so were his better acts. Mr. Robinson in his remarks charged all to prepare for the life to come. In this preparation lay the right living in "Time." Lynn visited the machine & reports slow work. A penniless working man or miner died in Salem this week. He was a stranger there and was on his way home in California.

Sunday, August 19"

A very warm and sultry day, such a day as Bryant described in one of his poems. Frank and Jennie failed to come to see us as we expected. Lynn can give the reason why when he comes. Perhaps Jennie has gone to the mountains for her hot weather outing. I attended the S.S. & listened to a good sermon by Prof. Crawford. Mr. Willie McKillop, Mr. & Mrs. McCauley & a friend came in to the services. Their brother Archie McKillop was buried in the Zena cemetery some days since & this fact perhaps influenced them in deciding where their Sunday should be spent. Mr. Duncan was sick & this together with the hot weather determined that he should remain at home. When he is absent our Sunday school & Endeavor lack one large element of success.

Wednesday Aug 29"

Much cooler than for several days. Having given up our trip to the coast for a few days at least, we have no regular employment. I Bring old boards from the lower place for a shed over our bark heap. Dudley & Hannah visited Lincoln while I returned 4 prune boxes to Dudley Henry's, eating my supper there.

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Sunday, Oct.4. Cloudy with slight sprinkle of rain. Good congregation of people at Sunday School. Several strangers were present. Mr. Clark was there after an enforced absence of several Sundays. Baptists held a business meeting just after the song service & elected delegates to a council to meet in Albany on Tuesday Oct.4./96. Mr. Cooper & Mr. Adlin went home with me to dinner. Endeavor was attended by several, Mr.-Mrs. Haley being among the member.- Receive Standard and Law Student Helper.- Read description of the Concord river as given in Thoreau's book on the Concord & Merrimac Rivers.

Monday Oct.5. Clear, with some frost early in the morning. Shucked some corn for drying to be used for meal; then gathered in 18 boxes of Baldwin apples, most of which were worm eaten. Jasper Skaife & wife passed by going to Salem to take the train in the morning for the Portland Exposition. Mrs. Eugene Breyman went to their house while Mr. B. went shooting. Zena school began with Mr. Haley as teacher; 30 scholars. Receive "Standard" & "Press". Prepare for the trip to Albany tomorrow. Read "Thoreau."

Senator Nesmith lies buried on the South bank of the La Creole, just below the mill, on the same stream. His resting place is marked by a

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Tuesday Oct.6" A beautiful, clear day; warm. Mr - Mrs. Skaife came home last evening & will go to Portland by boat instead of by train as noted yesterday. Such goings and comings are events in the life of a quiet country community. Grandmother & Dora wash clothes. Mr. Cooper came at 6:30 and I being ready get in the buggy & go with him via Salem, Turner & Jefferson to Albany to attend the "Council." We arrived in the city at 1 oclock, ate lunch & at 2 met the other members of the Council in the Baptist Church, where after noon & evening sessions were held & the business concluded. Reverends Hundsaker, Woody, Parker, Noble & Lamar were present & did the greater part of the talking. We stayed at Mrs. Stein's, a very pleasant place just opposite the church. I noticed there a copy of the Baptist Union, Baptist Young People's paper. In the library was a set of the American Cyclopedia & other books of interest & value. Musical tastes of the family were represented by the presence of a piano & a guitar, the different pieces of music some of which was written by home talent, or at least appeared to be from the irregular characters on the papers.

Wednesday Oct.7" Some clouds but a very pleasant day. We arose at 6 A.M. & before breakfast, entered. 7:45, took a morning constitutional, in the course of which we visited the Linn Co. courthouse, the hall of which at this early hour was open & being cleaned by the janitor. Above the front entrance is a plate which bears the name of the builder, which I have forgotten, and the date of the building, 1864. This year brought to mind the fact that the civil war had not yet closed, & the remark was made to Mr. Cooper that the war must have had but little disturbing influence on this state, since the people could go on with such works of public improvement. At 8:25 we shook the dust from our feet and came home by way of Buena Vista & Independence, Stopping long enough at the latter place to purchase a water melon & ginger Snaps to supply us until we could reach home which we did at 3:00 P.M.

Thursday Oct.8." Very good day, warm. Gathered in apples. Read in "Torts"

Friday, Oct.9. Heavy fog until 10 A.M. Finish the apples & get in one load of corn for the cows.

Saturday Oct.10. Fair until 1 P.M. when rain began to fall which continued in steady shower until night. Finish the corn then husk that that was housed for the stock. Received Lodge's History of the Amer. Colonies, and Essays from the Easy Chair, by Geo. W. Curtis, two books very much prized by me; the one for its bright story-like narative of the colonies from settlement to the Revolution;

the other because such delightful, pure essays by one of our most cultured, good natured & recently dead, authors.

Sunday, Oct.11.

Bright cool day after the rain. We go to Sunday School & consider the lesson of God's promises to Solomon. Mr. & Mrs. Haley were in our class. They will certainly add to the efficiency of all our public gatherings, as they are both educated Christian people. Dora went to Salem to remain till Thursday.

Monday, Oct.12. Clear and warm; wind from the North. Cleared the garden of old corn stalks & squash vines. Gather pound pears together with Beurre Easters for late keepers. Read some of the interesting pages of Lodges History, the chapter on Virginia. So, too, Curtis' Essay on "Urbs & Rus", which gives short discussion of advantages of one's living in the city, or nearby country, pleasures of the former seeming to have the preference in the mind of the author. The boys brought no mail.

Tuesday Oct.13. Slightly cloudy, but warm and pleasant. The Louisiana "Press" came, and in its weather report the temperature for that place on Oct.2, 72° at noon, showing that cold winter weather has not yet come to them there. I hauled out 70 rails from the grove and placed them along the fence around the east cow lot, on the north side, for repairs. Then moved most of the old rails from the east lot to the side next the barn, & along the east end. Mr. Dunniway is to speak at Zena tonight on the political issues of the day from the "Gold-bug" viewpoint. Shortly, and "William" will be president. Read some few pages -n Lodge, those describing the trades & traders, iron miners & their industry, & the laws relating to slaves & their masters; the laws showing that the negro, or his master, msut have been nothing more than a brute. In the "Easy Chair" read "Mrs. Grundy & the Cosmopolitan." In this essay Curtis says that where we are introduced to a rich man who is known & admired for his wealth & that alone, he ought to give us some of it, because when we meet any man who is distinguished for any of the many virtues, or mental, or spiritual acquisitions, or for excellence in the fine arts, we receive something from him of decided advantage to our nature. But not so, in case of the man rich & that only.

Thursday Oct.15. Clear & warm. The improvement about the cow lot was continued & now things look somewhat changed, if not better. The cows took a survey of things when first turned in & no doubt said in their minds that the grass would grow just about as usual & for all that, might

as well not have been made. The bridge at the cow-barn must be built soon so as to keep mud from gathering & then there will be more comfort about the place for winter-time. Pa came by at 5:45 on his way to hear Senator Tillman speak in Salem. He canvasses the state for Bryan. Dudley Henry went over with him & without doubt the two together decided what means should be used to bring wheat to 1\$, wool to 25 & 30¢ & hops to 18¢.

Friday, Oct.16. Weather still fine. Got an early start with a load of pears, & by 9 oclock has disposed of them in Salem. 4 boxes went to Brauson's, at 45¢ & 2 boxes to McIntire's, at 50¢. 20 obs grapes sold for 40¢. Mr. Tillman drew many people to Salem to hear him but he could not remain in the city longer than for train-time, so he made a 15 min. speech at the depot. People came from distant places & were disappointed at not being able to hear him. Populist meeting was held at Marion Square at 2:30 Uren & Hayden speakers.

Thursday, Oct.22. Clear and warm. Dudley came over early and we cut up the beef. Having made a division of it satisfactory to those interested in it, I hitched up turk and took part of it to Uncle C.C. & part to the folks at home. Changed the gate below the barn to open in the opposite direction & repaired the fence north of it. Read some political news, some of it of a disgusting character & some showing sound sense, if not sound money. Sam Phillips is busy sowing his land to grain, and should reap a good crop next harvest. Read in Curtis' Essays the one on "Emerson Lecturing", which is to my mind a gem. The Easy Chair heard him as a young man and when he (the lecturer) was aged, the last time, when he spoke on "Table Talk, or Conversation" & this is his description of it: "It was not a sermon, nor an oration, nor an argument; it was the perfection of talk; the talk of a poet, of a philosopher, of a scholar. Its wit was a rapier, smooth, sharp, incisive, delicate, exquisite. The blade was pure as icicle. You would have sworn that the hilt was diamond. The criticism was humane, lofty, wise, sparkling; the anecdotes so choice and apt, and trickling from so many sources, that we seemed to be hearing the best things of the wittiest people. It was altogether delightful, and the audience sat glowing with satisfaction." "It was not oratory", "was a statement of what this wise man believed conversation ought to be": . . . . . "Its inevitable influence was a purification of daily talk, and the general good influence of incisive truth=telling. If we ever had greater preacher of that gospel who is he?"

Friday Oct.23. Still fine weather. I mend the bridges and clear away the rubbish & briers from the fence south

of the little barn preparatory to repairing the fence. The folks discuss the subject of wheat selling and have concluded to sell unless some sudden rise in the market takes place. This is the day for the great Republican rally in Salem but we saw no one passing toward the city. Read part of "Sunday" in "Week on the Concord & Merrimac Rivers". Thoreau thinks the New Testament a grand book, but that some sentences of it must not or cannot be read twice without some caut. If they were rightly read in the pulpit not one stone would be left on another in that church.

Monday, Oct. 26. Light, foggy rain throughout most of the day. I assorted apples and prepared 20 boxes of Baldwins for market. Shelled 4 bushels of white corn for meal. Received a letter from Mr. Everding of Portland, saying that he would do the best possible with with the apples if they were shipped to him. He quotes Oregon's at 90¢. California's at 75¢ to \$1<sup>00</sup>. Wheat has advanced 3¢ in price being quoted at 62¢ in Salem. Received the Oct. 3 & 17 copies of the "Literary World", a literary paper published in Boston. (Samples) It gives much reading enjoyed by one of a literary turn of mind or a lover of books. The reviews are good reading & give information one often desires but rarely finds. Its New York letter says E.C. Steadman has moved into a beautiful Colonial mansion in Bronxville, where he has placed his fine collection of books & works of art. The paper says Prof. Moulton of Chicago University has prepared Exodus, Genesis, Song of Solomon & a few other books of the bible to be printed so as to be read as ordinary literature, that is, without verse numbers, & with no breaks in the narrative as is the case with the ordinary work. I believe such a work will bring more people to read them, what they now find difficult.

Wednesday Oct. 28. Cloudy with wind from the South; indications of a rain. The folks made a trip to Salem to do trading. I put chunks under the fences that have just been repaired, and set up stakes along part of it. Review the beginning chapters of May's Criminal Law, from the "quizzier" & find it very much easier to get hold of than by once going through it. The speaking at Lincoln will likely be lightly attended, on account of so much rain three political documents from Congress came to hand; all on the Free Silver side of the present contention.

Thursday Oct. 29. Cloudy with sunshine during the day: warm. It has now come time that the pigs were in their pen, fattening for the winter meat. I built a double pen on the site of the old one, & put in it a partition so that there would be a kitchen or dining room & a bedroom. In New Jersey, according to Lodge, the same laws

in regard to punishment of negroes, were enacted as were on the statute books of the more southern Colonies, of course with some modifications due to the small number of slaves. There were in the colony indentured servants whose lot was scarcely above that of the blacks. The "Student Helper" came last evening, and I found it a very interesting number. Among the several good articles were two of great interest and value; a description of the Torrens System of Land Transfers, and a biographical sketch of Joseph H. Choate, the great New York lawyer.

Friday Oct 30" Good strong wind, thick clouds, but very little rain. The speaking at Zena, by Mr. Holmes of Salem, was well attended, and the attention given the speaker was very good on part of both Republican & Bryan people. I consider his talk a fair one, and clear enough for the mind of anyone. He said that from all indications, Marion County would give Bryan a good majority, & he hoped Polk Co. would do likewise. In reading some of the arguments of the Silver orators last evening I ran across this statement in regard to the Mexican dollar: "20 years ago a Mexican \$ would buy as much as our \$, now our \$ will but twice as much as a Mexican \$, but the Mex. \$ will still buy as much now as it would then, and our \$ will buy twice as much."

Saturday, Oct. 31" Cloudy with a high wind for most of the day. This was the day set for the Bryan rally at Dallas at which H.L. Barkley and Hon. Sylvester Pennoyer were to be present, but owing to another appointment Mr. Barkley was not present. Pennoyer made the speech of the after noon; and J.K. Sears, Pennoyer & another gentleman addressed the people in the courthouse in the evening. Lynn, Gus. Gardner, Mr. Pike & myself were present and returned home at a late hour.

Tuesday Nov. 3. Cloudy with no wind, but cold. Election day. I acted as one of the clerks at Zena, & found the position one of pleasure and instruction. L. Abrams, D.G. Henry and L.E. Penrose were judges. Mr. Penrose was elected to serve in place of Mr. Shepard who was not entirely satisfied as to whether he could legally hold the position. One hundred and seventeen (117) votes were cast, of whom W. M. Kinley received 50, W.J. Bryan 64, Levering 1 and Palmer 1.

There was no ill feeling exhibited at the polls, and all seemed to be in the best of humor. Dudley made to me this morning on our way to the voting place, the remark that several people would be killed on this election day, owing to the intense excitement which would prevail in the large cities. If such is the case, it will be those who

are of a class desiring riot instead of a peaceable solution of difficulties which must necessarily grow out of a heated political campaign.

Whichever ticket is elected, will, in my mind, bring us better times. We have had 4 years, almost, of what we call hard times, & it does not seem possible that we must go on with so much want and suffering & idleness. People have learned in the bitter school of experience some things which will be blessings to them through this next 4 years of reviving times, if they be such.

Wednesday, Nov. 4! Shifting clouds with a hard shower of rain about 11:A.M. Several of our people went to Salem to learn who was elected. Some came home shouting for McKinley & some for Bryan. The papers of the morning reported everything as having gone republican, but after noon the tide turned in favor of Bryan & it is now reported that he has increased his vote in the electoral college from 134 to 225 or one vote behind McKinley. If he continues at such a pace there will be a large number of roosters for sale at half price in Salem. Dudley reported that the dealers, both republican & democratic, were making large sales of them.

Wayne says that his teacher is of the opinion that there are no saloons in the city of Philadelphia. I cannot say as an authority, to the contrary, but believe there are saloons in that place. Lodge's History says that "drinking was the curse of every part of the province", of Pennsylvania. Also "If there were no balls, the men then went to their clubs, which were quite numerous, and which met at the taverns, where there was more supper, a great consumption of wine, and a plentiful flow of discussion, chiefly of a political nature."

These extracts would indicate that Philadelphia was perhaps cursed with her share of the liquor institution.

Thursday Nov. 5 Foggy in A.M. but later on beautiful.

Marketed 13 boxes of Baldwins at McIntire's at 75¢ per box in trade. Although McKinley is probably elected, After all the loud mouthed talks of prosperity & sound money the times seem to go right on the same old way of scarcity of \$\$, & plenty of rain. Made purchases as follows: Land-side for D.G.H.'s plow; 3¢ worth 8" nails, do; 10¢ worth 10" for Grandmother; "Review of Reviews" & "Monthly Illustrator"; 5¢ worth figs, Smyrna. "Oregonian" 5¢.

Doctor says McKinleys great majority is slowly diminishing & going to swell Bryan's list of electors.

Friday, Nov. 6! Fog & clouds with very little sunshine. cold. Plowed the lot immediately in front of the house and prepared it for sowing. Will seed it to cheat for hay.

Saturday Nov. 7; Rainy with very little wind. Did very little work. Received letter from Co. Clerk Hayter containing Polk Co. Warrant for \$3<sup>00</sup> for services as clerk of election. The "Oregonian" says that English investors are now making preparations for entering business enterprises in this country on faith they have in McKinley's administration. The editor also says the prosperity talked of so much before election will come gradually. Crawfish.

Sunday Nov. 8. Heavy shower at 8:30 A.M. Remainder of day was heavily clouded, but not such heavy rains. The Sunday school was not well attended; the number present was 21. Mr. Skaife, in the absence of the superintendent & asst. acted as such. Mr. Robinson who formerly preached here has charge of a Presbyterian Church in Portland. Mrs. Price, who died Thursday morning, was buried today at our cemetery. Rev. W.C. Kantner conducted the services in an impressive manner. We must all go the same way & this world know us no more. "In the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth & groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth." "So teach us to member our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Received much instruction from the sermon.

We have no abiding city  
Where we may rest with certainty  
Of a long earthly pilgrimage  
Recorded on the lasting page  
Of all eternal history.

Cities of every earthly name  
Never remain for'er the same  
Our fathers lived til they grew  
But now where are they - all away.

Monday Nov 9" Light showers. I plowed a part of the lower lot to be sown to cheat.

Tuesday Nov 10" Rainy

Clean up around the old house & make repairs to the lot gate & bars.

Wednesday, Nov. 11; Rainy in P.M. Visited Salem where I purchased an oil coat, at \$1.90, for wear in stormy weather. Drew money order & mailed the same to the "Standard" of Chicago. Also mailed order for \$1.70 to Curtis Pub. Co. for Lubbock's "Scenery of Switzerland & Reproduction of a painting.

Thursday Nov. 12" heavy clouds but not much rain. Went to Dudley's and together with Mr. Skaife, Worth and Dudley, butchered 10 hogs which Dudley had sold in Salem, to be delivered tomorrow. Jasper seemed to have gathered up his

wits for the occasion, and related several stories to while away the monotony of such a disagreeable job.

Friday Nov 13! Very heavy rain. So wet that it was necessary to remain indoors. Passed away the time in reviewing magazine articles; Reading in Lodge's history & in writing. Lodge, I think most men who read of the Revolutionary War, gives to General Greene the second place as a great general & soldier of the war. He seems to have gained no brilliant victories; but was always able, in any event, to get his army & baggage out of the way of the British, even when they pursued him with Irish men after a fierce battle. He was able to clear the English armies from two Southern states & left the whole south practically safe from invasion up to the time of taking of York town.

Saturday Nov.14! Same weather as yesterday. Spent the greater part of the day in the house; except that I put the potatoes in the cellar, so that they would be safe from cold.

Sunday Nov.15! The rain was not heavy in the morning but by one oclock it had set in for one of the heaviest showers of the season. Water ran every where; the ditches were over flown and rough trenches cut through fields, bridges floated, and gardens covered.

Sunday school had an attendance of 21. I went home from there & on the way met Uncle CHARLES, who was on his way to Uncle Jack's to stay a little while with them. I had not seen him since 18 years ago; but time has made only a few changes in his appearance, - his hair is slightly gray, as is also his beard, otherwise he seems the same. He is accompanied by his three boys. Uncle Smiley was at home and helped to prepare the dinner which consisted of such good things as oyster soup, fresh beef steak, sweet potatoes and squash pie.

Monday Nov.16. Rain mixed with snow. Several degrees colder.

Made repairs at the pen where the two pigs sleep; plowed out a ditch along the north side of the orchard so that the water might be carried away from the cheat meadow. Gave more time to History of the Colonies, that part narrating the acts of the Revolutionary War. Also review Hearn's article on "A Trip to Kyoto", in Japan; the same appearing in the "Atlantic." He says the Japanese garden - landscape garden - on one's first entering it reminds him of the old English garden; but when he comes in to closer contact with its details, the comparison does not longer hold good. He also says that the people of that Island give more attention to the beauties of nature, than we seem to do. Their representations of birds, flowers, fine

sunsets or clouds, etc. are truer an part of the mass of the people because they are closer observors than are the common people of this country.

Nov.29. Sunday. After several days of delay, this record is again taken up. In the interval we have had a snow storm which is some thing unusual for this month. The snow lay 3 or 4 inches deep for a day or two. Some patches of it still remain on the hill beyond Mr. Patrick's.

Since last Tuesday we have had a freeze=up. Atmosphere clear with light biting wind blowing from the north, except yesterday which was almost a calm. The mercury has registered about 26° at noon, and from 11° to 16° at or before day light, according to locality.

This morning the mercury stood at 13°, but now the air seems to be warmer, and most of the neighbors think the weather is moderating. Ice has formed on the lake, & the slough, & furnishes good skating. Lynn & Monroe were at the lake and enjoyed a good skate.

The Sunday school was well attended in spite of the cold; 44 scholars were present. The Endeavor meeting was well attended but was disturbed by an alarm of fire. It proved to be sparks seen by some one watching the pipe at the ceiling, where it makes connection with the flue; but when examination was made, the lathe around the pipe was found to be almost ready to burn, the heat from the pipe being too great.

Loan "Review of Reviews" to Aunt Louisa. Read in "Boston Transcript" of the kite flying in Boston, for the purpose of determining the state of the atmosphere at different heights. Recording instruments are attached to a ring fastened to the kite.

Nov.30,- Monday

Mercury stands at 27° at 6:00 A.M. Sleet falling. Read in "Oregonian" that Inman & Paulsen's Lumber Mill at Portland burned Thursday night loss \$85,000. 150 men out of employment. Prepare for hog=killing. Received catalogues from the Book Shop of Chicago, giving prices on all kinds of books, some of which are lower than any yet furnished me. Rain fell toward night & froze on the vines & trees.

Tuesday,-December 1-

Warm, mercury at 43° at 6 A.M. Fog in parts of the valley with occasional light showers of rain.

Went home & together with Frank, Lynn, Dudley, Charley, & Bert and Uncle Smiley & Pa butchered 15 hogs. At 3:40 went to D.G.H's & brought the vat here to use in butchering the five hogs tomorrow. Frank was in Salem yesterday, and purchased 100 lbs. sugar, 200 lbs salt & 1 lb tea on Grandma's acct. at McIntire's. Read in "Scenery of Switzerland", the chapter on the Central Plain.

Wednesday, Dec.2"

Warm, mercury at 56° to 57°, cloudy with occasional

sunshine. Frank came over from home, & with Dudley, Worth and I, killed the hogs (5) Frank used the gun & no hog squealed. Dudley P- went home to Dixie this afternoon.

Learn from the "Journal" that several people were frozen to death on the prairie states east of the "Rockies"

Mr. Skaife was out yesterday with a subscription paper securing funds with which to make repairs on the church. Read of the "Outer Alps" in "Scenery of Switzerland," by Lubbock.

Thursday Dec.3" Warm, mercury at 57° at 6 A.M. Light rain. Fair through the day. Dudley H. came early and we cut up the meat. I paid him five Dollars (\$5<sup>00</sup>) sent to him by Dudley P-. Bird Walling came up and took away the black cow, paying \$15<sup>00</sup> for her. Rendered all the fat, having about 90 to 100 lbs.

Friday, Dec.4" Warm, but heavy rain in the evening. Cut about one cord of wood, fireplace and stove=wood. Continue reading in Lubbock's "Scenery of Switzerland."

Saturday Dec.5. Warm, with one of the heaviest rains of the season, from 2:30 to 4:30 in the evening. I went to Salem and while there purchased a double bitted.

Monday Dec.7"- Warmer with more or less rain throughout the day.

I made two axe=handles for the new axe, so I will be well equipped for work when fair weather comes.

Dudley H. went to Dallas with Sam P. both of whom have been drawn as jurors for Dec. term of court. Frank McLench has been summoned as a witness.

Read in "Journal" that an Amer. a major in the Cuban army, has been recent killed; also that Mr. Coolidge, Sec. of the Equalization Board had his bill for \$140 cut in halves & only half allowed him by the Sec. of S.

Tuesday Dec.8" Warm; beautiful day. Partly clear in the A.M. Sky mostly overcast in evening.

I chopped wood, and about 10:30 A.M. broke a large piece out of the blade of the new axe, showing that it was not good, too hard. Wayne forgot to get the mail. Mr. Skaife passed on his way to town. Read in N.E. Mag. the sketch of Henry K. Oliver, A musician, factory supt. General in the Army, Mayor of Salem, Mass, & splendid teacher. He was always on the side of the poor, & the working men, sometimes to his loss.

Wednesday, Dec.9" Warm, mercury at 54° to 56° with no rain. The "Journal" of today has part of Pres. C's Message

& the following figures:

Receipts, all told,	\$409,475,408.76
Expenditures,	434,678,654.48
Excess " over receipts	25,203,245.70
Im. Dutiable Merchandise	369,757,770
" Free "	409,967,470
Increase of Free Goods over last year	6,523,675

Coinage:

Total	\$72,188,468.52
Gold & Minor coins	\$58,878,490
Silver \$\$\$	13,309,978.52

Immigration:

343,567	340,468 permitted to land, & remainder debarred.
Increase over last year	84,131.

Chopped wood.

Thursday, Dec. 10" Warm & cloudy with mercury at 55° at 6 A.M. Drizzling rain all day. Received note from Mrs. Seward last evening stating that Duncan's S.S. class would meet there (at Seward's) today to consider the purchasing of a Christmas gift for Mr. Duncan. Wayne said last evening that there was to be a surprise party at A.J.P.'s next Friday evening. --- Went to Salem and purchased a new single bit axe in place of the double bit broken. Finish the reading of "Scenery of Switzerland" & will now take up "Torts" in the law course.

Friday Dec. 11" Mercury stood at 48° at 6 A.M. Not so warm. Misty rain in A.M. I fanned out the beans. Then chopped wood in P.M.

Saturday, Dec. 12" Mercury at 53° at 6 A.M. Rain Dudley H. returned last Thursday from Dallas and reports that Martin was acquitted of the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Miller, for rape, was tried and convicted.- Study in "torts" the first of the chap. on "malicious prosecution." Worth attends the party at A.J.P.'s last evening.

Sunday Dec 13" Mercury 46° colder, Heavy rain from 12 M to night. Dora and I went to Sunday School. 40 persons present. No preaching. Supt. announced the social at Lincoln on next Friday night, by L.M.S.

Worth visited with us in P.M.

Monday, Dec. 14" Mercury 48°, rain during night but fair during day. Chop wood P.M. but went to the office for mail this morning. Order the "Youth's Companion" to be delivered to me before Christmas. Mother & Aunt Louise visited here this after noon. Received the "L.S. Helper". Caged the chickens (26) for market. Members of Mr. Duncan's & Mr. Skaife's classes were to meet at Mr. Duncan's to practice singing for Christmas exercises.

Tuesday Dec.15 Mercury 40° at 6 A.M. Partially clear, stars shinings. Clear over head with clouds around the horizon during day; beautiful.

Dudley took 27 chickens to market receiving \$1.20 per doz. I chop wood. Dora visited at Mrs. Higgins. Mr. Campbell passed on his way to Salem to have a finger doctored. It was considerably swelled and he thought possibly blood poison might set in. It was slightly injured by a thorn on a plum sprout, which he had been digging up.

Wednesday, Dec 16"

Mercury at 40° at 6:30 A.M. Fog and clouds but no rain. Begin the chap. on "Conspiracy" in "torts;" last evening I finished that on "malicious prosecution."

Wayne returned the catalogue, .LH.J. "5000 Books", Dora visited the cemetery. The S.S. class has decided to purchase an album as a present for Mr. Duncan. The "Journal" reports the death of Gen. Maceo, of the Cuban Army. Some think it was on acct. of the treachery of Spanish troops, & was therefore an assassination. Others believe it to have occurred in actual fighting. Gen. Ruiz Rivers is said to be Gen. Maceo's choice as his successor. Congress seems to be warmed up on acct. of the affair.

Thursday, Dec.17"

Mercury at 46° at 6:30 A.M. Cloudy, wind from South. Mr. & Mrs. Skaife were in Salem & when passing on their way home they left with us the materials of which they were to make Christmas presents for the children. I ground the corn for chicken feed in the Spring. Chopped wood in P.M. Rain most of A.M.

Friday, Dec.18" Mercury 44° @ 6:30 A.M. Rain until 3 P.M. Received the chapter on "Glaciers and Avalanches" in Scenery of Switzerland and find it more entertaining & instructive the more I read.

Also began the chap. on "Slander & libel" in torts. Chop no wood. Dudley H. came in for a few minutes.

Saturday, Dec 19" Warmer; South wind blowing; Mercury 56°. very slight sprinkle of rain about 9 A.M., then fine day.

Wayne & I rode to Salem where we made a few Christmas purchases. Many people in town but they seemed to do more walking and looking than buying. Bought money order for \$2.34 on "Book Shop", Chicago, Ill.

Sunday Dec.20" Colder; heavy fog all day. Sunday School was attended by about 53 persons. Rev. Nash held service following the S.S.

Collection was taken among the members of our class for the purchase of Christmas present for Mr. Duncan.

Young People's meeting was not largely attended but interest was good. Mrs. Haley was leader. I read some

selections in Bayard Taylor's Cyclopedia of Modern Travel. Especially that of Humboldt in South America.

Monday. Dec. 21"

Mercury at 42° at 6:30 A.M. Fog. Chop wood. Aunt Nan came in the evening, and talked Christmas tree for the two families. It was decided to have a small tree on Thursday evening. At 4 P.M. I went home preparatory to going to Salem tomorrow with mother.

Tuesday Dec. 22" Cold and foggy. We started about 8:30 A.M. and reached Salem about 11. Lynn took the wagon with the calf. large crowd of people in town. However the Christmas purchases were light, so the merchants seem to think. A good many articles were sold but they were of a cheap grade and the sales were in Amt. behind those of former holidays.

I bought an overcoat and a few things for gifts, together with candy and nuts.

Wednesday Dec. 23" Cold, but the fog was not so heavy. I came home and after noon helped the folks dress the tree.

Thursday Dec. 24" Fog in A.M. but the sun shone through the rifts in the clouds in P.M. Chopped wood. Clyde came home by boat to Salem, and was met there by Dudley. Willie Jennings also came & in leaving the boat, forgot his extra clothes and his overcoat. Dudley's all came at night and the Christmas tree was the center of interest. All received gifts, very useful ones, and much fun was enjoyed.

Friday, Dec. 25 Clear and warm, a most beautiful day for winter. We all gathered at Mr. Gardner's for the Christmas Dinner given the Sunday School. The dinner was splendid. There were plenty of provisions for all present. A good basket of various things was sent to Mr. Price at Lincoln. Those present were: Purvines, Henry's, Walkers, Higgins, Shepards, Duncans, Skaifes, Phillips, Barkers, Cooper, Hunts, Mrs. Willis from Salem, Sowards, Pages & others. A good program was rendered. I went home with Frank and witnessed the Christmas tree exercises there. The tree was for Ruth & Lawrence. Dudley & Hannah came down.

Saturday, Dec. 26" Warm, but clouds gathered and rain threatened before morning. Went out with Dudley & dug some young laurel trees to be planted on his place. Engaged Uncle Smiley to make me new "plate" next Tuesday. Came home this P.M. riding Wayne's horse which he left there while he and Frank went hunting. Wayne stayed at our house last night. Candy pulling at Cyrus' tonight.

Sunday Dec. 27" Warm, and rainy for most of the Day. Sunday School was not so well attended, but 31 being out. Review lesson, and new quarterlies distributed, Dudley H's family spent the spare time of the day here. The boys

and myself attended Y.P.S.C.E.: fair attendance for the weather. Read "The Eve of St Agnes," by John Keats in Library of Poetry.

Monday, Dec. 28" Warm, with light rain until 8:30 A.M. followed by fair weather to night. Chop wood. The boys ground feed in A.M. and searched the hill pasture for the goats in P.M. Carrying the guns for a possible shot at a "china."

Read Moffat's account of life in South Africa, and review part of Chap. on the "Great Central Plain" in Lubbock's "Scenery of Switzerland." No one brought the mail from the office, & we have no news.

Tuesday, Dec. 29 Warm, with rain toward night. I went home to have my teeth overhauled but the work had to be postponed on acct. of bad teeth being in the way of a new plate. In the evening Clyde and I went to the party at Mr & Mrs Jennings'. We had an enjoyable time. Among those present were: Mrs. E., Mr. & Mrs. J's. and family, John Mathews & his 3 sisters, Florence Mathews, Mr. Sloper and sister, Miss Williamson, Robbie & Winnie Duncan, Miss Vina Alderman, Ted Burdon, John Johnson, Geo —, and Lulu Crooks, Henry Burley, Chas. Page, Fred Purvine.

Thursday, Jan'y 7"=1897#

The new year is on us and we all have the opportunity to make great advancement during its course. Mr. Jas. H. Emmett died yesterday at 2 P.M. of neuralgia of the heart. Rainy. New Year is not happy to all families.

During this past week I have been kept in doors on acct. of swollen jaws, occasioned by the extraction of 5 teeth. Put in the time reading Tyndall's "Hours of Exercise in the Alps" & Lubbock's "Beauties of Nature," both very fine works. They came to me through the mail one week ago last Tuesday.

Uncle Jim and wife dined here today. They report a very bad road between here and McCoy.

Friday Jan'y 8." Cool and clear; a beautiful day. We all attended Mr. Emmett's funeral. Bowersox and Kantner conducted the services. We were all reminded that we have no assurance of another day of life. Mr. Emmett was not one whom we would expect to go first. We ought to "think on these things" as we go along. I went over home in the evening & looked up a misplaced check.

Saturday, Jan'y 9." Frosty and foggy all day. A very disagreeable chilly time. Went to Lincoln & drew the money for the wheat, 78¢ per bus. for 178 bushels; then rode on to Salem with Frank McLench. Ordered the Amer. Agriculturist continued together with the Cincinnati Enquirer. Also sent order for Darwin's "Power of Movement in Plants," to Book Shop, Chicago. Saw Dudley there. He purchased a new Canton Clipper plow to use on his place. Saw the Dr.

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