

DIARY OF A FERRYMAN AND TRADER  
AT FORT YUMA

1855-1857

INTRODUCTION

During the pioneer days of California history, when Americans were making their way to the Pacific coast from all directions, the road past the junction of the Gila and the Colorado rivers was one of the main routes of travel and the junction was an important stopping point.

The region was historic even then. Anza, the Spanish explorer, had recognized its strategic importance three quarters of a century before, while working on the problem of a land route from Sonora to Alta California, and had established friendly relations with the Indians there. Later two mission settlements were started in the region, one opposite the junction on the site of Fort Yuma; the other about nine miles below, near Pilot Knob. By tactless behavior, the Indians were angered, and since the Spanish Government had neglected to provide adequate defense, the men of the settlement were killed and the women and children made captive. This disaster marked the end of Spanish effort to reach California by a land route.

The Mexican Government laid out a new road across the desert by way of the junction, in 1825. Trappers and Santa Fe traders used this road. David E. Jackson and party entered California by this route in 1831, returning next year with horses and mules. During the Mexican war, the route was used occasionally by Mexicans travelling between Sonora and California. It was also the route by which General Kearny with his dragoons and Colonel Cooke with the Mormon Battalion entered California. In 1849 and the early 50's after the discovery of gold in California, travel by this route numbered tens of thousands of souls. In 1850, acute troubles between whites and Indians resulted in the killing of the men running the river ferry and in attacks on white travellers generally. The following year the small detachment of United States soldiers stationed at Pilot Knob was driven away. In 1852, the American Government es-

tablished Fort Yuma, on the California side of the Colorado on the hill opposite the mouth of the Gila, and Major Heintzelman, commander of the fort, waged war against the Indians until they were subdued. With the slackening of the rush to the California gold fields, travel by way of Fort Yuma decreased, and consisted merely of the comparatively few immigrants entering California that way, of men engaged in business between California and Sonora or New Mexico, of miners who were beginning to realize the mineral wealth of Arizona, and of the teamsters and pack train employees supplying provisions to the Fort and mining camps thereabout.

Documents bearing on conditions at Fort Yuma prior to the establishment of overland stage lines are not numerous or easily available. L. J. F. Jaeger, who was connected with the ferry service near the junction from 1850 to 1877, is known to have kept a journal,<sup>1</sup> but its present whereabouts are not known. In 1913, however, a fragment of a diary from which extracts follow, was found in an old trunk, amid debris on the bank of the Jurupa water ditch running through the deserted settlement of Agua Mansa, southwest of Colton. The trunk was near the adobe house that had been occupied by Mr. Jaeger after the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad bridge at Yuma had ended the need of a ferry. The name of the writer of the journal does not appear in the fragment, but internal evidence renders it very probable that it is part of the lost Jaeger diary.<sup>2</sup>

1. B. A. Stephens, Sketch of L. J. F. Jaeger, Pub. Hist. Soc. Sou. Calif. 1888-89.

2. In view of the strong probability that Mr. Jaeger was the writer of the accompanying diary, the following data relative to his early life is pertinent:

L. J. F. Jaeger was a native of Pennsylvania. Before going west he was a mechanic in the Baldwin shops in Philadelphia and in the Arsenal at Washington, D. C. He reached California in 1848, and for a time was engineer on a San Francisco Bay ferry boat. In July, 1850, shortly after the members of the Glanton party operating the Colorado ferry at Pilot Knob were killed by the Indians, Jaeger and Hartshorne re-established the ferry, building their boat of timber secured from the cottonwood trees growing there.

A military post known as Fort Defiance, garrisoned by a Lieutenant and ten men, was also established at Pilot Knob, and the soldiers and ferrymen occupied the stockade that had been erected by the Glanton party. Supplies becoming short, Jaeger went on a buying trip to San Diego and returned with several mule loads of provisions. When within sight of the stockade he was attacked by Indians and badly wounded by spears and arrows. He managed to stay on his horse, and it dashed into the stockade and saved Jaeger's life. That night the party abandoned the post and carried Jaeger, in an unconscious state, into San Diego.

In the spring of 1852, Major Heintzelman established Fort Yuma with a strong garrison. Mr. Jaeger returned with the troops and operated a ferry near the Fort.

It is very evident that the journal was not kept with a view to its publication, as it is a narrative of daily events in which details of personal business predominate. Matters unimportant to us of today receive more attention than events of historic interest. Indeed the references of present importance are merely incidental. However, it presents a clear picture of the social and economic conditions prevailing at the then little known station at Fort Yuma, and it pictures vividly its transportation problems of that day.

The fragment begins December 11, 1855, and ends July 2, 1857. There are several gaps in the narrative owing to the loss of pages. Some pages of later date have disintegrated through exposure, and are illegible.

At the time the diary was being written, the garrison at Fort Yuma was supplied with provisions mainly by vessels sailing from San Francisco to the head of the Gulf of California. Here cargoes were transferred to light draft river steamers and carried to the Fort. Occasional Government wagon trains brought additional supplies across the desert from San Diego or Los Angeles, and pack trains also came across the deserts from both Sonora and California.

The main business at the junction was furnishing beef and perishable provisions to the garrison and to the river steamers; ferrying travellers with their bands of horses, mules and cattle, or the great bands of sheep that were at that time being driven from New Mexico and Sonora to California; and the supplying of provisions for these men and beasts. The writer of the journal was connected with one of the two business firms thus engaged and had the beef contract at the Fort. He shipped in hay and corn fodder from farms down the river, and kept a stock of beef cattle at hand. To supplement the provisions brought by the river steamers, he bought cheeses, pinole or parched corn, flour, corn meal, a raw sugar called *panocha*, barley and beans that were brought by pack trains across the desert from Sonora. When rain filled the *playas* or dry lakes, the *pozas* or water holes, the *tinajas* or natural tanks of Sonora, he made personal trips with wagons over

the dreaded "*Camino del Diablo*" and visited the towns of Sonoita, Altar and Caborca in search of supplies. Two such trips are described in the fragment we have. In one he obtained water from the "*Tinaja Alta*" on the mountain side, carrying it down to his train. When the water holes were found empty, his party and his teams suffered thirst. They endured discomfort when drenched with rain, although it relieved their thirst. This journey was made at the time the forces of Gandara and Pesquiera were fighting in Sonora, and he noted the distress of Mexican women whose husbands and sons had been forced into battle. He broke the tongue and axle on one of his wagons while on the desert, and dismembered an abandoned wagon for parts needed in making repairs.

After the ill-starred Crabbe Expedition met their fate at Caborca, it became unsafe for Americans to enter Sonora for any purpose, so our diarist makes a trip to San Bernardino, California, over the old "Emigrant Road" to secure his supplies. He follows the usual road by Warner's Pass to Temecula, then northwest across the San Jacinto plains, through the Box Springs Pass, across the site of the city of Riverside, enters the river bottoms to find feed for his animals, and crosses the Santa Ana river at Agua Mansa. The arduous nature of the trip is shown by the repairs required on his wagon. He says he secured "A new pair of hounds & hub & tongue & got the hind wheels rimmed & felloes put in." All this damage had been done to an unloaded wagon. Returning with a load he wrote, "got stalled in sand in river (at Agua Mansa)—had some pulling there . . . at Temecula we got stuck again. Then in the *cienea* at Aguanga he notes, "We had a hell of a time getting through. We got Black's wagon through very well till the last end & the large wagon we had to leave stuck in over night & borrowed next wagon to haul over the rest of the load—had hard work." Next day, "Got the heavy wagon out & all things over & got loaded up . . . & had a hard time pulling up the steep hill. Had to unload some 1/2 the wagon." Another time he went with his teams to San Diego, and from there to San Pedro by steamer, the

teams making their way up the coast. He speaks of buying onions, potatoes and corn at El Monte to carry back to Fort Yuma.

At the time of the narrative the high prices of meat in California mining camps had led to the bringing in of enormous bands of sheep from New Mexico and Sonora. In 1856, in the month before Christmas, the diary records the ferrying of 28,000 sheep across the river. This movement of sheep was not unattended with danger to men and beasts. Indians and highwaymen menaced continually, and the eating of desert vegetation was only too often fatal to animals.

The hardships of the desert and the exhausting climate led many of the men along the river to seek relief in drunken orgies which were generally accompanied by quarrels and brutal fights. Such affairs were often followed by illness. The diary contains naive details of such affairs. Few men had legitimate families with them. A real American home was practically unknown. Some consorted with Indian women and others associated temporarily with women brought from Sonora. The popular social events seemed to be *bailes*, *fandangos* and a form of barbecue called "Beef-head roasts."

In the presidential election of 1856, thirty-five votes were polled at the river precinct. The records of San Diego county note "Colorado Town" and "Indian Wells" as precincts in that county east of the mountains. These were probably the only places between Warner's Pass and the Texas border where votes were cast that year. Buchanan received a majority at the river, and there was rejoicing there when on December 8 "the glorious news" arrived that he had been chosen President.

The monotony of life at Fort Yuma was broken from time to time by the arrival of a special messenger from San Diego bringing mail. On June 9, 1856, the news that the Vigilance Committee at San Francisco had hanged Casey and Cora reached the station—three weeks after the event.

At one time an inspector passed through on his way to examine the surveys of Colonel Washington, who established the Base and Meridian lines through San Bernardino

Mountain, and other surveyors running the township lines on the desert as far east as the Colorado river.

Reference to the ransom of Olive Oatman recalls one of the outstanding tragedies of the Southern Overland Route.

The routine work at the Ferry headquarters included building an adobe dwelling house and storebuilding, sinking a well, bringing stock feed by boat from down the river, running a blacksmith shop to repair the company wagons and those of passing travellers, repairing the ferry boat, burning a charcoal kiln, cutting poles for building *corrals*, making *reatas* and branding cattle. It was a busy place.

It was soon after this fragment of diary was written that the establishment of the Butterfield Overland Mail Line and the San Antonio and San Diego Stages broke the isolation of Fort Yuma. The Butterfield line brought a tri-weekly mail. This service was later increased to six mails a week. The Civil War made Fort Yuma, with its military prison, the most important place between the California mountains and the territory occupied by the Confederacy.

It can be realized that the fragment of diary from which the following quotations are made is a valuable bit of source material.

—G. W. BEATTIE.

## MEMORANDUM BOOK ON THE COLORADO

Rio Colorado Ferry, 1855.

December 11, 1855. We had a fine day and John worked in the shop & Hubly got done with the . . . & some flour came in from Sonora & some beans got in from California also.

Dec. 12. We had a blowy day from the west, and I was up at the fort also and killed a beef also, and Suvera had a hard time getting in the beef, and Westron sent down \$100. dollars on the old a/c & \$20. dollars on the new a/c for beef with John Killbright.

Dec. 13. We had a cold morning—temperature 28 degrees at 6 o'clock & had some ice also in the morning. We had a fine day, and John worked in the shop also, & Hubly fixed the rope also, and commenced putting in a pair of hounds in the wagon also. Wrote to Hartshorne and to Nederbey also.

Dec. 14. We had a fine day, and killed a beef also, and John worked in shop also, and Hubly putting in a tongue in the wagon also, and Suvera went out again to get a beef to kill on Sunday.

Dec. 15. We had a cold morning, temperature 30 degrees & had some ice in the morning also, & I was up at the fort also, and John worked in the shop and Hubly put in the tongue & side board also, & Suvera brought in a steer to kill also.

Dec. 16 (Sunday). We had a windy day, and killed a beef in the evening and Milan Thompson was in also & got a bottle of molasses & he looked rather bad also and Westron & Brown was in to see us on a paseo also and we are crossing for 50 cts. a horse & man also.

Dec. 17. We had a fine day and busy fixing up the wagon also, and Reaty got back again in the evening, went so far as . . . she turned back on account of her sister going to Altar . . .

Dec. 18. We had a fine day, and I was across the river also to see about some flour and Museaty's mules got

in with flour also, 17 cargoes, he asked \$20 dollars for a cargo, and Runsted (Rondstadt) got in from Sonora on his way to San Francisco, and busy fixing yet at the wagons, and I was up at the fort in the evening also.

#### TRIP TO SAN DIEGO AND LOS ANGELES

Dec. 19. We had a fine day and busy fixing up for to go tomorrow & Suvero brought up the mules in the evening—three is wanting also & killed a beef also in the evening & I bought the flour also, 17 cargoes & Runsted (Rondstadt) is still here also waiting to go with us, and I counted the sheep, we have now 10 head of sheep & 18 goats & 12 kids.

Dec. 20. We had a fine day and I was up at the fort also & the teams also and got the baggage also and we loaded the wagons also in the evening also and Runsted (Rondstadt) left in the morning for Los Angeles also and we are going to leave tomorrow morning also.

Dec. 21. We had a fine day & left at 10:30 o'clock for Cooke's Wells, arrived at 6 o'clock & camped, & the mules worked fine & the loose mules got away from Antony & he did not get them. I sent him back after them & made 25 miles today & new steamer went down also.

Dec. 22. We had a fine day & left at 4:30 o'clock for Alamo Mocho & I went ahead—arriving at 1:30 o'clock & the teams got up at 7 o'clock, had to leave one wagon behind account of the heavy road, mules very tired. Made 30 miles today & at 11 o'clock Antony got up with the 5 mules & very tired.

Dec. 23 (Sunday). We had a fine day but a heavy dew in the morning & left at 7:30 o'clock for Indian Wells & arrived at New river at 3 o'clock—stopped  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour and then pushed on and arrived at 6 o'clock. Made 26 miles today & mules very tired.

Dec. 24. We had a blowy and dusty day & left at 3:30 o'clock for Carriso Creek & arrived at 5 o'clock. Made 32 miles & Wm. North & Mike & Smith went ahead to San Diego & met 2 Americans on their way to the river.

Christmas, 25. We had a fine day & left at 5 o'clock & arrived at 2:30 o'clock at Vallecito. Made 18 miles to-



day & in the morning had  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch ice—the coldest morning we had this winter.

Dec. 26. We had a fine day and left at 6 o'clock & arrived at 2 o'clock at San Felipe. Made 18 miles and had a tight squeeze to get through the canyon & met Dr. Spense on his way to Sonora.

Dec. 27. We had a fine day but cold morning, but in the afternoon it commenced raining at San Ysabel & arrived at 3 o'clock. Made 26 miles today.

Dec. 28. We had a rainy day and left at 8 o'clock for San Pasqual & stopped raining in the morning and we went down San Pasqual hill in the night also. Had a hard time getting down. Made 24 miles today.

Dec. 29. We had a fine day and had a heavy frost in the night, and left at 7 o'clock & arrived at Soledad at 4 o'clock. Made 20 miles today and all the boys went ahead.

Dec. 30. We had a fine day but very cold morning—heavy frost—and left at 7 o'clock & stopped at Roses' ranch 2 hours & left one team & arrived in San Diego at 1 o'clock. Made 12 miles today.

Dec. 31. We had a fine day & no steamer in & I was down to town also & busy fixing my business.

Jan. 1, 1856. We had a fine day and I sent the team out to Rose's ranch & in the evening had a fine ball Golm . . & Manass gave also, & John Kilbright got on a hell of a spree also.

Jan. 2. We had a fine day & left at 11 o'clock for Rose's ranch & I had to leave John in town account him so drunk, & in the evening had to go back to hire a man to go along with William & I got back in the evening & John also.

Jan. 3. We had a fine day & team left at 10 o'clock for Los Angeles & Billy for Warner's ranch & I went back to San Diego to go by the steamer to Los Angeles.

Jan. 4. We had a fine day & no steamer in yet & I received a letter of Ankrim from the River. Mail got in yesterday & I wrote to him also.

Jan. 5. We had a fine day but in the evening it clouded over also & nothing of the steamer yet.

Sunday, 6. We had a fine day and steamer got in in the morning & I left in her in the afternoon & great many passengers also.

Jan. 7. We had a fine day, and arrived at 4 o'clock at San Pedro & we left for Los Angeles & went up in 3 hours also & found Thompson there & Quinn left for the upper country some time ago.

Jan. 8. We had a fine day. Nothing of the teams yet.

Jan. 9. We had a cloudy day and some rain last night & John & Bob got in the Monte last night & in town also.

Jan. 10. We had a fine day & I went out to the Monte & back & I bought some onions and potatoes & corn at \$1.00 per bushel & 4 cts. per lb. onions & 2½ cts. for potatoes.

Jan. 11. We had a fine day & the team got in in the evening & unloaded also & went out ½ mile & camped.

(Entries missing till March 8, 1856.)

. . . & Bob Meek got a place to plant up the Gila also & the leaves of the trees begun to come out the willows, the cottonwood leaves coming out 2 weeks ago & I saw MacLane also up at the fort. . .

March (Sunday). We had a heavy blow last night and it commenced raining in the night and it rained nearly all day heavy showers of rain & the boys got in some cattle also and Captain is rather bad also.

March 10. We had rainy night & rainy day, nearly rained all day, & express arrived in the 12 o'clock, and we killed a beef for the fort, weight 551 lbs also & I was up at the fort also, & Hooper was down also & Ankrim is rather bad also, & Bob Meek went across up to the Gila to plant & to start a ranch also & the last time the beef was reported also to Commissary & I know the beef was bad also & the trees begin to sprout out the willows.

Mar. 11. We had a fine day & steamer got up in the morning & we killed a beef also for the steamer & I took it up to the steamer & weighed 102½ & the boys went

out to get in a beef for the fort also & Suvero brought in the caballada also & he is still sick & Captain is about the same & Wilcox is somewhat put out with Hooper about charging too much, & Ramon cut 2 cords wood also, & Hubly did not work anything.

Mar. 12. We had a fine day, & steamer went down in the morning & Hooper went across the river horseback also & back & Johnson arrived from San Diego also, & one soldier also, & we killed a beef for the fort, weight 501½ also Suvero brought it in & brought in some work oxen also & Mateo & Pablo did not come in, Hubly working at rafters & other things also & it clouded over in the evening also & I took up the beef also.

Mar. 13. We had a windy day and it blew very heavy in the evening also from the west & Chapo hauled in 5 loads wood also & Mateo & Pablo got in with a steer to kill also—not very large & not very fat also & Hubly worked at the window piece for to go in the house. Ankrim is little better also & Woods commenced hauling wood again.

Mar. 14. We had a fine day, and Hubly worked at the sills for the house also & they made 300 adobes also & Bill Woods got another steer also to work & he brought back the one he had of ours & Chapo hauled 5 loads wood also & Robert Mason setting up the (Char) coal kiln & we killed a beef for the fort also—weight 336 lbs, a small steer, & Hooper & I had a spat together about taking his beef down to the house—he wanted me, & I wouldn't & Express left for San Diego also.

Mar. 15. We had a blowy and drizzly day & cold all day & the boys got in with 2 oxen also & they also brought in Chiney Lin (Jenny Lind) & Hooper's mule that was tied out in the bottom by the Indians to run off also & Bob Meek was over also & reported that Indians had crossed cattle they got also, & I was up at fort & reported to the Colonel about the Indians & he is going to have them brought up also, and river rising fast & Hubly working at the plates and rafters also & Johnson was down also & we only got 10 goats left also.

Sunday, 16. We had a fine day & I was up with Bob Meek to see the cattle tracks also, but I could not see any fresh tracks of the cattle that was stolen also, & Jones & Sergeant Sarchars & Laga & his family crossed with us on a paseo also.

Mar. 17. We had a cloudy day & I was up at the fort & Chapo hauled 2 loads wood also & Suvero got up and he got the 2 animals also from below & Bob Mason working at the coalkiln & Hubly joining the rafters also & killed a beef for the steamer, weight 465 lbs also & I was across the river at Hinton's & Ramon Secarcey arrived on the Gila & he will be here tomorrow also, & Mial Thompson was up also, & I got Mexican to haul in some dirt in the back yard also, & my red and white spotted old cow got a heifer calf also.

Mar. 18. We had a fine day and steamer went down also & Ramon arrived here with his flour also—13 cargoes, one cargo pinole & one cargo corn meal & Miel's flour also, & Chapo hauled 5 loads wood also & Bob setting up wood for the coalkiln & Hubly worked at the rafters also, Ramon brought 2329 lbs flour & pinole & corn meal & Manuel Sopenetro brought in 1284 lbs flour also, made in all 3613 lbs meal & I was up at the fort also & Gornall & Jones was down also & I got \$200. dollars of Gornall through Jones, also crossed some Mexicans on their way to California also Chapo hauled now 45 loads wood.

Mar. 19. We had a warm day—temperature stood 89 degrees through the day also, & I was up at the fort also & Jones paid me also \$70 dollars also & Jose Patro also & Bobby working at the coalkiln also & Hubly commenced on the door for the house & Captain got up also & Billy Woods was over also.

Mar. 20. We had a warm day & temperature 90 degrees through the day & Ramon left for Sonora also & Hubly worked at the door also for the house & Bob did not do anything to the coal pit & Ramon worked at the carpenter shop putting on dirt also & at the corral at the garden & Suvero & the boys got in with two beeves—had a hard time getting them down around the mountain—they

got 6 head down & 7 or 8 more on the other side the mountain, he got thrown off his horse also but not much hurt.

Mar. 21. We had a warm day, and Oatman got in from Los Angeles also after his sister also, and I went up to the fort with him also, and she did not know him & he did not know her also, so much change in 5 years and Hubly worked at the door also & the boys got in the cattle & Chapo & Bob hauled in a load of brush for the coal pit also, & Suvero got in the caballada also, & we killed a beef in the morning and one in the evening for the fort also & Thompson's Indian was up & got the last of their beef also.

Mar. 22. We had a fine day but very warm day—temperature 100 degrees through the day, and I was up at the fort & steamer got up also & they brought up also the things off the vessel & the vessel left the river about now, and Chapo hauled 5 loads wood also & they laid dobies also at the house & Hubly got out a snag at the river also, & put on a block at the boat & Suvero got in all the mules except one bay mule. He thinks that Indians ran him off or stole him & Bob worked at the coalkiln & the leaves of the mesquit (?) trees are coming out fast & of the willows also.

Sunday, 23. We had a fine day and the Government train arrived from San Diego also with the troops also & Suvero left for Sonora with 5 mules also to bring in some provisions & Juan Jose left also & Johnson was down also, and crossed 2 Mexicans & 2 horses for Sonora & one of the copper mine men on his way to California & in the evening had a fly up with Antony also & he wants to go in to California also & he left in the evening & went up on the steamer also to stop awhile.

Mar. 24. We had a warm day & the boys got in a steer and we killed it in the evening for the fort & steamer & the dobie layer finished the carpenter shop also & laid some dobies at the house also & I got Antony back again also in the evening & the Express arrived from San Diego also in the morning also & I received a letter from Major Heintzelman also & Francisco is sick also & Captain is

nearly right well again & the leaves are coming out fast on the trees also.

Mar. 25. We had a fine day & Johnson was down also. Tuly got some medicine from the Doctor also for Francisco, & Ramon commenced cutting some poles for the new corral. I give him (contract?) to build the corral at \$10. dollars & he is to cut 400 hundred poles also, & the small corral \$6. dollars & cut 100 hundred poles also, & I worked at the chimney in the house also, & Hubly worked at the door also and Chapo setting up his wood also at the river.

Mar. 26. We had a warm day, and the Government train left for San Diego & Oatman went in with them & Hubly worked at the door & they laid about 4 hundred dobies at the house also, and I laid up some dobies at the chimney also, and we killed my black spotted steer also weight 389 lbs also, and the Serjeant & Colonel was down also and Johnson also was down, and Bob did not do anything—he is sick also.

Mar. 27. We had a fine day and crossed a large Mexican train & . . . with mules . . . Sagura—altogether 130 head mules crossed at 12½ cts per head & about 20 men & 2 women. Had a good time crossing & Ronsted (Rondstadt) got here from Los Angeles on his way to Tucson & John Kilbride arrived from Sonoita also brought back his wagon & mule also & Johnson & Doyle went in to San Diego & killed a beef also & Pancho got back to the river also & they cut some poles and dug some holes for the corral also & the boys got in a beef also but could not get the mule & horse for Johnson & he bought a mule for \$80. dollars of Mexican and they brought in a cow with calf also river rising slowly also.

Mar. 28. We had a fine day & I was down at the lower ferry at Thompson's & he is still sick—sore hand & he is going to work out a statement and bring it up also & Black left with the . . . & I loaned him 2 mules & . . . mules also loaned him to take it in also & I sold him 12 . . . at \$10. dollars apiece also & Sergeant was down also in the evening & Hubly worked at the door also &

Ramon fitted up the pack saddle also, and in the evening it commenced blowing also, and Miles crossed here also with the team for goods.

Mar. 29. We had a fine morning and day, but in the afternoon it commenced blowing also & I was up at fort & we killed a beef and I took it up also & Chapo hauled 8 loads poles for the corral also & Ramon laid some dobies also at the house & Hubly worked at the block also and Mujans got up from below also on a visit & Malcolm got married to Mexican woman.

Mar. 30 (Sunday). We had a fine day & McLean was down also—took dinner with us & Garnall (Colonel) also & crossed some Americans for El Paso—8 men and 14 animals, and I bought 250 lbs flour also from them & Sergeant was down also & the burro train got at the Gila house.

Mar. 31. We had a blowy day & very dusty day, and I was up at the fort & we killed a beef (for the) fort also and Chapo hauled some poles for the corral & they worked at the corral also & they went out after some beef to bring in & Mugan left in the morning for down the river & John Kilbright also.

April 1. We had a fine day, and Chapo hauled 3 loads wood also & Ramon hauled 3 loads poles for the corral also & Hooper was down also, & crossed a large Mexican party also & had a fandango in the evening—fine time.

Apr. 2. We had a fine day & crossed some Mexicans, 26 animals & 11 men & 1 women also & we killed a beef in the evening for the outside also & I took it up & we worked at the corral. Chapo helped us also at the corral & John got back also & got the mule for Patrick also & in the evening the boys got up a fine baile also—kept it up till 2 o'clock also & the vaquero saw 2 Indians driving off 5 mules & 2 horses up in the bottom also—it is too bad & Bob worked at the coal kiln also.

Apr. 3. We had a fine day & worked at the corral & Chapo helped us also & putting in the poles & we killed

a beef for the fort also & John Kilbride took it up also & Bob worked at the coalkiln also.

Apr. 4. We had a fine day & all hands worked at the corral—nearly finished — John Kilbride commenced working in the blacksmith shop also in the afternoon making some bolts for block also & Chapo helping at the corral also & Mateo quit work as vaquero also in the evening & I was up at the fort & received the money from the Commissary \$515.37½ dollars for 2 months pay also & river rising 5 inches the last 24 hours also & Bob worked at the coalkiln also.

Apr. 5. We had a fine day & got through with the corral & building 2 sheds in the . . . . also and Hubly working at the blocks also & John working in the shop also & Quinn arrived from California on his way to New Mexico also & Smith & Bill Williams arrived from San Diego also & we killed a beef also in the evening for the fort & in the evening had a fine ball & party—great time—Hooper & Doctor Ward (?) was down also & river rose 12 inches in 24 hours.

Sunday, 6. We had a warm day & mosquitoes very bad also & crossed some Mexicans.

Apr. 7. We had a fine day . . . & Express arrived from San Diego & Hooper got a letter from Major Heintzeman to let Ankrim have his third back again or he would sell ½ his interest to me & Quinn left for New Mexico & John Kilbride left for Sonoita also & Chapo hauled 2 loads wood & Houbly (Hubly) worked at the block also & Jesus worked at the house also & killed a beef for the fort also & I took it up also.

Apr. 8. We had a warm day & worked at the house & Chapo hauled 3 loads wood also & Bob worked at the coalkiln also & hauled one load brush also & Smith & Bill Williams went in to San Diego & Dick Holsted arrived from Sonora also & he looked rather bad also & Milan Thompson came up sick also & stopped over night.

Apr. 9. We had a warm day & Captain was up at the fort & I was up at the steamer also & got 3 bolts for the block also & Hubly working all day fixing the block



also & they working at the house also & Pablo brought in 2 steers also to kill & got Hooper's mules in for Hinton also & Milan Thompson went down . . & Dick . . . went down on a paseo also.

Apr. 10. We had a blowy day & dusty one (of) the old blows also & we put on the block on the rope also & it works fine also & Hubly making a lee board for the boat also & they worked at the house also & we killed a beef for the fort & I took it up & Express left in the evening also & Ankrim was up at the fort also.

Apr. 11. We had a fine day, and I was up at the fort & saw Hooper & Wilcox also & they worked at the house also & Hubly worked at the boat also & Woods brought over one yoke steers & the wagon also in the evening.

Apr. 12. We had a disagreeable day, blew very heavy & dusty & I was up at Fort & brought Hooper & Captain Wilcox down also & they appraised the property for one-half of Major Heintzelman's share for Ankrim to take it at the valuation & in the evening we had a fandango—had a fine time of it & some of the boys got to fighting afterwards on their way home . . . . . also & Hubly worked at the door & they worked at the house also & it rained in the evening also & Doctor Spencer arrived from Sonora.

Apr. 13 (Sunday). We had a fine day & I felt very tired also & all hands.

Apr. 14. We had a fine day & they got nearly finished the house also & moved the things into the house also & Hubly got through with the door for the house & killed a beef for the fort also and I took it up also, & for the steamer also & Milan Thompson was up also & got 25 lbs flour also.

Apr. 15. We had a fine day & I was up at the Fort, & in the evening again took up beef. Killed a steer & river rising fast & steamer is loading wood also & Captain putting in window glasses also & painting also his room & Pablo brought in two steers & killed one steer also.

Apr. 16. We had a fine day & I was up at the fort & killed a beef & also I took it up & I worked at the chimney in Captain's room & Hubly worked at window frame

also & crossed Mexican with goods for Tucson, 10 animals & 4 men.

Apr. 17. We had a fine day and I worked at the chimney & Hubly worked at window frame and putting up a mast at the post to hoist the rope up higher also & Captain was up at Fort & saw Hooper, & McLean made a proposition to sell out to us on conditions as is 1000 thousand dollars, or wait till next January and then whatever the boat is worth to let us have it & Pablo brought in 2 steers to kill also.

Apr. 18. We had a fine day and Jesus worked at the chimney also & Hubly lashing the pole fast also on the large stick & we killed a beef for the fort & one of the steers got away last night—broke his reata also.

Apr. 19. We had a warm day, and Hubly & all hands worked at the room also, got the windows in & river rising fast & Pablo got in two steers also & Marcus arrived from Sonora also.

Apr. 20 (Sunday). We had a cloudy (day) & blew from the east & few sprinkles rain also & Mugas stopped here also—had a great time with him & had a baile in the evening also & had a great time, and killed a large beef, one of Thompson's wild beef, had to tie his head down to get him to the post & he weighed 659½ lbs & they got the work cattle in also.

Apr. 21. We had a warm day but in the afternoon had shower of rain also & Doctor Spencer went up to the Fort & Ankrim white washed his room & he had a fly up with . . . the dobie layer & he ordered him away & hit him few licks also & Hubly finished his room plastering & fixed the lee board & Chapo hauled 4 loads wood & Vaquero went out after beef cattle also & Mial Thompson stopped up all day.

Apr. 22. We had a fine day, and Chapo hauled 4 loads wood also & Hubly lashed at the pole and hoisted the block also & cleaned out the boat also & I and Captain cut out a door in his room also & took out the door out the store room . . . & we killed a beef for the Fort & I took it up & Pablo brought in 2 steers also for beef &

Dunbar arrived from the mines also on his way to San Francisco & Mugans made a . . . rack in the blacksmith shop.

Apr. 23. We had a fine day & the express arrived in the morning from San Diego, and we killed for the steamer a whole beef also and killed in the evening for the post a whole beef and Hubly worked at Captain's room also & calked the boat also & I saw Dunbar also & saw him about the mule also & he is going to see Rose first about it also & steamer went down also in the morning & Thompson was up also & had a talk again about his land also.

Apr. 24. We had a windy day & Ankrim got through with the statement of the Colorado Ferry affairs & Ankrim was up at the Fort also & I was up at the Fort & took up the statement to Hooper & I got paid from the Quartermaster for the hay also \$1641.72—got it in drafts on San Francisco and I let Hooper have it & he paid me \$641.72 cash & I loaned him \$1000. dollars also payable as soon as the paymaster gets out also & Ankrim got through with the room also & Hubly commenced at the new block also & Chapo set up his wood also & river is on a stand also & Mugans worked at the coalkiln also & Pablo got thrown off a horse out in the monte catching cattle also & got much hurt also—not able to do anything also.

Apr. 25. We had a windy & dusty day—a heavy blow from the northwest & Doctor Spencer was up at the Fort also & Ankrim got through with his room also & moved in also & Hubly worked at the block all day & I cleaned at my window & Pablo not able to go out account of his back & Chapo & Antony & Jesus Salya (Salas) went out after beef & caballada & got the caballada but no beef.

Apr. 26. We had a fine day and Chapo & Cilay went out after beef & they got one in in the evening also, and Dick Holstead left for Sonora, & Antony after the horse but did not get him and Ankrim was up at the Fort also & Hubly worked at the blocks for the boat.

Sunday, 27. We had a fine day & we killed a beef for the Fort & I took it up in the morning & I sent the mule up & Hooper was down also on a paseo & Doctor Spencer

left in the evening for Altar & John Kilbride arrived from Sonoita also & nothing of Suvero yet & the boys went out after beeves but did not bring any in & nothing of Dole (Bob) yet.

Apr. 28. We had a disagreeable day—a heavy blow from the northwest & dusty & in the morning John Kilbride & the German's mule was taken off & we tracked the mule some distance down the road but did not get them and we suppose they are stolen & Chapo was out to hunt the steer also that they had tied up but could not find it & he got in one of Rondo's also to kill tomorrow also & Mugan made me present of his rifle for good friendship & I had headache & throatache all day and got a severe pain in my arm shoulder—rheumatism.

Apr. 29. We had a fine day & killed beef in the morning & Captain & John went after the mules but did not get them—nothing heard of them also and they came back & Major Ringdel (Ringold) arrived from San Diego also & John Doyle also arrived in the afternoon & Chapo & Soulieg got in 2 steers to kill tomorrow & Hubly hunted for . . . . . but did not find any, and he commenced making small blocks for the boat & I was up at the Fort & the water is backing across the road up the slough. River rising fast also & Robert set the coal kiln fire to burn also.

Apr. 30. We had a fine day and cleaning up in the yard also and Hubly working at the blocks & making a chicken house also & we killed a beef for the fort also & Chapo & Mexican went out looking for the stolen mules also but could not find anything of them also & made arrangements with McLean about the ferries to bring them together again if Major Heintzelman is agreed on he is to get his 6 (sixth) of the proceeds. If not he would take 600 dollars, on the first of January one thousand dollars he would take. Mial Thompson came up also in the evening & he bought Hooper's  $\frac{1}{4}$  . . . . also.

May 1, 1856. We had a fine day, and I loaned McLean 2 mules to go down to Pilot Knob & Dole in Wilcox's buggy on paseo & I was up at the Fort also & we killed a beef for the outside also & they got in a beef also for to-

morrow to kill & Hubly making blocks also & got through with the chicken house & cleaning out the yard also & river falling fast & Pablo & Chapo was out & took Hinton's horse out to the caballada & it commenced blowing in the evening & McLean told Thompson about the arrangement about bringing the two ferries together & he is very much pleased & tomorrow we are going to bring up the boat also.

May 2. We had disagreeable day—a heavy blow from the west & dusty & crossed some Mexican from New Mexico—sheep man & had a hard time getting to shore also & John & Chapo went down to get up the boats also & killed a beef for the Fort & I was up at Fort & Hubly working at the blocks & Choman cleaning up around the house also.

May 3. We had a very disagreeable day, a heavy blow from the west & dusty, very cold all day & they got up with the boat at 12½ o'clock—had good luck coming up, had 6 Indians helping & Chapo & John also but they did not bring up the skiff—Thompson wants to keep it down till Clinton gets back from Sonora also & Hubly working at the blocks & Bob at the coalkiln also & Pablo did not bring in any steer for beef & some Americans arrived from Los Angeles on their way to Tucson.

Sunday, 4. We had nearly all day a heavy blow from the west & very cold but in the evening it quit blowing & crossed Mial Thompson & 2 Americans also & Pablo went out after steers for beef also, but did not get any, and Major Ringold went in in the morning to San Diego & Mogens gave his boat to us & pistol also & I have the toothache bad also.

May 5. We had a fine day & I was sick with the toothache all day & killed a beef for the Fort & John & Chapo worked in the shop, made Hooper bolts & Hinton & Hubly worked at the blocks also & John Dole & Mogens left in the morning & Patrick for down the river also.

May 6. We had a fine day & I was up at the Fort also & received some money from the officers & . . . . mess & my toothache is some better also & John & Chapo & Hubly tearing down around the house of Thompson across the river also & Pablo brought in the work steers for

Chapo also to work tomorrow for hauling wood & some Mexican arrived from Sonora also

(. . . . Entries missing till May 24 . . . .)

also but could not bring any cargoes in account his animals given out & Chico & his father arrived from Sonora & his father on his way to California after goods also & Chico is going to stop on the river also if he can get anything to do, and Jones sent one horse and one mule down to take care for him also & Robinson & Engineer (?) & one more man came down to stop with us for a few days also till they will go in.

May 23. We had a fine day & Robinson & engineer & soldier left in the evening for San Diego also & Suvero went out & caught a steer & tied it up to bring it in also tomorrow & Ramon left in the evening for Sonora also & Miles got out from San Diego with his team & got a fine stock of goods & he is going to stop a few days also here also. I made a bargain with Chico to work at 20 dollars per month to commence tomorrow or Monday & Hubly working at the blocks also & Bob working at the coalkiln also & crossed some Mexicans for California.

May 24. We had a fine day, very pleasant all day & I was up at the Fort also & got 9 teeth drawn &  $\frac{1}{2}$  one of them broke off & the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  is in also & Suvero brought in a steer also to kill tomorrow evening & Hooper paid me the rest of my money I had loaned to him also & Hubly working at the blocks also getting them together at last & Jesus Selas left in the evening also for Sonora & to bring a washwoman for Mr. Bowman & Joaquin Gitore's mules arrived from Sonora also with the cargoes also & going to go back day after tomorrow.

Sunday, 25. We had a fine day & we killed a beef for the Fort & I took it up also in the evening & Jesus Selas left & Antony arrived with the 2 mules from Sonora & are in bad state—worked down & had to leave Ankrim's horse at Sonora account fore feet also. I received a letter from John Kilbride also.

May 26. We had a warm day & express arrived in the morning but no mail from the States & Miss Miles left

in the evening for San Diego & Steamboat Bill also & I was up at camp also & river running back up the slough also. River rising about 5 to 6 inches in 24 hours also & Hubly working at the boat calking the flairs & Bob at the coal kiln also & Suvero going to hunt the mules of Hooper & horses also & river rising across the road backing up the slough.

May 27. We had a warm day & Hooper & Captain Wilcox left in the afternoon at 1 o'clock for San Francisco also & boys got in 2 beeves also & Hubly working at the sheaves also sawing them out & putting them in water & a Mexican getting them in from the bottom paying him \$1.00 for large sheaves also & 50 cts for a small one & river rising fast also & temperature 99 degrees through the day also & it is very lonesome dull here & Robert at the coal-kiln yet & no crossing today.

May 28. We had a warm day & I was up at Fort & got Bill Woods down & commenced hauling wood in the afternoon but he broke down one wheel and did not get any load in & we fixed up another wagon again for tomorrow & the boys got in 5 yoke steers for the wagon & Hubly worked at the boat & at the sheaves also & Bob at the coalkiln & I got an anchor off the steamboat for our boat in case of an accident & got a barrel of pork of Company G below the hill & we killed a beef for the Fort also & Miss Bowman is very sick also very dangerous also.

May 29. We had a warm day, temperature 98 degrees through the day & hauled 4 loads wood also & Suvero got up 5 head work oxen for tomorrow again & Chico helped Woods with the wood also & Hubly working at the sheaves and at the boat also & Bob at the coalkiln also & express went in to San Diego also & river rising still & no crossing at present & very dull at present.

May 30. We had a fine day & Chico hauled 3 loads wood also & got through hauling the wood also & Suvero went out and caught a steer for beef for tomorrow to kill & Hubly working at the boat & sheaves & Bob at the coal-kiln & crossed Bill Woods & horse & 2 Americans. Mc-Lord on his way to Tucson & very warm day temperature

100 degrees through the day also & I watered the garden also & river rising.

May 31. We had a warm day and I was up at the Fort & Miss Bowman is very sick also & we killed a beef for the Fort & I took it up also in the evening & the water went  $\frac{1}{2}$  way over the axletree of the cart & John Kilbright & Heather & Slaton got back also from Sonora & John did not bring Guadeloupe along with him & the animals look fine also & river still rising & Hubly working at a wagon wheel also & old Bob still at the coalkiln.

June 1 (Sunday). We had a warm day & the boys & 3 Indians trying to get out the cattle out of the Willow Island but did not succeed in it could not get any out of it & Bill Woods crossed and recrossed & company also & John & Slaton went across up to Woods' place to see whether Jose Murieta's mules got in or not & temperature 102 degrees through the day also.

June 2. We had a fine day and we killed a beef in the evening & I took it up & the crossing is getting bad—also the slough—& John went across the river on a paseo also & he did not do anything all day & Slaton also & Hubly worked at the feloes for a wagon wheel also & Bob at the coalkiln also & Chico hauled 2 loads wood also & Miss Bowman is still very sick yet. River is still rising & the bottom getting overflowed filled the . . . . .

June 3. We had a fine day & we killed a beef for the Fort & I was up at Fort also & the crossing at the slough is very bad & John working in the shop & Slaton & Bob got very bad drunk also in the afternoon & Slaton went up on the hill & cut up some & he was put in the guard house & Heather was down also & got tight also & stopped over night with us also.

June 4. We had a warm day & temperature 101 degrees through the day & boys got in a beef also for tomorrow & got up 4 more cows for milking & Jose Murieta's mules got here at our place & I bought his flour at 24 dollars cargo & corn also at same price & cheese also 9 cargoes in all & John worked in the shop & in the evening he went up on the hill & got tight again & 2 Americans



got in from Los Angeles also on their way to Tucson & Hubly worked at the well—got it finished & pulled an arrow out a steer the Indian shot in Santiago & Patrick got up with his boat in the evening also, had a hard time getting up.

June 5. We had a warm day & crossed some Americans & 2 Mexicans on their way to Tucson also & John worked some in the shop also & Hubly built a shed (?) over Charly also & Bob at the coalkiln also & river rising fast also, & bad crossing the slough also & we killed a beef—a cow & she was very fat & had a small calf in her also a few months old & I was up at Fort in the evening took the beef up also & boys brought in the caballada & 2 mules missing again.

June 6. We had a very warm day & temperature 104 degrees through the day & river still rising & busy all day crossing all day & John at the wagon tire also & he left in the evening & Charly's woman also gone in to Sonoita & Bob still at the coalkiln yet & Hubly & Chico working at the shed at the butcher shop also.

June 7. We had a very hot day temperature 108 at 10 o'clock & 110 at 12 o'clock & 112 in the afternoon & 106 at 6 o'clock in the evening & river rising still & John Kilbride got off at 10 o'clock today—had a stampede last night some of the horses got away & Charly's woman got back again—did not go off & is going to stop again & Hubly & Chico working at the shed also & Bob still at the coalkiln & we killed a beef in the evening & I took it up & the water is rising in the cart also getting bad crossing also & I ate some fresh corn.

June 8 (Sunday). We had a hot day temperature 109 degrees through the day & river is still on a rise, it rose  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. the last 24 hours also & Garrall (Colonel) was down also in the evening & Charly's woman also & she is going to stop at the widow's for a week also till she gets a chance to go in to Sonora also & Suvero went out and saw the caballada also & I moved out doors in my old bedstead to sleep again—it is too hot to sleep in the house in

the room also & we lost one calf in the morning it died in the corral also it was fat calf.

June 9. We had a hot day & Hubly & Chico building the shed also upon the butcher shop & Suvero went out after beef—tied one up also & Bob at the coalkiln & express arrived from San Francisco also & brought the news that they had caught the two prisoners—Vigilance Committee hung them & great excitement about it & news from the States—Russians & English & French made peace also & I was up at Fort also & bad crossing the slough & some immigrants arrived yesterday up the river also from Texas on their way to California.

June 10. We had a warm day & some Mexicans got in from California on their way to Sonora also & Hubly making a bedstead also for Chapo & Bob at the coalkiln & we killed a beef for the Fort & I took it up also & had a good time getting across the slough—water is very deep also & crossed 3 Americans from Tucson on their way to California—they bring news that no immigrants on their road also & I got paid off from the Commissary for 2 months pay for beef also—\$899.37 cts also.

June 11. We had a fine day temperature 103 degrees through the day & boys brought in a cow for beef in the evening also & Hubly worked on bedstead for Chapo also & coalkiln is shut up also in the morning & Wright was down also & I got Bill Woods boat—borrowed it for to put in the slough also & no (one) crossed & Pancho was down also & brought down the 2 shirts also.

June 12. We had a warm day & temperature 105 degrees through the day & Suvero & Chico went out looking for the stock & to get some out of the island & river falling some also & Charly's woman left in the morning & some Mexicans also from Los Angeles & Hubly got through with Reaty's bedstead work at 3 days also & we killed a cow & I took it up to the Fort also in the morning.

June 13. We had a warm day & boys brought in 2 steers to kill also & killed in the evening and I took it up to the Fort also & river falling yet & express left in the evening & . . . . crossed one of the horses a mining com-

pany for the mines & Hubly wrote to Washington about his stores also & he working different things also & Heath . . was down also.

June 14. We had a warm day & Lytle arrived from Los Angeles also & boys did not get any more steers to kill & we killed in the evening & I took it up to the Fort also & Hubly working out around also & Bob at the coalkiln & Miss Bowman is very sick also.

June 15 (Sunday). We had a pleasant day temperature 103 degrees through the day also & Gornall (Colonel) & Goldsmith & soldier stopped overnight with us & took breakfast with us also & boys caught up 2 steers for beef but aint got them in yet & sergeant & Bowman was down also.

June 16. We had a pleasant day & boys got in 2 steers—one of them Bowman's & we killed in the evening & I took it up to the Fort in the evening & McLean came down in the evening also on a paseo & Lytle went over to see Wm. Thompson about his share of his boat also & Hubly made a rake & Robert & Cantock commenced drawing the coal & it is nearly burned out also & a good deal of wood in yet.

June 17. We had a fine day & McLean came down with me last night & stopped over night with us & stopped all day with us & I took him up in the evening & boys did not go out in the monte making ready all day & Hubly putting in glass in the windows also & Slaton painting & drawing coal also & the coalkiln is bad burned also & a pleasant day temperature 99 through the day, & an Indian went after . . . . also in morning below.

June 18. We had a fine day & Lytle went across the river to settle with Thompson & Hubly putting in window glasses & Slaton painting also & Bobby & Contuchy at the coal hauling up & crossed an American family from the States on their way to California—5 mules & 1 wagon & one woman & 3 children & 3 men & Suvero & Chico making ready also & Ben down below looking for stock & found the 8 head work oxen below & river is about on a stand also.

June 19. We had a warm day temperature 107 degrees through the day & Miles arrived from San Diego also & with goods on his way to Tucson also & Ankrim & Chapo arrived from Sonora also in the evening & had a hard time of it & the cattle will be here within 10 days from Tucson & found the cattle fine in good order & fat & Hubly putting in some glass & Slaton painting also & they drew a few more coals also in the morning & they brought in 2 beef also . . . . & Lytle got his (interest in the ferry) back again from Thompson in the morning. Thompson was over in the morning also.

June 20. We had a fine day & killed a beef in the morning & I took it up also to the Fort & river is rising slowly also & Miles Selbig past (passed) his goods & I put in a proposal for beef at 12½ cts per lb & old Thompson pulling down the house on the other side the river also at the ferry.

June 21. We had a fine day & killed a beef & I took it up in the morning & McLean came down with me also & spent the day with us & nothing of the proposal for beef yet & I took him up in the evening again & Hubly working making doors for the garden also & Bob was about quit work & some of the coal burned up also in the morning & they drawn some coal also & some Americans arrived from Los Angeles on the look out for work & river is about on a stand also & old Thompson pulled down the house on the other side the river also & took away even the poles.

June 22 (Sunday). We had a warm day & Doyle & Catlick was down also—spent the day with us & boys brought in 2 steers to kill also & a great many people was down to buy things of Miles also & crossed 2 Americans & some of the stays give away on the other side the river also.

June 23. We had a warm day, temperature 113 degrees through the day & hot breeze all day & Hubly putting in new post on the other side the river for stays also & Boly loafing about yet & killed a beef in the morning & I took it up to the Fort & boys went below looking after the cattle also & river falling also . . . . & Miles left in the

evening also for Tucson & Cantrick went with him also & I went up in the evening & sergeant came down with me also & coalkiln still burning yet & express got in in the afternoon also & not much news also & in the evening a heavy breeze from the east.

June 24. We had a fine day—temperature 102 degrees through the day & crossed Mr. Banet from the States & 10 men & 2 wagons & 18 animals on their way to California & killed a beef & I took it up in the morning & I signed the contract for the beef with D. Barry commencing on the first of July at 12 cts per lb also & Captain sent Bobby Mason off also in the morning & he crossed the river & I sent Slaton with the cart down to the wagons also & Murieta also with him & Hubly put in 2 stays at the windlass also & boys looked after the animals also & Weston & Pancho had quite a fly up also.

June 25. We had a pleasant day & we bought Mr. Lytle's share out also. I made the agreement for 600 dollars, 400 dollars down & note 200 in 3 months payable to satisfaction both parties & Lytle left at 12 o'clock for Los Angeles also & Hubly making a gate for the garden also & Pancho was down to see me also & had a talk about Rose. Ankrim tried to get her also but she don't want to come into the arrangements. The rains must (have) set in up the Gila & in Sonora also. & I am getting better also. Wrote to Hooper about buying Lytle out also.

June 26. We had a fine day & killed a beef in the morning also & I took it up and Hubly working at the coal-kiln also & Slaton & express left in the evening also for San Diego & boys brought up a steer for beef but did not bring it in yet & river falling fast also & wrote to Hooper & Hartshorn also.

June 27. We had a pleasant day & a fine breeze from the southeast we had a fine breeze for the last 5 or 6 days from the east & the rains must have set in in Sonora also & Slaton hauled up some charcoal from the kiln also & Hubly fixing the boat on the other side the river also & Ankrim & myself fixing up the books also & Chapo & Chico went down on the other side the river to cutting

poles for make a corral also on the side the river and Suvero brought in a steer to kill tomorrow also—river still falling & we saw Bill Woods also in the morning.

June 28. We had a fine day & killed a beef in the morning & I took it up & in the evening I went up & brought down the Doctor & McCalla & Lee Nickles & stop over night with us & in the evening had a great time. Dole & Catlick was down also in the spree also & Chapo & Chico got back of cutting poles & Hubly made a table for Captain also & crossed some Mexicans on the way to Sonora also & we saw Wood again in the morning.

June 29 (Sunday). We had a pleasant day and a fine breeze from the east & Doctor & McLane & L. Nickels spent the day with us & I took them up in the evening also and Suvero got in a steer for beef & got in the work cattle for to haul the poles tomorrow for the corral on the other side the river also & McCarty's sister got back but Narty did not come up she will be up in a month from now also.

June 30. We had a fine day & Slater & Chapo & Chico went down in the morning with two teams & hauled 2 loads poles for the corral also took them all day to make 1 load apiece & Hubly working at Captain's table also & Ankrim & I fixing up the books also.

July 1. We had a pleasant day & we killed a beef & I took it up also in the morning & I got paid off from the commissary \$431.87cts & off the officers mess also & boys got off early in the merning & got up at 2½ o'clock & unloaded & took supper & went back again & Hubly worked some at the table & at the corral on the other side the river for to cross the cattle. Dodson arrived & Douglas up the Gila about 20 miles with 108 head—good luck—did not lose one on the road & Dodson was over & got some provisions of us also & went back & cattle looking fine. River falling fast & Manuel—Indian—planting some in our garden & they got up with 2 loads poles also.

July 2. We had a fine day & fine breeze from the east all day & . . . had a fine rain up the Gila & in Sonora also & I was up the Gila & met the cattle also & found the cattle fine & Douglas came down with me also & took

supper with us & crossed back & the cattle arrived in the evening on the other side river & Washburn arrived on his way to Tucson & boys got up with 2 loads poles & went down in the evening after other loads poles also & Hubly working at the corral also & Clinton Thompson was over to see us also.

July 3. We had a cloudy morning & cloudy very warm day the heat we felt most all day very warm & crossed our cattle in the morning—had 108 head—had good luck in crossing them & I was up at Fort and borrowed 5 hundred dollars of Morton payable in 2 months & we killed a fine beef in the evening of the new ones also weight 524 lb good weight & I took it up also & boys brought up in the morning 2 loads of poles & went back & got up with 2 more loads of poles also & crossed Washburn also in the morning on his way to Tucson & had few drops of rain last night also & had a shower of rain up the Gila & in Sonora also.

July 4. We had a warm day & Douglas left for Tucson & paid him \$1038.87 on cattle & Dodson left for Los Angeles also & boys went down & brought up 2 loads poles also & Hubly working at the table also & had quite a blow in the evening & raining around us also & thunder & lightning also and raining hard in Sonora & up at the hill they fired a national salute 32 guns & very cloudy all day and in the evening also & gave our note 3 months to Douglas for \$600. & boys let the cattle out over night also doing fine.

July 5. We had a very warm day & we killed a beef in the morning & I took it up to Fort, one of D. & D.'s (Dodson & Douglas), & Hubly went down with Slaton & Chapo to cut 2 posts for the rope also & crossed some immigrants on their way to California, 5 men & one wagon & 7 animals & Chico's father arrived from California also river falling fast.

July 6 (Sunday). We had a fine day—very warm day—temperature 112 through the day & Ankrim was up on the hill & he got a letter wrote to . . . for a woman also & Pancho was down in the evening & I had a talk about

Rose again for Captain but I can't say whether it will be done or not & American stole Bob's money . . . . across the river at Hinton's, but he got it back again & they suspect him & give him 3 hours to leave & he left & crossed over & put in to California.

July 7. We had a hot day & killed in the morning & I took up the beef & boys went down in the morning & Hubly & brought up 2 stakes for the rope & one load poles & some Mexicans arrived on their way to Sonora—about 40 head animals & 6 men & 2 women.

July 8. We had a fine day & boys went down again after logs & poles & brought up one load & had to leave one wagon account breaking the tongue off & crossed some Mexicans on their way to Sonora—34 animals, & 6 men & 2 women & 3 cargoes & also 2 Americans & one Mexican & 2 horses also & paid Chico's father off \$66. dollars for work he done with the cattle also & had the caballada in & cured the animals also.

July 9. We had a fine day — temperature 108 degrees through the day also & boys went down below after logs & brought up 1 log & one large post for on the other side also & no express in yet & they brought in the cattle in the evening also & Clinton Thompson left for Sonora also & no crossing & Chico's father left in the evening for Sonora.

(TRIP TO SONORA)

July 10. We had a fine day & killed a beef & I took it up to the Fort & Chapo & Hubly went down again after the stick for on this side also & Slaton stop up & fixing the harness & Captain also helping & getting ready for to go in Sonora with the team & they brought up 2 steers from on this side also & express arrived from San Diego also.

July 11. We had a warm day & very windy in the afternoon & dusty & we brought over the logs in the morning also & turned out the teams & fixing the wagon up also & boys brought in the cattle in the evening for to kill one tomorrow also.

. . . . (Entries missing to July 21, 1856.)  
 . . . . . miles drive & stopped at John Kilbride's & John



shoeing the mules & I took a ride up to the American camp & saw Brady & Lipon & saw Woods & Bobby—found them all right.

July 22. We had a fine day & John shoeing the mules & we left at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  o'clock & fine night & John put on 29 mule shoes also—drive all night.

July 23. We had a fine day & arrived safe at 6 o'clock—made 40 miles in 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  hours—stop  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour on the road & left at 5 o'clock in the evening.

July 24. We had a cloudy day & arrived at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock at Sonoita (?) made 20 miles this drive in 8 hours & plenty of water at the posa & caught up with B . . . & left at 5 o'clock & went on 3 miles & camped . . . & we had a shower of rain—a heavy rain—made 3 miles this drive.

July 25. We had a fine day & left at 5 o'clock & went on . . miles & camped at 11 o'clock & stopped 2 hours & found plenty of water along the road & made the Laguna at 7 o'clock in the evening & camped—made 41 miles in 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours drive & found plenty of grass.

July 26. We had a fine day & left at 5 o'clock for Altar and arrived at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock & stopped one hour & then pushed on 3 miles farther & camped—made 15 miles in 6 hours drive & I went on to Caborca—arrived at 7 o'clock—made 34 miles & Doctor Spencer was not at home—down at Wimas (Guaymas)—I was at his house also & I could not cross the river—had to get a Mexican to go around with me also.

Sunday, 27. We had a fine day & busy looking around getting things also & had a shower of rain also.

July 28. We had a fine day & I & Ramon Escary went up to Peatecek (?) to see after flour but could not get any flour & I made 15 miles today & had a shower rain also.

July 29. We had a fine day & busy getting things ready and had rain.

July 30. We had a fine day & busy getting things ready & had rain.

July 31. We had a cloudy (day) & had rain last night & a great time getting the soldiers together for the

fight—a great time in Sonora (?) & . . . to send the soldiers to Ouras (Ures) to fight. Some hid in the milpa & some ran off.

August 1. We had a fine day & a great time among the natives about fighting.

Aug. 2. We had a fine day & we got off at last at 12 o'clock & a great time—children & women crying after us also & got mired down also outside of town but got out & got half way to Peatycey (?) & it commenced raining heavy—thunder & lightning & women praying also.

Aug. 3 (Sunday). We had a cloudy (day) & showers through the day & left at 5 o'clock & made camp at Ranchety & sent the flour to Butterick (Peatysie) to be sifted & going to stop till tomorrow & they got back with the flour.

Aug. 4. We had a fine day & left  $\frac{1}{4}$  after 5 o'clock for Altar & arrived at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 11 o'clock. We had a shower of rain last night & I got 3 cargoes of flour of Sapatro also.

Aug. 5. We had a fine day & stopped all day & I sent Chico back to Caborca after a woman also for Captain—we could not get any one for him & a great time among the soldiers here.

Aug. 6. We had a cloudy day & was going to leave & in hitching up the 2 leaders frightened & ran around & broke off the wagon tongue & then could not leave. I had to put it in & make it again. I put it in in 6 hours also.

Aug. 7. We had a fine day & left at 6 o'clock & went on one mile & met with a accident & broke the axletree & stopped us 8 hours & I mended again & went on 9 miles & camped at 7 o'clock.

Aug. 8. We had a fine day & left at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock & made the Laguna at 9 o'clock & going to stop till tomorrow. Made 6 miles & got three cheese of Sapatro also & Malcalm left this morning.

Aug. 9. We had a fine day & had some rain last night & thunder & lightning & I got 14 cheese & 6 small ones also & left at  $4\frac{1}{4}$  o'clock & went on 4 leagues also & camped—made camp at 9 o'clock—made 12 miles.

Aug. 10 (Sunday). We had a wet morning—a heavy thunder shower & rain last night also & left at 6½ o'clock & got mired down also, but got out well & stopped at 12 o'clock till 4½ o'clock & then pushed on 9 miles to a lagoon & camped & met Mexican from the river also. Made camp at 9 o'clock. Made 26 miles & met Dick Halstead on his way to Altar.

Aug. 11. We had a fine day & left at 6½ o'clock & went on 2 miles to the hill & got stalled also but had to unload & then went up also & had a heavy pull all day—heavy sand road & camped at 12½ o'clock within 6 miles of Sonoita till 4 o'clock & then went on one league & camped at the hill & made 12 miles today & mules very tired & I took in Francisco to Sonoita—he is very sick also & Slaton is very sick also bad.

Aug. 12. We had a fine day & I went back to the wagon & in the afternoon brought up the wagon to Sonoita—Slaton very sick also. Made 6 miles today & wagon 3 miles.

Aug. 13. We had a fine day & left at 4 o'clock in the evening & saw Nach Bascus also & Francisco is better also & made camp also at 8 o'clock. Made 9 miles.

Aug. 14. We had a fine day & left at 6 o'clock & went on 10 miles & camped till 3¼ o'clock & then pushed on & I had sent 2 boys & 2 women ahead also to water & made camp at 7 o'clock—made 20 miles and the women & boys made the first water & went on 12 miles farther also & met Walker's train on their way to Altar also.

Aug. 15. We had a fine day & left at 6 o'clock & our wagon nearly broke down & camped 12 miles off Sonoita & left at 6½ o'clock & had to leave 3 cargoes of stuff & then went in to Sonoita—arrived at 11½, made 26 miles in 12 hours also.

Aug. 16. We had a fine day & sent Chico after the cargoes to bring in & he got in & can't get an axletree for the wagon.

Aug. 17 (Sunday). We had a fine day & I got a wagon of the Mining Company also to go to the river & I got to bring a load back again for them also & I got the wagon

loaded & had to leave 3 cargoes of flour & one fanega of beans &  $\frac{1}{2}$  cargo of panocha & sack of barley with John Kilbride also &  $\frac{1}{2}$  cargo pinole.

Aug. 18. We had a fine day & could not leave account Francisco very low & poorly.

Aug. 19. We had a fine day & teams left in the morning & I stopped behind till tomorrow & Francisco is some better also.

Aug. 20. We had a fine day & John & I left at  $9\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock & arrived at Agua Dulce at  $11\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock made in 4 hours drive. 20 miles & Slaton took on the wagon 12 miles & brought back the mules at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock.

Aug. 21. We had a fine day & left at 6 o'clock & stopped  $11\frac{1}{2}$  hours at the wagon & took breakfast & then pushed on to the playa & went ahead to hunt for water & found some plenty right in the road & 2 miles off the road also at the laguna & arrived at  $11\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock at the playas & at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock the wagon also & camped. Made 25 miles & with the wagon 15 miles in  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours drive.

Aug. 22. We had a fine day & left at  $12\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock & found a heavy road & had to turn back again & take a new start & they got up with the team at 4 o'clock & I left them at 20 minutes after 4 o'clock & arrived at Cabesa Prieta at  $9\frac{3}{4}$  o'clock & camped. Made in  $5\frac{1}{4}$  hours. Made this ride in 7 hours in all from the playa 30 miles.

Aug. 23. We had a fine day & laid over all day & found water up at the Cabesa Prieta. I went up & Jose Ortez & took us  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours to go up & stopped  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour & took us 2 hours to get back—a very bad road made 10 miles & I sent back a man to the wagon & they got up at 4 o'clock & they took up their mules to water also.

Sunday, 24. We had a fine day & laid over all day & I left in the evening at  $8\frac{3}{4}$  o'clock for the pozas & the team at 12 o'clock in the night & I went on 18 miles drive in 4 hours. Arrived at  $12\frac{3}{4}$  o'clock.

Aug. 25. We had a fine day & we left at 25 minutes after 5 o'clock also & arrived at 10 minutes before 10 o'clock. Made 18 miles in  $4\frac{1}{4}$  hours, and in the evening pack train got in from Altar for the river loaded with pro-

visions & poor Francisco died in Sonoita in Sonora also Thank God that he has taken him to his home; he is better off than we are.

Aug. 26. We had a fine day & the wagon got in at 7½ o'clock & I am going to leave with the pack mules this evening at 5½ o'clock & went on 9 miles & camped & wagon going to leave tomorrow.

Aug. 27. We had a fine day & I left at 5 o'clock & went on 12 miles at the foot of the mountain & arrived at 9 o'clock & left again at 3¼ o'clock & got home at 8 o'clock. Made drive in 4¾ hours. Made 46 mile drive in all 8¾ hours. Found things all right.

Aug. 28. We had a fine day & steamer left at daylight & Nagle was up also & stopped at our house also & busy fixing my account also & I received an invitation to a wedding of my sister Amanda at home.

Aug. 29. We had a fine day & I was up at Fort also & team got in at 3½ o'clock all right & sergeant was down on a spree & McLean & express left in the evening also.

Aug. 30. We had a fine day & had a great time. Jones & Fulmer & sergeant was down also & Captain & Slaton went up on the other side the river to see whether Pablo had not our mule that got away from Slaton on the road but they did not find it among his caballada.

Aug. 31 (Sunday). We had a fine day. I was up at Fort also & steamer got up

September 1. & Chico quit work also in the evening & going to cut hay for Garrnall also & Jones & Hooper arrived also.

September 2. We had a fine day & steamer went down also & John worked in the shop also shoeing mules for Brudez also & Suvero brought in a steer to kill.

Sept. 3. We had a fine day & Patrick got up with the hay boat also & commenced unloading & John cut 4 wagon tires for the surveying party & killed a beef also & I took it up to the Fort.

Sept. 4. We had a fine day & I helped John on the shop & put on 6 wagon tires & cut 4 also & they did not

get through weighing the hay & the scales broke also. I borrowed the Post scales also.

Sept. 5. We had a fine day & got through weighing the hay & Patrick left in the evening with the boat; had on 14500 weight of hay.

Sept. 6. We had a fine day & I was across the river at Hinton's & steamer got up also in the afternoon also & received a letter from Patrick that a plank sprung off the boat also at Algodon—bad luck.

Sept. 7 (Sunday). We had a fine day & steamer went down also in the morning & she took wood on at our place & Ankrim went down in her also & Thompson got in & Bill Woods also. Sapatro got in with the barley & flour—43 mules, & Suvero got in a steer to kill also & had a good lot cattle in—counted 149 head cattle in the corral.

Sept. 8. We had a fine day & killed a beef & I took it up also & I received 7 cargoes & 258 lbs barley from Sapatro also & he has got plenty of flour also to sell & nothing of the boys yet from below & some emigrants got in also from California & I was across the river up at Hinton's also & boys got back from below fixing the boat also & Slaton went along down with Patrick in the boat also.

Sept. 9. We had a fine day but cloudy towards Sonora—looking for rain also & John set the tires on the 3 wheels also & work in the shop also & crossed 3 immigrant wagons & 9 men & 2 women & 6 children & 24 animals also on their way to California from the States or Texas also & killed a bull—got his leg broken out in the bottom & had to kill him & express got in also in the morning & got a letter from Ames in San Diego.

(SECOND TRIP TO SONORA)

Sept. 10. We had a fine day & fixing to get off for Sonora etc. & killed a beef also for the Fort & John took it up & nothing of the steamer yet & I sent a man down to Patrick to cut hay & Pochy got orders to leave the river account selling liquor to the soldiers also & crossed 3 Mexican wagons going to Sonora.

Sept. 11. We had a fine day & nothing of the steamer

yet & I am ready to leave for Sonora & John got through in the shop also & boys had all the mules in the corral also.

Sept. 12. We had a fine day & busy getting ready to leave tomorrow.

Sept. 13. We had a fine day & I was up at Fort also & busy all day getting ready to leave & got off at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at Hinton's & loaded the wagon—got on about 2500 hundred lbs & made camp at 12 o'clock at night—made 15 miles & mules very tired—heavy pulling also & Jones in company with us & I took along \$300 dollars also & I bought Sapatro's flour & pinole.

Sept. 14 (Sunday). We had a fine day & wagon aint got up yet & left at 12½ o'clock & made Tinajas Altas at 8 o'clock—made drive in 7½ hours—made 40 miles & Jones got in at 4 o'clock & his mules & horses very tired out also & very little water in the Tinajas Altas also.

Sept. 15. We had a fine day & I & Jones hard (at work) passing down water & Slaton & John got in at 10 o'clock & had a hard time to water the mules also & I & Jones left in the evening at 6 o'clock for the playas also & Slaton & John going back after the wagon in the night.

Sept. 16. We had a fine morning & arrived at playa at 8 o'clock & I went in after the water 2 miles off the road but did not find any water, then stopped 2 hours & pushed on to Agua Salada & 3 miles this side met Walker & he gave me some water & I was very hard up for water & I was caught in a storm & heavy rain 2 miles this side of Agua Salada also—made camp at 4 o'clock—made 75 miles this drive in 18 hours & Walkin took in . . . & cheese in also & stuff also.

Sept. 17. We had a fine day & Jones & Thomas got in in the morning & it rained behind them also & Rayas got in off the Cabesa Prieta road also & it rained heavy on that road also & I sent after Slator with water also Jose Ortez.

Sept. 18. We had a fine day & Jones & Thomas left for Sonoita also in the morning & Ortez got back & found plenty water in the playas also but did not meet Slaton

on the road & some Mexicans got in off Cabesa Prieta road also. It look very much like rain in the evening.

Sept. 19. We had a cloudy day & Sapatro got in with his team also at 10 o'clock & the 2 small wagons also & one of the small wagons broke down also & Tuly & Jose got down from Sonoita also to see me & she took it very hard for Francisco & she brought down some meat & tortillas also.

Sept. 20. We had a fine day & Antony & Ortez left for Sonoita & Quatry & Joaquin Gidcover (?) arrived from Sonoita on his way to the river also & I went up with him to Sonoita & stopped with him & John got in in the night & he left the wagon at the playa also & mules very tired also & 2 of the mules died also at the Tinajas Altas—I think they ate some of the poison weed also. Made 21 miles today also & no water at the Tule Tinaja & Tinajas Altas.

Sept. 21 (Sunday). We had a fine day. Nothing of the wagon yet & John took a paseo.

Sept. 22. We had a fine day & team got in & mules very tired down & Jones & Thomas left for Caborca also.

Sept. 23. We had a fine day & I sent the mules below to grass for Saturday night.

Sept. 24. We had a fine day & I & John & Slaton went up to the American camp & at Dunbar's & it rained in the evening & John & Slaton got crazy drunk also.

Sept. 25. We had a fine day & I working at the wagon also.

Sept. 26. We had a fine day & finished the wagon & I was up at Dunbar's also & getting ready to leave tomorrow.

Sept. 27. We had a fine day & I was up at Dunbar's & mules didn't get up yet.

Sept. 28 (Sunday). We had a fine day & I was up at ranch & I & Slaton & Tuly took a ride to the burying ground to Francisco's grave. & met John Kilbride & (he) was drunk & the mules got up also.

Sept. 29. We had a fine day & left at 8 o'clock & went to San Dagomugo (Domingo?) & stopped 5 hours & then went to Quitoraquito & stopped overnight.

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