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Diary of Colonel and Mrs. I. N. Ebey

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Saturday 21

Weather quite warm and clear Capt. Bell started for Olympia tonight. This day one year ago we left Ft. Hall⁴⁷ and camped on a beautiful creek a half day's journey this side Weather extremely warm, and grass getting scarce.

Sunday 22

Day warm and pleasant Mr. & Mrs. Alexander visited us today. Samuel Crocket & Mr. Howe were here also in the evening.

Monday 23rd

Morning pleasant & clear Mr Ebey & John Crocket commenced breaking up ground for wheat; ground very dry and hard to break.

Tuesday 24th

Day warm and pleasant a good western breeze all day which makes it more comfortable than it would be otherwise The rolling of the surf against the shore is very loud this evening which sounds romantic and beautiful when there is nothing else to draw the attention.

Wednesday 25

Mornnig cooler than it has been for several days, but a very pleasant day a moderate breeze. Col. Crocket here today. Mr. Ebey gone over to the cove, received a good many pictorial magazines from Capt. Thomas.⁴⁸

Thursday 26

Day pleasant and clear Mr Ebey & Mr Crocket are busy plowing today all very quiet no one passing today but now and then a lonely indian.

Friday 27

Morning a little cloudy Mr Pettygrove & Capt Huchinson⁴⁹ came over from Port Townsend today after butter and went on to Mr

⁴⁷ For an historical account of this fort see, Miles Cannon, "Fort Hall on the Saptin River," in the Washington Historical Quarterly, July, 1916.

⁴⁸ This is probably John T. Thomas, ex-government naval draughtsman, but at this time extensive shipbuilder on the Columbia river.

⁴⁹Loren B. Hastings of Port Townsend. See, ante, note 31.

Crocket's but succeeded in getting none and looked quite disconsolate about it— Very tired today after washing very hard.

Saturday 28

Day pleasant Maj. Show here in the evening

Sunday 29

This is a beautiful day with a mild and pleasant west breeze. The waters are calm All gone this morning except myself and Ellison every thing very still Though not sad. The beautiful green trees and clear sunbeams makes every thing delightful although we are far from our native land and in a country where the gospel is not preached we have not our vows and live in hopes of realizing religious ceremonies in this Western Country. went to see Mrs Smith this evening who is sick and has a fine daughter the second birth that has happened on the Island among the white settlers.⁵⁰

Monday 30th

We had a good rain last night—with some heavy wind— Continued plowing—

Tuesday 31

Day very pleasant— Two Catholic Prest came here this Evening, they are seeking a location for a mission— Plowing

Wednesday Sept 1st

Day pleasant light wind from the west. Allen⁵¹ and Hugh Crockett got back last night to the Cove with the Scows Plowing—

Thursday 2

The Priests went this morneing over to the Cove to see the Natives— Mr. Alexander started up to Olympia today with his scows sent letters by him— Priest returned after dark haveing baptized several children A Ship or Bark at Anchor in Port Townsend this Evening

Fryday 3

Very heavy fog this morneing could not burn off the grass

⁵⁰ There has been considerable controversy among the settlers now resident on Whidby Island as to priority of birth of the first three children. All disputants are agreed that Polowna, daughter of William Wallace, was the first. The date of her birth I have not been able to ascertain. For the others the evidence chronicled in the Ebey diary ought to be conclusive. On August 29 the diary records the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Jacob Smith, "the second birth that has happened on the Island among the white settlers"; and on November 13 states that a son was born to Mrs. Alexander. This son is Abram Lansdale Alexander, still living at Coupeville. Mr. Alexander, therefore, has the honor of being the third child and first boy born on the island.

⁵¹George Allen.

early in the morning & then did not plow any today the Priests left us this morning Afternoon clear breeze from west

Saturday 4

Morning cloudy & warm—some prospect of rain paid a visit to Mrs. Bonsel today She is very lonely. Dr. Tolmie landed here tonight with his family and several young ladies three of which took supper with us.

Sunday 5

Morning cloudy and cool Went to Mrs. Alexander's today A gradual rain commenced about noon and continued nearly all day. Dr. Tolmie started this morning by daylight this morning.

Monday 6th

Morning cloudy but the day turned out to be very clear and pleasant. Mr. Ebey is hauling out house logs today

Tuesday 7

Part of the day cloudy and cool Hugh Crocket and Mr. Ebey plowing today gathered some ripe tomatoes today for seed and a few other garden-seeds. Eason learned two good lessons today

Wednesday 8

Day pleasant Mr. Ebey went to John Crocket's to try to plow but could not get the grass to burn and could not plow. John C. Mr. Smith and several others started up to Olympia today Susan Crocket paid us a visit this evening. and brought me over some painting she done for me, A basket and a dish of fruit.

Thursday 9

Day cloudy and showery all day a considerable rain fell last night. Mr. Ebey cutting house logs today.

Friday 10

Morning clear and the day very warm Mr. Ebey & Capt. Bell hauling logs today and I have done a large washing today.

Saturday 11

Morning foggy and after the prairie was clear of fog and mist and the sun shone bright upon it; there continued a singular looking cloud upon the water which assumed a reddish colour from the reflection of the sun upon it The opposite shore was invisible for a while but above the shore and the tops of the mountains very clear the cloud appeared to lie on the water as far as we can see. it

gradually flew off from the water in a streak in front of our door and towards noon was all gone. I am very tired Ironing today and Mr. Ebey very much fatigued hauling logs. Eason and Ellison have learned a lesson apiece today.

Sunday 12

The Sun arose this morning from a bright and clear horizon and continued her journey through a beautiful clear pale blue sky. Every thing today looks pleasant and happy; as though the smile of Heaven was upon it. The song of the black birds this morning sounded sweeter than usual. I think our friends by this time are crossing the Blue Mountains.

Monday 13

Day cloudy with a little rain a vessel passed up today.

Tuesday 14

Some what cloudy in the morning but clear towards noon Henry Wilson and another gentleman came here this evening from Olympia Mr Wilson brought several numbers of the Olympia paper which is just commenced The first paper published on Pugets Sound it is called the Columbian.⁵²

Wednesday 15

Morning very foggy Wilson and his friend left today for Port Townsend Mr Ebey went out to ask hands to raise our smokehouse tomorrow.

Thursday 16

Morning very clear and beautiful; day very warm. The smokehouse was raised today. Six hands was all we could get.

Friday 17

Day clear and warm Samuel Crocket took dinner here today I washed today. a vessel went up this morning.

Saturday 18

Day clear and warm. Mr Ebey and Capt. Bell undertook to finish the smokehouse today. They sent John Bartlet to his house to get some tools on Mr. Bonsel's horse, the saddle turned and John fell off, & the horse turned instantly and stepped upon his arm and broke it between the wrist and ellbow. We were all badly frightened

Sunday 19th

This is another Beautiful clear Sabbath John's arm is better

⁵²The first copy of the Columbian was issued on September 11, 1852, by the proprietors, J. W. Wiley and T. F. McElroy.

this morning he rested very well last night Mrs Bonsel has been here a short time today A barque went up today. Evening beautiful and clear.

Monday 20

Day clear and pleasant Mr. Ebey and the Cap. finishing the Smokehouse today. John's arm does not pain him much and appears to be on the mend We heard the cannon firing at Port Townsend today on the arrival of a vessel from above.

Tuesday 21

Mr. Ebey went to John Crocket's to plow today We had some rain last night John does not complain much of his arm After dinner he thought he must go home to attend to things there I felt sorry to see him go fearing his arm would get worse by taking cold in it.

Wednesday 22

This morning was very cold and frosty This was the first frost we have had this Fall. The day is very clear and pleasant Two vessels anchored at Port Townsend this morning a barque and schooner They left this evening and went down the Sound. Mr. Dray here tonight.

Thursday 23rd

Very cool morning with a large white frost Some thin ice found out in a tub this morning at daylight. Mr. Dray left here this morning for the Willamette. Samuel Crocket also starts today for Olympia. This evening Mr. Ebey came home from J. Crocket's sick.

Friday 24th

This morning is colder than ever; some ice found in the teakettle at daylight. Thermometer down to freezing. Mr. Ebey did not plow today but is better and preparing a place for potatoes in the smokehouse. I washed today.

Saturday 25

Not so cold this morning as formerly Though there is some frost. Mr Ebey is digging potatoes today.

Sunday 26

Morning quite cool and some frost but a pleasant clear day No white person passing today King George⁵³ and Lalac's⁵⁴ family were

⁵³ "The head chief of all the Clallams was Lach-ka-nam, or Lord Nelson, who is still living, but has abdicated in favor of his son, S'Hai-ak, or King George—a very different personage, by the way, from the chief of the same name east of the mountains. Most of the principal men of the tribe have received names either from the English or the 'Bostons'; and

here this morning from Port Townsend very anxious to know whether they are to receive any pay or not for their potatoes the cattle destroyed Mr Ebey had to reason the case with them and tell them Mr. Sterling⁵⁵ would be down and settle with them for the damages they have received from the White man's stock. Old King George was very easy satisfied but the woman talked a great deal. Our

Monday 27

Clear and pleasant today Mr. Ebey is plowing at Mr. Crockett's today and we are alone all day.

Tuesday 28

Morning foggy but the day clear and beautiful Capt Thomas' barque is in front of us all day We sent him over some milk and butter by Capt. Bell and he sent us back some pork, matches and Tobacco as a present This barque went down this evening late.

Wednesday 29

Morning cool with a little frost Mr. Ebey plowed some today at Mr Crockett's but will quit after today as John arrived from Olympia last evening.

Friday 30th

Day cloudy and some rain We had a heavy shower last night Mr Ebey is cutting house logs today. Two vessels in the bay today one going down and another trying to come up all day The wind is against her.

Friday Oct 1

Cloudy all day until towards evening Mr. Crockett here today after the cat the mice are very troublesome at his house The vessel which was coming up last evening anchored at Port Townsend.

Saturday 2nd

We had our two new houses raised today We had 12 men and it was a hard days work for them Mrs Alexander Mrs Simth and

the genealogical tree of the royal family presents as miscellaneous an assemblage of characters as a masked ball in carnival. Thus, two of King George's brothers are the Duke of York and General Gaines. His cousin is Tom. Benton; and his sons, by Queen Victoria, are General Jackson and Thomas Jefferson. The queen is daughter to the Duke of Clarence and sister to Generals Scott and Taylor; as also to Mary Ella Coffin, the wife of John C. Calhoun. The Duke of York's wife is Jenny Lind; a brother of the Duke of Clarence is John Adams; and Calhoun's sons are James K. Polk, General Lane, and Patrick Henry. King George's sister is the daughter of the late Flattery Jack. All of them have papers certifying to these and various other items of information, which they exhibit with great satisfaction."—George Gibbs, in *Pacific Railway Reports* (Washington, D. C., 1855), I, 430.

⁵⁴ Lach-ka-nam or Lord Nelson. See note 53.

⁵⁵ The settlers expected that the government would pay these Indian claims, since by the passage of the Oregon Land Law the Indians' lands were open to settlement.

Ann Crockett were here all day and helped me cook dinner They were all quite cheerful and seemed to enjoy themselves.

Sunday 3rd

This is a beautiful Sabbath The sun shines warm and pleasant It is nine years today since we were married It does not seem more than half so long. I went to see Mrs. Bonsel a while today she is so lonesome Mr. B. being gone yet. Mr. Miller⁵⁶ and Mr. Wilson came to our house last evening at dark.

Monday 4th

Morning clear and day pleasant Mr. Bonsel came home last night after dark from Victoria. Mr. Miller left here this morning for Nesqually in co with Mr. Alexander and Samuel Crockett Cordelia Smith here today and her sister and Rebecca Bonsel. A. Moses here this evening

Tuesday 5th

Day foggy until noon Evening clear. The Olympic mountains are covered with snow at the present all summer they have had but very little snow upon them. Mr. Crockett here a little while today. Mr. Ebey digging potatoes Henry Wilson and Mr. Moses went to P. Townsend last evening from here.

Wednesday 6th

Day clear and pleasant Capts Bell & Paddle⁵⁷ went to Port Townsend today to charter a vessel to take to California. We are all very quiet today no one stirring.

Thursday 7th

Morning clear and a beautiful day. Not very well today Mr Ebey still digging potatoes We hear nothing of Thomas & the Dr. They have been gone over two months Some new Immigrants have arrived in Olympia and Port Townsend. Capts Paddle & B. returned this evening and have chartered the Mary Taylor to go to Sanfrancisco.

Friday 8

Morning foggy great appearance of rain Washed today We have a family of indians hired digging potatoes. They are bringing in cranberrys frequently now.

⁵⁶ General W. W. Miller. He was surveyor of the Port of Nisqually.

⁵⁷ Captain William R. Pattle. The name is sometimes spelled Paddle or Pattles. He discovered coal on land fronting Bellingham Bay in 1852 and filed a claim thereon on April 18, 1853.

Saturday 9th

Raining this morning frequent showers all day. Turned very cold towards evening Mr. Bonsel is going to move on Monday next to another Island below here to attend to the fishing business.

Sunday 10th

Today is clear and pleasant None of the neighbors to be seen today We are spending this Sabbath in reading most of the time. All around seems beautifully adorned in quiet serenity No bustling crowd as in a City or town to mar our peaceful happiness Although we have not Towering Churches yet we can spend our time in training the young minds of our children in the principles of Christianity and creating within them a thirst for moral knowledge in the place of running from place to place in bad company. This is indeed a great blessing The liberty of training our children in the way they should go that they may be a blessing to us in our old age.

Monday 11

Cloudy today and some rain towards evening finished digging potatoes and paid off the indians this evening.

Tuesday 12

Still cloudy and some rain during the day Mr. Ebey moved Mr. Bonsel down to the beach to await the arrival of the Mary Taylor in which he intends moving away to another Island. Mrs. Bonsel took dinner with us today.

Wednesday 13th

Day clear and pleasant we had some rain last night Capt. Fay and Hugh Crocket were here today and went on over to Mr. Crocket's Mr. Ebey is out cutting board timber

Thursday 14th

Morning clear and day pleasant a large vessel anchored at Port Townsend Capt. Fay was here all night and has gone home today.

Friday 15th

Today is cloudy but no rain Capt. Cousins of the Powhattan was here today and took dinner He is a very sociable old gentleman he is owner of four vessels and has been running them in the Columbia and has concluded to run them between Cal. and the Sound He bought Capt. Bell's 2 shoats for 30 dollars

Saturday 16

Day cloudy, windy, and cold Mr. Ebey out sawing timber today which is very dangerous in this wind in the thick timber Mr. Bonsel and family still camped under the hill.

Sunday 17

Still continues to be windy but clear most of the time. the water is very rough. Capt. Porter arrived here this evening. The wind is exceedingly high more so than it has been since Spring.

Monday 18

Morning cloudy and boisterous great appearance of rain. Mr. Ebey and Capt. Porter have gone around to see our neighbors and have not returned. it is very near night Ellison has become tired of his book and has laid down on his chair and gone to sleep Eason has a very sore foot and is lying upon a chest resting his foot and trying to study his lesson Mr. Alaxander and S. Crocket have just returned from Olympia and brings the news that Dr. Lansdale is not far behind them on his return from the Plains who left Thomas on the Umatilla. Immigrants have suffered a great deal this season by the loss of cattle. It is now raining gradually.

Tuesday 19

Day cloudy until towards evening Capt Fay. Mr. Alaaxander and Mr. Smith came here today Capt. Porter went to Port Townsend this evening and returned in the night

Wednesday 20

Day rather cloudy and cool. Capt. Brown of the Ship Persia came over from his vessel after Capt. Porter (owner of the same) in the night last night. He had been only seven days sailing from Sanfrancisco. He sais there were 12 vessels started for the Sound before he did. Two late Immigrants are here today one by the name of Fox and the other by the name of Thatcher They came down with Dr. Lansdale to look for claims raining all evening.

Thursday 21

Still cloudy a good deal of rain through the night Dr. Lansdale came here last night after dark He sais he and Thomas heard of Mother, John and James being in the Grand Round Valley recruiting their stock Thomas went on to meet them. They have plenty of provisions— a great many immigrants have suffered a great deal for want of provisions

Friday 22nd

Today calm and part of the day clear I washed a very large day's washing today I have been very much fatigued this week with company; There have been so many passing

Saturday 23

Today is very cold and rainy Mr. Ebey and Mr. Marlet⁵⁸ has gone over to Coveland to assist in raising a storehouse for Capt. Coffman Three vessels in sight coming up this evening. Mr. Ebey Mr. M. and Dr. Lansdale are coming I have been ironing all day today Mr Bonsel went over to Port Townsend this evening.

Sunday 24th

This is a very windy and cold day. Walter and Charles Crocket were here in the forenoon, and Hugh in the afternoon. Mrs Bonsel is camped on the beach in a very disagreeable situation She is too fearful of putting anyone to trouble to come and stay at the house.

Monday 25th

Day cloudy and cool Mr. Ebey has gone to haul his board timber over the beach Mr. Crocket brought me over some pickled cucumbers today which was a great treat

Tuesday 26

Cloudy and some rain Mr. Ebey and Mr. Bonsel are hurrying to get a little room finished for Mr. B's family to move into until they can get an opportunity of going to San Francisco.

Wednesday 27

Morning cloudy; some rain through the day Mr. Crocket here today.

Thursday 28

Day almost clear and pleasant I washed today Rebecca Bonsel helped me Mr Ebey and Mr. Bonsel finished the little room and moved the family and plunder up in the afternoon.

Friday 29th

Day cloudy but no rain Mrs. B. busy washing Mr. Ebey very busy at work at house. No news from mother yet.

Saturday 30

Cloudy, a considerable rain fell last night all well. all very busy today.

⁵⁸Possibly the person referred to is Thomas Maylord, who filed a claim on November 20, 1852. A brother, Samuel Maylord, came to the Island in the early part of 1853, and filed a claim on April 23, 1853.

Sunday 31

Morning cloudy with a drizzling shower now and then Mr. Ebeys and myself went to Col. Crocket's today and left the children home. They were very much pleased to see us While we were gone Capts. Cousins, Hoffington, and Bell came over from Port Townsend to see all— they were gone when we came home. They drank up all the milk I had and left a dollar to pay for it.

Monday Nov. 1st

Day pleasant and clear Mrs. Bonsel washing today. I feel better since my ride yesterday. Mr. Crocket here today to buy some articles from Mr. Bonsel.

Tuesday 2nd

Day clear and pleasant. We had a large frost last night Mr. Ebeys is hauling board timber

Wednesday 3rd

Morning cold and a beautiful clear day Mr. Ebeys took Mr. Crocket's wagon home this evening and the children went with him on a visit and staid all night.

Thursday 4th

Morning clear but cloudy in the evening. I washed today Mr. Crockett brought us some turnips cabbage and venison today The children came home with him.

Friday 5th

Day cloudy with some rain Mr Ebeys very busy at his house. Capts. Fay & Coffin here today

Saturday 6

Day somewhat cloudy Co very busy all day A Brig by the name of Cabbet⁵⁹ is commencing to load in the Cove with Spiles [piles]

Sunday 7th

Morning cloudy a great deal of rain fell last night Mr. Hill⁶⁰

⁵⁹The brig John S. Cabot, Captain George Dryden.

⁶⁰Nathaniel D. Hill was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on January 25, 1824, the son of Dr. John H. and Eliza (Davis) Hill. The father was for many years engaged in the druggist business in Philadelphia, and in his shop Nathaniel D. learned the pharmacy profession. At the end of his apprenticeship, in partnership with a friend, he set up for himself, under the style of Hill & Wright. In the year 1850, when the news of the discovery of gold in California had reached the Atlantic Coast, the entire Hill family, consisting of the parents, Nathaniel D., Robert C., William and Humphrey, decided to emigrate, and accordingly made their way to San Francisco. In that city Nathaniel D. tried his hand at several vocations, including a clerkship in the custom-house, stock-raising in the Sonoma Valley, and gold mining; but not finding in these lines the satisfaction he expected, he took passage on the brig John S. Cabot for Puget Sound, and filed a claim on Whidbey Island, near the Ebeys, on November 20, 1852. On Puget Sound Nathaniel D. became a prominent citizen and

off the Cabbit was here all night just from California. Spent this Sabbath at home reading most of the day and teaching our children. No news yet from mother I greatly fear she is not getting along well; yet I still hope for the best as I have always done.

Monday 8

Day very pleasant Just received intelligence of the Brig Irvine arriving in the Cove She brought some goods for Capt. Coffin.

Tuesday 9th

Day cool with some rain Mr. Ebey & Mr Marlet are very busy building a chimney to one of our rooms We received a great number of newspapers today from Olympia and also a letter from Winfield dated Aug. 15. He sais all our friends were well except his mother He complains greatly of our not writing to them oftener this Summer. I am sorry to say that we have been very negligent about writing this Summer I must treat my friends better in future My daily labor and ill health this Season has almost compelled me to omit many duties which ought not to have been omitted All are very busy reading the news tonight My children are in the room with Mrs. Bonsel's and they are all making a great deal of noise.

Wednesday 10

Morning very cool The ground is frozen quite hard and some ice in holes upon the ground. Mr. Bonsel and family started from here this morning for Port Townsend and are going from there to San Francisco I felt sorry to see them start as I think a great deal of ner and the children.

Thursday 11

Cool and cloudy a good deal of rain last night. Mr. Howe here tonight. Capt. Coupe⁶¹ here today. Mr. Ebey and Mr. Marlet are very busy working at the new house trying to get it completed.

Friday 12

Very cool and cloudy all day Mr Ebey completed his chimney today and suffered a good deal of cold working in the mortar; though it

pioneer. During the Indian War, with R. C. Fay, he was in charge of the encampment for friendly Indians at Oak Harbor. In 1857 he returned to Philadelphia, and in that city was married to Sallie H. Haddock, a native of Lynn, Massachusetts. Four children were born to them. In 1868 Mr. Hill became identified with several important capitalistic enterprises. Robert C. Hill was born at Hatborough, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 1829, and came to Whidbey Island the year following his brother's arrival, where he filed a claim on February 10, 1853.

⁶¹Captain Thomas Coupe was born in New Brunswick on August 22, 1818, and at the age of twelve years went to sea. He arrived on Puget Sound in 1852 on the bark Success, of which he was part owner, and shortly afterwards, on November 20, 1852, filed a donation claim which included the site of the present town of Coupeville. His death occurred at Coupeville on December 27, 1875.

is not freezing. Mr. Wilson and another gentlemen are here today from Port Townsend on their way to the Cove.

Saturday 13

Day cool and cloudy; A great deal of rain fell last night and very stormy all night I was called out in the night about one o'clock to Mrs Alaxander's She was confined and has a fine son.

Sunday 14

Day pleasant and not so cool as formerly Mr. Ebey & Mr. M. have gone to Mr. Hill's. Dr. Lansdale was here a few minutes I see a barque anchored just below Port Townsend Mr. English⁶² [Engle] here a few minutes.

Monday 15

The weather has turned warmer but still cloudy no rain in the daytime but it generally rains of nights The ground is not muddy and the rain does not make it at all disagreeable; men can continue laboring every day here in the winter, while in the states, they are all housed up, and can do nothing but keep large fires, and feed their stock; here we have no feeding to do at all. How great is the contrast!

Tuesday 16

Day clear and beautiful I went to see Mrs Alaxander she appears very well Mr. Ebey hard at work at his house.

Wednesday 17

Day clear heavy frost last night and a very cold morning a little thin ice in a barrel this morning.

Thursday 18

Morning clear and pleasant a vessel passed up the Sound today Col. Crocket here a few minutes and brought us some papers Samuel has returned home. I received a letter from aunt Martha today she and family are wintering at Margsville They say nothing about coming over here to look at the country

Friday 19

Cloudy today I washed today Mr. Ebey finished our house today and we moved in it. It is very comfortable to sit by a good fire place once more.

⁶²William Ballinger Engle was born in Burlington County, N. J., on September 7, 1831, the son of Eben and Alcenia Engle. His mother's parents were Quakers. In company with the Hills, he came to Whidbey Island and filed a claim on November 20, 1852. Previous to his arrival on the Island he had sought gold in California without success. In 1876 he married Flora A. Pearson, who with her parents came to the Sound in 1866 with Asa Mercer's expedition. Their children are Carl Terry and Ralph Pearson, who reside on Whidbey Island, and Ernestine E., who married W. J. Waldrip of Oyster Bay, Mason County. Mr. Engle died on November 10, 1907.

Saturday 20,

I worked very hard today scrubbing off the floors Mr Ebey went to the Cove today and brought home 100 lbs. of flour which was owing to us over there

Sunday 21

Today very cloudy and some rain all day Mr. Alaxander, John Crocket, and Dr. Lansdale came over to spend the day with Mr Ebey before he leaves for the Willamette Capt Coupe took supper and staid until bedtime Dr. Lansdale staid all night.

Monday 22

raining very hard this morning cloudy and drizzling all day a vessel passed up today

Tuesday 23

Some rain fell early this morning but towards 10, oclock it cleared off and was a beautiful day Mr. Ebey started for Salem today I was very much distressed at seeing him start He has to be gone about 3 months he has worked very hard this Fall to get me fixed comfortable for the Winter before he would have to leave which he has done and has hired Clouston's John to stay until he comes back to make fires and get wood and work at the houses, and he gets Mr. Ingles [Engle] to stay every night until Thomas comes with mother, John and James.

Wednesday 24

Day cool and cloudy with some rain a great deal of rain fell last night John is chinking the cookhouse and shaving boards and nailing on the cracks in the other house and is very industrious There are a good many indians camped on the beach at present and are frequently coming to the house to take a look at us, but are not saucy.

Thursday 25

Raining all day today John is nailing boards on the cracks today.

Friday 26,

Day pleasant and clear I washed today J. is cutting firewood.

Saturday 27

This is a very pleasant day the sun shines clear though the evening is very cold. Mr. Hill returned from Victoria this evening after dark with a thousand pounds of flour 250 for us. He went up home although it was very cold.

Sunday 28

A clear and beautiful day for Winter, a heavy frost this morning. George Allen came over today and was only here a few minutes. He

brought me the distressing news of mother's death. O the distress of heart I now feel. If it *is so* that my dear mother has died on the plains how can I ever get over it I will reflect upon myself as long as I live that I did not persevere a little more and bring her with me. The word came from John Shaw who, has arrived in the neighborhood I have not seen him yet.

Monday 29th

Another beautiful day has dawned upon us I slept but little last night The thought of my mother being no more on this earth drives sleep and rest from my body Yet I know it is wrong to grieve If her spirit has left this earth I have a hope of meeting her in a far better world than this, which is the only consolation I have. Though I was looking for her every day and anticipating a happy winter in her company. But this is the way with the happiness of this world It soon vanishes never to return. John indian has almost finished daubing the house and has slipped off to the Cove and did not come back until after night I think he has a notion of leaving he is very idle, John Alaxander hauled us one load of wood today.

Tuesday 30

Day clear a vessel passed up the Straits today evening quite warm. The indians are camped here yet.

Wednesday Dec. 1st

Day clear and warm Myself Eason and Ellison cleaned at the yard all day We are alone today and try to keep ourselves company by hard work John left us today for good and was half way to Port Townsend before I knew he was going he has acted very trifling in doing so The men at P. Townsend had sent him word to come over there and he could make a dollar per day at loading vessels, so it induced him to go.

Thursday 2nd

Raining all day today I have the toothache and my jaw is badly swollen

Friday 3rd

Not raining today but all day cloudy Charles who went up with Mr. Ebey returned today bringing a letter from Mr Ebey he had a very hard time going up and had heard nothing of Thomas I hired one of Charly's indians to stay here and cut wood.

Day clear but cold a heavy frost this morning. busy all day and very tired at night.

Sunday 5th

Day cool but not raining Dr. Lansdale came this morning. also Samuel Crocket and Susan came over Susan to stay a few days Capt Coffin was here and wished to board but I refused boarding him. he went to several of the neighbors for the same I do not know how he will come out he has sold out his merchandise to Mr. Alaxander.

Monday 6

I am not quite so lonely today as Susan is here Cloudy with some rain and quite cool.

Tuesday 7th

Weather cool our indian Sam has to go to carrying wood our hauled wood is out again it was so rotten.

Wednesday 8

Day cool and some rain very windy in the evening. no one passing today Susan appears to be getting lonesome and uneasy about home Her father is not very well.

Thursday 9th

Some rain falling today, very windy and cool.

Friday 10

Raining some this morning about 9 o'clock the sun shone out beautiful and Susan wished to go to John's and wished me to go along; we went and the evening turned to be so cold and windy that I could not get home and had to stay all night. I had left Eason at home and Mr. Engle was to be there all night. I was very uneasy and came home early in the morning when it was quite pleasant I found all right and them getting their breakfast I finished it for them.

Saturday 11

Busy all day preparing for Sunday and very tired after my walk from Mr. Crocket's. Evening very windy

Sunday 12

Morning clear and beautiful Evening cloudy and turning very cool. The children and myself are alone all day no person passing We are reading most of the day Two vessels going out of the Straits today very slow

Monday 13th

Very cold today and windy I finished Eason's pants very cloudy this evening no more news from Mr. or Thomas Mr. Engle is hauling us some wood today Mr. Alaxander was over today and

said he could have none this week as his boys and cattle are all at work at the Cove.

Tuesday 14th

Today cool but clear nearly all day. I washed today fearing a storm. Some sleet and snow falling this evening very cloudy and windy a vessel coming up this evening.

Wednesday 15

Very cold and stormy today Considerable snow fell last night to the depth of an inch.

Thursday 16.

A little more snow fell last night. quite cool today. George Allen is here tonight hunting his cattle Mr. Hill is here tonight in the place of Mr. Engle who has gone to cut board timber. I heard today that Mr. Smith has started up to Olympia with our scow and was caught out in that storm on Friday evening and run her ashore on McDonough's Island⁶³ and broke her all to pieces It is a great loss to us and the other owners.

Friday 17

Still cold sometimes cloudy and sometimes clear and now and then a little snow falling. Mr Allen went home today and I sent our indian Bob with him to bring me some lard from the store He was to return tonight but did not and we could not get the cows. This is the coldest night we have had this winter. We have just heard of Sneetlem's⁶⁴ death which happened last night.

Saturday 18

Very cold this morning I did not think to notice the Thermometer Bob has just returned and Dr Lansdale soon afterwards. Mr. Hill

⁶³This is the present Camano Island. It was first named McDonough Island by Lieutenant Wilkes of the United States Exploring Expedition in 1841 in honor of Captain Thomas McDonough of the ship Saratoga, who gained fame at the battle of Lake Champlain in 1812. The naming of McDonough Island, Saratoga Passage, etc., was a part of the plan of Lieutenant Wilkes who desired to perpetuate the names of the old naval heroes in the nomenclature of the Sound. Most of the islands in the Sound were named for these heroes. The publication of the Wilkes' charts was delayed; in the meantime, Captain Kellett of the British Navy made extensive surveys of the Sound and published his charts in 1847. He substituted for the Wilkes' nomenclature names of old Spanish explorers. During the early pioneer years many of the islands, watercourses, capes, etc., went by two names, according as one used the Wilkes or Kellett charts. At the present time Kellett's names have been preserved on most of the larger islands, while Wilkes' names are found on the points, capes, bays, etc., which Kellett did not name.

⁶⁴Snatelem was probably the greatest and most powerful of the sub-chiefs who ruled on Whidbey Island. He was a friend to the white settlers and this friendship probably explains the peaceful attitude of his Indian subjects. At the time of his death he is said to have had over one hundred slaves. His son, Kwuss-ka-nam, or George Snatelum, Sr., and his grandson, Hel-mits, or George Snatelum, Jr., were signers of the Point Elliott Treaty made on January 22, 1855. Shatelem was a Skagit sub-chief under Golliah, chief of the Skagits, and dwelt in the vicinity of Watsak Point, the south cape of Penn Cove. This point is known locally as Snatelem Point, or as many maps have recorded it, Snakeland Point.

has been out all day after the cows and cannot find them—Dr. took dinner and went home he brought us 10 pounds of lard and some nails. about two inches of snow fell last night.

Sunday 19th

Still colder ice thicker in buckets Not much wind stirring, but what we have, is from the North and is very cold The Skadgets have sent over to Port Townsend for all the Klalms to come over and mourn the loss of Sneightlem their head chief They all seem to take it very hard. he died with the quinzey or sorethroat The Klalms have just left here on their way over I think all the tribe are over All the Tieses⁶⁵ had to come in and warm but I would not let any others in. One by the name of Queer handed me a bundle of letters he had brought from Olympia for the Island among them was a letter from Mr. Ebey dated Oregon City Dec- 5th He does not write me much news he had heard of Thomas and the ballance of our people coming on. He had also heard something of Aunt Martha I am very glad to hear that Mr. Ebey is well he has had such bad weather to travel in I had been fearing he was sick. and had worked so hard before he left home. I wish he was at home now I miss him a great deal in this cold weather I have a great deal of uneasiness about our cattle and potatoes fearing we will lose some of them in this cold snowy weather.

Monday 20th

Still very cold Thermometer 19 degrees above zero this morning at daylight

Tuesday 21

Last night was the coldest night we have had Thermometer 17 degrees above zero this morning Potatoes froze in the cookhouse last night The sun shines in the day but has little power. The weather is generally clear at present Capt. Bell and John B. came from Port Townsend this evening almost frozen and spent the night. Tonight at bedtime the thermometer is at 15 degrees.

Wednesday 22

Morning clear and cold thermometer 15 degrees above zero before day this morning 19 degrees at present. The sun is shining very beautiful and it looks as though we might have moderate weather. Mr. Hill killed our pet fawn this morning it had become very shy and we thought it best to have it killed. Capt. Bell and John has gone over to the Cove this morning and I sent word to

⁶⁵Tyee is a Chinook Jargon word meaning chief or headman.

the people over there to bring home our cattle and plow Which they have been using for five weeks and in all this hard weather when cattle ought to run out all the time so as to get enough of food.

Thursday 23

Still very cold everything in the house is freezeing in the daytime Our potatoes in the smokehouse have not frozen yet. Thermometer 16 this morning early. Our indian left us yesterday evening I do not expect he will return any more.

Friday 24th

The weather is cold but I think it is a little warmer today than usual. Our cows are missing again and cannot be found.

Saturday 25

Very cold today Thermometer at 8 degrees this morning at daylight Samuel Crocket and Mr Hill are hauling us some wood This is Christmass day but it is so cold we cannot enjoy ourselves and it seems but little like Christmass though it makes me think of years gone by, and friends who are in their graves Mr. Ebey is gone and this is another lonely Christmass to me. Our friends who have crossed the plains do not come I have almost given out seeing them this winter. I can hear nothing direct from them if they knew of my uneasiness concerning them they would have written Dr Lansdale and Mr Alaxander were here today they brought me a jar of pickles and a box of mincemeat as a Christmass present. I made some mince pies for dinner and they were excellent.

Sunday 26th

The weather moderated last night in the night and today is quite pleasant and thawing some out although it snowed from daylight until 12 oclock in the day The sun is shining warm this evening and a great appearance of good weather. The thermometer is 28 degrees above zero higher than it has been for two weeks. There is no person passing today We are alone all day We are employing our time in reading generally,

Monday 27

The snow is nearly gone George Sneathlem came back from Port Townsend this evening and I had to let him and his indians camp in the smokehouse all night I did not see that they stole anything. Thermometer at 28 today.

Tuesday 28

This is a very pleasant day. It is my birthday. I grieved so much about mother last night that I feel very unwell today I wrote a letter

to Mr. Ebey and one to Sister Martha. Eason has gone to Mr. Alexander's to get them to bring the oxen home so we can have some wood hauled I made a duff for our dinner the first I ever made right and it was very good.

Wednesday 29,

A good deal of rain falling today. two vessels came up today and went in to Port Townsend another came last night The water is rough and it is windy Thermometer is at 30.

Thursday 30th

This morning looked pleasant and I commenced washing but before I was done it commenced snowing very hard and in a little time the ground was covered with snow and sleet almost shoe mouth deep John Bartlet came over from Port Townsend on his way to Coveland this morning I quit washing to get his dinner he appeared very hungry. he brought the news that Capt. Gove⁶⁶ had come with his two vessels and brought the word that General Pierce is elected President. No doubt but the Democrats are rejoicing.

Friday 31st

This morning is warm the snow is thawing off the house. there is a thick crust of ice over the snow. John Bartlet came from the Cove this morning after I had washed up our breakfast dishes and I had to get a new breakfast for him and give his indians permission to cook their breakfast in the smokehouse and after John had eaten hearty he went to gathering up his things they had left here in my care without saying a word he even caught four out of seven of the chickens which I had raised for him and which I thought he had given me for raising his hogs and feeding them every day last Summer on buttermilk and bran. He also picked the largest of our potatoes to pay for a few small ones we had used of his, without asking me where he should get them and had them in the sacks before I knew he was going to get them. Indeed John shewed what a peneurious heart he has after all my kindness to him last Summer. I suppose he thought he was shewing his independence and authority over his own It is thawing some. This is the last day in the year 52. let us look back with sorrow on the past year that we have not spent it as we should and promise to spend the coming year better.

Jan Sat. 1st [1853]

The first day of the new year has come There are great displays made in some places this day and a great deal of feasting done,

⁶⁶Captain I. W. Gove.

and I am sorry to say, a great deal of dissipation carried on in some places, but here everything is peaceable and quiet, I have not even heard a gun fire today. I do not feel well today, I have a very bad cold and coughed a great deal last night. Old Capt. Coffin came and sat nearly all day and I had to get dinner for him I did not feel like keeping him company or cooking for him. He is a very disgusting man, but appears to have been well raised. he has a great deal of pride This is a beautiful evening the sun is shining very bright. The snow is thawing some. I see a schooner coming up this evening. How thankful we should be to our Creator for preserving us until another New Years day in health and bodily strength O, may He enable us to spend this coming year more to His service and to be more faithful in performing our religious duties. and in the end we will be happier.

Sunday 2nd

Snowing this morning very fast Sam wishes to go to the Cove on a visit today I thought it best to let him go as it is not cold today This is the first Sabbath in 53. We are very lonesome today I wish Mr. Ebey was at home, I would feel much better. Eason is reading to Ellison in his primer. Eason commenced reading the Testament through yesterday, but he is getting very careless and indolent his pa is gone so much that he is becoming a great deal of trouble to me I have often heard it said that little boys would not be industrious about everything under their mother's controll altogether, and I find it is so, They become so accustomed to their mother's commands from the cradle that they get so they do not mind it. She has to watch every action and keep the child from all kinds of misconduct while they are small, but when little boys become old enough to do some work they need a father to show them and to push them forward to make them industrious. I have tried very hard to make Eason industrious but I find I will have to give it up. He will be idle about his book and everything else. I hope next Summer his pa will help me to attend to him and try to get him out of his indolent habits which distress me a great deal. I can hear nothing more of Thomas I cannot tell what has become of them all I fear the exposure and hardship has made Thomas sick two seasons hard running—

Monday 3rd

Very pleasant today snow going off very fast No person passing but Indians. I feel better today and more able to attend to my household affairs.

Tuesday 4th

Weather pleasant but windy a vessel came up today uncertain as to its name I see a great deal of snow has fallen upon the

Olympic mountains I have not been able to see them before today for the clouds for some time.

Wednesday 5

Day rather windy and a good deal of rain falling snow all gone. No news from Mr. Ebey and I cannot get an opportunity of sending letters to him I have been watching for one, for a long time.

Thursday 6th

Today very pleasant I washed today Sam has not returned yet I scoured the cookhouse floor after I was done washing. George Allen and Mr. Smith came in the time to borrow one yoke of the oxen to plow They are all in a great way over at the Cove about plowing—

Warm today thermometer at 50 degrees above zero Some rain fell last night Dr. Lansdale was here a few minutes this morning to hear if I had any fresh news from Mr. Ebey but I had none.

Saturday 8th

Morning cooler than common. I washed up the cupboard and everything about the house and hired an indian to scrub one floor in the forenoon, and in the afternoon I was very sick and thought I would have to send for some of the neighbors, but toward bedtime I became some better.

Sunday 9th

Day rather cool and some rain I was sick all night though I am a good deal better today but do not feel able to do much and make every one wait upon themselves. Sam arrived today and I gave him a scolding and told him he must not run off again. An indian brought me a letter from Mr. Ebey's sister, Mary, today from Port Townsend, O the distressing news it brought, the truth of the death of my dear mother on the plains. My heart is almost broken I feel that I cannot endure the torture of being sepperated from her in this life, Yet I know she is happy and I have the consolation left, that I can see her in a better and happier world But the anguish of my heart and my reflections upon myself are so great because I did not bring her with me, away from that sickly country. Had I thought of this I would have brought her at the risk of everything; but I like many others left that Country with expectations of seeing my friends the next Season But O how wicked and thoughtless we are, not to remember that another day or another year may bring some of us to our graves and, O my mother it was you who must be taken from us so soon. Well I remember the last time I saw you I have

spent many happy hours with you. Your kindness to me was more than I deserved for which I hoped to be able to repay you in after years but death has debarred me from so doing, and didst thou forgive me for leaving you almost desolate? If I could only hear and know that thou left a word of forgiveness for me before your death I would be happier; for, I left you in a hurry and did not take time to consider whether I could bring you or not. I think you would have been with me now alive and well. I have no one to blame but myself. The Lord have mercy upon me and pardon me. Thy will be done O Lord, and enable me to bear it with patience. Many trials I have had but this is worse than all the ballance I pray the Lord to enable me to be more dutiful and more faithful. I am greatly in need of His assistance and grace to sustain me under all trials and troubles. In a few years more I may be lain in the grave also. O may I be prepared to meet all those dear friends who have gone before to Heaven and to Stand before the judgment Seat of Christ and give an account of my deeds done in the body.

Monday 10

Day pleasant, a little cloudy Still in grief and find no consolation Scarcely able to attend to business. mind continually reflecting upon past scenes which cannot be brought back.

Tuesday 11

Weather cool some rain last night Very lonely no old friend near to converse with Still striving to keep the children at their books, but, feel little able to attend to them. I heard of the death of Uncle Samuel Eason and his little daughter Mary by Mary's letter also Uncle S —was very much afflicted in this life and he no doubt rests from his troubles. He was a christian and I hope his children will follow in his steps and try to do that which is right which no doubt he oftentimes tried to impress upon their minds They are no doubt very much distressed Yet they ought not to grieve for they were with him at his death, and their loss is his Eternal gain

Wednesday 12th

Day cloudy and quite windy a vessel in the Straits coming up this morning. Some rain fell last evening I can hear nothing from Mr. Ebey and Thomas I long for the time to come when I will see them at home again, and in health

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