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The Legacy Project of the Glen Ellen Historic Society evaluates and preserves locally emerging historic artifacts and documents. These valuable and irreplaceable items are very important in building a reliable history of the area — and are otherwise extremely vulnerable to deterioration and loss. We consult with local families that have historically significant ephemera and memorabilia, helping them to identify and preserve their collections while making them available for research and public display, where it is appropriate, by means of digital recording.

The initial phase of The Legacy Project involves the John Pierre and Myrtle Serres/Shirley Roberts Collection. This major group of artifacts and primary documents has accumulated over the past 160 years on the Serres Ranch—ever since 1851, when Joseph Hooker built his cabin on what had been the Agua Caliente Land Grant. Reports such as this are made available to members of the Glen Ellen Historical Society to promote further research and discussion.

On February 15th, 1858, Martha Watriss wrote excitedly to her son George about the purchase of the Hooker Ranch in Sonoma Valley. At the time the Watriss family had been living in San Francisco for several years, where Martha's husband was proprietor of the Oriental Hotel. In her letter she wrote:

...it was so highly recommended that your father and Frank Brown went to look at it and found it every thing it was represented It is situated about two mile from the City of Sonoma bounded on one side by Sonoma Creek where plenty of salmon trout are caught and on one side by mountains and on the other sides by splendid large oak trees laid out they say like a fine park so you see there is plenty of wood and water and there are plenty of people who have spent weeks at the farm that declare it to be the Paradise of California...

...your father has sent a man up to turn up the ground and prepare a little and most of our furniture was sent up in a sloop yesterday which will be put in a store house at the landing about three mile from the place till we reach there when it will be sent up by wagons— Now is not that a surprise Just think of us all being farmers in earnest...

As the Watriss family settled into the ranch they began keeping a journal, in which a wide variety of information was recorded over the following years. At the time of this writing, 47 pages of this journal have been scanned; they appear on the following pages with captions that summarize what was written.

There are approximately 500 pages to the journal in all, and all in neat handwriting with occasional carefully drawn diagrams and illustrations. A broad scope of daily life in Sonoma Valley is documented, providing a fascinating view of farm life in the early years of the Valley of the Moon.

This report is being made available to facilitate research and discussion of the material presented, while the remaining pages continue to be scanned for eventual inclusion in later reports. The scans are being done in high resolution at 600 dpi, which will be made available upon request. Queries and responses should be sent to the Glen Ellen Historical Society, PO Box 35, Glen Ellen CA 95442.

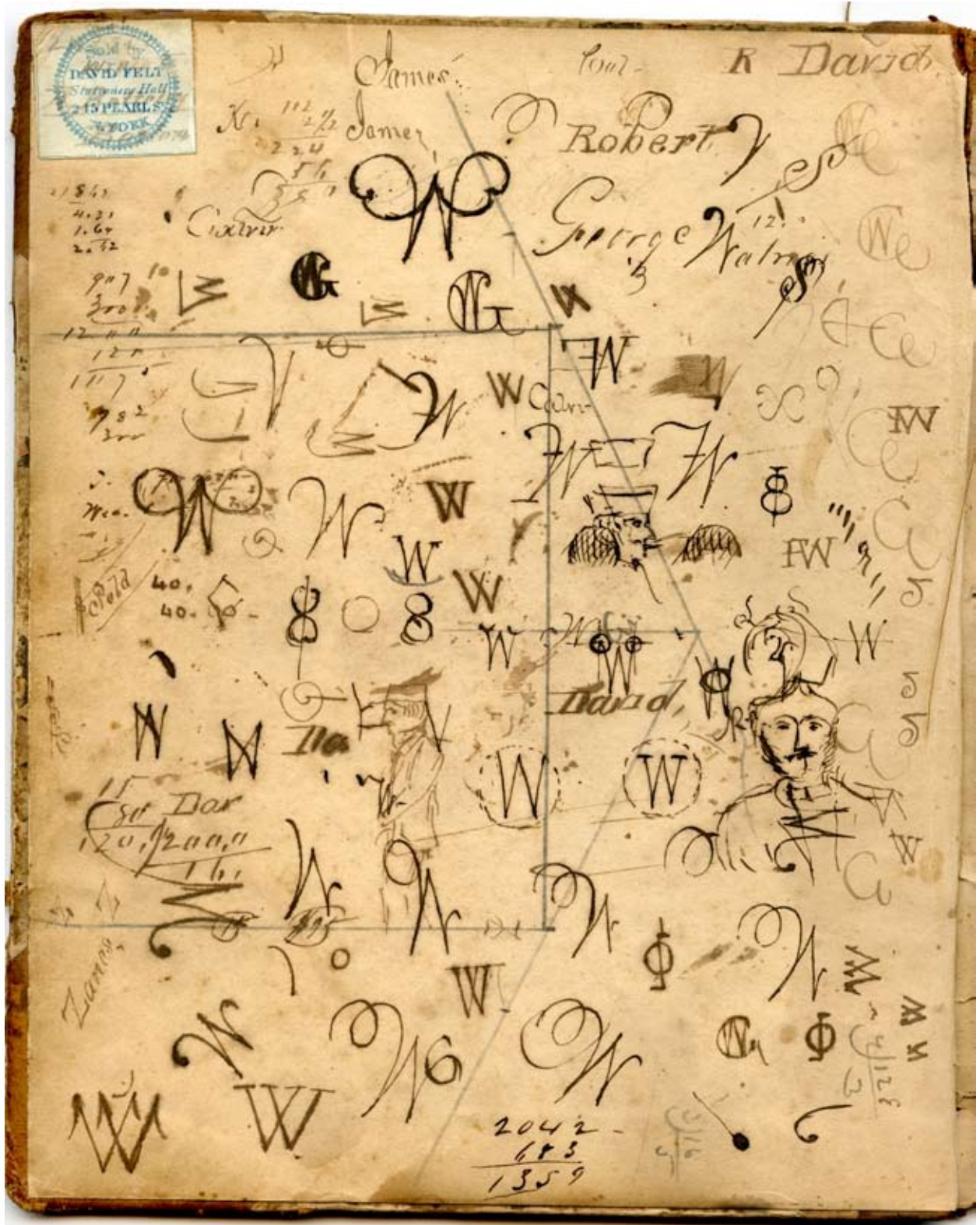


Plate 1: The inside front cover is filled with calculations, sketches of faces, and various designs of brands considered for use on the ranch.

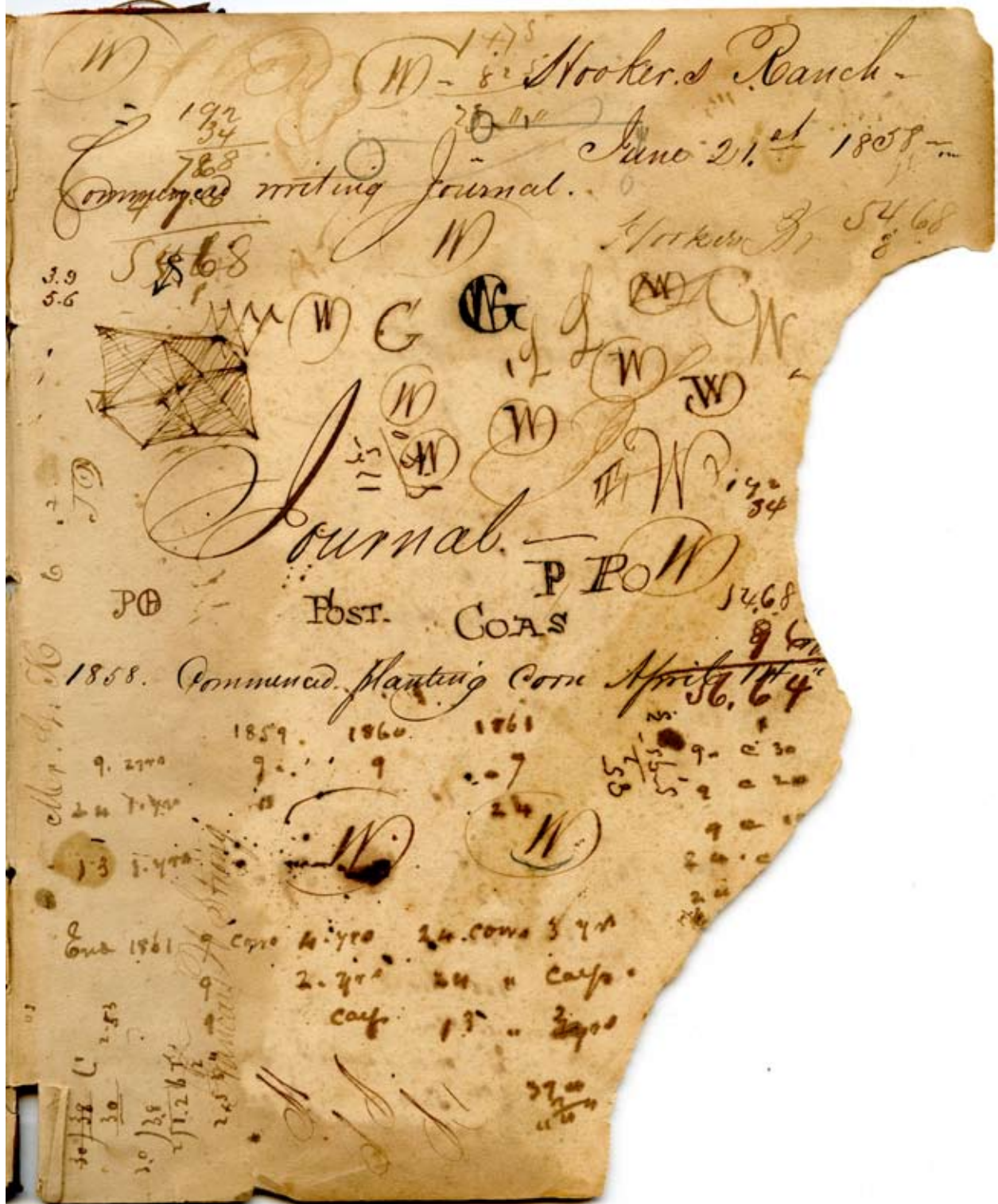



Plate 2: "Hooker's Ranch/June 21st,1858/Commenced writing Journal", followed by drawings of brands and various other notations.

Sun Dial

∠ of style with horizon = latitude of place
 the style parallel with axis of the earth ∴ point north

The angles of the hour lines may be found thus

Radius : Sine of Lat ∴ tan of hour from noon (hour 15° to the hour) : tan of hour angle from center



Radius : Sine of Lat ∴ tan of hour from noon : tan of hour angle from center

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Good Yeast

Boil 1.00 flour
 " $\frac{1}{4}$ " malt sugar } for 1 hour
 " $\frac{1}{2}$ " Salt } when nearly
 2 gal water

Cold bottle and cork

Plate 3: The second page has notes on the design of a sun dial and a recipe for "Good Yeast".

A. Tm of Potatoes	40 Bushels	
" " Straw	36 lbs.	149.5
" " Old Hay	56 "	
" " New	60 "	
Load 36 Muscovy		15
A Peck of Salt	14 "	
Flour	14 "	

To Cure The Horse Distemper

Give a teaspoonfull three times a day, of finely powdered Gum myrror mixed with the food or otherwise. A Horse driven on a hard rode, is liable to get stiff in the joints, in 1853 I had an animal which after driving 2 or 4 days got quite lame, An old Baltimore teamster told me to wash the mares leg in totalabile strong brine, which was accordingly done, three times a day for the Balance of the journey the stiffness disappeared in a few days and I drove the mare 1400 miles and there was no more trouble on that account

Plate 4: This page has planting notes and a cure for horse distemper.

Toothache Recipe

One drachm of collodion, added to,
two drachms of Carbolic acid,
a gelatinous mass is precipitated a
small portion of which is inserted in
the cavity of an aching tooth.

Harper's Patent

"Lancet"

April 9, 1870



How many inches in a bushel?

The standard bushel of U.S. contains
2,150.4 cubic inches. The imperial bushel
contains 68 cubic inches - more - In measure
ing fruit, vegetables, coals - and other similar
substances one fifth must be added. In other
words - a peck measure five times even full
made a bushel -

Plate 5: This page has a treatment for toothache, a design for a braking mechanism, and the definition of a bushel measure.

Gestation.

The experiment made by the
order of Earl Spencer, The number
of cows noted was 764. Of the
764 cows 314 calved before the
284 days and 310 calved after
the 285 day.

The report of Mr. Lussia by order of
the French Government took on cows and
mares. Of 582 mares - was 287 days

A German publication -

	Fr	Eng	Mean	
Mare	342	419	347	419
Cow	240	321	283	322
Ewe	146	161	154	97
Sow	109	143	115	48.5
				370.5

To cure sheep skins with the Wool on.
Use One table spoonful of alum, and two
of saltpetre. Pulverize well and mix together
Sprinkle this powder upon the flesh side
of the skin In two or three days as soon as they
scrape the flesh with a blunted knife -

Plate 6: On the gestation of various livestock and the curing of sheepskins.



Cubs Brand on the
left side. A. U.S.
PP

Distances between Trees

Name of Plant	Foot apart each	
	Row	Tree per acre
Standard Apples	20.	48.
Dwarf "	6.	1.210.
Standard Pears & cherries	20.	110.
Dwarf pears - dwarf cherries & quinces	10.	436.
Apricots peaches nectarines & plums	20.	110.
Blackberries & black cap raspberries	8. 4.	2.681 722.
Courants gooseberries and raspberries	4.	2.722
Grape vines	12.	302
Strawberries in rows 2 1/2 ft apart plants		17.408
1 ft apart in rows		10.888

Plate 7: Drawing of a tether for a bull, and listing the best distance apart for planting trees.

To Test Wine

Makes a solution of caustic Potash and drop a single grain into a wine-glass full of wine. If the wine be pure it will not affect it: if Colored with logwood it turns reddish purple: if with elder berries dark purple: if with mulberries, light purple: if with beetroot clear red: if with litmus light violet: if Brazil-wood maddy red. This test is sure.

April 14 1862 Betsey Baker Colt. Auburn New York

How to prevent sore shoulders in working horses. Get a piece of leather and have it cut into such a shape as to lie snugly between the shoulders of the horse and collar. This finds off all friction, as the collar slips and moves on the leather.

Wounds in horses -

Saltpetre should be moderately strong to the taste and bluestone added until the solution is slightly tinged. To be used as a wash two or three times a day. It purifies the wound. As the proud flesh produces

Plate 8: On testing wine, and treating wounded horses.

Wounds in horses.

granulations immediately. The wound requires no covering, flies will not approach it - and dress it with a mop of rag - tied to a stick.

Tincture of Aloes as an Application To Wounds -

One part aloes and two of alcohol, a saturated tincture. Suppurating wounds when at all of an atonic, "wanting vitality" character are dressed ~~in~~ by the means of a Charpie "Lint" dipped in the tincture, the application causing little or no pain. Old and obstinate ulcers are much benefited by it. It is useful also to bear in mind its great cicatrizing power in wounds and ulcers occurring in domestic animals. Especially the horse. Exposures and galls by its use are prevented degenerating into ulcers -

Plate 9: Further discussion on the treatment of wounded horses.

\$ 30.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Aqua Caliente Rancho

Sonoma Feby 14th 1860

Received from Martha C. Watriss

Thirty Dollars for services rendered from Dec 13th

1859 to Jan 14th 1860.

Hugh Campbell

Sonoma. February 14th 1860

Aqua Caliente Rancho.

\$ 30.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Received from Martha C. Watriss Thirty Dollars for services rendered from Jan 13th to Feb 13th

1860

Hugh Campbell

Sonoma February March 13th 1860

\$ 28.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Received from Martha C. Watriss Twenty Eight Dollars. for services rendered from to date; in full of all demands.

Hugh Campbell

Plate 10: Tallying payments by Martha C. Watriss to Hugh Campbell.

\$ 36. ³/₄

Aqua Caliente Rancho

Sonoma July 21st 1860

Received from Martha Watrous Thirty Six Dollars and ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ for services rendered from June 14th to date, Patrick Cooney

Aqua Caliente Rancho

Sonoma August 1st 1860

\$ 38.⁰⁰ Received from Martha Watrous - Thirty Eight Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for services rendered from July 20th to August - 2nd David Kirk

Waterproof Boots.

Boiled Linseed oil 1 ¹/₂ lbs

Yellow wax 3 oz

Canada Balsam 1 oz

Mix over a slow fire, This to be rubbed in alternately with neat foot oil.

Plate 11: More tallies of Martha's payments, and a recipe for waterproofing boots.

The Spirit of the Times gives the following rule for finding the weight of live animals. Take the girth behind the fore arms in inches square it take the length from the top of the shoulder in inches and multiply the square of the girth by it multiply that product by the number .07958 and divide that product by .576. which give the weight in Stones of 14^{lb} each. The same rule applies to all Classes when thoroughly fat.

Five cubic yards of Hay in a stack weigh about one ton

Receipt for Diarrhea

Used by U. S. Army in Mexico

Laudanum	2 Ounces	} Mix all together Give a teaspoonful in a little water - or half a teaspoonful repeated in an hour afterward in a table spoonful of brandy
Spirits of Camphor	" "	
Essence of Peppermint	" "	
Hoffmanns Anodyne	" "	
Tincture of Cayenne Pepper	2 Drachms	
Tincture of Ginger	1 Ounce	

This preparation will check diarrhea in two minutes and abate other premonitory symptoms of cholera immediately

Plate 12: How to find the weight of live animals, and a cure for diarrhea.

JH

of whom purchased

16. February. 1861.	Branded	32	cost -	4113	Caremeat
"	"	"	3	"	1000 Cannon
		46	"	588	batrillo

JH No. 1 fill iron

Hungarian method of Tanning

can be prepared for market in three weeks in summer & in about double time in winter. The methods of preparation of hides & skins for this Hungarian process are very similar to those usually employed in our tanneries. - After unhairing the hides are dressed with a solution of alum & salt, by which putrefaction is prevented and the hides are rendered stronger & durable, while the salt mixed with the alum by keeping the fibres moist renders the leather more supple. Six pounds of alum, three and half pounds of salt and about 9 gallons of water are required for a hide weighing 80 pounds.

Plate 13: February 16, 1860 branding tally, and notes on "Hungarian method of Tanning".

After being twice dressed with alum and well tramped upon
by the bare feet of the workmen continually making back
~~and~~ and forwards of them, the skins are dried and then
by another process of tramping and rolling prepared for
tanning. This process is conducted in a close room cont.
aining a boiler about $\frac{3}{4}$ full of tallow, which is heated
until it melts, when the leather which has been previ-
ously warmed is thoroughly saturated, about 3 lb. being
required for each hide - after being thoroughly saturated
with tallow, the leather is flamed or exposed to heat &
is then thoroughly dried in the open air

The only improvement of importance which has been made
in the original processes was introduced by Gen.
Laurandean (French) who saved much time and labor
& expense by substituting Sulphuric acid for alum:
after preparing the skins in the usual manner, is to
immerse them 24 hours in a lye composed of 4 lb.
Sulphuric acid (S_3) mixed with 20 lb. of salt & 25 gal.
water. Same lye serving for a lot of hides

Plate 14: Instructions for preparing skins to be worked into useful leather.

Memorandum in regard to JH Stock.

1860.

19. February 1. Carneau Cor died, from want of sufficient nourishment during winter: died 3 days after being brought on place. 24th Oct
- 20 " 1. Star Calf, Julio Canillo Stock, diseased died
- 22 " 1. Star Calf, Carneau Stock, died from being castrated
- 21 " 1. Heifer 24th Oct, died from calving.
- March 3 1. 3 yr old Carneau stock died in calving
- " 14 1. 2 yr " Julio Canillo died " "
- Dec 18. 1. 1 yr " Carneau Calf died Castration
- Feb 18. 1. 1. " " Merastrey " from being hurt in branding
- " 28 1. 1. yr (now 2) could not deliver calf.
- " " 1 " (" ") " " " "
- { Fore part of this No^o two Merastrey Cows
 } lost their calves after being delivered
 During summer lost one JH in Sonoma
 Creek

Plate 15: "Memorandum in regard to JH Stock" notes significant events with cattle dating from February 19, 1860.

Memorandum relating to JH Stock

March 3. In this date 2 calves born, Cannon stock
 " " " " Cannon "

March 24.	1.	Calf Carillo	born -
April 5.	1	Calf Carillo	born.
" "	1	"	born -
" 23	"	Cannon	"
"	1	Carillo	"
June 18.	1	Carillo	"
Aug 20.	1	ditto	"
	+		
Feb 21. ¹⁸⁶¹	3	Merathwy	(to date)
" "	5		

18 Total number of calves to date

Cole Teats

1 oz Yellow wax
 3 " Soda melt together when cooling put
 in 1/4 " Sugar of Lead
 drachm of alum finely powdered
 "Gouett"

Plate 16: "Memorandum in regard to JH Stock" dating from March 3, 1860.

Signs of the Weather as given by the
British Board of Trade.

Rosy sunset presages fair weather

Ruddy sunrise " bad "

Bright yellow sky in the evening indicates wind

Pale " " " " " " " " " " " "

Neutral Gray in the evening favorable sign

" " " " Morning unfavorable "

If the clouds in their form are soft undefined and feathery
the weather will be fair: if their edges are hard sharp
and definite it will be foul

A. Preparation for Preserving Leather

21 Parts of Tallow melted in a vessel

3 " " Rosin added when melted mix

In another vessel

7 Parts of good washing soap dissolved in

70 " " Pure Rain water

100

It is especially adapted to Boots, harness
leather and belting.

Plate 17: Weather forecasting and "preparation for preserving leather".

Memorandum relating to JH Stock; number: Miss into Cornell
 on 11. Feb 1860. Some divide into Todd fields except 3
 Strathroy, Cons with calves and one Casenrau (no pasture
 2. March]

	Strathroy	-	Casenrau	-	Carvells	-	Calves	
Sheep	-	Cons	-	Strathroy	Sheep	-	Cons	Strathroy
3.		5.		3.		10.	1.	16.
							5.	7.
								13.

Oct 23 Counted 67 original JH stock in field
 " 24 found 12 JH calves

Receipt for Worms in horses.

Powdered poplar. 2 oz
 " Sulphur 4 "
 Table Salt 3 "
 Worm seed. 1 "
 Carbonate Soda 3 " Mix divide the
 mass into 12 parts. Mix with the food every night.

"Prairie Farmer"

Plate 18: "Memorandum in regard to JH Stock" and "Receipt for Worms in horses".

Yeast for Bread

Boil 1^{lb} Flour
 " $\frac{1}{2}$ moist sugar
 " $\frac{1}{2}$ oz Salt.
 " 2 gal' water

} 1 hour
 for water, when cold settle and
 Cork-tight Can be used in 24^{hrs}
 1 pt. will make 18^{lbs} bread

Ventilating Water Proof Cloth

2^{lbs} $\frac{1}{2}$ alum, dissolves in 10 gal' water, like manner dissolve
 same quantity of sugar lead in a similar quantity water
 and mix the two together they form a precipitate of the
~~Lead~~ ^{Sulphate} lead; clear liquor is now withdrawn and the
 cloth immersed for one hour in the solution, taken out
 dried in the shade - washed in clean water and dried again

Mange Ointment and for Smiles under

Pondrales	2 drs.	} mix	marsh mallows	4 x oz	} mass	
Turpentine	1 x oz		olive oil	2 x oz		
Sulphur	Sulphur		4 x oz	Camphor		2 x drs
Sard	6 x oz					

Water Proof
 Chinese Ointment -

To 3 parts of fresh-beaten blood are added
 " 4 " " slaked lime and a little alum
 a thin paste mass is produced, which can
 be used immediately

Plate 19: Preparing "yeast for bread" and "Ventilating Water Proof Cloth".

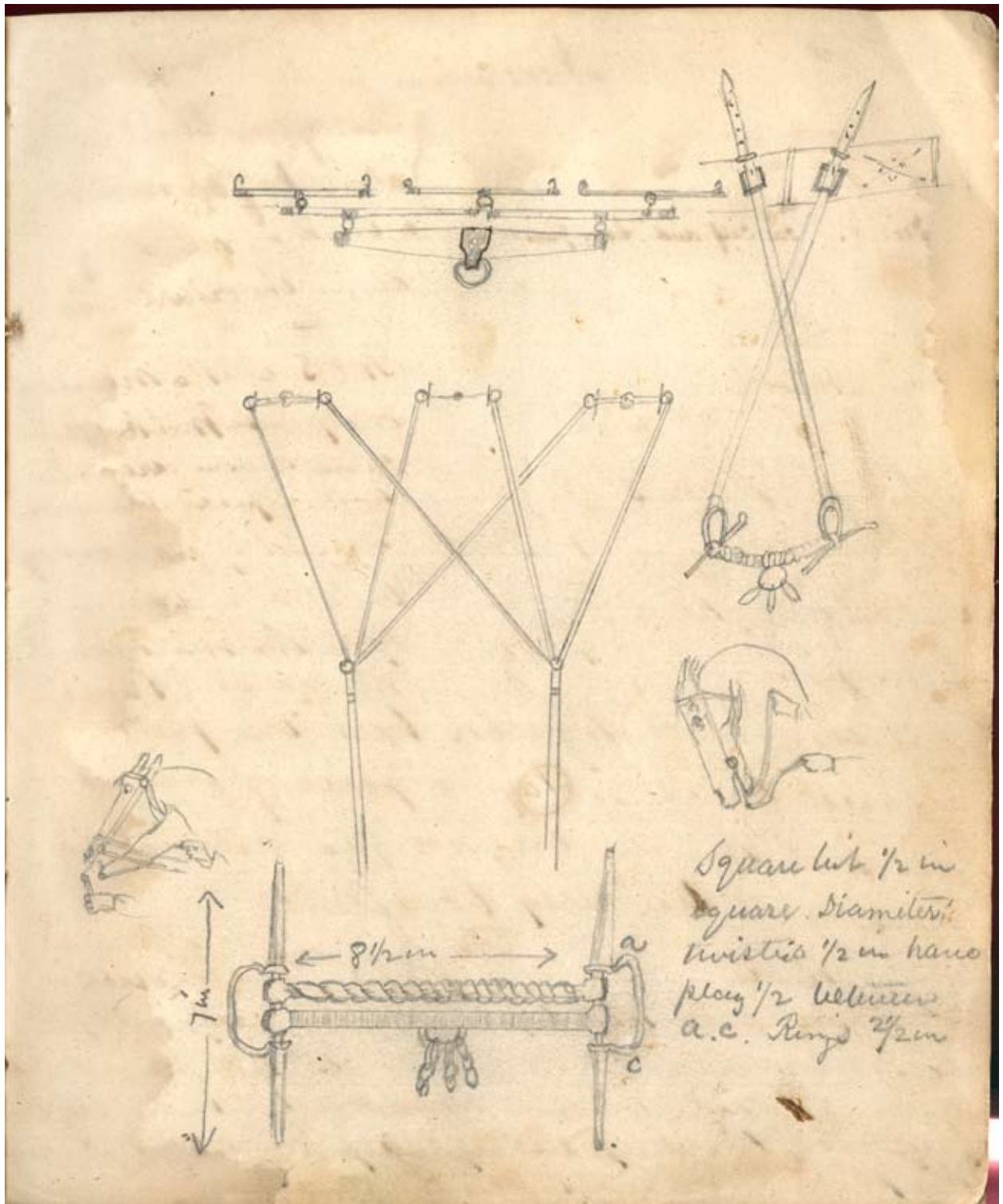


Plate 20: Design for a horse's halter.

Memorandum of

1861-

Dec. 9. one calf died from fluoro-

Put your three fingers
about half an inch or
a inch immediately
above the bifurcation

1862

Dec 1. Sterasthey
Jan
Feb

Stomach

Take vinegar 1 Pint
Spirits of any kind 1/2 "
Camphor 1 oz

Mix them well together bath the part
injured twice a day, a piece of flannel
wet with the mixture wrapped around the
part, will be very beneficial

"Bots"

"Wason's Farrier"

A horse attacked by the grubs frequently
lies down and looks around to his shoulder,
groans, whips his tail between his hind legs,
frequently turns up his upper lip, and has a very
hot fever, which maybe discovered by feeling his ears.

No 3. Take Molase of
one pint. Milk 1 pint
give it as a drench
and repeat the dose
a quart of fish or beef
broth as a drench
after the milk and
molasse. "Bots"

Plate 21: Notes dated 1861 and 1862, with instructions for treating injured horses.

H

Stock

Cure of Diarrhea

An excellent cure of the diarrhea
is the following army recipe

Equal parts of Capsicum
do do do Camphor
" " " Opium

New York Times Aug 8, 1865.

Cure of Colic in Horses.

Dissolve one pint of salt in one pint of
hot water. - Then add a quart of good
vinegar and pour half of the mixture
down the horses throat. If the horse is
not well in a half hour give him the
remainder, and you will soon find him
all right - See in Rural World -

Country Gentleman Vol XXVI.
No 5, Aug 3, 1865.

Plate 22: Cures for diarrhea and colic in horses.

June 1858

21. st Monday. Mrs E. Brown left for San Francisco
Father carried her to Sonoma; At work haul-
ing hay from North of House. Frank Brown
found nine quail's eggs. gave them to a hen
Paid cobbler at Sonoma \$1.75 mending G. M. Boots
Father bought one bag flour
- 22 Tuesday. Hauled 4 Loads this morning. Clock
Pedlar came along and insisted upon putting
up the clock, took the old one away; asked
25 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for new one, Canon carried away his part
of the Hay, left 100 piles below and 10 above the
House. hauled 4 loads this P.M.
- 23 Wednesday. Mother Father Emma Charlotte and
Miss V Brown rode to Sonoma this A.M.
Fr. S. Brown cooked dinner. Hauled 4 Loads
D. Yaronier again discussed the Hay question
Father agreed to allow him to remove 4000 Co.
at \$6. per 20 - or \$12 for 40.
- 24 Thursday Hauled 4 Loads this morning
A. Vallejo rode up. just at dinner

Plate 23: Journal of events beginning June 21, 1858.

- June - 2
- 24 Thursday. Continued. Counted amount hauled away by Gardner - it was 20 Cocks.
25. Friday Hauled 3 Loads this AM. Butcher came this AM.
26. Saturday Drove calves into Corral. Hauled one Load this AM. Bruns & Green made a demand for \$3. Saw Frenchman conversed with him on the May. question, said that he had no money but would see Bruns & Green Monday. they possibly might offset the acct.
27. Sunday "Watered Cabbages. This PM F. S. Brown drove Hogs out of the Corn, he killed one small one, G. W. drove and shot one of young Hogs belonging to Raucha. F. S. B and F. W. went this AM up Crests prospecting for gold, did not get the valor but thought they could.
- 28 Monday. Commenced hauling hay from 3 Acres field A Valley called with Emma

Plate 24: Journal of events beginning June 24, 1858.

June

28. Loaded 4 Loads this AM Father went to So^{no}
this PM with Charlotte Miss V. Brown to view
the Tableaux Vivants. Father bought bill of
Groceries for D'Armonis at Wells Fargo & Co took
with him 40 ^{lbs} Butter

- 29 Tuesday Father deliv^d bill of Groceries to D'Armonis
D'Armonis came over to cut Barley, but did not
do so as it would not pay, we concluded to
mow it ourselves. Father brought back quite
a budget of news concerning Frazer's River.
Father saw Frenchman. Said he had seen Brown
& Green, they agreed to offset the acct

30 Wednesday. This AM cut Barley found it very
thin. will not pay. Finished hauling May
Father went to Sonoma, brot papers (State)
Mother received letter from M^r. Jones relative
to straw in St Marks Place said he would
not sell less than \$10,000 Man came over
from Camps & Bergrens and altered Calves
two bull Calves belonging to Swift

Plate 25: Journal of events beginning June 28, 1858.

July

4.

1. Thursday. Raked barley. Steer broke fence about
Corn field eat about 10 hills. This AM repaired
fences, hunted pigs A Vallejo brought Emma
and Charlotte home
2. Friday. Very warm Done no business.
3. Saturday Not so warm as yesterday. Drove Cabres
from Corral into pasture. Raked and hauled barley
into Barn there was two Loads. F. S. Brown + Frank
went to Sonoma to see the race
4. Sunday. Examined Corn + Vines. Mr Bergreen
Rouchard came to visit us. A Vallejo also
with Mr Hill: A Vallejo staid to tea. Mr
Bergreen to dinner. Today picked the first green
Corn. (Observed) Observed Pons work in the
Corn field, set trap
5. Monday. Hauled 50 rails from Bergreens:
hauled load of picks. G. C. W + G. E. W went to Son-
oma. San Francisco ^{John} Shaes relett - (fore shaft)
Iron feet trimmed. turned Pons into Common
found that it would not operate

Plate 26: Journal of events beginning July 1, 1858.

5.

July

5. Monday. Stunk made us a visit, work
made up all hands.
6. Tuesday Arow $4\frac{1}{2}$ harnessed. S. & S. John
Parrish Frank S. Brown to S. & boat, delayed
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour in taking rode to Petaluma. $2\frac{1}{2}$ h^r
making trip including delays. 3^{hr} making trip
home.
7. Wednesday. Drove Clayton's bull into pasture.
rode to Guion's said that he must come Sund-
ay and measure and mowed by him - objected
to calling it 17. acres - G. E. N. Mc L N. E. M
& C. N. also Malrina Brown called on Merasthy
Lorig. Clayton & B. Cakes. G. E. N. and Gart-
ner's went over hunting
8. Thursday. Little business done. Frank opened
a new spring in the pasture. A Valley called
last this Evening
9. Friday. Cut Buckwheat. fixed fence on creek
10. Saturday. Hunted for Clayton's bull this AM

Plate 27: Journal of events beginning July 5, 1858.

6.

July

10. Saturday. This P.M. Garnier's came to cut
Oats, did not cut much

11. Sunday. This A.M. built fence on creek. G. & M.
went to Sonoma returned with box Strawberries
sent up by H. S. Brown. This P.M. again re-
paired fence on creek. McNeil called this P.M.
brought with him some apples. Charlotte rode
to Sonoma with McNeil

12. Monday finished cutting and binding oats this
A.M. Chuser's cattle again broke in, drove them
into Corral. Garnier commenced thrashing
wheat. G. E. & E. W. & Miss M. Brown rode to
Sonoma. E. W. & Miss remained at Clayton.
{ G. E. & got bag flour. gave Garnier 28 lbs - }

13. Tuesday. Continued cutting wheat. Concluded
not to bind it. This P.M. Chuser came for
his cattle, concluded to pay damages. The amt
to be left to McNeil - commenced making
floor to thrash by stones. The item entered
on the 12 in regard to flour, occurred today

Plate 28: Journal of events beginning July 10, 1858.

7.

July

14. Wednesday. Commenced making thrashing floor
opposite barn, Dan finished Cradling. G.E.M
delivered 12 doz yellow corn to butcher to be
sold on a/c
15. Thursday. Farmers continued Cradling wheat
16. Friday. Commenced hauling wheat. G.E.M
made out Dan a/c.
17. Saturday H. N. and Miss Malvina Prom-
nent. to S. F.
18. Sunday. Charlotte rode to picknick G.E.M
harnessed. Sinoma John to waggon alone
tied him to a tree and while at dinner he
became frightened and managed to brake shaft
bent dasher, and otherwise slightly injured
waggon
19. Monday. Hauled wheat, rode to Sonoma to
learn if Frank had written no letter
20. Tuesday, Charlotte came home this AM.
finished hauling wheat

Plate 29: Journal of events beginning July 14, 1858.

July

8.

21. Wednesday. Thrashed & winnowed buckwheat
stones done the thrashing - Went to Bergers
near 47. Rails from their
22. Thursday. Hauled load stones and one of rails
to fence - about apple trees. G. E. W. went to
Sonoma this P.M. and Wednesday P.M. for F. W.
he. - did not make his appearance
23. Friday. Commenced trading out wheat with
the horses. Rode to Sonoma this P.M. for
F. W.
24. Saturday. Rode to Swifts for. Corro did
not get any. rode at rider
25. Sunday. G. E. W. Mrs G. E. W. also. E. W. &
C. W. went to Sonoma, to hear. Mr. Cutler
Per Mr. Cutler. Mr. Clayton & Mr. also
Mrs. Craig - called here (S) Friday. P.M.
26. Monday. trading out wheat
27. Wednesday. G. E. W. Mrs. G. E. W. E. W. C. W. rode
to. Clayton to a party. G. E. W. went to
Sonoma - got three letters - one from
F. W.

Plate 30: Journal of events beginning July 21, 1858.

9. July
28. Wednesday. G. E. Wansmer's letter, laid down new lot wheat to trade
29. Thursday. A. Vallejo & Meiles with Mrs Tracy rode up to Ranch. G. E. W. & C. M. went to Sonoma Carried 28 lbs butter 12 doz white Corn. Saw Guiso and San Mill mill
30. Friday. Trading out wheat. E. M. & G. E. W. - (G. E. W. rode to Sonoma this even. Received letter from A. G. Jones relative to Struce in N.Y.
31. Saturday Finished trading out wheat this AM. G. E. W. M. C. M. & E. M. went to A. Vallejo on sick. very warm. Franko came home - reported Plains trial still in debate, next trial the plaintiff must not come to trial, verdict in favor of G. E. W. verdict against G. E. W. as to notes. Mr. F. Storm got clear from suit - ment on the grounds that the notes were not presented to G. E. W. for payment. did not bring any money with him.

Plate 31: Journal of events beginning July 28, 1858.

July - August

10.

1. Sunday. M. L. Guerne gave us an order for $\$600$ on Brown & Green - gave in return receipt for the order. Rode to Sonoma with letter for Altimbert - asking advice in regard to letter from M. Jones of N.Y.
2. Monday. Manned wheat.
3. Tuesday. Commenced harvesting yellow corn. by cutting up the stacks to the ground. Rode to Sonoma with letter in reply to M. Jones of N.Y. also letter from G. E. M. to R. B. Coleman of N.Y. In answer to M. Jones M. C. M. wrote not to sell under any consideration for less than $\$14.000$
4. Wednesday. Harvesting yellow corn. G. E. M. carried to Sonoma 12 doz white corn to butcher - 11 water melons 12 doz corn to J. Oakes - also some carrots & beets.
5. Thursday. Harvesting yellow corn. Received from Berggrund - 50 rails. G. E. M. received summons to appear in Court to pay $\$13.35$ $\frac{35}{1000}$ did so. Received receipt from Brown & Green for $\$600$ $\frac{00}{1000}$

Plate 32: Journal of events beginning August 1, 1858.

11.

August

5. Thursday - discussed selling portion of Ranch -
Came to no definite conclusions
6. Friday Mother gave Franklin bill of sale of
prop. farming utensils, implements, machine -
Stock - chickens &c - amounting to the sum
of \$2,398. less cash \$1000 personal services 5 -
Mo @ - \$100. - (1500) leaving balance of \$898.
- (7.) G. E. N. Carrud 12 doz. corn to T. Oakes 12 doz -
to Wilson also some huts & milens to T. Oakes.
7. Saturday. F. M. & G. C. N. rode to Santa Rosa to
examine records concerning the title &c to this
place. Could find nothing definite relating to
boundary lines. The succession was well defined.
8. Sunday. G. E. N. M. C. N. & C. N. visited Mr. Bryant
Mr. Berggren called this AM. said the title
to Agua Caliente Rancho had been examined
and rejected by Land Commissioners.
9. Monday Camp & Berggren drove 30 head of
Cattle into this place to pasture @ the
rate of \$ $\frac{50}{1000}$ per Mo. Rode to Sonoma

Plate 33: Journal of events beginning August 5, 1858.

August

12.

- 9 Monday. received letter from Stanley & Mays -
G. E. W. signed two assignments in favor of
F. Brown, bill of board of about 90. against
Compton and J. H. - recovered property from
Rankin. G. E. W. met G. W. Baker. Concerning
Hains.
10. Tuesday. G. E. W. met to J. L. Riddle & Co. J. H. met
J. S. Paxson. for 1000^{lbs} - baling rope. G. E. W. carried
letters this AM to Sonoma
11. Wednesday. Hunted pigeons this AM. L. Guerin com-
menced hauling away his hay. Garrison finished
baling Guerin hay. used 6th rope to tow. Comm-
enced husking corn. finished husking corn.
12. Thursday. Removed and built fence about
apple trees. Received corails from Berggren -
G. E. W. brot from Garrison's one h ham of fresh
pork
13. Friday. Received from F. S. Brown letter. (in
the letter was Recd. - 12th) saying he has received
payment of coupon attached to Solano Bond

Plate 34: Journal of events beginning August 9, 1858.

13.

August

13. Friday, amt to 34: paid 15 for 1000^{lbs} baling rope - Commenced making ready to press hay
14. Saturday At work on press, at noon party of trunchmen drove up, they were hunting for a farm - pressed two bales of hay G. E. N rode to Sonoma - Mr^r Oaks was here at dinner - G. E. N obtained 25. on order drawn by A. Humbert
15. Sunday. M. C. N is making ready to go to San Francisco
16. Monday Arose at 4½ AM. G. E. N M. C. N F. W. C. N left at 5 AM for Lakeville arrived at 7. G. E. N M. C. N went to San Francisco - F. W. arrived at Ranch at 11 AM - Pressed 7 bales of hay. Removed 9 bales to barn During this P. M. Dr. Searnworth rode up - discussed the boundarys of Ranch. he said in relation to the title to this ranch - that any grant given by the ^{or} Mexican Governor of California would, ^{Spain} although

Plate 35: Journal of events beginning August 13, 1858.

August

14.

16. Monday not confirmed (rather, not signed) by the Stone Government (Mexican). It is to be inferred from this that the Grant to Pina from the Mexican Governor of Cal stands, moreover as the land department at Mexico did not ^(Grant) surrender the land of Cal they could not take any thing from a Grant though not signed by them. The boundary line between us and Camp B. must be defined from the S.E. corner thence westerly according to deed given by Koepfner to Smith. They may be said a blazed tree which marked the S.E. corner now standing - 10 years old. He wished to pasture 20 head of American stock also a few head of horses at 50¢ per M^o.
17. Tuesday. Baled - 16 bales - - Rose to Sonoma - Rec - letter from GEM to W.
18. Wednesday - Pressed 5 bales. Left at 2. PM for Lakeville. GEM did not return. M.C.W. gave Mr. Humbert a seed of the St. Marks Place
Bob

Plate 36: Journal of events beginning August 16, 1858.

August.

18. Wednesday, that the property might not be sacrificed

19 Thursday. Pressed 6 bales. Fixed to Press No
M. Hill visited us this P.M. brought with him
Some papers.

20 Friday. Pressed 12 bales

21. Saturday. Pressed 3 bales. F.M. left at 2 P.M. for
Lakeville. F.M. & G. E. arrived at 9 P.M. brought
the news that J. Ira, P. Rankin had again come
for rent \$50. and \$800. property taken from House
by G. E.

22. Sunday. F.M. & G. E. & G. M. at work making out the
accounts of G. E. preparatory to going through bank-
ruptcy This P.M. G. E. carried letter to Sonoma
addressed to Stanley & Hays requesting that the
suit of J. Ira Rankin to be carried on in San
Francisco. also 3 letters (duplicate) one to Mr
Alfred Jones, one Parker Jones one to Mr. Coleman
written by Augustus Humbert - transferring prop-
erty to him (A.H.) in case would not sell for
10,000

Plate 37: Journal of events beginning August 18, 1858.

August

- 23 Monday. Finished insolvency account assets \$4,000 about less than liabilities. G. E. W. G. C. W. M. pressed 8 bales of hay this P.M. Discovered the depredations of the hogs in the corn nearest the house -
24. Tuesday. Hauled 78 Posts and rails from pile on road formerly belonging to Casion, now to Kaup and by his permission drawn & used by us. Carried them down and placed them upon and under division fence, 12 M^o Rouchard & M^o Stenrus drove out. Pressed 2 bales
25. Wednesday. Kate Rouchard was here to day at dinner & to tea. Pressed 14 bales. Drove 2 head of Cattle belonging to Berggren into Corral
26. Thursday. Pressed 13 bales. built calf Corral fence drove out. Bt 5 horses. It rained a very little this M^o
27. Friday. Pressed 4 bales fixed fence divisions to keep out hogs. This P.M. Tom Poulterer the auctioneer from San Francisco with Spence & others came to visit us M^o Poulterer looking out for a Ranch talked of buying Spence place price \$7,000 -

Plate 38: Journal of events beginning August 23, 1858.

August.

28 Saturday. Rode to Sonoma. G. E. M. received a letter from Stanley Hays. advising removal of Suit of Ira P Rankin from Sonoma to Sonoma. Commenced cutting white corn. Cut and hauled 3 loads and stacked the same about barn. Struck Valley with Anoviced - V rose up - It Valley remained

29 Sunday - Rode. Buccamers of America. This P. M. went with G. E. M. to McHills visited their orchard, eat peaches &c. This P. M. Harry Hill and M. went to ride. It Hill & It Valley at dinner

30 Monday Miss It Valley went home with her Mother who called to see us. At noon a man brought one bay horse to pasture at $\frac{5}{1000}$ per M^o

31. Tuesday. Carried letter to Sonoma addressed to Stanley Hays written by G. E. M. requesting the Suit of Ira. P Rankin's to be transferred to the Court of Santa Rosa as advised by them

Plate 39: Journal of events beginning August 28, 1858.

August Sept

31. Tuesday This P.M. pressed 7 bales of hay - about 4
P.M. A Valley Hoop Mallets & Mallets & Mallets & Mallets
Ponnyaw Im Hoop Waterman's, one Hoop Long
C.W. essayed to accompany them, but the road
gave way and she was obliged to remain at home
1. September 1 - Wednesday -
Wednesday - Hauled & Cut Corn (white) This P.M.
went to Sonoma carried letter to P.O. - one for
Messrs Ross & McKinnis - Santa Rosa one for R.B.
Coleman M.
- 2 Thursday. Finished hauling Corn to Barn. Garrison
refused to haul 3 tons of hay to Embarras for
hay near Corn - Pressed 7 bales -
- 3 Friday - Hoffman & Smith brought 9, Steers one
Corn in all 10 head to pasture - they are branded
5 of them S & 5. SN - price @ - $\frac{50}{100}$ per M.
Pressed 12 bales of hay. Gun called to day
- 4 Saturday at work fixing waggon - Took pole
from U.S. waggon & put it in O.S. waggon. made a
good job.

Plate 40: Journal of events beginning August 31, 1858.

August. Sept.

5 Sunday Dan. Garrison & Dan. Carr agreed to carry hay to Embarkment at the rate of 2. $\frac{50}{100}$ per Ton. me to sell him hay at 10. per Ton baled.

6. Monday. Baled 10 bales this AM. Dan Garrison will commence hauling tomorrow. Piled 16 bales - Garrison with their teams came this afternoon - Loaded Dan with 12. bales as follows -

148. 169. 145. 156. 162. 152. 152. 174. 167. 164. 159. 145.

weighed also 4 bales - as follows 158. ~~157~~ 157. 180. 174

Total No of bales weighed - 16 -

Total weight 2.562. ^{lbs}

7. Tuesday Dan & John carried as follows. Dan carried ~~1895~~ ^{2.956}
John 1.893 in all 4.849. weighed this AM 16 bales as follows 156. 140. 187. 155. 137. 172. 136. 149. 161. 149. 126. 130. 128. 128. 124. 139.

Total 2.287 ^{unit}

4.849

8. Wednesday Mr Bryant brought 4 Cows to pasture branded AM - v AM - Dan. & John I hauler as

Plate 41: Journal of events beginning September 5, 1858.

August Sept

8 Monday fellows John G - 12 bales weight 161. 138. 138.

138. 151. 154. 139. 146. 148. 154. 140. 148 = 1750

Daw Carrud 140. 128. 157. 145. 155. 166. 141. 130

142. 135. 134. 136. 156. 139. 163. 141. 146.

160. 135. 152. 135. 140.

= 3.176

4.926

Net. Term^r

4.849

Total Carried to date

9.775

9. Thursday. This Mr. Bryant drove his Cows back - again it is supposed that Mr. Bergren - Indian drove them out last Evening - Wednesday P.M. G. E. W. M. C. W. E. W. C. W. rode to Sonoma

[John Geronis 161. 138. 138. 138. 151. 154. 139. ^{Commission} 141. 148. 154. 140. 148]

John Geronis Carried Home a portion of his share of the hay for hauling - (his share - 19.775 2.143. 3/4 lbs -) as follows 139. 137. 152. 139. 170. 161. 143. 170 = 1211 lbs -

A. New

Plate 42: Journal of events beginning September 8, 1858.

August - Sept.

9. Thursday. Still returned from S. Francisco today
bro't a letter from J. J. Poulter to G. M.
Concerning the purchase of 95 head of
Cattle -
10. Friday Mr Berggren paid \$20. for pasturing
30 cows - 3. hours $\frac{23}{14.5}$ \$20 - 16.5 = \$3.5
Balance in our hands in his favor.
11. Saturday. Pressed 12 bales - rope broke at Sun-down.
12. Sunday - N. Stieb & Emma went to Valley - This
P.M. Mr Gruu - called. J. E. M. M. G.
Q. M. & E. M. went to Emma.
J. E. M. gave $\frac{11.00}{100}$ into hands of N. J. Co.
also sample of rope -
13. Monday. Commenced digging potatoes - y. This P.M.
Cannon brought 8. head of horses to pasture
@ - \$50.00 per M^o; he said ranch
was all fenced, 12 M got ride.
14. Tuesday - Digging potatoes - finished same. Suppose
yield from one acre - 20. bushels -

Plate 43: Journal of events beginning September 9, 1858.

August Sept

15. Wednesday Husking Corn. Mrs Clayton - Called
 Dan. C. - drew away - as follows. 157. 168.
 171. 159. 148. 156. 181. 161 = 1301
 John. Garonier Aug - 9th - = 1211
 2512
 Share for hauling 2.443.75
 out 68.25

16. Thursday. Husking Corn ~

17. Friday - Repairing fence on road. Received from
 Sonoma Herald of San. York containing
 account of the laying of cable ~

18. Saturday. Finished husking corn. Commenced
 harvesting grapes -

19. Sunday. Harry Hill called. J. E. M. Carried
 grapes for. San Francisco to Sonoma
 Emb ~

20. Monday. Frank G. M. Carried grapes to
 Embarcadero 192 lbs nett - Carried letters
 to Sonoma one from. J. E. M. & one from Frank
 lui to Frank. S. Brown. Sav Fr

Plate 44: Journal of events beginning September 15, 1858.

August Sept

20 Monday. Note to F. S. Brown as follows - must
send grapes either by Via La Rivale
Tuesday or Via Brown & Green to
day and for him to be at wharf
Tuesday and if grapes were not there
to conclude they had been sent by
Brown & Green

G. E. & M. C. & C. W. went to reception
party given by Mr. Swift - E. W. went
to same in company with Mr. Stieb

21 Tuesday. x Mr. Orrick Johnson and wife rode up -
G. E. went to Sonoma - received rope for
Hay Press advanced charges - \$3. $\frac{52}{100}$

22. Monday. Rigged rope to Hay Press. pressed
two bales

23. Thursday At work pressing Hay. Received
21. Tuesday letter from T. D. Judah -
x Canon left extra horse - on 21. Tuesday
Breed 12.

Plate 45: Journal of events beginning September 20, 1858.

August Sept

24 Friday Pressed 11-bales. This P.M. Dan. Car. John
Garnier to. Came over and made quite a
demonstration, it was truly quite western
received a letter from M. C. Still made
us advise I received letter from A. B.

25. Saturday - Drove cattle on road Mr. Irishman drove
one Cow branded X to pasture

26. Sunday J. E. M. M. C. M. E. M. F. M. C. M. went to office,
nick to-nards Santa Rosa. F. M. went with
Mr. Johnson - He drove Red Bird. This P.M.
Mr. Still called to see Emma & C. went
to ride with them in the evening. Mr.
Berggren called also, John Garnier to,
brought pair Smuggle trees Valley called
at Deer-drum. Mr. Jackson left one
horse on pasturage for Mr. Patten.

27. Monday Pressed 12. bales this M.

28. Tuesday Mr. Orrick Johnson Mr. Jackson brought
10 horses to count at Deer on pasturage
Dan. Galie brought one horse

Plate 46: Journal of events beginning September 24, 1858.

August Sept. Oct.

28 Tuesday - G. E. M. & C. W. went to Seneca brought
 Mr. Miller - Bunk. Smith felt on horse

29 Wednesday * Mr. Orick Johnson & wife - G. E. M. to
 went to Mr. Craig's. At Dundora
 Mr. & Mrs. Bull - drove up - expected
 to find Mother to home - did not
 were much disappointed. Drove his
 horse out to barn in unharneasing
 his horse got away from Frank's & G.
 broke rifle's sprung wheels. Damaged
 the top to 2 - Mr. M. left in trap house

30 Thursday. G. E. M. repaired rifle's to Mr. Bull -
 wagon - the left at 3 P.M.

01. Friday - Mr. Land left two cows on pasture
 manage one stub tailed cow. the
 other marked. J. Z. Emma & C. went
 to ride - on horse back. Cut a load of
 wood - Cut load of Chinice Pine
 * - Mr. Stone drove away 131. 144. 183. 160. 155 =
 773th @ - 10⁰⁰/₁₀₀₀ per. tra. mill. & their rails @
 10⁰⁰/₁₀₀₀ per 1000. here or 5⁰⁰/₁₀₀₀ at his mill

Plate 47: Journal of events beginning September 28, 1858.

