

April 1851

5<sup>th</sup> Father and I ground

some corn in the morning  
and then hauled the rails to  
the place where the fence  
was to be. Then in the afternoon  
we put up 15 panels of fence.

6<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. I read through  
the first book of Kings and a  
little in Bayters Saint Rest

7<sup>th</sup> Snowing hard I went to  
shoot ducks but got none at  
noon. I concluded to study  
some. My plan is to study Grammar  
whenever I can find a little time  
and to study Geography when I  
find time to stay up stairs a while.

April

Evening It has been snow-  
ing hard all day but has now  
stopped There is 8 or 8 inches  
of snow on the ground

8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Father and I went  
down half a mile or more and cut  
3 saw logs Mr Hopkins hauled them  
Roll. Father and I went up nearly  
to Georges and got a large log  
This morning it was 10 above zero

9<sup>th</sup> We ground two sacks of corn  
and I dug about 20 post holes

10 & 11<sup>th</sup> We made some fence  
and hauled the Minona in the  
water and out again

11<sup>th</sup> Father and I corked  
it and put it in the water

12<sup>th</sup> It rained nearly  
all day Mr Hopkins bored  
an inch auger hole in the  
boat Sabbath it rained  
nearly all day

14<sup>th</sup> Monday We bailed  
the boat in the afternoon  
So LaBlanc helped Father  
make fence I dug holes  
till noon

15 Tuesday 11 o'clock  
We have been waiting on  
Le Lapau hoise all morning



April

At noon the cart came on & we started Phillip Louis & myself We went finely & slept a little below Wanhigedon

18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Afternoon We have been coming pretty well to day The men have been shooting a good deal at ducks which has hindered us some but they have killed nothing today We have passed the Big woods there has been but little wind & that against us At sun down we stopped a little below the rapids

17<sup>th</sup> Last night after we eat our supper we got on the Boat to float I tried to persuade the men not to work any but the rowed two or three hours & I steered then we tied up 3 or 4 miles above Prairieville This morning we started at break of day & got Mr Ponds before sun up I went up to the house The people were all in bed but Mr Pond Phillip stopped near an hour 9 o'clock P. M. at Mr Prescotts We arrived at Libby about 4 o'clock and with considerable of hurrying we got the Boat unloaded and brought across the river



April

18<sup>th</sup> Friday I got \$15  
from Mr Steele then went  
down on foot to St Pauls &  
carried down the candlesticks  
& odd shoe I could do nothing  
with them I bought some  
things & returned in the eve<sup>ning</sup>

19<sup>th</sup> Saturday Kapoja  
I came down here in Mr  
Prescotts wagon I went down  
in the evening with Mr Ellison  
& Mr Prescotts folks to Mr  
Dentons We took supper there  
and got back here late in  
the evening

20<sup>th</sup> I slept at Dps last  
night & came over to Uncle

this morning At 10 o'clock Dr  
preached at Uncle Cooks in  
Dakota At two o'clock Mr Han-  
kok spoke in English & in the  
evening they had indian meetings

21<sup>st</sup> Monday Prescotts  
We came back this morning  
I wanted to get in Mr Steeles  
ware house & went for the key  
They said I had got it away  
Saturday & had not brought it  
back This troubled me very  
much I received a letter  
from Silas & one from Lawrence

22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Uncle Henrys  
Lawrence Prescott and I came over  
here yesterday evening



We went to St Pauls to day I  
bought three barrels of lime  
from Mr Fuller at the Boston  
furnishing store also some  
other purchases & we went back  
to Uncle & took dinner Then we  
returned to Mr Prescott

23<sup>d</sup> Wednesday. Yesterday  
evening the banker brought  
up two barrels of lime that I  
had bought & to day I had  
to go back to St Pauls for the  
other barrel I walked down  
and got him to promise to send  
it up on the first boat then I went  
out to Uncle Henrys and staid  
all night

24<sup>th</sup> Thursday This morning  
Uncle took his wagon to town  
& I went with him The Nominee  
was at the upper landing & I hoped  
to go up to the Fort on it I wanted  
to go to Auction but was afraid  
the boat would leave me I therefore  
waited there till nearly noon I  
had some trouble to get the barrel  
of lime on board but we finally  
got off & soon got up to the Fort  
The Mission supplies were on  
the boat therefore I thought it  
was time to be getting ready to  
start Louis, Hiram Prescott, &  
I went to bailing out the boat  
We put some of the things in the  
boat & I slept there by myself  
It rained a very little in the night



April

25<sup>th</sup> Friday This morning I went over to Sibleys and saw Polet. The Sibleys are both gone I told him I wanted two hands one of them in Philip's place & He promised to send them very soon. About 9 o'clock Louis and one of the Frenchmen got there. We finished loading what we were going to put on & just as we were ready to start over the river Mr Ellison came. We went over and got our load made out at Sibleys. Then we came back & I went up to Mr Prescotts to get what things I had left there it was half after two o'clock. We found that two of our oars were missing

and we borrowed two very poor ones. The wind was against us and we got along very slowly. We stopped at Black Dog Village.

26<sup>th</sup> Saturday This morning there was a very strong head wind so that we could hardly travel. We went pretty steady and got within 2 or 3 miles of Prairieville. We left the Frenchman with the boat & William & I went to Mr. Pons.

27<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. I had a very bad cold. Mr Pond had English meeting & wanted me to sing when I couldn't. But I had to try. Mr Ellison & I walked up to the Boat but it was on



The other side of the river &  
we went back to Mr Pond

28<sup>th</sup> Monday. We rose early  
and started up to the boat but  
when we got to the place the boat  
was gone and so we started  
back we found it opposite D.  
Garribault's. We ate our breakfast  
there & went on up to the landing  
where we put off Mr Pond's  
freight & went on.

29<sup>th</sup>

28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Yesterday evening  
we got nearly up to the rapids  
the men were talking about  
stopping & I wanted to go past the  
rapids but I fell in the river  
and we stopped. This morning

it was snowing and the men  
thought it would not do to  
travel such a day as this &  
we waited till about Noe loch  
and it quit snowing & we went  
on

31<sup>st</sup>

29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> It was very cold and  
my hands suffered a good deal  
we travelled pretty well but the  
men had to stop and smoke  
very well frequently

May

31<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday We had favorable  
wind part of the day & got  
nearly up to Mayaska  
Louis killed five ducks



Out

May  
3<sup>rd</sup> We got home at 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A.M.  
In the afternoon we unloaded  
the boat

Repairs  
Done



May

7<sup>th</sup> We started rather earlier than common & with a fair wind got home about 11 o'clock In the afternoon we unloaded the <sup>boat</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday the prettiest day we have had for a long time I got letters from J. & B. P. & A. R.

9<sup>th</sup> Monday We took the Winona up to the village after Tom & brought him down Then Mr. Ellison & I went to hewing saw logs

10<sup>th</sup> We finished hewing and then went to cutting potatoes In the eve Father got home

11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Mr Hopkins & I got to plowing about noon it was very windy

12<sup>th</sup> I had a great hunt for the oxen In the afternoon we got to plowing again & finished the land

13<sup>th</sup> I was gone a good while for the oxen again We furrowed the field one way Father & Mr Ellison finished sawing their first log

14<sup>th</sup> We all three sawed

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday I spent the day very idly



May

12<sup>th</sup> Monday Father started  
up to plow for the colony  
at the rapids I furrowed out  
the field one way & we planted  
some of it & saved some

13<sup>th</sup> Mr Ellison & I went  
out to the woods & & we were  
coming back Jerry came  
near breaking his neck

14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday We planted  
some potatoes and saved some

15<sup>th</sup> Mr Ellison & I worked  
at the sills of the porch  
It was 84 above zero

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> We got the  
sills together

17<sup>th</sup> We worked at putting  
sleepers in the places  
till noon & in the afternoon  
we saved some rafters &  
spaded in Mr Hopki's  
garden He brought the ox  
over the river

18<sup>th</sup> Sabbath

19<sup>th</sup> We went for a load of  
wood & got back 10 minutes  
before 4 o'clock then we hewed  
a little



20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday We ground  
a little corn in the forenoon  
& fixed some boards on  
the wagon to haul manure  
on In the afternoon we  
hailed 4 loads

21<sup>st</sup> We hauled manure  
The river has been rising  
4<sup>th</sup> day & is still rising it  
over nearly half the bottom

22<sup>nd</sup> It is raining this  
morning We did not do much  
before noon in the after-  
noon we sawed studding

23<sup>d</sup> We worked at the pork  
messrs Riggs & McLeod arrived

here I received letters from Uncle  
Jonas and Aunt Fanny also  
a letter from Newton H to J.P.  
Lorenz brought his boy to stay  
here

24<sup>th</sup> Saturday Mr ~~H~~ & ~~E~~ <sup>the porch</sup>  
~~sawed nearly all day~~ worked at

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Riggs preached in  
Sionx and Mr H in English.

26<sup>th</sup> Three of us sawed nearly  
all day

27<sup>th</sup> Mr Riggs & Co got started  
down the river I sold my coat  
to Mr Ellison for \$11.00 &  
agreed to take Mr H for pay



May  
The river is at a stand

28<sup>th</sup> It rained hard this morning an hour or two I worked in the garden an hour or two till noon & in the afternoon I hauled manure. About 6 o'clock the Winona arrived M M & R H. came back on it I received a letter from Harriet Huggs the river falling a little

29<sup>th</sup> Thursday The Winona started back about noon I cut a little wood in the forenoon & in the P.M. I hauled manure Labell started to L.P. I sent a letter to L.P. & one to A C H

30<sup>th</sup> Friday J. L. came with his boy yesterday evening & staid all night at Grahams I hauled manure to day Father got home in the evening

June  
31<sup>st</sup> Father & I broke up the rest of the ground in the field

June  
1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath

2<sup>nd</sup> Alex's & I planted potatoes The river rose very fast last night <sup>& to day</sup> It got on Grahams field about day light and ours about noon



June

3<sup>d</sup> Last night the river rose 5 inches & 2 this forenoon in the afternoon it was at a stand Father Alexis & I hauled manure

4<sup>th</sup> Last night the river fell 3 or 4 inches We worked at porch got the rafters up & some shuttles

5<sup>th</sup> We finished sheeting & shingled a little

6<sup>th</sup> We nearly finished <sup>roofing</sup> finishing

7<sup>th</sup> We put down the floor of the porch without dressing it & took it up & began dressing it

June

Mr Laframboise & his son went past

8<sup>th</sup> Sabbath I read some in Moffatts southern Africa & found it very interesting

9<sup>th</sup> We sawed some on a very tough log and dressed some flooring

10<sup>th</sup> We sawed some more this morning & dressed flooring in the evening

11<sup>th</sup> We finished our log and worked some at the porch Alexis was sick and took tartar



Came

12<sup>th</sup> We worked a little & tried to stop the fish up in the bottom

13<sup>th</sup> Mr H. Miss M. & Alfred walked up from Nankiagedan and got here about 4 o'clock

14<sup>th</sup> The Winona arrived about noon. After commencing weatherboarding

15<sup>th</sup> Sabbath Mr H preached in English Mr R in Sioux in the evening

16<sup>th</sup> Monday We left home about 4 o'clock P.M. & came on

to the Winona son. In trying to go round the horses were mired and we pulled the wagon out with the oxen about 9 o'clock. Father came out brought us a deer and staid all night

17<sup>th</sup> We started early pulled out of the winni with the oxen took wood at the cold spring and camped. 3 or 4 miles this side we met several companies from L.P.

18<sup>th</sup> Last night we all slept in the tent except Mr Riggs. About 12 at night we found the tent blown on us & the rain pouring down in torrents. We started a little



~~18th We baked five  
cakes this~~

before noon & came on to  
Clear Lake but let them it  
commenced raining again  
We stopped awhile and then  
concluded we had better  
cross the river. It rained  
hard. We waded the river.  
It came into the wagon a good  
deal. I was very cold and  
my things were wet in my  
box so that I had nothing  
dry to put on. About 8 o'clock  
it quit raining and we dried  
a little and slept comparative  
comfortably.

18th June Thursday

We staid at the camp till  
10 o'clock dried our things some  
and baked 5 cakes of bread  
Then we came on to ~~the river~~ <sup>a stream</sup>  
which we found impassable  
Again it commenced raining  
~~We set up the tent and~~  
stopped and staid till  
morning the stream had fallen  
till by raising the things up  
in the wagon we brought the  
things over & came on to the  
river which was very high  
It commenced raining again  
and having we had set up the  
tent but could hardly hold it  
21st Saturday We staid  
there till Wednesday eve



25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the evening some indians came & brought a canoe and soon after Lorenzo arrived with two yoke of oxen the skin Boat & a small canoe

26<sup>th</sup> We ferried over in the morning and got started by about 10 o'clock got to Bear River by noon ferried over in the skin boat in 3 or 4 hours and came nearly to the Buffalo heads

27 Friday We found a place where we could cross the first river by raising the things up in the wagon

We met Muelo Lonas before we got to the other river came on to Beaver river crossed without difficulty Then we left the oxen in the care of Lorenzo & Brother and came past the Hat river 6 miles

28<sup>th</sup> We started early breakfasted at Hawk river took dinner at the lake and got up here at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M.

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday

30<sup>th</sup> Monday In the morning & evening I & Dresser hauled potatoes I went over to the Mayawak to meet Lorenzo Mr. Cart's started



July

1<sup>st</sup> I & Dresser hoed potatoes till about 10 it rained till noon then Alfred, Lo. & I went after 11<sup>30</sup> bean poles I started a letter to A. S. H.

2<sup>nd</sup> In the forenoon I done a few small jobs we growed a little & hoed <sup>some beans</sup> some beans

3<sup>d</sup> Dresser & I hoed potatoes

4<sup>th</sup> also 5<sup>th</sup> We finished

3<sup>d</sup> We all ate supper at Mr. H's

4<sup>th</sup> Jane Alfred his two sisters & I ate at Mr. Dresser's

6<sup>th</sup> Sabbath Preach in Esther & Lob

7<sup>th</sup> It rained this morning while I hoed in the garden and piled till noon and Uncle & Lo & I all hoed in the afternoon in the turnip patch Joseph Kenville arrived here in the evening & saw that Cousin R. Hopkins was <sup>led</sup> down

8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Uncle, Jane & I hoed turnips all day

9<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Riggs, Uncle I, Jane & Lo started down to Traverse I took the oxen out to the river & brought back Mrs. Riggs and all her children except A. L. & J. Aunt Fanny & her children (today by ship) We heard that Sioux have been killed



In the evening Alfred & I have  
finished the turnips

10<sup>th</sup> Thursday Alfred helped  
me about two hours We finish<sup>ed</sup>  
the turnips and weeded peas  
the rest of the day

11<sup>th</sup> We finished weeding  
peas at 6 o'clock Alfred  
helped most of the day

12<sup>th</sup> In the forenoon I  
hoed in the field and garden  
In the afternoon we enlarged  
the calf pasture I received  
by McLeod letters from John W  
Silas Martin & Father

13<sup>th</sup> Sabbath A very  
warm day We had no  
meeting I finished Job  
and commenced reading  
the Psalms

14<sup>th</sup> I made a wood fire  
and hauled a load of  
wood poked beans hoed  
beets wrote a letter to  
John P. Williamson &c.

15<sup>th</sup> I worked at the pump-  
kin beans &c. till noon & entered  
in the potatoes in the afternoon

16<sup>th</sup> worked in the potatoe patch

17<sup>th</sup> rained last night Grannie





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