

Alvin Thompson Smith
Diary 1843

Dec 30th attended to the same business & settled in part so far as the improvements are concerned I take the improvements & pay mr Clark 170 dollars the first payment one year from date 36 66/100 dollars the 2nd ditto two years from date 66 66/100 dollars the third ditto three years from date 66 66/100 dollars--- I take the white cow & her calf that we had from the fort & the spotted cows last spring calf & pay him 14 dollars. I take the pair of bulls that we bought of mr Raymond & pay mr Clark 4 dollars for 1/2 the growth of them & I take the colt that we bought of mr Littlejohn & pay mr Clark 12 50/100 dollars. the wheat potatoes & peas we divide the 2 hogs also

Dec 31st attended to the same & finished settling our concerns mostly & so it appears as the year closes we close up our mission concerns break up and separate. so closes up this year of Our Lord 1842.

1843 Jan 1st Sabbath spent the day in reading & holding a Prayer meeting

Jan 2nd divided appishamores parflashes lash ropes & pack saddles with mr Clark & went to mr Kelseys & got him to come in the afternoon & help me plow

Jan 3rd mr Lee & mr Sutton came & I had some conversation with them & I gave mr Sutton an order on mr Abernathy for Br Littlejohn for the stove & 2 iron bound kegs of 42 dollars. & 75 cents for Br Clark then plowed $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre with my 2 yoke of oxen a lone.

Jan 4th went & got mr Coats to sole my boots. in the
 evening Br Clark & I divided our stock all but the
 hogs I take the bulls at cost & pay him 4 dolls
 for $\frac{1}{2}$ the growth I pay him $12\frac{1}{2}$ dolls for $\frac{1}{2}$ the
 Littlejohn colt & 14 dolls for the choise in the
 vancouver stock

Jan 5th worked some in the house at my floor & partly
 got out a trough

Jan 6th cut & halled wood up to the door

Jan 7th went over to mr Ebberts to get a chain mended but
 did not & came back to Br Griffins & staid all night

1843 Sab Jan 8th staid at Br Griffins and tended meeting with him

Jan 9th went to mr Ebberts & got my chain mended 1 new link
 & 1 welded & he charged mr 50 cents & I came
 back to Br Griffins & helped him some & he came
 home with me in the evening

Jan 10th butchered our hog & tended to the settlement of Br
 Clarks & my concerns and settled most of our concerns I hope

Jan 11th went over to the other plains & got messrs Charles McKay
 & James Flet to come over and help Br Clark about moving

Jan 12th went & helped Br Clark with my team to get his
 goods across the dairy creek

Jan 13th hunted for & found a pair of shoes that I lost
 the day before & got mr Kelsey to help me about
 plowing in the afternoon

Jan 14th made a trough for to catch water in---

Sab Jan 15th spent the day in reading

Jan 16th made a door for the new house
 Jan 17th got my boot mended at mr Coats & did some
 chores about home
 Jan 18th worked at my chair some
 Jan 19th fixed the fence around the door to stop out the hogs
 Jan 20th tended to plowing with my 2 yoke of oxen
 Jan 21st did the same apart of the day
 Sab Jan 22nd spent the day in reading
 Jan 23rd tended to plowing $\frac{1}{2}$ the day
 Jan 24th worked about the house
 Jan 25th tended to plowing
 Jan 26th did the same & mr Kelsey kept me $\frac{1}{2}$ the day
 Jan 27th hunted cattle & cut wood at the door
 Jan 28th workt some at my 1 chair and did chores at home
 Sab Jan 29th spent the day in reading
 Jan 30th cut barn logs
 Jan 31st hunted cattle & found [mela ?] with a young calf
 Feb 1st cut logs for to make a barn
 Feb 2nd split out some boards
 Feb 3rd ditto & cut wood at the door
 Feb 4th went over to Br Griffins & back & heard C M Walkers
 difficulty with Davis
 Sab Feb 5th spent the day in reading mostly
 Feb 6th handled an auger & cut wood at the door
 Feb 7th got out splinters for a basket
 Feb 8th cut wood at the door & worked at my basket
 Feb 9th halled some barn logs
 Feb 10th got out splinters & worked at my basket

Feb 11th got the horses out of the bottom to save them
from drowning & hunted cattle & fell 3 trees across
the creek

Sab Feb 12th spent the day in reading

Feb 13th damed the water of my field & did some chores

Feb 14th went to the dairy creek & cut a tree for to make
a bridge across the creek & came back & hunted cattle

Feb 15th ditto & cut three trees for ditto & did the same

Feb 16th split some stakes & went with Nelsy to hunt a
crossing over the creek

Feb 17th hunted cattle & found a calf with the white
cow " found Brs Griffin & Clark & Charles McKay
at home

Feb 18th helpt the Brethern to start home & split & set
some stakes

Sab Feb 19th spent the day in reading

Feb 20th halled wood & stakes & cut wood at the door

Feb 21st went to the dairy creek & worked on the bridge

Feb 22nd did the same with my team

Feb 23rd tended to plowing mr Clark came & drove off his
cow & calf & mrs Munger went with him

Feb 24th tended to plowing

Feb 25th did the same

Sab Feb 26th tended meeting at mr Doutheys

Feb 27th tended to plowing

Feb 28th did the same

March 1st measured & set stakes to enlarge my field

March 2nd cut & halled fencing timber
 Mar 3rd went to mr Griffins & helpt him cut timber
 Mar 4th cut timber for mr Griffin & came home
 Sab Mar 5th spent the day in reading mostly
 Mar 6th halled logs for my barn
 Mar 7th did the same
 Mar 8th did the same & tended to measuring wheat &
 potatoes for Mr Clark
 Mar 9th kept house and wrote letters
 Mar 10th cut wood at the door & hunted mr Clarks cow
 but did not fin the calf & Mr Newell brought his 2
 boys to live with me
 Mar 11th hunted mr Clarks cow & calf & found them & delivered
 to James & David Flet 30 bushels of wheat
 Sab Mar 12th spent the day in reading
 March 13th set stakes cut wood & delivered to C M Walker
 13 bushels of wheat
 March 14th halled up wood & split some stakes
 March 15th spent the day writing & copying letters
 March 16th carried my letters to mr Griffins & came back home
 March 17th tended to plowing & a very singular appearance
 in the heavens this evening
 March 18th did the same the same appearance this eve
 1843 Sab March 19th went to mr Doutheys but no meeting there went to
 Br Griffins & then home
 March 20th tended to ploughing
 March 21st did the same

March 22nd ditto mr Smith & party came to look land
 March 23rd ditto & finished ploughing my field
 March 24th sowed about 3 acres of wheat
 March 25th tended to sowing wheat
 Sab March 26th spent the day in reading
 March 27th tended to sowing wheat
 March 28th did the same
 March 29th ditto & helpt mr Clark divide our potatoes
 March 30th finished sowing my wheat sowed $22\frac{1}{2}$ bushel
 March 31st made some fence
 April 1st went to messrs Clarks McKays & back
 Sab April 2nd went to meeting to Samuel Kelseys
 April 3rd halled some rails
 April 4th made some fence
 April 5th did some writing & cut wood at the door & halled
 some rails & stakes
 April 6th made some fence: mrs Munger left here today with
 mr Buxton
 April 7th went to mr Griffins & got some shot & back
 & watched the crows in my field
 April 8th watched the crows & worked at my fence
 April 9th spent the day in reading hearing Br Griffin Preach
 April 10th worked at the fence watched crows & settled
 with mr Clark up to this date
 April 11th worked at the fence & watched crows
 April 12th did the same
 April 13th did the same
 April 14th

April 14th halled & split rails & made some fence
 April 15th got out posts & made a pair of bars
 April 16th spent the day in reading
 April 17th halled & cut wood at the door & plowed some
 April 18th did chores & C M Walker paid me a visit to day
 April 19th went to mr Kelseys & back mr Gray & wife came
 to our house to day
 April 20th tended to sowing peas & plowing
 April 21st went over to the other plain with mr Lee &
 Doctor White & back home
 April 22nd ditto to attend a temperance meeting & put my
 name to the total abstinence pledge & came home
 Sab April 23rd spent the day in reading
 April 24th harrowed my ground for planting potatoes
 April 25th worked at my cart & fixed it for halling maneur[sic]
 April 26th went over to Samuel Kelseys house & back & halled
 maneur
 April 27th got out maneur all day
 April 28th got out & spread ditto & harrowed my garden
 April 29th planted some potatoes
 Sab April 30th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Griffin
 May 1st planted potatoes
 May 2nd did the same finished planting
 May 3rd planted some in my garden
 May 4th went to Charles McKays & got his english boar
 & drove him home
 May 5th went to mr Griffins & got 4 qts of corn for to
 plant & bought mr Blacks yearling steer for 12 dollars & home

May 6th planted some in my garden & Br & Sis
 Griffin came to spend the sabath
 Sab May 7th spent the day reading & hearing Br Griffin Preach
 May 8th planted some corn
 May 9th ditto & helpt Br Griffin hunt horses
 May 10th did the same a heavy frost
 May 11th planted some corn
 May 12th did the same & strung a part of my field
 May 13th did the same
 Sab May 14th spent the day in reading
 May 15th cut barn logs
 May 16th hunted for Br Griffins horses & cut barn logs
 May 17th halled some barn logs & fixed my yoke
 May 18th halled & cut some barn logs
 May 19th halled barn logs
 May 20th did the same
 Sab May 21st went over to Br Griffins to meeting & had the
 Lords Supper Administered
 May 22nd halled barn logs
 May 23rd cut ditto
 May 24th went to mr Clarks & got my parfleshes & bags &
 went to Br Griffins and home
 May 25th went to the dairy creek with my team met Br Griffin
 & got my bull
 May 26th hunted my Bull mr Clark came & drove away his
 Grays Newells & Doutheys Cattle
 May 27th harrowed & hoed potatoes

Sab May 28th spent the day in reading
 May 29th hoed potatoes & halled logs
 May 30th hoed corn & potatoes wife went to Br Griffins
 May 31st hoed corn hard frost this morning
 June 1st halled some barn logs
 June 2nd did chores about the house
 June 3rd planted missings in my corn & sowed some turnip
 seeds mr Clark & David flet came & got the remainder
 of flets wheat & some for mr Clark
 Sab June 4th spent the day reading & hearing Br Griffin Preach
 June 5th worked about home & made some ox bows
 June 6th went over to Br Griffins & back
 June 7th planted corn & halled barn logs
 June 8th went with mr New Banks to look at the country
 & halled barn logs
 June 9th cut some logs for my barn
 June 10th halled some logs for my barn
 1843 Sab June 11th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Griffin Preach
 June 12th cut some barn timber
 June 13th tended a sale of property belonging to the Estate
 of mr Young
 June 14th cut & halled logs for my barn
 June 15th halled logs & put up wheat for mr New Banks to
 go to mill
 June 16th halled logs for my barn
 June 17th pulled weeds out of my wheat
 Sab June 18th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Griffin preach

June 19th halled logs for my barn
 June 20th did the same
 June 21st hoed potaotes & cut barn timber
 June 22nd hoed potatoes & regulated my things that mr New
 Banks brought
 June 23rd hoed potatoes
 June 24th hoed corn & potatoes
 Sab June 25th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Griffin Preach
 June 26th-- halled barn timber
 June 27th did the same
 June 28th hoed corn
 June 29th ditto & cut barn timber
 June 30th halled barn timber
 July 1st did the same
 Sab July 2nd spent the day in reading
 July 3rd squared my barn & did chores
 July 4th went to mr Griffins & back
 July 5th did chores & cut board timber
 July 6th went to the wallamette falls
 July 7th staid at the falls to tend the sale of property
 belonging to the Estate of Cornelius Rogers
 July 8th went home & saw mr Joseph Gale
 Sab July 9th spent the day in reading
 July 10th went to mr Clarks & got archy spens saw & home
 & sawed some
 July 11th tended to sawing mr New banks helpt mee
 July 12th did the same & hunted board timber
 July 13th did the same
 July 14th did the same

August 7th cradled some wheat & broke my sythe & went to
 mr Wilkins & got it mended & back Joseph Gale
 left his boy [Edward] here at my house to stay 2
 years with his girl at 1 dollar per week each
 N B $\frac{1}{2}$

August 8th cradled wheat with mr Meek N B

Aug 9th did the same with the same

Aug 10th cradled & took up wheat N Banks & cunningham
 helpt me

Aug 11th did the same with the same

Aug 12th did the same with mr New Banks

Sab Aug 13th spent the day reading & hearing Br G. Prea[ch]

Aug 14th worked at my wheat & barn with N B

Aug 15th ditto $\frac{1}{2}$ a day & hunted cattle N B

Aug 16th worked at my wheat & barn with N B

Aug 17th did the same with the same finished cutting

Aug 18th finished takeing it up mr New Banks helpt $\frac{1}{2}$ a
 day & went & got mr New Banks bull home from Clarks plain

Aug 19th worked at my wheat & barn alone

Sab Aug 20th spent the day in reading mostly

Aug 21st worked at my wheat & barn alone

Aug 22nd worked at my wheat & went & asked the people
 to come & help put up my barn

Aug 23rd worked at my wheat & barn

Aug 24th tended to raising apart of my barn with only 4 men

Aug 25th tended to my wheat

Aug 26th finished shocking my wheat & invited hands to
 help me raise my barn next thursday

Sab Aug 27th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Griffin Preach
 Aug 28th hunted for my old sow most of the day
 Aug 29th helpt mr Griffin to put up his barn
 Aug 30th did chores & worked at my barn
 Aug 31 st the people came & halpt me to raise a part of
 my barn
 September 1st did the same
 Sept 2nd tended a temperence meeting at mr Doutheys &
 invited hands to finish my barn on next tuesday
 1843 Sab Sept 3rd tended to reading & Br Griffin Preaching
 Sept 4th workt about home to prepare for raising
 Sept 5th the people came & helpt me about raising my
 barn but did not finish it
 Sept 6th did shores & split out some boards
 Sept 7th did the same
 Sept 8th halled some board timber for my barn
 Sept 9th worked at my barn
 Sab Sept 10th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Griffin Preac[h]
 Sept 11th worked at my barn & got out boards
 Sept 12th got out boards for my barn
 Sept 13th did the same
 Sept 14th worked at my barn
 Sept 15th halled some board timber
 Sept 16th did the same & worked at my barn
 Sab Sept 17th spent the day in reading partly
 Sept 18th worked some at my barn

Sept 19th did the same & went to mr thompsons & got mr paul
 to come & help me
 Sept 20th halled in some wheat & broke down my trucks
 twice bad success to day
 Sept 21st halled about 72 shock of wheat to day
 Sept 22nd ditto about 81 ditto today
 Sept 23rd ditto about 88 ditto & finished halling
 Sab Sept 24th spent the day in reading mostly
 Sept 25th worked at my barn some
 Sept 26th did the same & mr Pierce came to help me
 Sept 27th worked at covering my barn
 Sept 28th did the same
 Sept 29th ditto & mr pierce worked for mr New Banks
 Sept 30th ditto & mr pierce did the same for the same
 Sab Oct 1st spent the day in reading mostly
 Oct 2nd got out boards for my barn
 Oct 3rd did the same
 Oct 4th did the same
 Oct 5th ditto. & mr Gale brought his cattle here for me
 to take he brought 22 head & 9 head are at Samuel
 Kelsies which he wishes included. & there are 19
 females which he expects to calve within one year
 from this time. I take them for one year for
 half the increase. he also brought 7 head of
 horses which he gives me the use of.
 Oct 6th went to look at the country with mr Gale & found
 him a situation on this creek adjoining above
 mr New Banks

Oct 7th got out boards for my barn
 Sab Oct 8th spent the day in reading partly
 Oct 9th got out boards for my barn
 Oct 10th went over to the other plain & took the oath
 for to perform the office of Magistrate---
 Oct 11th worked some at my barn
 Oct 12th ditto & run out my west line
 Oct 13th helpt mr New Banks raise his house
 Oct 14th went over to the other plain & got my bulls
 that were led off by cattle from the other plain
 Oct 15th Sab spent the day in part by hearing Br Griffin Preach
 Oct 16th worked at my barn with mr Pierce
 Oct 17th did the same with the same
 Oct 18th cut some timber for my barn & Pierce went & got
 Br Griffins saw & I went over there in the evening
 about cattle
 Oct 19th went to Charles McKays to see about taking some
 cattle with Br Griffin but got none got mr Clarks
 chain weighing $17\frac{1}{2}$ pounds & came home and halled
 some timber for my barn with mr Pierce
 Oct 20th worked at my barn with mr Pierce
 Oct 21st did the same Pierce $\frac{1}{2}$ a day
 Sab Oct 22nd spent the day in reading
 Oct 23rd worked at my barn with Pierce & finished putting
 on the roof
 Oct 24th worked some at my barn & halled in my peas with
 mr Pierce

Oct 25th worked for Samuel Thelsey with my team
 Oct 26th halled some wood to the door worked some at my
 barn & sold mr New Banks a sow which I think is
 well worth 6 dollars
 Oct 27th worked some at my barn & dug some potatoes
 Oct 28th dug & got in about 16 bushels of potatoes
 Sab Oct 29th kept the day by hearing Br G. preach
 Oct 30th went to Br Griffins & borrowed 165 pounds of
 flour including dags [sic]
 Oct 31st helpt harrison m Pierce run out his claim
 Nov 1st dug potatoes with mr Pierce
 Nov 2nd worked at my wheat in the other house
 Nov 3rd did some writing & Br Geiger came & I went out
 with him to look at the country
 Nov 4th went with Br Geiger to look at the country
 Sab Nov 5th tended Br Clarks meeting
 Nov 6th cut up a part of my corn mr Pierce helpt me
 about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the day
 Nov 7th finished cutting my corn alone
 Nov 8th worked at making a new yard
 Nov 9th did the same. Pierce cut his foot
 Nov 10th worked at my yard fence
 Nov 11th did the same
 Sab Nov 12th spent the day reading & hearing Br Griffin Preach
 Nov 13th worked at my yard
 Nov 14th did chores most of the day
 Nov 15th went to Br Griffins with his saw & back home

Nov 16th halled some polls for my yard fence
 Nov 17th went to Chehalim & got 50 pounds of tallow of
 C M Walker & gave him an order on mr Joseph Gale
 to pay for it. & back home my Birthday 41 years
 Old to day
 Nov 18th halled in about 90 bushels of potatoes to day
 of which 77 Burrle & Crossman dug of which they
 hav 1/6 for diging
 1843 Sab Nov 19th spent the day in reading. mr Osborn came to
 stay with me a while
 Nov 20th dug about 15 bushels of potatoes
 Nov 21st dug some potatoes, & mr Hewit came & got 2 of
 my pigs for 6 dollars
 Nov 22nd dug potatoes. & Garret McGary came to live
 with me a while
 Nov 23rd halled in & dug potatoes
 Nov 24th dug & halled in potatoes about 50 bushels &
 finished pretty much I have halled in in all
 about 215 bushels
 Nov 25th went with my team & halled logs for Garret McGary
 a house
 Sab Nov 26th went over to Br Clarks meeting
 Nov 27th banked up my house & got in squash
 Nov 28th halled in my corn. & bargined with mr Caton
 to work for me 3 months at 13 dollars a month
 or 4 months at 15 dollars a month
 Nov 29th went over to the other plain & back
 Nov 30th went down to thomas mckays to get some beef but
 got none

Dec 1st came home fro McKays
 Dec 2nd made preparation to go to mill
 Sab Dec 3rd spent the day in reading
 Dec 4th went to mill at wallamette falls
 Dec 5th came back to Br Griffins
 Dec 6th came home & regulated my things. & mr Rubeys
 child was brought to my house sick
 Dec 7th went to mr Labonties & back home
 Dec 8th worked about home
 Dec 9th did the same
 Sab Dec 10th went to Br Clarks meeting but was to late
 Dec 11th worked about home
 Dec 12th went & halled mr hill a set of house logs
 Dec 13th cut some timber for puncheons
 Dec 14th went to get some men to saw my barn floor but
 did not get them & went & staid at Br Griffins
 Dec 15th helpt Br Griffin some & got his crosscut saw &
 came home
 Dec 16th worked about home
 Sab Dec 17th spent the day in reading pretty much
 Dec 18th sawed & split out timber & halled to the barn
 to make puncheons
 Dec 19th did the same
 Dec 20th cut some timber for puncheons
 Dec 21st staid about home on account of the death of mr Rubeys
 Child which Died about breaking of day this morning
 Dec 22nd tended the burial of the Child Br Griffin gave
 a sermon & tended the funeral

Dec 23rd went & worked on the dairy bridge
 Sab Dec 24th wife & self went over to Br Clarks meeting
 Dec 25th tended the meeting & came home
 Dec 26th got out & halled puncheon timber
 Dec 27th did the same
 Dec 28th did the same & finished I hope
 Dec 29th hunted cattle & worked at my yard fence
 Dec 30th worked at my yard fence
 Sab Dec 31st spent the day in reading pretty much thus ends
 this year. O Lord help me to spend the next year
 better than this should I be permitted to live
 January 1st 1844 went to the wallamette falls
 Jan 2nd did but little business becuase Newell was not
 at home. & came back home
 Jan 3rd made preparations to get out puncheons
 Jan 4th went & got Mrs McGary to do some work for mrs
 Smith. cut & halled wood to the door & got out
 puncheons
 Jan 5th got out puncheons for my barn floor
 Jan 6th went & halled house logs for Kelsey
 Sab Jan 7th spent the day in reading mostly
 Jan 8th halled timber for kelsey a house
 Jan 9th did the same
 Jan 10th got out puncheons for my barn floor
 Jan 11th halled house logs for mr hollman
 Jan 12th did chores about home---
 Jan 13th did the same & mr Newel took a way his boys & I
 settled with him & took an order from Harvy Clark