

Alvin Thompson Smith
Diary 1844

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

of 13 dollars & a Note on J S Griffin
for 20 45/100 dollars & his Note for 54 dollars
55 cts for the balance

Sab Jan 14th staid at home & tended to reading
Jan 15th mr Joseph Gale came & took away Edward and agreed
to let Ellen stay until the time that he is
calculating to start for california upon the
same conditions she has been staying which is
1 dollar per week each & I have settled with him
& he owes me for his Childrens board & care
36 dolls & 1 cts
Jan 16th got out puncheons for my barn
Jan 17th did the same
Jan 18th did the same
Jan 19th did the same
Jan 20th did chores about the house
Sab Jan 21st spent the day in reading
Jan 22nd did chores & tended to cattle
Jan 23rd hunted horses but did not find them
Jan 24th got out puncheons & did chores
Jan 25th got out sleepers for my barn
Jan 26th did the same
Jan 27th did the same & settled with mr Pierce by paying
Samuel M Gilmore 10 bushels of wheat
Sab Jan 28th went to Br Clarks meeting & back
Jan 29th butchered my hog & did chores
Jan 30th salted my meet & worked about the house

Jan 31st laid a bart [sic] of my barn floor
 Feb 1st 1844 did the same
 Feb 2nd did the same
 Feb 3rd did the same
 Sab Feb 4th went to Br Clarks meeting & back
 Feb 5th worked at my barn floor
 Feb 6th did the same
 Feb 7th did the same
 Feb 8th did the same
 Feb 9th did the same & caton thrashed 2 shocks of wheat
 Feb 10th did the same caton thrashed 35 bundlās of wheat
 1844 Sab Feb 11th spent the day in reading
 Feb 12th halled wood & worked at my barn
 Feb 13th worked at my barn floor
 Feb 14th ditto & helped mr mills across the creek
 Feb 15th worked some at my barn
 Feb 16th ditto & went to look at the country with mr Orus Brown
 Feb 17th worked at my barn floor
 Sab Feb 18th tended meeting at mr New Banks
 Feb 19th butchered my hog & did chores
 Feb 20th salted my meet & worked at my barn
 Feb 21st fixed my things & started for Vancouver & went
 to mr buxtons
 Feb 22nd went to vancouver
 Feb 23rd staid at ditto & got my account
 Feb 24th came home found my horse dead at McCarvers town
 Sab Feb 25th spent the day at home

Feb 26th staid about home & regulated my things
 Feb 27th did chores & worked some at my barn
 Feb 28th worked at my barn floor
 Feb 29th did the same
 March 1st ditto & finished laying it mostly
 March 2nd went to Br Griffins & carried home some borrowed
 salt & back home
 Sab March 3rd tended meeting at mrs McGarys
 March 4th went to tend a meeting at Champoeg
 March 5th came back home
 March 6th worked at my barn
 March 7th did the same
 March 8th did the same
 March 9th made preparations for mill
 Sab March 10th went to Br Clarks meeting
 March 11th went to mr Wilkins & got 9 bushels of wheat &
 went to tailors pararie [sic] & camped
 March 12th went to mill & got my grist & staid the falls &
 settled up my Note with Harvey Clark by letting
 him have 4 bushels of corn & 2 of peas at some
 future time
 March 13th came home---
 March 14th regulated my things & got out some wheat
 March 15th tended to Matheny & Osborn getting potatoes &
 fixed for threshing wheat
 March 16th got out wheat & cleaned up some
 Sab March 17th spent the day in reading

March 18th got out wheat & wrote a letter to Alfred
 March 19th got out wheat
 March 20th did the same
 March 21st help't Samuel M Gilmore with my team
 March 22nd cut a tree to make a pair of truck wheels
 March 23rd halled the timber for my wheels & delivered
 potatoes mr. Charles McKays
 Sab March 24th spent the day in reading
 March 25th went to mr Pomeroy's & got his fanning mill &
 back home again
 March 26th cleaned up about 29 bushels of wheat
 March 27th ditto about 30 bushels
 March 28th did the same
 March 29th did the same
 March 30th did the same
 Sab March 31st went to meeting at mr Blevins
 April 1st went to Br Griffins & to mr Wilkins to see about
 the fanning wheel & to mr Doutheys & tended the
 Probate Court to get my account against the
 estate of Cornelius Rogers adjusted & approved
 & did so. & came home
 April 2nd took the fanning mill home & back to Br Griffins
 & stayed all night
 April 3rd came home & halled some of my wheat to the house
 April 4th cleaned my floor of wheat & thrashed peas
 April 5th thrashed my peas & cleaned up some
 April 6th sprouted potatoes

Sab April 7th spent the day in reading
 April 8th went to see mr ~~W~~helsea to buy his cows but saw
 him not came home & shot a deer
 April 9th finished cleaning up peas & fixed my yokes
 April 10th picked over my potatoes
 April 11th help't Br Geiger with my team to sow wheat
 April 12th did the same
 April 13th thrashed wheat Br Geiger & mr Brown helped me
 Sab April 14th tended meeting at mr Blevins
 April 15th thrashed wheat with Geiger & Brown
 April 16th cleaned up 35 bushels of wheat Br Geiger & mr
 Brown help't me
 April 17th tended the sale of property belonging to the
 estate of James Flet Dec
 April 18th relaid apart of my barn floor & cleaned up some wheat
 April 19th plowed some & picked over some potatoes
 April 20th tended to plowing with Brown & Geiger
 Sab April 21st spent the day in reading & going over to Br Griffins
 with mrs smith & back
 April 22nd winnowed some wheat
 April 23rd ploughed some for mr Brown and some for self.
 April 24th plowed some for messrs Brown & Geiger help't
 April 25th helpt Br Geiger plant potatoes
 April 26th cleaned about $15\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of wheat
 April 27th ditto about 10 do. mr Brown helpt me
 Sab April 28th tended meeting at mr New Banks
 April 29th sowed Oats & peas mr Brown helpt

April 30th planted potatoes mr Brown help't me
 May 1st did the same with the same
 May 2nd went over to the other plain to settle with
 the Administrator on the estate of Cornelius
 Rogers & back
 May 3rd helpt mr Brown plant potatoes
 May 4th did the same
 Sab May 5th staid at home & kept house
 May 6th help't mr Brown finish planting his potatoes
 May 7th tended to plowing with mr Brown.& received a
 letter from my sisters giving account of the Death
 of my Honored Parents
 May 8th worked some at my barn floor
 May 9th did the same
 May 10th did the same
 May 11th did the same
 Sab May 12th 1844 tended meeting at mr New Banks Br Griffin Preached
 May 13th tended to plowing with mr Brown
 May 14th planted corn with mr Brown
 May 15th ditto for mr Brown
 May 16th did chores about home
 May 17th went to mr Gales & back & did chores
 May 18th cut down weeds in my wheat
 Sab May 19th spent the day very unpleasantly to my self
 in watching crows from my corn
 May 20th strung up barks around apart of my corn
 May 21st did the same

May 22nd sowed peas & cleaned up wheat
 May 23rd planted beans & melon seeds
 May 24th worked at my barn floor
 May 25th went to borrow a pair of trucks
 Sab May 26th tended meeting at mr New Banks
 May 27th worked at my truck wheels
 May 28th did the same Br Geiger & mr Brown help't me
 May 29th thrashed out wheat with messrs Geiger & Brown
 May 30th did the same with the same
 May 31st went to look a place to make a bridge across
 the creek at mr Hills place
 June 1st help't mr Holman put up a house
 Sab June 2nd tended meeting at mr New Banks
 June 3rd got out wheat with Brown & Caton
 June 4th did the same with the same & Br Geiger
 June 5th worked some at my wheat
 June 6th reckoned & settled with mr New Banks & bought his
 3 year Old bull & gave him an Order against Charles
 McKay for 25 dollars & 3 dollars mr Naylor pays
 him for me which makes 56 50/100 dollars for
 the bull. & did chores
 June 7th cleaned up some wheat
 June 8th help't mr Gale work on his mill dam
 June 9th tended meeting at mr New Banks
 June 10th worked with my team at bridging the muddy slough
 June 11th did the same
 June 12th worked at timber to bridge the creek
 June 13th did the same

June 14th went to mr New Banks & got my bull & got the
 Order I gave him against Charles McKay & lost it
 June 15th tended to moving to the other house
 Sab June 16th tended meeting at home & had a communion
 season Br Geiger joined us
 June 17th cleaned up wheat & transplanted melons & squashes
 June 18th cleaned up wheat
 June 19th plowed out apart of my corn
 June 20th plowed my potatoes
 June 21st cleaned up some wheat
 June 22nd finished plowing out my corn
 Sab June 23rd tended meeting at mr New Banks
 June 24th worked at the old house to make a place to
 put away some of my wheat
 June 25th helpt mr Naylor raise his house
 June 26th went & had a settlement with Alexander & Charles
 McKay & Charles ows me $4\frac{1}{2}$ dollars
 June 27th helpt mr Gale raise his mill
 June 28th halled rails for a door yard fence
 June 29th cleaned up wheat
 Sab June 30th tended meeting at mr Thomas New Banks
 July 1st went to the falls & settled with mr New Banks for
 his bull & with force for his mare
 July 2nd traded some & got an Order from mr Reed on vancouver
 & came home
 July 3rd worked about home
 July 4th ditto & pulled my beans
 July 5th went to vancouver & did some trading

July 6th came back home
 Sab July 7th tended meeting at mr New Banks
 July 8th was taken with a lame back & kept house
 July 9th went up to mr Gales & back
 July 10th cleaned up wheat
 July 11th ditto & went to mr Gilmores & h₂lled 2 logs for
 him & got 477 feet of boards of him
 July 12th cleaned up wheat
 July 13th went to mr Gales cleaned wheat & ground my sythe
 Sab July 14th tended meeting at mr ^New Banks
 July 15th worked about home & cradled some wheat
 July 16th cut some wheat & mr Brown started with mr team
 for mr Gales millstone
 July 17th cut some wheat mr Mills help't me
 July 18th did the same with the same & mr Brown got home
 with my team
 July 19th did the same with the same $\frac{1}{2}$ a day & mr Caton all day---
 July 20th ditto all day & mr Almorán Hill
 Sab July 21st tended meeting at home
 July 22nd tended to cutting my wheat with messrs Mills caton
 Haylor. mr Gale brought Edward here again to stay
 July 23rd finished cutting & binding my wheat alone
 July 24th finished shocking my wheat
 July 25th mended my tools & got out wheat alone
 July 26th got home my trucks & went with thomas Smith to
 John Flets to see about getting pay for my mare
 that he took away

July 27th fixed my been for wheat & got in some. & smith
 brought 2 mares & gave me for the one he took of
 mine
 Sab July 28th tended meeting at home
 July 29th finished cleaning up wheat
 July 30th went to Meshel laframboise to look at his cattle
 for to buy some. & came back
 July 31st halled in one load of wheat
 August 1st halled in 136 shock of wheat
 August 2nd ditto 106 ditto of wheat
 Aug 3rd ditto 103 ditto & finished halling in wheat
 Sab Augu 4th tended meeting at home
 Augus 5th went to Anderson smiths to settle with him &
 to mr Holmans & Gales. & home
 Aug 6th went after cattle but got none staid at Messrs
 Cook & Fletcher
 Aug 7th ditto & staid at mr Oneils
 Aug 8th came home & got no cattle or pigs
 Aug 9th went to try to buy some cattle of the red river
 settlers but got none
 Aug 10th made a hog pen to shut up my sows with pig
 Sab August 11th spent the day in reading & bile [sic] class Br.
 Griffin did not come over
 Aug 12th cut my oats & pulled my peas & mr Thompson drove
 away two steers from here that mr Gale brought
 here last year
 Aug 13th took up part of my oats

Aug 14th halled in my peas
 Aug 15th went & borrowed $62\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of flour of mr NewBanks
 Aug 16th thrashed some peas & finished taking up my oats
 sold Old mr Mills 2 pigs for 6 dollars
 Saturday Aug 17th halled in my oats
 Sab Aug 18th tended meeting at home. 1844
 Aug 19th did chores about home & went to mr Gales & got
 his old ram to my sheep
 Aug 20th split rails & cleaned up my peas
 Aug 21st split out rails
 Aug 22nd did the same
 Aug 23rd did the same half a day
 Aug 24th went over & helpt Br Griffin cut his wheat &
 finished cutting it
 Sab Aug 25th tended meeting at home
 Aug 26th did chores about home & went over to the other plain
 to a temperance meeting but had no speakers
 Aug 27th did chores about home & went to hire mr Linebargers
 boy but did not hire him
 Aug 28th worked about home to try to keep my hogs out of
 my field
 Aug 29th cut some timber for ox yokes
 Aug 30th settled with Garret McGarys mother & ground my
 ax & halled my yoke timber
 Aug 31st repaired my ox yoke & halled some wood up to the house
 Sab Sept 1st spent the day in meeting at home
 Sept 2nd did chores at home & split some rails

Sept 3rd did chores & work't at a yoke
 Sept 4th worked some at a yoke & went to get a boy to
 stay with me but did not
 Sept 5th worked some at a yoke & did chores
 Sept 6th did the same
 Sept 7th went to mr Clarks to a temperance meeting
 Sab Sept 8th tended meeting at home
 Sept 9th cut up some of my corn
 Sept 10th helpt Daniel Holman raise a house
 Sept 11th cut up some of my corn
 Sept 12th did the same & was unwell apart of the day
 Sept 13th did the same
 Sept 14th did the same
 Sab Sept 15th tended meeting at home Br. G. P. [reached]
 Sept 16th cut up some corn
 Sept 17th did chores & went some with yam hill falls road
 viewers
 Sept 18th finished cutting up my corn
 Sept 19th went up to the yam hill to buy cattle but got none
 Sept 20th came back home
 Sept 21st did chores about home
 Sab Sept 22nd tended meeting at home Br Griffin Preached
 M Sept 23rd went up to mr larisons to tend the sale of cattle
 belonging to the Estate of George W Lebritin but
 was disapointed
 Sept 24th came home---

Sept 25th did chores about home & prepared to go to linton
to get my plow fixed

Sept 26th went to linton & carried 3 bushels of wheat &
got $4\frac{1}{2}$ dollars worth of work done

Sept 27th came back home

Sept 28th tended to watching the fire that was burning
over the country

Sab Sept 29th tended meeting at home

Sept 30th did chores & watched the fire

Oct 1st did the same & was quite unwell

Oct 2nd unwell & I kept house

Oct 3rd went over to mr Clarks house & got my window which
he had borrowed 2 years before

Oct 4th dug some potatoes & did chores Br Littlejohn
came this evening

Oct 5th went with mr L some to look at the country &
did chores about home

Sab Oct 6th tended meeting at home Br Griffin Preached

Oct 7th worked on the bridge at Hills place

Oct 8th did the same

Oct 9th did the same & forbid Thomas Reeves trespassing
any more on my claim

Oct 10th worked on the bridge & got my arm hurt

Oct 11th worked on the bridge with my team

Oct 12th got in my squashes & did chores

Sab Oct 13th tended meeting at home Br G Preac{hed}

Oct 14th went in to the wallamette falls

Oct 15th finished my trading & hunted for my mare but
 found her not
 Oct 16th came home with my things
 Oct 17th run out apart of my claim
 Oct 18th did the same
 Oct 19th made a hog pen & did chores
 Sab Oct 20th tended meeting at home
 Oct 21st got the stove into the house & did chores
 Oct 22nd did chores about the house
 Oct 23rd fixed my hog pen & worked about house
 Oct 24th did chores about home
 Oct 25th hunted found & brought home my lost mare
 Oct 26th cut my hand & kept house most of the day
 Sab Oct 27th spent the day in reading & bible class meeting
 Oct 28th helpt mr Brown run out his claim —
 Oct 29th did the same & set the corner stakes on the north
 line to my own & killed a hog & James Whites son
 came to live with me at 15 bushels of wheat a month
 delivered at my place
 Oct 30th went to the East Plain to see Hill Willaims &
 Wilkins to get to come & settle a question
 about my claim between me & reeves
 Oct 31st came home
 Nov 1st went to get wi[t]nesses to tend the arbitration
 about my claim & run out apart of my claim on the
 west
 Nov 2nd tended to the arbitration only 2 of the arbitrators
 came reeves would not agree about it & I gave
 him notice to leave within 10 days or suffer the consequences

1844 Sab Nov 3rd tended meeting at home Br Griffin Preach[ed]

Nov 4th workt at my seller for potatoes

Nov 5th run out one of my lines & dug potatoes

Nov 6th tended to diging potatoes

Nov 7th went to see Messrs Griffin & Geiger about going to Oneils after cattle

Nov 8th tended to diging potatoes

Nov 9th went up to mr Gales mill with a small grist & got it ground & back home the first time since I have been in this country

Sab Nov 10th tended meeting at home Br G Preach[ed]

Nov 11th went up to Oneils to see about getting some cattle of him

Nov 12th staid at Oneils he was sick

Nov 13th looked at some of his cattle & bargined for of his cattle at 15 dollars a head on the average at one calf to 2 cows went to mr Walkers & staid all night---

Nov 14th went to Labonties & staid all night

Nov 15th came home

Nov 16th hunted my hogs & hurt my arm again

S Nov 17th my Birthday 42 years Old spent the day in reading mostly. O Lord help me to spend the remainder of my days move to thy Divine acceptance

Nov 18th halled logs that Thom. Reeves cut upon my claim

Nov 19th husked out corn

Nov 20th did the same & finished
 Nov 21st went to mr Gales mill & back
 Nov 22nd did chores about home
 Nov 23rd went to mr Gales mill & back
 Sab Nov 24th spent the day in reading & Br Gr Prea[ched]
 Nov 25th dug some potatoes about 16 bushels
 Nov 26th did chores & sent mr White 194 lbs of flour
 by his son Bartholomew
 Nov 27th finished diging potatoes
 Nov 28th hunted for my hogs but would not get them
 Nov 29th got apart of my hogs from over the creek
 Nov 30th did the same
 Sab Dec 1st spent the day reading mostly
 Dec 2nd went over the creek & got my hogs apart of the
 way home & fixed for getting them home
 Dec 3rd got my hogs from over the creek & did chores
 Dec 4th did chores about home
 Dec 5th ditto & helped mr Brown some
 Dec 6th worked about the house
 Dec 7th did chores & went to mr Gales & back
 Sab Dec 8th had a meeting at home
 Dec 9th went to mr Mills & got my flour
 Dec 10th went to mr Charles McKays & got leather for a
 pair of shoes & to Archy Spense & ground my ax
 Dec 11th did chores about home
 Dec 12th hunted cattle all day pretty much
 Dec 13th worked at the old house
 Dec 14th went to gales mill & got my grist

Sab Dec 15th hunted my cow apart of the day which I do not in-
tend to do again & had^aBible class

Dec 16th worked at the old house

Dec 17th did the same

Dec 18th did chores about home

Dec 19th did the same

Dec 20th halled wood to the door

Dec 21st did chores about the house

Sab Dec 22nd spent the day in reading

Dec 23rd halled board timber for mr Brown

Dec 24th finished getting in my potatoes

Dec 25th worked about home

Dec 26th did the same. & Bartholomew White quit work here
& left for home to day

Dec 27th went to Gales mill & got ground

Dec 28th cut wood at the door & did chores

Sab Dec 29th went to mr Holmans to tend meeting but no
preacher came

Dec 30th did chores & tended to writing

Dec 31st went to mr New Banks to get my bull but did not
get him came home & put up the fence the wind
blew down for me & mr Gilliam came with his family
to stay with us a little while thus ends another
year & may the forgive my follies past & give
me Grace for days to come

W January 1st 1845 helpt mr Brown raise his house

Jan 2nd worked for mr Brown on his house

Jan 3rd did the same