

Alvin Thompson Smith
Diary 1842

Dec 21st did the same
 Dec 22nd cut some wood
 Dec 23rd cut & halled wood to the house
 Dec 24th cut wood & did some chores
 Dec 25th cut wood at the door & Br L came & brought us
 some letter from Br Clark
 Sabath Dec 26th spent the day in reading & wilkins & kelsey
 came from wallamette
 Dec 27th workt at my yard & tended to my cattle
 Dec 28th got out some joists for my house
 Dec 29th did the same
 Dec 30th worked at the house
 Dec 31st put the joists in to the house
 thus ends this year with reading the Bible through
 Jan 1st 1842 workt at my house
 Sabath Jan 2nd spend the day a reading
 Jan 3rd Observed the day as a day of fasting & Prayer
 Br L came in the evening
 Jan 4th halled some timber for the house
 Jan 5th worked at the house
 Jan 6th did the same
 Jan 7th got out some puncheons for the house
 Jan 8th did the same & look't to my horses
 Sabath Jan 9th spent the day in reading
 Jan 10th halled timber & wood for the house
 Jan 11th got out puncheons for the house
 Jan 12th workt at ditto & joists for ditto
 Jan 13th got out some joists for the house

Jan 14th cut & split out timber for the puncheons
 Jan 15th halled the timber to the house & an Indian brought
 men some letters from Br Clark
 Sabbath Jan 16th spent the day in reading
 Jan 17th worked at the house to make preparations for
 Br Littlejohn to come back
 Jan 18th went to the dairy with my horses for Br L &
 came back with his wife & child
 Jan 19th went to Br L & got a part of his things &
 back again home
 Jan 20th ditto & got the balance & home
 Jan 21st got out some puncheons
 Jan 22nd worked at the house
 Sabbath Jan 23rd spent the day in reading
 Jan 24th got out puncheons
 Jan 25th ditto & worked at the house
 Jan 26th workt at the house
 Jan 27th did the same & laid the floor
 Jan 28th workt at my window frames
 Jan 29th ditto & put in the window
 Sab Jan 30th spent the day in reading & Prayer meeting
 Jan 31st halled wood to the door & lost my ax in the creek
 & got timber for a door
 Feb 1st mended my boots
 Feb 2nd halled up & got out timber for a door
 Feb 3rd workt at the stuff for the door
 Feb 4th did the same
 Feb 5th did the same

March 2nd did chores & Br Littlejohn got home & mr Rogers
 went to wallamette
 March 3rd mended my packsaddles
 March 4th started for ~~mr~~ Eberts & went to the creek &
 could not cross & turned back home
 March 5th went to mr Eberts & Wilkins & put up 20 bushels
 of wheat
 1842 Sabbath March 6th staid at Br Griffins & tended meeting
 March 7th examined some plows helpt Br Griffins some &
 came home
 March 8th huhted horses worked at my plow
 March 9th went to Ebberts & Wilkins & got the 20 bushels
 of wheat & back
 March 10th worked at my plow & killed 46 snakes
 March 11th worked at my plow
 March 12th did the same
 March 13th spent the day in reading
 March 14th worked at my plow
 March 15th finished working at my plow for the present &
 plenty to Indians came on to the plane to day
 March 16th halled some wood & tried my plow & broke out the beam
 March 17th mended the plow & tried again
 March 18th tended to plowing
 March 19th ditto & Br Clark came to day & the wind onroofed
 my house
 Sabe March 20th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Clark Preach
 March 21st plowed some & conversed with Brs C & L whether
 to break up or not

March 22nd did the same & I concluded as Brs C & L were
 so faithless about accomplishing anything for
 the Indians & as they were so unstable about
 pushing the objects ahead. that it is best
 to break up & we agreed so to do
 March 23rd mended my boots & plowed some
 March 24th tended to plowing
 March 25th did the same
 March 26th went over to mr Griffins with letters to go
 to the states
 Sab March 27th staid at Br Griffins & tended meeting
 March 28th came home from Br Griffin
 March 29th tended to plowing
 March 30th did the same
 March 31st did the same
 April 1st was sick in bed all day
 April 2nd was unwell & kept house
 Sabath April 3rd spent the day in reading
 April 4th finished the harrow
 April 5th plowed some & Brs Clark & Raymond came from
 wallamette & brought 2 yearling bulls 1 6/8
 1 1/2 blood
 April 6th hunted horses & Br C started for Vancouver
 April 7th kept house & Br R. went home.
 April 8th tended to plowing
 April 9th did the same
 Sab April 10th spent the day in reading

April 11th worked in the house & partly made a basket
 April 12th tended to plowing
 April 13th kept house & Br Griffin came to make us a visit
 April 14th kept house & finished my basket
 April 15th sowed about 3 bushels of wheat
 April 16th did the same
 April 17th spent the day in reading
 April 18th sowed some wheat
 April 19th did the same
 April 20th did the same
 April 21st ditto & plowed some
 April 22nd ditto & finished sowing wheat
 April 23rd tended to plowing
 Sab April 24th spent the day in reading
 April 25th sowed some peas & plowed & planted some potatoes
 April 26th plowed & planted potatoes
 April 27th halled out 300 rails
 April 28th did the same
 April 29th did the same
 April 30th mended my shoes
 Sab May 1st spent the day in reading
 May 2nd laid up the rails we had halled
 May 3rd halled out rails with l yoke of oxen
 May 4th did the same
 May 5th did the same
 May 6th did the same
 May 7th did the same $\frac{1}{2}$ the day & laid up rails the other
 $\frac{1}{2}$ the day

Sab May 8th spent the day in reading pretty much
 May 9th halled rails with 1 yoke of oxen
 May 10th did the same
 May 11th did the same $\frac{1}{2}$ the day & finished hallaling
 for the field & laid up some
 May 12th finished laying up the fence
 May 13th finished plowing the field
 May 14th put up a pair of bars & did chores
 Sab May 15th spent the day in reading
 May 16th assisted my wife some about the house & cut
 some wood & Br Little John & wife went to the
 wallamette
 May 17th did the same & halled some wood & hunted for
 the cattle
 May 18th cut wood & repaired the yard
 May 19th ditto & planted corn & mellon seeds
 May 20th cut & halled up some wood to the door
 May 21st prepared to fence in a door yard
 Sab May 22nd spent the day in reading
 May 23rd made apart of the door yard fence
 May 24th did the same & finished it
 May 25th worked about the house & did chores
 May 26th ditto & hunted for my horses
 May 27th halled a load of rails & hunted horses & Br &
 Sister Clark & Br Littlejohn come from wallamette
 May 28th hunted horses & workt about home
 Sab May 29th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Clark Preach
 & went to the Indian camp

May 30th planted corn & beans
 May 31st packed up the horses & went to the wallamette
 with Br L to mr parises
 June 1st went to the mill
 June 2nd went from the mill to mr Beers
 June 3rd went from mr Beers to mr Labonties
 June 4th went from labonties home
 Sab June 5th tended Indian worship had a meeting at home
 June 6th regulated my things & did some chores about home
 June 7th made a table to eat upon
 June 8th went to the C M Walkers to hunt a lost cow & ox
 June 9th fixed a harness & plowed some
 June 10th tended some to plowing
 June 11th did the same
 Sab June 12th¹⁸⁴² spent the day pretty much in reading
 June 13th tended to plowing
 June 14th plowed some
 June 15th halled some logs for Br Clarks house
 June 16th did the same
 June 17th did the same
 June 18th started for the falls & went to Br Griffins
 Sab June 19th tended meeting with Br Griffin
 June 20th went to the wallamette falls
 June 21st went down to the brig & back
 June 22nd packed up & went to the 2 creeks & camped
 June 23rd came home
 June 24th went & assisted Br Griffin in bridging the mudhole
 June 25th tended to things about home & Br C went to Br
 Griffins to form a church on the morrow

Sab June 26th spent the day in reading at home
 June 27th worked about home & my folks came home
 June 28th went to mr bakers & got my raymonds cows & took
 to mr C M Walkers
 June 29th found the cows verry bad & took them back to
 mr bakers & got my runaway cow & ox from
 mr Walkers home
 June 30th tended to things about the house
 July 1st halled logs for Br Clarks house
 July 2nd did the same
 Sab July 3rd spent the day in reading
 July 4th went to look for the oxen that ran away but found
 them not
 July 5th halled logs for Br C. house
 July 6th went to mr Walkers & drove home my oxen that
 ran away
 July 7th halled logs for Br Clarks house
 July 8th hunted for the oxen 1/2 the day & halled logs
 the other half
 July 9th halled logs for the house
 Sab July 10th kept the day by reading & hearing Br C Preach
 July 11th halled logs for Br Clarks house
 July 12th went home with Br Griffin & back
 July 13th got out stuff to make a cradle
 July 14th worked at Br Clarks house
 July 15th did the same
 July 16th did the same

Sab July 17th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Clark Preach
 July 18th made a box to bury an Indian in
 July 19th fixed for hanging my grind stone
 July 20th did the same
 July 21st tended to pulling the peas
 July 22nd ditto & finished & hung the grind stone & Br
 C & wife started for vancouver
 July 23rd made a trough for the grindstone & worked at
 my cradle
 Sab July 24th spent the day in reading
 July 25th wored [sic] at my cradle
 July 26th ditto & worked at a rake
 July 27th finished my rake & ground my sythe
 July 28th cradled some & broke the heel ring
 July 29th cradled some & worked at a rake
 July 30th finished my rake and mended my table
 Sab July 31st spent the day in reading mostly
 August 1st got out joists for Br Clarks house
 August 2nd did the same
 August 3rd cradled some wheat
 August 4th did the same
 August 5th rak't & bound wheat
 August 6th ditto & cradled some
 Sab August 7th spent the day in reading
 August 8th cradled some wheat
 August 9th did the same
 August 10th did the same

August 11th did noshuns about home
 August 12th cradled wheat
 August 13th finished cutting & taking up our wheat & went
 over to br Griffins
 Sabath August 14th tended worship at mr Newells
 August 15th cut some wheat for Br Griffin & came home
 August 16th halled some rails
 August 17th workt at a cart body to hall wheat
 August 18th finished the body & worked at a threshing floor
 August 19th worked at my threshing floor
 August 20th finished my floor & got some boards for the
 bottom of my cart
 Sab August 21st spent the day in reading & Helen Gale came to
 our house to day---
 Aug 22nd halled the peas & thrashed some of them
 Aug 23rd finished thrashing peas & cleaned up some of them
 August 24th finished cleaning peas
 August 25th halled wheat for thrashing
 August 26th thrashed the wheat that I had halled
 August 27th did some chores about house
 Sab August 28th spent the day in reading
 August 29th got out splinters to make a riddle
 August 30th did the same
 August 31st finished my riddle
 September 1st took the straw from the wheat
 September 2nd cleaned up some wheat
 Sept 3rd did some chores about home

Sab Sept 4th spent the day by reading pretty much
 Sept 5th got out boards for a floor over head
 Sept 6th did the same & put them down
 Sept 7th cleaned up some wheat
 Sept 8th got out boards for my floor
 Sept 9th did the same
 Sept 10th did the same & put them down & emptied some wheat
 1842 Sab Sept 11th spent the day in reading
 Sept 12th got out some wheat
 Sept 13th did the same
 Sept 14th did the same
 Sept 15th ditto & finished & cleaned up some
 Sept 16th cleaned up wheat & worked some at Br Clarks house
 Sept 17th did the same
 Sab Sept 18th went to mr Griffins meeting
 Sept 19th cleaned up wheat & worked at Br Clarks house
 Sept 20th worked at Br Clarks house
 Sept 21st ditto & helped Mr C M Walker across the creek
 & got from him 57 lbs of tallow & hide & let
 him have 16 lbs of butter
 Sept 22nd worked at Br Clarks house
 Sept 23rd did the same
 Sept 24th ditto & cleaned up some wheat
 Sab Sept 25th spent the day in reading pretty much
 Sept 26th worked at Br Clarks house & Stephen went to C M
 Walkers & got 127 lbs of beef

Sept 27th cleaned up wheat
 Sept 28th fixed my wheat been & Br Clark went to wallamette
 & I got 2 swine of mr C M Walker
 Sept 29th made a pig pen & worked at the wheat
 Sept 30th worked at the wheat some & did chores
 Oct 1st cleaned some wheat & Br Clark came home & Br
 Littlejohn & wife & mrs Munger
 Sab Oct 2nd spent the day in reading & tending to Br C preaching
 Oct 3rd worked some at Br C house & cleaned some wheat
 Oct 4th worked some at Br C house & cleaned some wheat
 Oct 5th cut & halled some board timber
 Oct 6th made a mould to make dobies & cleaned up some wheat
 Oct 7th made about 300 dobies
 Oct 8th did the same
 Sab Oct 9th went to meeting at mr Doutheys & united with
 the church & had a sacramental season
 Oct 10th cut some board timber & mrs Smith started for
 the wallamette with Br & Sister Littlejohn
 Oct 11th got out some board timber & split some
 Oct 12th got out boards for Br Clarks house
 Oct 13th did the same
 Oct 14th did the same & got some board timber
 Oct 15th got out boards for Br Clarks house
 Sab Oct 16th spent the day in reading & hearing Br Clark Preach
 Oct 17th got out boards & cleaned up wheat
 Oct 18th did the same & halled some dobies
 Oct 19th did the same
 Oct 20th halled dobies & did chores
 Oct 21st ditto & worked at Br C house

Oct 22nd fixed a cover for the pigs & wheat & split
 some flooring for Br Clarks house
 Sab Oct 23rd spent the day in reading
 Oct 24th dug potatoes
 Oct 25th did the same
 Oct 26th finished diging potatoes & went to view the
 country with mr Geiger
 Oct 27th got up some floor timber
 Oct 28th ditto & finished gathering corn
 Oct 29th did chores about home
 Sab Oct 30th spent the day by reading & hearing Br Clark
 preaching
 Oct 31st hunted Indinas that had stolen wheat & found
 2 & brought them home but they got away at night
 Nov 1st tended to the affair of the Indian
 Nov 2nd helpt mr Bennet put up a house
 Nov 3rd got out flooring for Br C house
 Nov 4th ditto & Doct White held a counsel with the Indians
 Nov 5th cleaned up 26 bushels of wheat
 Nov 6th spent the day in reading & hearing Br C Preach
 Nov 7th halled wood & got out plank for Br Clarks house
 Nov 8th halled up & got out plank for ditto
 Nov 9th cleaned up some wheat
 Nov 10th got out plank for Br Clarks house
 Nov 11th did the same & mr Geiger started for the upper
 country & we concluded to go on with a school
 together

Nov 12th worked some at the house & salted the beef that
 Br Clark got at the sale
 Sab Nov 13th spent the day in reading
 Nov 14th cleaned some wheat & cut wood at the door
 Nov 15th worked at the house
 Nov 16th cleaned up some wheat
 Nov 17th did the same my birth day 40 years Old to day
 Nov 18th got out plank for Br Clarks house
 Nov 19th fixed my pack saddles to go to mill
 Sab Nov 20th kept the day by reading & tending to preaching
 Nov 21st arranged some of my packs for mill
 Nov 22nd went with my team & halled mr Samuel Kelseys
 house logs
 Nov 23rd tended to fixing my packs
 Nov 24th packed up my horses & went to mr C M Walkers
 & staid all night
 Nov 25th packed up & went to Sovies Island
 Nov 26th started with 2 Indians with my grist for mill
 with mr Blacks canoe went about 3 miles snaged
 the canoe went back & got the Companies boats
 totake it to mill & I have to pack it all
 up to the mill after 8 Oclock at night which
 was more than 4 miles travel up hill verry bad
 success to day
 1842 Sab Nov 27th went to Vancouver & tended mr Douglass meeting
 staid at the fort all night
 Nov 28th did apart of my trading & got some Indians &
 went to the mill & arranged my packs

Nov 29th started from the mill with my grist finished my trading at the fort & came to sovies Island & staid all night
 Nov 30th hunted & packed up my horses & came to mr C M Walkers
 Dec 1st packed up & came home & fixed some of my things
 Dec 2nd arranged my flour & took home what I had borrowed of mr Samuel Kelsey
 Dec 3rd went to work on the mudhole but was disappointed & did not work on it but hunted horses
 Sab Dec 4th tended meeting at mr Clarks
 Dec 5th went to see mr Black respecting the canoe that I broke going to mill
 Dec 6th visited the East plains & came home
 Dec 7th halled wood for mr Clark apart of the day & workt for myself the rest
 Dec 8th regulated my things about the house
 Dec 9th worked about home & filed a saw for mr James Flet.
 Dec 10th tended meeting of the settlers of tualatin plains at mr Williams to take into consideration the making of a road to the wallamette river
 Sab Dec 11th spent the day in reading mostly
 Dec 12th hunted my horses & started for vancouver my wife & hellen [Gale] went with mr to mr Griffins
 Dec 13th went over to Sovies & staid all night
 Dec 14th got 2 Indians & a canoe & went to vancouver found plenty of ice in the river

Dec 15th staid at vancouver & got my account verry much
ice in the river to day

Dec 16th came to the mouth of the wallamette in the
companys barge & crossed the Island to mr Sovies on
foot

Dec 17th came to mr Griffins & stopped to spend the Sabbath
with him

Sab Dec 18th staid at mr Griffins & tended meeting at mr Doutheys

Dec 19th came with my wife & helen home and Br Griffin came
with us

Dec 20th worked about home & made a beatle

Dec 21st cut & split out rails& barn logs

Dec 22nd cut & split out rails & some logs for a barn

Dec 23rd worked about home

Dec 24th worked about home

Sabbath Dec 25th spent the day in reading

Dec 26th Br Griffins came according to mr Clarks
& my agreement to leave out & settle our differences
& to value our improvements on this place which
we agree to submit to him. & we spent the remainder
of the day in conversation respecting it--

Dec 27th spent the day upon the same subject but did not
come to a conclusion of the whole matter

Dec 28th worked a^obout home & helpt mr Clark some

Dec 29th Br Griffin came over & we attended to Br Clarks
& my affairs but did not finish

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.